

Japanese film crew make documentary

By Karen Krien

A Japanese filming crew arrived at Callicrate Feed Yard Thursday morning to tour the feedyard and film a news documentary with Mike Callicrate, owner of Callicrate Feed Yard, Mike Schultz, president of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association; Dick Roesch, Scott Roesch, producers and Kansas Cattlemen's Association members; Teegan Callicrate, A.J. Jones; and Chad Wolfe, with K-XXX, Colby radio station.

Mr. Callicrate said this group of Japanese people are the third such

group which has been to the feedyard in recent months. Earlier they had toured the packing plants and other feed yards in Kansas and Colorado.

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included the country of origin labeling, competitive markets, import and exports.

"The Japanese desperately want our (American raised) beef," Mr. Callicrate said.

The crew spokesman said that they wanted to see how American people grew cattle and just how safe is the meat. They will take the film

back to their country and show the people. They said that the Japanese people want American beef but want to prove that it is 100 percent safe.

Now, Japan buys most of its beef from Australia. The spokesman said it was not as popular as American beef. Australian beef costs the same as the American beef did when it was allowed into the country but the quality is poor.

The main topic of the conference was importing beef and meats from other countries. It was noted that

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JAPANESE FILMING CREW arrived at Callicrate Feedyard to make a documentary. Above, those attending the meeting besides the filming crew were: (l to r) Scott Roesch, Dick Roesch, and Teegan Callicrate. Left, Mike Schultz, president of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association, explains some of the issues after Mike Callicrate, standing, asks a question.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Fair board making plans before fair arrives

By Lezlie McCormick

The roofing on the livestock building, Jenkins Hall and the hog barn will be done in time for Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 3-6.

Krien Steel Buildings has been working to get all the old tin off and the new replaced on the roofs. Bids were taken by the fair board last month. Krien Steel turned in a bid higher than JM Construction in Wheeler, however Krien's bid also included the re-

moval of the old roofing material. JM construction bid was only to put the new tin on.

Wade Krien told the board that in the valley between Jenkins Hall and the livestock barn, the wood was rotted out and they had to purchase quite a bit of lumber to fix it properly. Mr. Krien said that he knew they had turned in a bid, but asked if the board would consider paying Krien for the extra materials?

The board decided to table the matter

until the project was complete. They also asked for an itemized bill to be submitted.

Extension

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, was present representing the Extension office. The board agreed to move the premium deadline for turning in the forms to 9 a.m. on Friday morning. This deadline does not include beef which will still have until one-half hour after the show to turn in the forms.

Catch-it pig contest

Director Faulkender said he had been contacted by someone about sponsoring a catch-it-pig contest. The question was if someone wanted to sponsor the contest could they do it on their own. The board members said it would be fine. They have enough to do during the fair and they would welcome someone willing to sponsor a project.

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Efforts to prove insufficient information fails

By Karen Krien

A St. Francis man and his lawyer attempted to prove that the directions on the warrant and affidavit were so vague that the law officers who delivered the warrant and proceeded with the search could have delivered them to a number of rural Cheyenne County homes on Feb. 20

In the end, Judge Jack Burr said the motion to suppress the warrant was denied.

Rell Zimbelman, who was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of items to make methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia and mari-

juana after a search of his grounds on Feb. 22, and his lawyer, Charles Peckham, attempted to prove that the address on the warrant and affidavit was Rt. 2, Box 44, Cheyenne County, Kansas with the description of a white house and out buildings. Because that was not the physical location of Mr. Zimbelman's property and there are numerous white houses in the county, the defense said it could be any number of homes.

There were many photos of the Zimbelman farm and home along with a photo of his mailbox which

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Law to clamp down on unleashed dogs

Dogs running loose is becoming a problem in St. Francis. There have been several reports of dogs coming after dogs on leashes and those walking.

St. Francis has a leash law which requires those having dogs to either keep them fenced in or tied up. Only three dogs over the age of 6 months can be kept at a house.

Dogs are also supposed to have tags which can be purchased at the city office: \$3 for neutered or spay

animals and \$10 if they have not been neutered or spay.

"We have had a lot of complaints about dogs at large," said Troy Gardner, police chief. "These dogs will get with other dogs and fight and someone may get bit by the more aggressive fighting dogs."

People need to take care of their animals, making sure they are confined. Also, when the temperatures are so hot, it is important that they have plenty of water.



T-BALL SEASON IS OVER but this photo was too good to not print. Brady Dinkel, son of Randy and Susan Dinkel, needed his tongue to hit the ball.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Who is the new queen?

The crowning of the new Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show queen, Bird City, will be held on Thursday, July 28, at the Thresher show grounds. Until she is crowned, the identity of the queen will remain a secret. The photo above gives a little hint of her identity and the following information may provide some other clues:

This year's queen was born in Cheyenne County in a sod house in the early 1900s. Being the third eldest child and second daughter in a family, there later numbered two other daughters and six sons.

She recalls the family lived in the soddy until she was about 10 years old. During that time, being one of the older children, she was one of her father's dependable outdoor workers.

They raised mostly corn, wheat and cattle, hogs and chickens. Milking the cows (who were very tame) was done out in the corral year 'round. She also would be sent to the field (by herself) with the four-horse team and the disc or harrow.

The family did their own butchering and also raised a large garden. Of course, she helped her mother hoe in the garden and also to put up food for the family for the year ahead.

She was fortunate to attend country school. Their mode of travel was



2005 Thresher Queen

quite different from today's youth. They rode horseback or took the horse and buggy, going 5 miles one way.

Due to the death of her mother, she was not able to complete her formal education. Instead, she became the family's "nanny," responsible for the younger siblings, indoor household duties and still helping with outdoor work.

After reading the above clues, how many people think they can identify this hardworking girl?

The 2005 queen will replace the 2004 Thresher Queen, Irene Kehlbeck. The crowning of the queen will take place shortly after the lunch hour. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy lunch at the Country Kitchen before the crowning. Also check out the different displays, enjoy the parade and watch the antique steam machines in action. There is something for everyone at the Tri-State show in Bird City.



SPECIAL SKILLS — Rex Weishapl and Jacob White stay busy during the summer by working at the Thresher Showgrounds in Bird City. They are restoring a Russell highway Patrol township grader.

Herald staff photo by DeAnza Church

Boys restore antique grader

By DeAnza Church

Preparing for the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show takes a lot of hard work and dedication from those working behind the scenes. They are committed to making each show an enjoyable and unique experience for everyone attending.

Rex Weishapl and Jacob White, Cheylin freshmen, have been working behind the scenes each summer as apprentices of Gerald Wright, Association member.

As apprentices, Rex and Jacob are taught special skills that are required for restoring and sustaining antique equipment.

"Because many of the machines are antique, special knowledge must be handed down to a younger generation so that the rich history won't be lost," Mr. Wright said.

Along with many other projects, Rex and Jacob are currently working on restoring a Russell Highway Patrol horse-drawn township grader that was discovered hidden on a farm near Herndon.

The township grader was used from 1905 through 1920 to maintain roads for farmers traveling to buy or sell crops. It was originally pulled by a two-horse team and operated by one person.

Norm Dorsch and Tom Sawyer, members of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association, were picking up an old corn sheller when they discovered the forgotten grader and brought it back for the show. They placed it on the edge of the show grounds where it was forgotten again until Rex and Jacob found it in the weeds and decided to bring it back to life.

They began working on the township grader three days before last year's show, but due to the complexity of the task, it has taken longer than expected.

"It'll be ready for this year's show," Rex said. "We're working day and night."

Restoring it to its original condition requires hours of sandblasting, welding, creating new axles and dust caps, priming and painting and manufacturing new decals.

"We know parts of the machine were red and the bottom part was

green," said Gerald Wright. "The hard part is trying to figure out which is which."

The trio laughed when they realized it might look like a Christmas tree by the time they're done.

The Russell Highway Patrol Township grader is just one of the

many unique pieces of equipment used by early settlers of Kansas.

Because of hard-working members, volunteers and apprentices of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association, people of all ages can catch a glimpse of history in action.



THE PEARCE FAMILY will entertain at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

Photo courtesy of Don Shorock

Musical family to sing

Each year, at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, there is a night of entertainment after the big steam engines have cooled down. This year is no different.

The Pearce Family is a singing group from Wallace. They will be performing at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Thresher Show grounds following the hamburger fry.

They bring to the stage first and foremost a genuine love for quality music of every type, from classical to folk to bluegrass to jazz to doo-wop to gospel to rock-n-roll. Everyone should be ready for tight family harmonies and a song to fit nearly every taste.

Cecil Pearce is a former soloist and Chief Master Sergeant of the Singing Sergeants of the United States Air Force Band. His wife Jayne was also a Singing Sergeant and they like to tell the story of how they were microphone partners, matched for their height and voice colors. It must have been more of a match than was thought, as they

married and moved back to Cecil's family ranch in Wallace, after his retirement from the Air Force in 1991.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce's proudest role is being parents to Taylor and Cody. Taylor is 13 and just completed seventh grade at Sharon Springs Grade School. He plays piano, banjo, guitar, harmonica and French horn. He enjoys all sports and loves to eat doughnuts! Cody is 11 and just completed fifth grade. He enjoys playing the piano, mandolin, guitar and trombone. He is also an athlete and has a true love for animals.

The Pearces are very active with the Sharon Springs School, where Mr. Pearce currently serves on the school board and Mrs. Pearce is the elementary music instructor. The Pearces are active in the Sharon Springs United Methodist Church and strive to give glory to God through their music.

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most people don't realize that when there is a USDA stamp on the package of meat that it doesn't necessarily mean that the meat has been United States Department of Agriculture inspected and is safe.

The cattlemen are seeking country of origin labels on all meat. After all, it is on most of the other things citizens buy such as clothing, just to name one thing.

Later, a group of those present were talking about just what the United States Department of Agriculture's priorities were? It was the consensus that the Department didn't seem to care much about the quality of the meat as a truck load will come into the United States and one container might be marked as inspected and the rest of the containers are not even opened.

"Looks like USDA doesn't care about the people," Mr. Wolfe said.

At the news conference, the producers talked about what happens when the livestock producer loses money. Mr. Schultz said that the producer is forced to move to where he can make money. He will take his family with him which will hurt the school and community population. Consequently, the community dwindles.

He said that it is a fact that small communities are good places to live. Their kids get good educations and most of the college graduates come from small schools.

Mr. Callicrate, keeping the conference moving, asked what was wrong with importing food? After all, gas and oil, just to name some, are imported.

Mr. Schultz said that this country (U.S.A.) was built on production but the question is, who will regulate the trade market?

Mr. Schultz said that people in the United States can still get a good burger for a decent price but generally only high-end markets and restaurants carry good beef.

He said the U.S. market is the best consumer market in the world and the U.S. sets the world market prices. However, legislators are not concerned about farms but concerned about a few packers and workers.

All appeared to agree that there needs to be term limits for House representatives including three terms for the House and two terms for the Senate.

Mr. Schultz said the Kansas Legislators are on the "left side" supporting the big corporate businesses instead of the small producers.

Scott Roesch, when asked if the U.S. could produce enough beef for this country, he said, "No, there is not enough product for the demand."

But if the U.S. is going to import beef, they need to make sure it is tested for safety. The U.S. needs to be "proactive" instead of "reactive."

The demand for beef is up and retail prices have tripled. Still people will pay for good meat.

The Japanese film crew wanted to prove that U.S. livestock is good quality beef, free from the

brain-wasting disease. What the Japanese appear to want is 100 percent testing for the disease.

Mr. Schultz agreed that, if the Japanese people want testing to create a safer product, then cattlemen should test their cattle. It would create a safer product for the consumer, thus bring more competition and increase con-

sumer confidence.

"I'm glad to see the Japanese delegation in the U.S. and to hear that they are still interested in the U.S. beef industry and the safety of American beef," said Dick Roesch. "I hope they come away from the trip with more confidence in the safety of American beef."

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Amusement Authority

Bill Erhman was present representing the Amusement Authority. Mr. Erhman was questioning whose responsibility it is to repair the benches used at the fairgrounds. The same benches are also used at the Stearman Fly-In and alumni gathering.

President Dick Bursch thought that it was up to the businesses that advertised on them. The members discussed that if it was up to the fair board then they needed to be checked out. But if the businesses actually owned them, then they wouldn't be able to do that.

President Bursch said that he would write down the businesses on the benches and call them to see if they would be willing to pay for the repairs.

Advertising

Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Saint Francis Herald*, was present to discuss advertising. Mr. McCormick told the fair board

members that last year he had saved them dollars in advertising and this year, he would save them more money by selling the ads in the fair book. Mr. McCormick didn't have the final figures in time for the meeting.

He talk to the board about running ads in area papers. President Bursch asked if Mr. McCormick would put the figures together in writing as he thought they had paid more last year than what they were quoted. Mr. McCormick said that it should have been the same and if they received a bill that was different than what was quoted, then they need to bring it in or call so that the newspaper staff can straighten it out.

In other business

In other business:

- There were two stoves that were offered to the fair board for the kitchen in one of the buildings.

- The board wrote a check for \$2,400 to Krien Steel for half the amount of the roofing project.

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is located almost a mile from his home. Mr. Peckham asked Undersheriff Mark Davidson if he had searched Rural Route 2, Box 44. He said, "No, he hadn't investigated the mailbox."

Also taking the stand for the prosecution was Kansas Bureau of Investigation officer Tim Lakey; for the defense, Penny Sheldon, St. Francis Postmaster; Janelle Bowers, emergency medical technician, Lanny DeGood, postal carrier for Rural Route 2, and Mr. Zimbelman.

In her closing arguments, Julie Carroll, representing the Attorney General's office, said that the Rural Route 2, Box 44 has been linked to the Rell Zimbelman farm house. Officer Davidson stated that he had delivered a summons to Mr. Zimbelman's house. She also said that before delivering the search warrant, the plans had been laid out, there was a map and everyone knew where they

were going.

Judge Burr agreed that the warrant and affidavit were poorly written but thought it was clear that the papers referred to Mr. Zimbelman. He also said that in rural Cheyenne County, Kansas, people know where other people live and most people know exactly how to reach Mr. Zimbelman's home.

The thought there was enough evidence to narrow down the location where the warrant was served and, had the judge who signed the warrant been given the map, some legal description and some of the photos which were used as evidence in court, it would have helped him when he signed the papers.

Had the defense won this matter, Mr. Zimbelman would have walked out of court without the charges. But, since this did not happen, Mr. Zimbelman will be tried before a 12-person jury on Sept. 14, 15 and 16.



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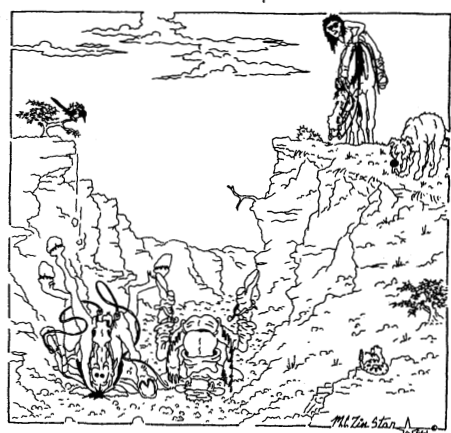
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