

Board members take tour of Cheylin

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During the July 14 board meeting, Superintendent Shelly Angelos took the board members and Jane Young on a tour of the elementary and junior high school classrooms. These were the rooms that received a new face lift with new windows installed during the first phase of the new windows project. They have made a big change in brightening up the rooms and will be more efficient towards insulating the rooms from the winter cold weather and summer heat. An inspection of the windows after the rain that developed over the weekend of July 10 revealed only one of the newly replaced windows leaked.

The group then moved outside and into the wellness center to observe the new board of recognitions installed to recognize all the businesses and individuals who donated funds towards building the center.

The landscaping of buffalo grass was planted by Steve Woody on Friday the eleventh. The rain over the weekend washed some of the seed out, so Randy Miller has installed temporary gutter extensions preventing this from happening again by emptying any future rain into the street.

KSDE assessment tests

Shelly Angelos reported the state assessment tests had some very unusual problems that caused inaccurate test scores. Because of this, the Kansas State Department of Education will not be reporting any individual, building, district or state level assessment scores for 2014.

There were enough students who completed the assessments that test questions could be analyzed. CETE will produce a report showing the areas students did well in or did not do well in. Next year's testing will be another year for assessment purposes. By 2016 the state testing bugs should be worked out and the state assess-

ment scores will count.

2015 budget year valuations

Both Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties have seen an increase in valuations for the 2015 budget year. Cheylin Superintendent Shelly Angelos and Jane Young, Board Clerk, spoke with the Rawlins County assessor in regards to this increase. His indication was that during the later months of 2013, Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties both showed an increase in oil production, but since the first of the year, there has been a decline in oil production.

This valuation increase will benefit the capital outlay but with no guarantee as to how long the valuation increase will last. Mrs. Angelos said this valuation increase will be a benefit in Capital Outlay, but they will proceed with caution.

The final valuations for 2013-2014 for Cheyenne County were \$11,307,983 and Rawlins County was \$7,608,060 giving a total of \$18,916,043. The estimated assessed valuations for 2014-2015 were \$13,307,903 for Cheyenne County and \$30,484,275 for Rawlins County giving a total of \$44,249,366 showing an increase of \$2,457 for Cheyenne County and \$22,876 for Rawlins County.

An example of the Capital outlay for 2013-2014 at 6 mills would be \$113,000. For the 2014-2015 school year at 6 mills would produce \$265,000 and at 8 mills would be \$353,000.

Possible jobs for vocational class students with NWKTC

Jane Brubaker attended the meeting with the NorthWest Technical College and reported that the college has been doing some hiring. Former Representative Ward Cassidy has taken a position with the college and discussion has ensued about the possibility of Cheylin students participating in the technical college through their vocation classes. Superintendent Angelos is looking into this possibility.

Board appointments and fees

The board voted in favor of Nick Ketzner remaining as the President of the Board and Dale Hazuka was to remain as the Vice President for the 2014 -2015 school year.

A unanimous decision was made that all board member assignments and committee members would remain the same for the 2014-2015 year as they served during the 2013-2014 school year.

Book fees, Technology Fees and Class Fees for the 2014-2015 School year will be changed to read as follows: The book fees for students in grades K-12 remain the same. Students in grades 7-12 will pay \$50 for their Chromebook devices. All activity fees and biology fees have been eliminated. The following explains fee adjustments: Sophomores and Juniors in the past were charged \$20 for the activity fee and \$10 for the biology fee; Now they will pay \$50 for their technology fee and no activity or biology fee which is an increase of \$20 in fees overall from last year with the benefit of a Chromebook. Seventh graders thru Seniors in the past were charged \$20 for the activity fee, Now they will pay \$50 for their technology fee which is an increase of \$30 in fees overall from last year with the benefit of a Chromebook. Book fees will remain the same at \$30 for K-6, \$50 for 7-12, \$90 for K-12 as a family unit. Grades 7-12 Technology fee will be \$50 per Chromebook.

Vocational-Ag will remain the same at \$30 plus cost of the project above that amount. Wood Shop will remain the same at \$15 plus the cost of the project above that amount. There will be no charge for Project Biology, Advanced Biology, Col. Biology, Biology, Mechanical Drawing and Activity fees. Band, Driver's Education and FACS will remain the same.



NICK KETZNER looks at the new windows installed during the first phase of the new windows project.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.



ANDY LIMING and his crew from Wray, Colo., are diligently working on the new Wright Building to have it ready for the Thresher Show. Andy was welding the left framework, and his crew members were working in the heat on the roofing. Mr. Liming said the building should be done in time, the only hangup might be with the electricity.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Queen's identity revealed

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 played with her Auntie's doll.

The new queen went to a one-room country school with 16 students. It was "Dust Bowl" days and her teacher was dedicated in keeping the students safe. 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.

She went on to attend Fort Hays State University and decided secretarial school would be her future. Her mother mailed her "egg check" to her and she babysat to help with expenses such as silk stockings and typing paper.

When she returned to the farm during the summers, she helped by milking the cows, gathering eggs and cooking for hired hands and family.

She married her high school sweetheart and they moved to the farm where they raised their family.

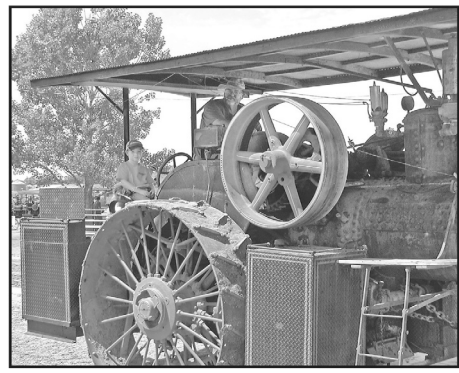
Phyllis Wright, who is responsible for reporting the clues to the identity of the new queen, is excited to crown the queen and hopes the clues have helped people guess who the 2014 queen is. She urges people to attend the program at 1:15 on Thursday when the queen will be introduced.



THE THRESHER QUEEN in her younger days.

Look for insert in this week's issue

61st Annual Antique Engine & Thresher Show



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Tri-State Engine and Antique Show Schedule

Thursday July 31

10:00 Opening Ceremonies
10:15 Corn Shelling
10:45 Saw Mill Demonstration
11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races
12:30 Turtle races
1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
1:15 Grand Introduction of Thresher Queen
1:45 Parade
2:45 Wheat Threshing
5:30 Meal at Legion Hall (Community Club)
6:00 Free concert: Heart City

Heartwarmers

8:00 Tractor Convoy breakfast (Wheeler)
9:00 Tractor Convoy departs (Wheeler)
10:00 Opening Ceremonies
10:15 Corn Shelling
10:45 Saw Mill demonstration
11:15 Steam Engine demonstrations/races
1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
1:15 Parade
2:15 Wheat harvesting/binding
2:45 Plowing

Friday Aug. 1

3:15 Wheat Threshing
3:45 Tractor Rodeo
5:00 Barbecue (Golf Team fundraiser)
6:30 Antique tractor pull
6:30 Kiddie pedal tractor pull
8:00 Steam Engine pull
Saturday Aug. 2
8:00 John Schaffner's Famous Chuck Wagon Breakfast
Fun Run for all ages (1m, 2m and 5k courses)
10:00 Opening Ceremonies
10:15 Corn Shelling
10:45 Saw Mill demonstration
11:15 Steam Engine

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12:30 Turtle Races
1:00 Tug of War (Steam Engine vs. Kids)
1:00 Horseshoe Tournament (Big Ed's)
1:15 Parade
2:00 Free Watermelon feed (Farm Credit)
2:15 Wheat binding
2:45 Wheat harvesting
3:15 Plowing
3:45 Wheat threshing
4:30 Lawn Tractor pull
Sunday Aug. 3
9:00 Country Church Service