

Clues to guess the Thresher Queen

Who is the 2012 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen? Her identity will be revealed at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, in front of the grandstand on the show grounds. Until then, each week, the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald will have clues to her identity. The first clue appeared last week.

Each year, a committee selects a woman whose identity remains a mystery until the day of her crowning, which is on the first day of the show.

People like to see if they can guess who she is, said Phyllis Wright, one of the Queen Committee.

This year's queen said she was about 13 years old when she went to work for a family who were expecting a new baby. It was harvest time, she said, and the mother wasn't very well.

And, she said, I helped cook and helped with the laundry and the care of their three children. I remember the lady of the house always insisted that they take a rest in the afternoon since they got up around 5 a.m.. to prepare breakfast for the harvesters.

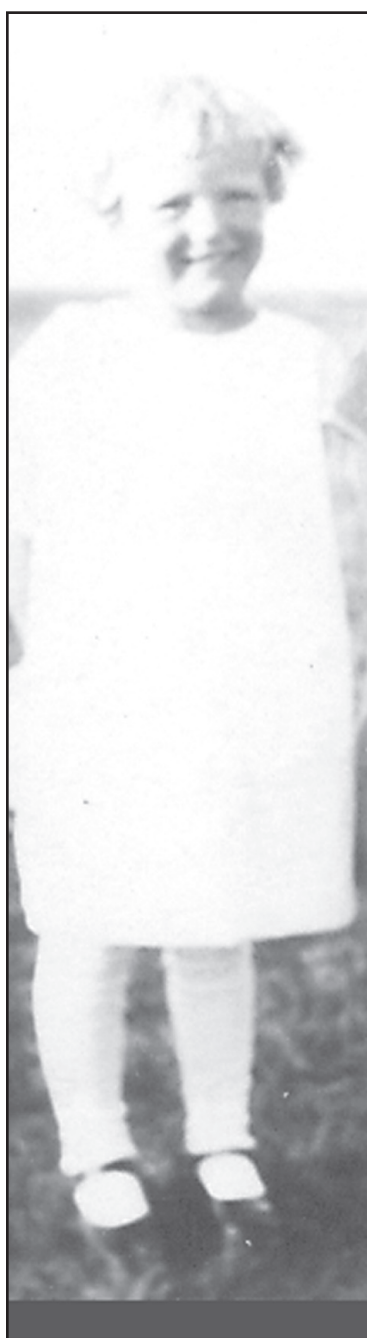
"I didn't argue," the queen said.

I had several jobs similar to that one, she said, and I always welcomed the opportunity to go help because it meant making money. She noted that she earned around \$3 a week.

Some of her hard-earned money was spent one time when she was allowed to go to Goodland. "I purchased my first pair of white shoes," she said.

There will be another clue located in next week's issues of the Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald.

The 59th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show will be held July 26 through 28 at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City. Last year's queen, Vernetta Haack, will present a doll dressed in similar attire as what she wore at her crowning.



If you can figure out who this is, you will know the identity of the Thresher Queen.

Her doll will be among 38 dolls on display at the Eggers "8" Museum.

The week of July 23, the Thresher Show special section will be inserted in the Times and Herald. It will be full of information and history of the show. Be sure to check out this

Thresher show to start July 26 in Bird City

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins Thursday, July 26, at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City. The show 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 2011 Thresher Queen, Vernetta Haack, will retire and her doll will be displayed in the Eggers Building with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Stephanie Busse, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat to be threshed.

On Friday, the Heart City Heart Warmers will be entertaining in the park following the Walking Taco meal at the Legion hall (see related article elsewhere). The Cheylin Golf Team will be serving a meal starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday. The antique tractor

pull will start at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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.

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 Bird City Times and The Saint Francis Herald next week. It is being delivered to subscribers throughout the United States. 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.



PARTICIPANTS in the hot dog eating contest, pictured, left to right, Ralph Wolaver, Bayne Kinzer, Chris McQuigg, Brock McAtee and Lance Owens are shown in various states of consumption. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien and Tim Burr

Town watches hot dog eating contest

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The first hot dog eating contest, held in conjunction with the Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration, found 13 people including two female contestants, participating. The contest was sponsored by Uptown Market with the noon whistle marking the start.

Rodney Neitzel, coordinator, announced the winner, J.J. Warren of Gurley, Neb., who managed to chow down 12 hot dogs with buns in 12 minutes. Second place winner went to Chris McQuigg, St. Francis, who ate 11 hot dogs, laced with catsup, and dunked in water.

Two gals, Jenice Hartman, St. Francis, and Alexandria Hamilton, Culbertson, Neb., joined in the competition but after the first hot dog, appeared to have lost their appetite. Jenice said she managed to get two hot dogs and buns down.

Seth Hilt, fifth grader from St. Francis, was the youngest contestant, and Harrison Hilt, Nashville, Tenn., came the furthest. He is the grandson of Linda Hilt.

Other contestants from St. Francis were Lance Owens, Bayne Kinzer, Ralph Wolaver



J.J. WARREN of Gurley, Neb. won the hot dog eating contest.

and Brock McAtee. From Bird City were Ken Burke and Tylor Golembiewski. Lance Tilton came from Sterling, Colo.

Mr. Neitzel awarded J.J. with a plaque donated by Ross Manufacturing, \$50 gift certificate and a case of hot dogs (192 hot dogs).

Before the contest, people gathered to enjoy a hot dog meal while they waited for the contest to begin. Shortly before the contest began, a crowd of people gathered to cheer on their favorite eaters.

Mr. Neitzel said he plans to hold the contest again next year but, next year because of the interest of the younger kids, there will be two divisions, a youth division and an adult division.

Woman picked to serve on ag alliance

Shawna Blanka has been selected by Kansas Farm Bureau to represent the organization along with a few others from Kansas to the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance. The Alliance is a newly formed group consisting of a wide range of prominent farmer- and rancher-led organizations and agricultural partners.

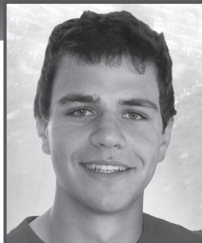
This marks the first time

agricultural groups at the national, regional and state levels have collaborated to lead the dialogue and answer Americans' questions about how we raise our food - while being stewards of the environment, responsibly caring for our animals and maintaining strong businesses and communities.

She will be attending training in Chicago.

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JENICE HARTMAN competed in the July Fourth hot dog eating contest, but quickly lost her appetite.

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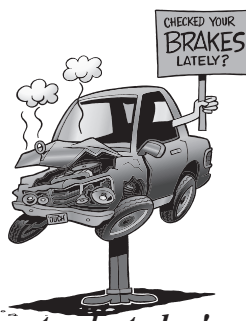
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