

## Town readies for Thresher Show

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The 61st Annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show will be held July 31 through Aug. 2 this year. With activities for children and adults alike, it is sure to be a good time for everyone who visits Bird City!

Beginning Thursday, July 31, The Thresher Show will take visitors back in history. There will be live demonstrations of wheat threshing, corn shelling, blacksmithing, wood planing, shingle and saw mills, and a player piano. Collections of barb wire, corn planters, hand tools and more will be displayed.

There will be many activities for the children as well! A petting zoo, bounce house, pedal tractors, barrel train and a lot more will be there for kids to enjoy. There will also be a scavenger hunt and a "McDonald Equity" corn treasure dig. The kids can compete in tug-of-war or enjoy crafts; there is something at the show for everyone.

The show will include over 10 steam engines this year, along with 200 antique tractors, 150 pedal toys and 800 toy tractors.

Thursday at 10 a.m., the opening ceremonies will take place and kick off the show! Here is a schedule of some of the many events visitors can expect.



NORM DORSCH mows the grass with an antique steam engine in the background. Everyone is preparing for the upcoming Thresher Show.

### Antique Engine and Thresher Show Schedule 2014

Thursday July 31	Friday Aug. 1	Saturday Aug. 2	Sunday Aug. 3
10 a.m. Opening Ceremonies	8 a.m. Tractor Convoy breakfast (Wheeler)	8 a.m. John Schaffner's Famous Chuck Wagon Breakfast	9 a.m. Country Church Service
11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races	1:15 Parade	1 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament (Big Ed's)	
1 p.m. Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)	3:15 Wheat Threshing	1:15 Parade	
1:15 Grand Introduction of Thresher Queen	3:45 Tractor Rodeo	2 p.m. Free watermelon	
1:45 Parade	5 p.m. Barbecue (Golf Team fundraiser)	2:15 Wheat binding	
6 p.m. Free concert	6:30 Antique tractor pull	2:45 Wheat harvesting	
	6:30 Kiddie pedal tractor pull	3:45 Wheat threshing	
	8 p.m. Steam Engine pull	4:30 Lawn Tractor pull	



## Thresher Queen will be crowned

The 2014 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen will be crowned on Thursday, July 31, at 1:15 p.m., in front of the grandstand on the Thresher grounds. She will reign over the show activities and other activities throughout the year.

Last year's queen, Carol Peters, will crown the new queen.

Each year, hints are given throughout the month to see if people can guess the identity of the new queen. Last week, clues included that she was born in a house by a dirt road, that she was baptized in a little country church, that she had two sets of grandparents living not far away and she with her Auntie's doll.

This week, the clues tell that the new queen entered country school carrying a tablet and a pencil. It as a one-room school with 16 students and a teacher dedicated to keeping the children safe during the "Dust Bowl" days.

Every fall, she was eager for the school program where box supper consisted of gaily decorated boxes packed with a



good lunch and then auctioned off. Often, a bashful boy bought the box.

Following eighth grade graduation, she was concerned about how she could attend high school with so much work on the farm but she found a way. She said she enjoyed high school and was involved in home economics, marching band, twirling corp and a cappella choir. Also new was being a school girl rooming in town.

Have you guess who she is? Find out her identity at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at the thresher show.

## Windows painted for Thresher Show

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Monday afternoon, Peggy Moberly and her mother, Vickie Schlepp, were seen painting windows for the Bird City Thresher Show on July 29 thru August second and the Cheyenne County Fair, which will be held on Aug. 7 thru 9. This is their 14th year of painting windows. Both of them started out just before the fair, painting in Kit Carson County, Colo., and two years later they started painting in Cheyenne County to advertise the fair. They had already painted three windows, and were working on the fourth, with four more to do.

They both enjoy painting. They charge the 4-H's a small fee for their time, and donate the rest to the 4-H kids, who canvased the business owners, finding out what they would like to have painted on their windows each year.



PEGGY MOBERLY shows one of her painted windows to Brenda Johnson. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Farmers still bringing in wheat

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The 2014 wheat harvest is winding down, but not quite over yet, reports the Cheyenne county grain dealers. As of Tuesday, each of the four elevators reported they were still receiving wheat from the field, but the rains and weather conditions had really slowed things.

"We are the same as done. Certainly the big push is over" said Ray Magnani of Frontier Ag in Bird City. "There is still a little scattered green, and some of the poorest wheat is yet to be cut. It really hasn't been a very exciting harvest."

Wheeler Equity has a few producers who have not quite finished. "I dumped a couple of loads Sunday, before the rains came and stopped us. Monday, the weather wasn't good for drying, but they tried it anyway. It was pretty wet," said Dale Weeks, manager.

As of Tuesday morning, both Bartlett Grain and the St. Francis Equity had producers who were still cutting wheat. "We like the rains and the cooler weather, but we wish it could have held off for a couple of days so that we could finish up" said Shirley Zweygardt, grain manager at the St. Francis Equity.



HARVEST TRUCKS lined up bringing in loads of wheat from the fields.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

Harvest yields that have been reported are about what was expected before the harvest began. Most fields in the county suffered from the drought, and many were damaged by hail. Better yields were found in fields in the western and northwestern parts of the county, where growing and spring conditions had been more favorable. "This wasn't the worst harvest we have ever seen, but it was sure wasn't great. We're glad we did get the bushels that were out there," said Dale Weeks.

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