

Antique engine show celebrates 60 years

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show will celebrate 60 years. The show begins Thursday, July 25, at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City and will wind down Sunday with church service at 9 a.m. at the Neville Church on the grounds.

Through Saturday visitors will find the antique steam engines in action, threshing, plowing, corn shelling and wood sawing. The parade of cars and tractors will be held each day at 1:15 p.m. Earlier, the parade of old machinery and early-day harvest equipment is held at 10:45.

The new Thresher Queen's identity will be revealed at 1:15 on Thursday and she will be crowned. The 2012 Thresher Queen, Manette Henderson, will retire and her doll will be displayed with the other former queen dolls.

Thursday entertainment is the Highway 385 band from Colorado. The music starts at 7 p.m. following the Community Club meal at the American Legion hall. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

On Friday starting at 6:30 p.m., the antique tractor and steam engine pull will start. Note, this is a new night. The association hopes the change will increase the attendance by not competing with shows being held at surrounding county fairs.

It will also allow the out-of-town volunteers a chance to attend and participate before heading home Saturday evening.

Before the pull on Friday, there will be a barbecue at the dining hall on the thresher grounds. The barbecue is a fund raiser for the high school golf team.

Saturday morning from 7 to 10 a.m. will be the chuck wagon breakfast at the thresher grounds. The meal will be cooked outside over the coals by John Schaffner, famous chuck wagon cook.

Activities

There are numerous other activities for the kids and adults. The kid's favorite is the tug-o-war with the little steam engine which starts at 1 p.m. New on both Friday and Saturday is the children's Treasure Dig where kids can dig into a big pile of sand and find toys, trinkets and buried treasure.

Farm Credit will be providing free watermelon on Saturday afternoon.

People are welcome to visit the many buildings filled with articles used in the past. There will be demonstrations, new items to see and other activities. The swap meet will be held on the grounds. This is an attraction that draws collectors looking for certain items.

Visit the buildings

The Thresher Show special section will be inserted in the



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Extra copies will be available. The president of the Threshers Association is Lonnie Coon, vice president is Ken Beougher; Darci Schields, secretary and Rod Klepper, treasurer. They have been working with the many volunteers who make the Thresher show a success each year. For more information, contact Lonnie at 785-890-3514 or Ken, 785-332-4822.

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