



LLOYD STOVER, Pueblo, Colo., is sandblasting spots for the ultrasound to test the boiler thickness before the Tri-State Engine and Thresher Show starts on Thursday.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez



KAREN FLEMMING is always the first volunteer mowing the grounds for the Thresher show.

60th Thresher show starts today

The 60th Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins today (Thursday) 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 Country Church on the grounds.

Through Saturday, visitors will find the antique steam engines in action, threshing, plowing, straw baling, and wood sawing.

In addition, there are many programs taking place each day. After the flag raising and introduction of personnel at 10 a.m., the pyramid stunt, steam engine and thresher talk will start at 11 a.m. The Steam Engine Races are at 11:45 a.m. and visitors can enjoy a great lunch with the doors

opening to the cafeteria at noon.

The 2013 Thresher Queen's identity will be revealed and she will be crowned at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday. The 2012 Thresher Queen, Manette Henderson, will retire and her doll will be displayed with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Bailey Merklin, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat to be threshed.

The parade of antique cars will be held at 1:30 p.m., following with the parade of antique tractors and steam engines to begin at 1:45 p.m.

On Thursday, the Highway 385 Band will be entertaining at 7 p.m. at the Legion hall. The Community Club barbecue meal will start at 5

Earlier in the day, Mark Berry will present the "Teepee and Buffalo camp" starting at 11 a.m.

On Friday, the Cheylin Golf Team barbecue will be held at the dining hall on the Thresher Grounds at 5 p.m. The kiddie tractor pull will be held 6:30 as well as the antique tractor pull. The steam engine pull will start at 8 p.m. All activities are on the grounds.

On Saturday, everyone is encouraged to stop by the grounds and enjoy a chuckwagon breakfast which starts at 7 a.m. There is also the annual Fun Run with the races starting at 8 a.m.

Activities

There are numerous other activities for the kids and adults. The kid's favorite is the tug-o-

war which starts at 1 p.m. The children's treasure dig is held all day on Thursday.

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

This is the sixth year for the Thresher Show special section which was inserted in the *Bird City Times* and *The St. Francis Herald* last week. It is being delivered to subscribers throughout the United States. Extra copies are available on the grounds.

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