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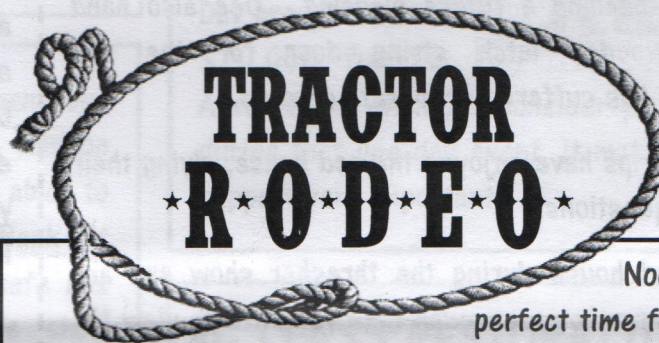
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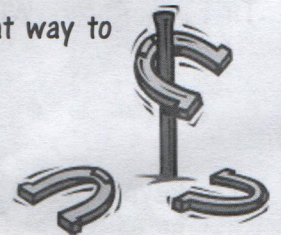
★ SATURDAY ★
JULY 28TH ★ 12:00 PM

Noon appears to be the perfect time for the Tractor Rodeo. It provides Entertainment, shortens the lines waiting for lunch at the Country Kitchen and provides drivers an opportunity to participate. Due to the increasing interest and limited time available we are limiting the number of entries to 20. You must be 16 years of age or older, have a valid Drivers License and sign a liability waiver to participate. ★

BIG ED'S HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT Saturday July 28th

With \$250.00 in prizes and only a \$5.00 entry fee the Saturday Horseshoe Tournament continues to grow and has become one of our favorite events for families and attendees of all ages. With an open draw for your partner, ladies and children throw from a shorter distance, allowing everyone a chance to win. The location allows the participants a close up view of the parade and great way to make new friends.

Registration starts at 1:00 PM
Tournament Starts at 1:30 PM



The Sod House • By: Mary Dorsch

Greetings from our 33 year old sod house. It is due for a facelift!

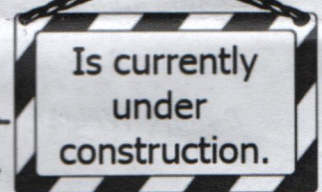
Sadly, thieves removed the hump back trunk given to the Association by a former thresher director, Tom Sawyer. The truck was used by his family for storage of finer items, even in the tray. Included in our loss was a handmade satin baby quilt from a great aunt, many hand crocheted doilies and other items placed there for enjoyment for those visiting the sod house.

Also gone are the two new kerosene lanterns purchased by Dee Thompson who converted them to electricity, made shelves that hid the shortened cords and plug-ins. Can you even imagine how that much light would have brightened a sod house? But without electricity, this was to become a future blessing. Dee also hand crafted the unique wooden latch string door for the sod house. Unfortunately, it has suffered deliberate damage.

School children on field trips have enjoyed the sod house, plying their teachers with plenty of questions.

Volunteers staff the sod house during the thresher show and are eager for you to stop by for however much time you have to view the interesting features of the soddie era. Where life may have seemed a bit more simple and families did without what we consider necessities! That may have added a closeness in families given the same interests and perhaps a bit more leisure time on Sunday and in the evenings.

Due to erosion and varmints our sod house has reached the point we must take action. Ray and Willy Martinez have volunteered to supervise this project; mixing mud and straw to create a stucco that will be applied to stabilize and seal the exterior. Straw from last years wheat threshing will be used. Now, how's that for recycling! "Way to go, Willy and Ray!" This should add years of life to "this old house", provide protection from the elements, eliminate rodent problems and present a much needed appearance improvement. This will be a once in a lifetime experience for many of us. If you want to help, let Willy or Rod K know.



Country Church - By: Ken Beougher

The Neville Methodist Church will celebrate its 34th anniversary of the church at the show grounds this year. It was moved to the show grounds in 1984 after serving the Neville area for 74 years.

The church will be open during the show; stop by and visit. The show is proud to display the church that was so important in the lives of our early settlers.

A worship service is offered in the Neville Methodist Church on Sunday, which is the official end of the Thresher Show. What better way to conclude the show than with Sunday morning worship!

The Neville Church service will be held
Sunday, July 29th from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Kile Stachewicz of the First Baptist Church of St. Francis, KS will officiate the worship service.

Quarterly  meeting

Due to increased activity and number of projects being done on the show grounds, it was voted to continue quarterly meetings to keep members better informed.

Remainder of the 2018 Meetings:
June 30 · Sept. 29 · Dec. 29

We do appreciate the increased attendance and suggestions offered every year.

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Thanks to several generous donors and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation we were able to purchase The State Bank of Bird City Safe. The safe has been relocated to the show grounds for display during the Thresher Show. The mystery of where this safe was in Bird City all those years has not been solved. Our search for information continues.

SAFE

CHECKING ACCOUNT - \$41,034

This includes grant money to finish the Bressler Hanger, Greenhouse/Tractor Museum, Leach/Hendricks Barn and purchase a semi-load of coal.

WRIGHT BUILDING - \$9,802

This includes money set aside to install a natural gas line and add additional displays within the building.

THRESHER ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT - \$29,180

We are at nearly 60% of our \$50,000.00 goal before we begin withdrawing from the 5% spending policy.

The 2017 Bird City Century II Match Day brought in over \$20,000 for the

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Association; when you consider your donation is "DOUBLED" during that one-day event, it makes our Members' financial support very important.

AG CLASS RESTORATION

The Cheylin High School students have agreed to restore one of our antique tractors every year as a project and learning experience. Max Keltz, Cheylin Ag Instructor, feels it provides the students hands on training and helps create interest in the Association and educates local youth on antique restoration. They worked on one of our Massey Harris tractors this winter and will restore an Allis-Chalmers tractor next year.





- ◆ Roy Shrader repaired the outdoor water spigot behind the north Restrooms.
- ◆ The Association purchased five men's mannequins from the JC Penny's in McCook.
- ◆ Association purchased 3 portable Canopies to be used for shade during the show.
- ◆ Ken Beougher painted and installed the Grain Sorter on the Officer Trailer.
- ◆ Darrel Johnson installed both running boards on the Henry Burr Model A.
- ◆ Ken Beougher, Norm Dorsch & Jake Hamilton brought the Bank Safe home from Prichett, Colorado.
- ◆ Roy Shrader unloaded & installed the safe.
- ◆ Art Wilkens insulated, finished the walls and installed several glass display cases with toys in the inside room of the Wilkens Building.
- ◆ Norman Dorsch cleaned and painted the railroad baggage cart the Association purchased from Steve Horn.
- ◆ Rodney Neitzel removed the loose paint, primed & painted the exterior of the School House and Restrooms.
- ◆ Ross Mfg. & Windmill Repair dug and installed a cement foundation, restored and erected the new windmill.
- ◆ The Association purchased the supplies and Albert Hardon helped construct the portable stands used to display his large collection of Barbed Wire.
- ◆ Cheyenne County Road & Bridge Dept. loaded, hauled & leveled the dirt needed for our new Tractor Museum and Highway Sign. Also, installed a culvert and built the new entrance to our Visitors Parking Lot.
- ◆ Mike Boyson with the help of Terry Jensen, Gary Taylor & Howard Raymond installed our new Highway Sign.
- ◆ Howard Raymond installed the Antique Threshing Machine next to our Highway Sign.
- ◆ Mike & Ben McGilvery repaired and prepared equipment and machinery prior to the Draft Horse Show.
- ◆ Demi Shahan family loaned the Association a large collection of World War I & II clothing items including helmets, caps, complete uniforms, gas masks and other items.
- ◆ Thanks to a generous Grant from Bird City Century II, we hired Dan Bowers who rebuilt our Grasshopper Mower including rebuilt Hydrostats.
- ◆ Norman Dorsch, Ken & Tim Beougher picked up the Schneider donations in Tribune, Kansas.
- ◆ We installed new wooden timbers on the base of our horse drawn ear corn grinder.
- ◆ Steve Horn put on loan the Check Row Planter, including a roll of trip wire from Minnesota.
- ◆ Corners Antique Tractor Club took care of all the ticket sales during the Draft Horse Show.
- ◆ Royce Rambat conducted a consignment implement sale featuring Dishman Harvesting Equipment in our parking lot in December.
- ◆ Rodney Neitzel decorated our School House, Sod House and Country Church for the Christmas Season.
 - ◆ Norman Dorsch replaced the hydraulic hose on the Ford tractor.
 - ◆ Jake Hamilton painted the fuel tank.
 - ◆ The Association purchased 6 oak beams for Mike & Ben McGilvray to make new tongues for horse drawn implements.
 - ◆ Beth Klepper, Jan Busse and Della Martinez prepared and served four large roasters of Cowboy Stew during the Fall Show.
 - ◆ Howard Raymond restored and painted the Check Row Planter.



Donations Received

- ◆ Keith Bracelin donated the new windmill tower at the show grounds.
- ◆ Frontier Ag donated a large McDougal Sager Elevator sign.
- ◆ Rita Officer donated two trailers.
- ◆ Art Wilkens donated five glass display cases.
- ◆ Steve Horn donated a pedal stone sharpener, sausage grinder and rotor water pump.
- ◆ Angela Antholz donated the John Deere Hit & Miss Engine restored by Dee Thompson several years ago.
- ◆ The Brethower Family donated several pictures of Bird City High School events and early Thresher Shows.
- ◆ Leon Brethower donated several trees that were harvested as logs for the Sawmill.
- ◆ City of Bird City donated the dirt needed for the new Tractor Museum & Highway Sign.
- ◆ Beverly Kite donated a Bird City High School letter sweater, 100 year anniversary jacket & a picture of Roy Kite on his motorcycle.
- ◆ Richard Hill from Fort Collins, Colorado donated an Allis Chalmers 1952 Model C tractor in good running order as well as a two way Undermount Plow & a 1948 Model B tractor to be used for parts.
- ◆ Larry Shults donated several antique school desks built for small children for our School House.
- ◆ The Charles Coleman Family donated three of his Army Uniforms.
- ◆ Pete Jensen donated an 8 foot high metal Christmas Tree.
- ◆ Sherry Carmichael donated a complete Bird City Boy Scout uniform.
- ◆ Sporer Land Co. donated the asphalt millings for our Tractor Museum.
- ◆ Frontier Ag donated five 16 inch heavy duty tires in extra good condition to be used on our trailers.
- ◆ Royce Rambat donated a large portable engine in good condition.
- ◆ The Dennis Schneider Family donated 2 antique John Deere Binders, an unusual Horse Drawn Fresno Dirt Mover and an antique Railroad Freight Wagon.
- ◆ Bradley Waters donated a C & O antique Lister with a very rare cast iron seat.



A family-fun event that has been enjoyed by all ages through the years will be available on Friday and Saturday; a variety of farm animals will be available for kids and adults to interact with throughout the two-days.

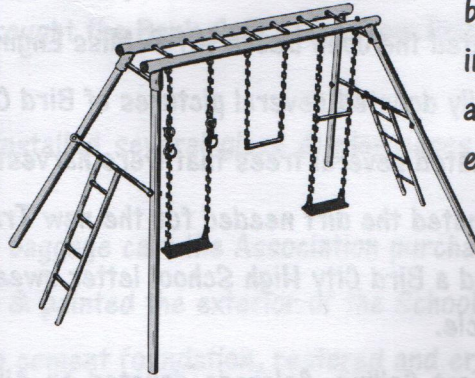


SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Erik Perez, a Senior at Cheylin High School, will be our Intern this summer. Having an Intern allows us the opportunity to complete several projects, help prepare & host our annual show, and do normal maintenance & grounds keeping. It appears like Nex-Tech is committed to helping us by providing an intern every year.

Playground Area

We have purchased an additional swing set and will be installing a tire playground area just east of our school house. This is sure to be fun for children of all ages. The tires will be designed and positioned for climbing and balancing. These improvements should be a popular addition to our existing playground.



FUN RUN



Saturday • July 28th

Races start at 8:00 am on Thresher grounds in front of Building #2

1 mile • 2 mile • 5K Races

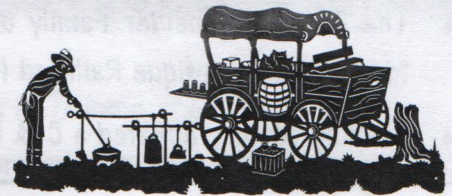
Registration forms will be available in advance at www.birdcity.com (Thresher Association's page) as event details progress, and in Building #2 at the office during the Show.

Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Will be available on the Thresher grounds

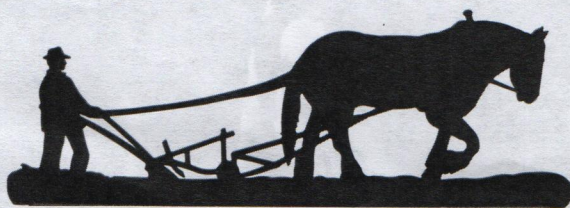
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following the Fun Run.



Fall Mule and Draft Horse Show

The results of our Fall Mule and Draft Horse Show are in; we had six teams of horses attend with several more saying they would come this year. The fact they could do actual farming, hook up and operate power units using horse power is a big draw. The fall show is a great way to introduced new attendees to our show grounds and generate extra revenue.



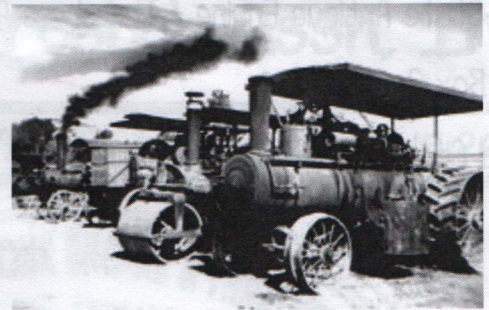
We have scheduled our 2018 Fall Mule and Draft Horse Show for Saturday, Oct. 6th.

Please make plans to attend!



STEAM ENGINE NEWS BY: BRENDON HAACK

Good day to one and all. I'll bring you up to speed on what has occurred in the months between the 2017 show and the upcoming 2018 show with respect to steam engines.



On March 10th of 2018, Gerald Wright, Brendon Haack, Rex Weishapl and family, Lloyd Stover, and a guest from Oakley traveled to Winfield, Kansas, the home of the K&O Steam and Gas Engine Show to attend the 2018 KAESSA Annual meeting. KAESSA is the association of shows created for the purposes of ensuring safe operation of all steam powered equipment that is displayed and operated at those events that display such equipment. During this meeting several topics were discussed, chief among these was licensing of new operators. Currently, the process includes a written book type test and the operation practical test. Discussions revolved around the practical test procedures and if it would be advisable to standardize the grading points along with setting a minimum of 'hours of operation' required before a new individual could be licensed to operate an engine at these shows. The consensus was, a standard hour number could not be determined since different people learned in different time frames and availability of time to run engines was limited. At the end of this discussion, it was left to the administrator/examiner to determine when an individual had satisfactorily completed the practical portion of his/her testing. The expectation was also conveyed that contact between various show inspectors would be required should the trainee under examination carry out the practical testing portion across several locations. Reports of how the trainee performed at each show would be considered for testing purposes.

Also discussed during this meeting was the 2nd annual KAESSA sponsored Steam School. This year, the school would be held at the farm of Kurt Koecher, south of Concordia, Kansas. This school would be held in April and run for two full days. This school was held on April 14th and 15th. The first day consisted of classroom discussion and training along with the use of visual aids to teach basic engine construction, function and operation. The second finished any topics that were not able to be completed the first day and also practical operation of two traction engines that were available and steamed for actual use. In attendance from our show was Gerald Wright and Brendon Haack. We were responsible for instruction of "emergency procedures and safe recovery from a failure." We covered proper fuel sizing, proper planning to prevent or mitigate the extent to which an emergency can damage the engine and spectators. Aside from snow, stiff winds and cold temps, it was a very informative school. In attendance were 49 total people, with 29 of them being unlicensed students. Participants included people from all Kansas shows along with individuals from Minnesota and California.

Closer to home, projects in our shop include the latest addition to our lineup, that being the 75hp Case engine from Arriba, Colorado. It was discovered last year during they hydrostatic testing, that several flues are leaking in that boiler and they will be in need of replacement. The Brent's from Arriba are aware of the issue and we are currently working on scheduling a time to re-flue this engine. If you want to observe or help with this repair procedure, please contact one of us to be informed of the time this operation will be completed and we'll be happy to have you in attendance.

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful community for the major success of the "Coal to Steam" fundraiser. The funds raised to purchase coal for our engines will ensure we'll be making smoke for a few more years!!

Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association

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Join us for our 65th Annual Show July 26, 27, 28 ~ 2018

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

It was voted to keep our annual dues the same.

\$20.00 for 16 years of age and older

\$5.00 for 6 to 15 years old

5 and under free

Daily passes will be:

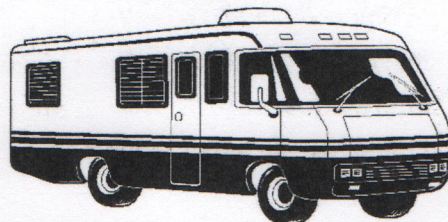
\$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children

CAMPING / RV ELECTRIC HOOKUPS

Camping is available at T-N-T RV Parking, located along US Hwy 36, approximately 1/4 mile from the show grounds.

T-N-T RV Parking has 30 & 50 amp electric hookups and water.

For reservations call: 785-734-7100



Vendors & Swap Meet

Maxine Wright is overseeing our Vendor Management. She has managed and attends several area craft fairs and flea markets. Maxine is one of the leaders of the Mini Sappi Antique Club and has lots of contacts in the Craft Business. She is working on increasing and diversify the number and type of vendors we have at the show, as well as work on getting the old swap meet back in operation. For more information and requirements for selling crafts or being a vendor at our swap meet during the show, contact Maxine Wright at 785-626-7240.

SALE