



THE FUTURE OPERATOR walks beside a massive steam engine, headed to the daily parade. Another well planned and interesting show concluded last Sunday.

Thresher show ends another year

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In spite of the hot weather in the 90s the 59th Antique Engine and Thresher Show had a good crowd. The rain held out until Monday evening when most of the farming equipment was put back in storage for next year. Everything went off with no serious problems, and everyone was thrilled with the new changes and additions.

As in year's past, Hal Sager conducted the grandstand events that began with Vernetta Haack presenting her doll likeness to Bonnie Burr, who added the doll to the collection of former thresher queens in the museum.

Phyllis Wright introduced Stephanie Busse, the thresher show princess. After her introduction and presenting her a wheat bouquet, Ken Beougher escorted her in a 1925 Model T Ford to pitch the first load of wheat for threshing.

Dale Henderson escorted this year's queen to the grandstand in his restored 1968 cream colored Chevrolet pickup. As he helped Manette Henderson up the steps the queen's identity was finally revealed.

Several family members then accompanied her on the stage. They were: Delbert and Bonnie Henderson, Deanna Forsythe, Sharon Harper, and Sandra McElvee who read Manette's speech.

Several gifts were handed out by Manette's great-granddaughter and two young girls selected from the audience. The gift for the oldest in attendance was Lucille Wright, age 93, and the youngest was 3-week old Liam Wright from Colby.

During the parade of antique farm machinery each day, the 1922 Holt Combine purred, and the reel whirled around going around the arena. Randy Hudson did a good job of restoring the reel, which he only had a photo of, and Gerald Wright's knowledge of how it should look to work with. Hudson's research assured him this specific Holt Combine is the only one still in existence.

Rod and Beth Klepper's daughter-in-law Terry Hawkins added to Saturday's events by singing the national anthem as the flag was raised.

A new attraction was McGilvray's Clydesdale horses and the demonstration on



JOHN SHAFFNER stirring the coals for the Chuck Wagon breakfast of biscuits and sausage gravy.

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harnessing. All the other events went on throughout the thresher grounds as in year's past.

On Thursday Candy Glasco was dressed as a clown and had fun entertaining everyone as Lynn drove the kids around in the barrel train.

A new addition this year for entertaining the children was the inflatable slide and tunnel set up in front of the schoolroom. This also drew the children into the school house where they made a model windmill and learned how windmills worked.

The most improved building on the grounds was number five which is called the Craft Fair building. With a grant of \$18,000 from Century II Development Foundation the building is now fully insulated with ceiling fans, overhead lighting and electrical plug-ins for the vendors. Dr. Peck's buggy is on display. There are also

pedal toys and antique wagons displayed on shelves around the room, as well as antique tools and a bank vault door.

The thresher show committee was hoping more of the local residents would attend the potluck dinner on Thursday evening. Those that attended had a good time of visiting and lots of home-cooked food.

Friday's Tacos In The Park sponsored by the Cheyenne Recreation Commission was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment from Heart City Heart Warmers musical group consisting of: Yvonne Gothard, playing the guitar, Jack Gothard on the guitar, and fiddle, Kate Songer on base, Paul Bader on the squeeze box, guitar, and mandolin, Dallas Parker the fiddle, and Rhonda Klaszus played the key board.

The evening was cool enough that everyone could relax in the park and some of the couples

entertained everyone with their dancing.

The chuckwagon breakfast cooked over the open coals by John Schaffner, the chuck wagon cook, sold out by 9 a.m. Menu consisted of biscuits and sausage gravy, or scrambled eggs with ham, coffee and orange juice.

The free watermelon served by Alicia Siruta and Kayla Sloan from Farm Credit in the afternoon hit the spot with everyone.

The Cheylin golf team barbecue of smoked peppercorn brisket, herbed green beans, three-cheese southern potatoes, ice cream sandwiches and iced tea was a hit with all those who attended.

The Kountry Kitchen served lots of hamburgers, sandwiches, potato and macaroni salad. One lady said "If you haven't had any pie yet, you are in for a big decision," with 60 pies there was a big selection to choose from.

The Shiners candy wagon,



STEPHANIE BUSSE, Young Miss, pitches the first bundle of hay into the thresher during the 2012 thresher show.

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parked next to the covered seating, was kept busy spinning cotton candy, dishing up snow cones, and serving lots of bottled water.

Klepper Konnection's traditional three generation lemon and lime ades were kept busy all three days of the show. They are not only the best lemonades ever, but still selling for only one buck.

As an added attraction Klepper Konnection sponsored a Scavenger Hunt for the kids. They had questions to answer from different areas of the show. The ones with all the correct answers were entered into a drawing. The prize was a bike of the winner's choice of size. All the time Hal Sager was announcing Amanda

Robins from Syracuse, sat on the benches looking at the bike and telling everyone, "I am going to win that bike." She was really surprised when Brady Mullen from Garden City, Mo. drew her name out.

The final event of the show was the church service in the Neville Methodist Church chartered in 1910 and in operation until 1983. The church was three-fourths full of people. Ken Beougher spoke using the parable of "The Sower" as "The Man and His John Deer Tractor." This was a project he had to write when he was at Lay Speaker's School. Brenda Johnson played for the service.