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## **TRACTOR & STEAM ENGINE PULL**

“NEW NIGHT” - The Antique Tractor and Steam Engine Pull will be held

**FRIDAY JULY 26TH • 6:30 PM**

This change was made to increase attendance by not competing with Shows being held at the surrounding County Fairs while allowing our out of town volunteers a chance to attend and participate before heading home Saturday evening.

## **ONE DAY EVENT • THURSDAY JULY 25**

New by popular demand we will be providing the area south of the church for a:

**COMMUNITY WIDE Garage - Yard Sale**

This will be in conjunction with our “Antique Swap Meet”. This is a one day only event. Only cost to vendors is their show ground admission. Sales will start when gates open at 10 am. Vendors are welcome to setup early on Thursday morning. All items must be removed Thursday evening by 7:00 pm.



**Starts LAST THURS. of July**

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Thresher Association Member, Mike Boyson, owner of Hot Brush, has completed our new sign. It lists 'last Thursday of July' show date, phone number & internet information. The sign sits north of the Thresher grounds along Hwy 36.

## Quilt

Last year's quilt show highlighted baby quilts and was very well received.

## Building

(by Dee Dorsch)



*This year we are featuring quilts from the 1930's.*

Included are the lovely pastels, colors of the depression era and feed sack or bag quilts. In keeping with the Threshers educational presentations, the quilt building will have handouts on quilts of the 1930's. Please share your treasured quilt with us.



## Thresher Queen

Last year's queen, Manette Henderson from St. Francis, will be there to present her doll, which will be displayed in the Eggers Building with all of the previous queens' dolls. Watch the paper in the prior weeks leading up to the Thresher Show to see if you can guess who this year's queen will be.

## Eggers & Museum

As the days fly by, we realize it is time to be making plans for the Eggers & Museum building and the Antique Engine and Thresher Show celebrating 60 years.

The queen dolls have outgrown their place of honor, so new shelves will be fixed for them and the queens will be recognized for those already there. Also, the rooms will be spruced up and new exhibits will be placed in the showcases.

Fun things for kids are in the planning and maybe some surprises.

Come see us during the Show.

## THE SOD HOUSE

(by The Soddy Committee)

Make sure to visit the Sod House during the Show, and don't forget to sign the guest book. Take note of the pictures displayed, showing how "Soddy" came to this site.

## COOK SHACK

The recently repainted cook shack is now located on its own cement slab and a user friendly stairway has been installed. We plan to paint the interior, hang authentic curtains and refurbish the utensils and furniture.







## Country Church • by Ken Beougher

The Neville Methodist Episcopal Church was chartered on March 18, 1910. One acre of land for the church was sold to the trustees of the church for \$1.00 by George R. Neville and Sarah R. Neville. The church was donated to the Tri-State Engine Show in 1984 and was moved to the show grounds. The church sign above the door has been repainted with wood letters and an electronic organ has been donated.

The Neville Methodist Church service will be Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 9:00-9:30 a.m.  
What better way to conclude the Thresher Show than with Sunday morning worship!

### WILKENS BUILDING

Art Wilkens is in the process of constructing an interior display room to house their extensive collection of miniature farm tractors and equipment acquired over the years.

### SHOP TALK

It has been a little quiet around the shop this year, but Larry Fikan and Norm Dorsch were able to identify, sort and organize the bolt, nut and washer collection. Two commercial gym lights have been installed in the shop, this has helped improve the lighting situation.

### SOUVENIR SHIRTS

We will be selling our logo t-shirts again this year. Having sold over 100 shirts last year, we have increased our inventory and hopefully will be able to add additional items for next year's Show.



Have you ever considered a windmill as a lifesaver? It undoubtedly was to the pioneer settlers of this land. A windmill provided fresh, pure water for the home, livestock and gardens. A windmill was even a beacon for a pioneer farmer coming home from obtaining supplies in a Kansas blizzard. His intrepid wife would tie herself to the ladder as she climbed the windmill tower to wire a lantern on the platform to give her husband a light to help him find his way home.

Each year we attempt to bring an interesting, informative historical program to the youth and adults who wish to attend in the Schoolhouse at the Antique Engine and

Thresher Show. In 2012, the accompanying craft was a charming windmill made by each participant. As an added inducement for attending, a prize of a small Indian made flute was given each day in a drawing.

Very few original country schools still remain. District 66 Highland School began its life on a hill overlooking the Republican River approximately nine miles southwest of St. Francis. It was moved into St. Francis to become the "Little Red Schoolhouse" near the service station operated by Bill Wellman.

We are pleased to display this example of a country school that was so important in the lives of our rural settlers. These small schools were the community center for each developing area with teachers using their abilities to provide the best education possible.

We encourage anyone of any age to join us in the Schoolhouse to learn of the many ways pioneers made good lives on this so-called barren land.

*The Schoolhouse is open from 10 am - 4 pm each day. Stop in to visit! by: the Schoolhouse Committee*



## Community Pot Luck Dinner

Location: Dining Hall on the Thresher Grounds  
Wednesday • July 24th • 6:30 PM

## Community Club Meal + Entertainment

Location: American Legion Hall

Thursday • July 25th • 5:00 PM



Band Starts at 7:00 PM



## Fundraiser BBQ + Tractor Pull

Location: Dining Hall on the Thresher Grounds

Friday • July 26th

5:00 PM ~ Dinner • 6:30 PM ~ Pull Starts

This is the Cheylin Golf Team's major fundraiser, please plan to attend.

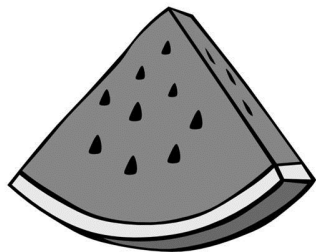
## Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Location: Thresher Grounds

Saturday • July 27th • 7:00 – 10:00 AM

\$6.00 ~ Meal will be cooked outside over the coals.

Provided By: John Schaffner, Famous Chuck Wagon Cook



## FREE WATERMELON

Farm Credit will be providing free watermelon to all of our guests on Saturday afternoon. This is always a popular event, enjoyed by all ages!!

**NEW**

## Friday & Saturday CHILDREN'S **Treasure Dig**

There will be a nice, big pile of sand with toys to play with. Our younger guests can dig to discover toys, trinkets and buried treasures within the sand.





# **STEAM ENGINES**

## **Kansas Antique Engine Safety Show Association Meeting Notes**

Brendon Haack along with Rex Weishapl attended the KAESSA meeting at the Flywheeler's Museum in Salina, Kansas. Mike Levin, our under-mount Avery engineer from Kansas City along with one of his friends also attended.

The meeting was called to order as usual at 9:00 am with approximately 20 people in attendance.

The meeting proceeded to re-elect all current officers with Brendon Haack being added as the Master Boiler Inspector along with Gerald Wright and Rex Weishapl added as the Alternate Boiler Inspector. Ted Housa informed the group that the State of Kansas is moving the Office of Boiler Inspector from under the Department of Labor to State Fire Inspector. This move is not expected to significantly change the operation or regulation of KAESSA. Discussions then moved to the Clay Center "Republican River" engine. As of the meeting, the engine, a 65hp Case, had been completely stripped and its boiler disassembled. The boiler is undergoing close inspection by Ted Housa. Ted reported a small area of pitting found at the left front corner of the firebox and a broken stay bolt on the right side of the firebox. It was decided to check maximum erosion of the area and if more than 40% is affected, it would need to be cut out and replaced, if not, then serviceable. An issue of the owners not informing the inspector of the defect was discussed also. Consensus of the attendees was to inspect all stay bolts with a bore scope, re-flue and hydrostatic test. Should the boiler pass all tests, and Mr. Jenkins, the State Boiler Inspector, blesses the testing and repairs, the boiler should be allowed to operate. Operator training, out of state reciprocity of engineering licenses, vertical boiler soft plug use, general show attendance and attracting younger people to this hobby were also discussed. Special thanks to Rod Klepper for providing the transportation to and from Salina.

With respect to our show, I am asking for as much assistance as you would be willing to provide. This year, starting as close to after harvest as I can muster, we will be working on our engines in preparation for the 60<sup>th</sup> annual show. We have a large number of engines due for their ultrasonic inspections. If you would be interested in learning about how these engines work and are maintained, this inspection period would be an excellent time to attend. I invite anyone interested to call or email anyone listed below, or just stop by if you see us there.

Thanks for your support!

Brendon Haack; Boiler Inspector: (785)-332-4120, [bmhaack@eaglecom.net](mailto:bmhaack@eaglecom.net)

Gerald Wright; Boiler Inspector: (785)-734-2502 or (785)-332-6131

Rex Weishapl: Alternate Inspector: (785)-734-7136, [weishapl69@gmail.com](mailto:weishapl69@gmail.com)

## **BUFFALO-SPRINGFIELD ROLLER**

In late 2012, Randy McDonald of Denver, Colorado donated his 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller to the Association.

With an appraised value of more than \$20,000, Mr. McDonald's generous contribution is another asset that will contribute to our show for future generations.

The Buffalo-Springfield Roller Company was formed in 1888, building a special line of road making and road rollers. During the war, the corporation furnished construction equipment to build aviation fields, forts, arsenals and cantonments in France. "Thank You" Mr. McDonald!



## 5th Annual Thresher Show Fun Run

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Races start at 8:00 am at the Thresher Grounds  
1 mile, 2 mile and 5K Races

## STILL RUNNING

Registration forms and additional information can be found at  
[www.threshersshow.org](http://www.threshersshow.org) or at [www.birdcity.com](http://www.birdcity.com)

Fee: \$15 (\$10 Early Bird fee if paid by July 1)

FOR ALL AGES!!!

Runners, walkers, and stroller-pushers welcome. No bikes, please.  
Participants registered by July 10 guaranteed an official Fun Run t-shirt.  
Awards for winners. Proceeds go towards the Cheylin Activities Fund.

Packet pick-up at the Fun Run booth on the Thresher Grounds:  
Friday (7/26) 1:00-4:00 pm and Saturday (7/27) one hour prior to race start time.

Send registration forms and fees to:

Cristi Antholz • Cheylin Schools ATTN: Fun Run  
605 Bird Avenue • Bird City, KS • 67731

Make checks payable to: Cheylin USD 103 - "Fun Run" in memo line  
Questions??? Email [antholzcr@cheylin.com](mailto:antholzcr@cheylin.com) or call (785)-734-2351 ext. 213



## HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

New Member, Willie Martinez, has volunteered to organize and manage a Horseshoe Tournament for the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.

The tournament will be held on SATURDAY;  
times will be announced as the event gets closer.

Anyone can enter, and prizes will be given.

Tournament will be based on NHPA Rules.

Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per team.

Bring your own teammate or you can draw for a teammate prior to the event.

To register for the event, or for more information, contact Willy at (785)-332-4059.



## VENDORS Wanted!

Sign up • Show up • Sell

We have Building #5 available for our vendors, providing 6,000 square feet of indoor display area, fully insulated with ceiling fans, overhead lighting and electrical plug-ins for every booth.

The building is located in the heart of the show grounds, with lots of pedestrian traffic between the parking area and grandstand.

We are offering stalls for just the price of our \$20.00 Annual Membership. The membership entitles you to unlimited access to all the buildings, events and displays during our 3 day show.

At this time, we still have spaces available. If you are interested, please contact:

Rodney Klepper (785)-734-7369 to reserve a booth



## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Thresher Association's account balance reported at the Annual Meeting was \$32,134. The increased price of our grain sales, combined with generous donations, and grants provided by the Helen Brubaker Memorial and Bird City Century II Development Foundation allowed us to complete more than \$30,000 in improvements to the show grounds this past year.

## THRESHER ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

An endowment fund has been established for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association through the Bird City Century II Development Foundation. What is endowment? It is the opportunity to benefit the community forever, where your gift is invested over time, and earnings from your gift - now and in the future - are a permanent source of funding for the Thresher Association.

Midwest Energy's Community Fund received a \$5,000 "Sharing Success" grant from CoBank, and Midwest Energy has matched that grant, to create 10 - \$1,000 grants to local 501c3 organizations.

Requirements to apply for this grant was a local match, and to work with a local community foundation. Bird City Century II Development Foundation provided the \$1,000 local match and submitted the application for funding.

What is the fundraising goal for this endowment fund? The Thresher Association has not yet set a fundraising goal, however, following are some examples of what different fund balances would give the Thresher Association each year in operating support:

\$2million fund = \$100,000 each year, forever \* \$1million fund = \$50,000 each year, forever

\$500,000 fund = \$25,000 each year, forever

How can you contribute to this fund? An outright gift of cash, stocks or bonds, grain, real estate, or equipment qualifies for tax advantages under federal law. By designating a portion of your estate to the Thresher Association Endowment Fund you can, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate tax. For more information on making a charitable contribution, please contact the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office.

## Yes, I want to invest in the future of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my contribution as ANONYMOUS



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Please make check payable to:  
**Bird City Century II Development Foundation**  
- Write **THRESHER ENDOWMENT** in the memo

You will be sent a receipt for income tax purposes.

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## Join us for our 60th Annual Show July 25, 26 & 27, 2013

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### 2013 Show Button • 1949 Model 8N Ford

The tractor featured on the 2013 Show Button is a 1949 Model 8N Ford owned by the Willis Burr Family.

Ford introduced the 8N in 1947, featuring a four-speed transmission, a positive control for the hydraulic lift and improved brakes.

It was one of the most successful tractors ever built, with over 100,000 produced in 1948. The Association uses this tractor during the show every year.

The 2013 Show Buttons can be purchased in advance from:

The Bank, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Rod Klepper and Ken Beougher

Thank you, Don and Dennis Wright, for installing six additional 30 amp electric R.V. hookups prior to last year's show. Those hook-ups are available on the south Lot of the Thresher Show grounds. Contact: Hal Sager (785)-734-7156

### **RV PARKING**



There is also a nice RV Park on the north edge of Bird City (located along US Hwy 36) next to the car wash; approximately 1/2 mile from Thresher Show grounds. Contact T-N-T RV Parking at (785)-734-7100.