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Thresher Association



## Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Location: Thresher Grounds  
Saturday • July 29th

The Mike McGilvery Family who own draft horses and builds and restores horse drawn wagons, stage coaches and equipment has agreed to provide the Saturday morning Chuck Wagon breakfast.



## BIG ED'S HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY • JULY 29TH

ADULT DIVISION +  
KIDS DIVISION (16 AND UNDER)

Registration starts at 1:00PM  
North of Office Building #2

START TIME - 1:30PM

For more details or questions

Contact Willy Martinez

785-332-4059



## 9TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE THRESHER SHOW FUN RUN

8:00 AM START TIME AT THE THRESHER GROUNDS

Fun Run Sponsored by the Cheylin HS Volleyball Team

Watch for registration info or Contact Coach Morgan Sherlock with questions at 785-772-7014 or email: [sherlockm@cheylin.com](mailto:sherlockm@cheylin.com)

3 COURSES AVAILABLE • 1 MILE 2 MILE 5K RACES





## Country Church

The Neville Methodist Church was closed after 74 years in 1984. The church was moved to the Thresher grounds that same year. This year marks the thirty-third anniversary of the church being open on the show grounds. If anyone has history of the church that they would like to share, please contact Ken Beougher in Bird City; we will include the new information in next year's newsletter.

There has been an interest in replacing the church windows with stained glass, when the finances become available we will hopefully achieve this goal.



The Neville Church service will be held  
Sunday, July 30th from 9:00-9:30 a.m.  
Please plan to attend the worship service to  
conclude this year's Thresher Show.

## TELEPHONE

# 785-734-2291

We voted to reactivate our phone number. We will be using call forwarding to eliminate the problem of no one answering the phone. We will have volunteers that will answer questions or provide callers the phone number to one of our members who can.



## Fiber Arts and Quilt Room

It will soon be time for the 2017 Antique Engine and Thresher Association Show. It will be here before we know it.



I would like to thank the ladies who volunteer to watch over the Quilt Room during the show. They do such a tremendous job of welcoming people who come into the Quilt Room and sharing their knowledge. Thank you for all that you do.

This year, 2017, we will feature the Friendship Signature Quilts. If anyone has a quilt they would like to share, please let me know and we will display it. If you have any information about the history of the quilt or any of the names on it, please send it along with the quilt. These quilts usually start conversations with visitors in the Quilt Room when they recognize a name. It is so amazing to learn the history of these quilts.

We will also be displaying the signature quilts that belong to the Association. They have not been on display for several years, and hopefully they bring back fond memories.

We will be at the Thresher grounds on Monday and Tuesday, prior to the show. If you would drop your quilts off or arrange to have them picked up. We will be hanging the quilts on Wednesday. It is always wonderful to see the beautiful quilts that have been created.

Also, if you have any type of fiber art items, we would welcome them too. We are looking forward to another year of beautiful creations to display. We are location next to the Print Shop across from the caboose.

Hope to see you at the 2017 Antique Engine and Thresher Association show. If you have any items to display, information, or questions, please call: Marcia Hickert at 785-734-2522. See you this summer!

# SCHOOLHOUSE

Do you hear the school bells? Now, only in memory. The little white schoolhouse from District Highland School that once sat on a hill nine miles southwest of St. Francis; south of the Republican River.

Teachers in these rural schools taught many varied subjects to students in grades first through eighth. Highlights of the school year were often box suppers, spelling bees, and track meets with other rural schools. There was nearly always a Christmas program to share student talents with family and the community.

Relocated to the Thresher Show Grounds in Bird City, it serves as an example of those memories.

Stop in for a visit. We always enjoy sharing our "Little Schoolhouse" with visitors at the show.

By: Rosemary Powell • Marsha Magley • Shirley Watson



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances as of the Annual Meeting (March 2017):

Actual Available Balance ——— \$ 5,896

Wright Building Balance ——— \$ 9,778

Endowment Fund Balance ——— \$ 24,263

The Wright building account has funds set aside to install natural gas lines, connect the furnace and install overhead lights in the big room.

A special thanks to Ken Beougher and Kale & Darci Schields for their donations on Bird City Match Day. If you are considering a donation, watch for this year's Bird City Match Day event which will be held on Tuesday, November 28th in conjunction with National Giving Tuesday. Bird City Century II Foundation matches all donations that day to benefit our local community organizations.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

To increase involvement and communication it was voted to hold Quarterly Meetings during the months that have 5 Saturdays.



2017 Meetings:

April 29th

July 29th

Sept. 30th

Dec. 30th

These meetings could be moved around to encourage members from surrounding towns to become more involved.

We voted that this year we would begin the long discussed process of inventorying items at the show grounds, recognizing owners and placing informational signs where possible.

We will be using a system developed and used by many museums of listing each item by: category - number - owner - donated by - restored by - history - mfg. data

Example: Tractors *TR-0000*, Steam Engines *ST-1234*, Tractor Implements *TI-5678*, Horse Implements *HI-9876*, Harvest Equipment (combines, threshers, pickers, shellers, etc.) *HE-5432*, Household Items (irons, stoves, washing machines, lamps, etc.) *HH-3456*.

By using the 4-digit numbering code we have room for 9999 items in each category. This will be a big project, but once finished will be a big addition to our show.





- ♦ Brendon, Rex & Gerald installed a new clutch in our Ford Scoop Tractor.
- ♦ Norman Dorsch & Rod Klepper picked up the Wilbur Tractor in Montrose, Colorado.
- ♦ Nine sets of different size Stilts were built and enjoyed during the show.
- ♦ Mike Boyson added pin striping to the wheels on the Huber Steam Engine and has the New Road Sign ready for installation.
- ♦ Don Wright ran underground cable and Willy Martinez installed four large flood lights in the Car Museum.
- ♦ Willy Martinez painted the ceiling beams and floor of the Wilkens Building Interior Room where glass cases will display Arts large collection of Model Tractors, Cars, Trucks & Farm Machinery.
- ♦ Art Wilkens had Ray & Willy Martinez install laminated shelving on the interior walls of his building and put on display his collection of over 100 Pedal Toys.
- ♦ Norman cleaned, painted and put on display a nice collection of Grease Guns in the Dorsch-Sawyer Building.
- ♦ Roy Shrader completed the interior Room and installed a balcony stairway in the Wilkens Building.
- ♦ Ken Beougher & Norm Dorsch transported the Rogers Model A from Kansas City to the show grounds.
- ♦ Roy Shrader corrected the floor drainage problem, switched the restroom doors to allow handicap accessible, installed the trim, siding, and vents on the west side of the Wamhoff Shower Building
- ♦ Rodney Neitzel removed the loose paint, installed new trim boards, primed and painted the Creamery.
- ♦ Ken Beougher and Norm Dorsch organized and moved our Horse Drawn equipment onto the new pad
- ♦ Janice Busse hand washed all the vehicles in the Car Museum prior to the 2016 show.
- ♦ Robert Bell, Michel Sager & Brendon Haack made improvements to our Show Ground Sound System.
- ♦ Ken Beougher purchased and installed a large display case in the Clark Building for his Dick Tracy Collection.
- ♦ The Gallo brothers installed a wooden operator platform and painted the wheels on the Huber Steam Engine.
- ♦ Work on the Wright Building included: Ceiling fans, lights and electric outlets were installed on the balcony. The floor, hand rails and stairs to the balcony were primed and painted. Gerald Wright relocated and installed our Gyrocopter in the ceiling. Neitzel Heating installed the air conditioning units for the 1800 square foot display room. Wire overhead display shelves were installed on the east and west walls. Dennis Wright installed glass shelving and organized their collection of Oil Cans for display.
- ♦ Rex Weishpal and the Steam Engine Crew got the 75 horse Case Steam Engine owned by the Brent Family of Colorado back in working order.
- ♦ Under the supervision of Gerald Wright & Brendon Haack the large doors for the west side of the Bressler Hangar have been installed and a frame for the walk in door has been completed. Once the large roll up door on the North side is installed, building painted, and electric service installed, we will be ready to install shelves and move in.
- ♦ The Association purchased: A Fork Lift from American Implement. The Kite Family Safe at the Brethower Sale. Surveillance camera that was installed at the main entrance to the Show Grounds. The Underwood tractors that have been a part of our show for years. Included with the purchase the family graciously included an Antique Display Stand and a large steel front door from a Case Steam Engine. A 30 ft. Wide by 96 ft. long used greenhouse in St. Francis which will be used for permeant Antique Tractor Storage.





- ◆ Keith Fay donated a nice School Bell in good condition.
- ◆ Don Bruder provided the display case and filled it with Antiques for Building 5.
- ◆ The Demi Shahan family donated a Chain Hoist Steel Overhead Lift for our shop.
- ◆ The Chris & Peggy Ertler Family donated large Flood Lights for the Car Museum.
- ◆ McCarty Dairy donated a steer that provided all the meat for the Bar-B-Q, hamburger for the sloppy joes made by the Church Ladies and walking tacos for the Community Club Thursday evening meal.
- ◆ The Keith Headrick family donated a heavy duty work table with adjustable height and casters for the shop.
- ◆ The Leon Breathower Family donated the original Highway Sign for the Show in mint condition.
- ◆ Henry Burr donated his F-20 Tractor that had been on loan in the Dorsch Sawyer building for several years.
- ◆ Robert Wray Wilbur Estate donated a large Antique Anvil and a recently restored F-20 Farmall Tractor.
- ◆ The Breathower Family donated a CASE COMPANY framed picture featuring a Steam Engine.
- ◆ Bird City Century II Foundation donated a Volleyball Set to be used for the younger generations entertainment during the show.
- ◆ With generous grants from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Sporer Land Development a large Asphalt Pad to display Horse Drawn Equipment was built on the West side of our show grounds.
- ◆ Gary Neitzel & Glenda Carter, at the suggestion of their uncle Don Bruder, allowed the Association to select a trailer load of Antiques and Farm Tools including Log Chains, Boomers, Shovels, Electrical Cords, Welder and numerous items from their Family Farm at no cost to the Association.
- ◆ Bob Golding has put on loan a 1959 McCormick manure spreader in great condition for use during our show.
- ◆ With a suggestion from Norm Dorsch, Henry Burr has agreed to put on loan Grover Rogers 1930 Model A Ford Coupe, that has a great history in Bird City.

- ◆ Brendon Haack, with the help of Gerald Wright, operated a Steam Engine, Corn Sheller and Grinder during the Fall Pumpkin Patch weekends.
- ◆ Association loaded the Huber and the Criss eight bottom plow to participate in setting a World Record Plowing Event in Concordia, Kansas.
- ◆ Roger Orth demonstrated one row Corn Picking during the Neitzel Fall Pumpkin Patch Show.



The Neitzel Family, owners of Crow Haven Maze and Pumpkin Patch, have volunteered to paint the Sod and School Houses this spring. Due to the exposure of the weather, the Sod House is in need of exterior repairs. The Martinez Brothers have agreed to organize and supervise a work day using mud and straw to stucco the outside of the Sod House.





Max Keltz, local Cheylin Ag Teacher has volunteered to take on the restoration of an antique farm tractor during the 2017-2018 school year. The project will be utilizing the students in the Ag Mechanics Class. What a great way to get them involved!

## SUMMER INTERN



We applied for and received a grant from Nex-Tech for a nine week summer intern. This will be the Association's first employee! Plans are to have them do general maintenance, help in the shop, prepare for and put things up after the show, and lend a hand to anyone working at the show grounds.

## Eggers Building

The Eggers Building continues to be one of the most popular buildings on our show grounds and is enjoyed by men and women of all ages.

The recent addition of the Bird City High School graduates pictures and displays of sports and student apparel has become a popular gathering place where grandchildren can identify their grandparents. The small children's play area is always busy and allows parents the chance to view the displays within eyesight of that area. Another must see display for kids of all ages is Norman Dorsch's collection of toys.



## Fall Show

We discussed and voted to have a one-day Fall Show featuring Horse Drawn Equipment and Steam Engines. Our location is perfect for a Tri-State show with Draft Horses from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska participating. Our hopes are that this will become an annual event that will provide an opportunity for visitors who cannot attend in the summer to visit our show grounds. It will also provide another source of income for the Association.



## FORKLIFT PURCHASED

Brendon Haack located and arranged for the association to purchase a used Forklift that needed some repairs but was available at a reasonable price. This will be very handy around the Show Grounds when heavy items need to be moved.



## NATIONAL SHOWS

We have applied to host National Shows that will bring in guests from all over the U.S.A. and other Countries.



2020 - J.I. CASE HERITAGE FOUNDATION.	APPROVED
2021 - J.I. CASE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION.	APPROVED
2022 - ANTIQUE CATERPILLAR OWNERS.	PENDING
2023 - RUMLEY PRODUCTS COLLECTORS.	PENDING

This exciting information will put our show at a National Level and add to our success and growth.



## SAVED THE SAFE!

We were notified that an Antique Safe out of the STATE BANK of Bird City was available for purchase. With a group of generous donors and a grant from the Dane G Hansen Foundation we have added it to our collection.



When you consider this Bank was closed during the dirty 1930's, no one in this area remembers the Bank Safe. The previous owner had a scale ticket showing it was weighed at the CO-OP in 1961. It appears we have somewhat of a mystery that will need to be solved. The safe will be displayed in Building 5. Come by and look it over!

Featured

## LARRY FIKAN DISPLAY

At our quarterly meeting it was voted on and approved that at each show we will honor one of our deceased members who made a significant contribution to our show's success.

This year we will honor Larry Fikan of Atwood, Kansas. His collection of Tractors and Combines will be featured during our 2017 Show.

Larry spent many years working with Norm Dorsch restoring his collection and also helping everyone who had a project on the grounds. Larry enjoyed preparing for the Show and helping put everything away afterwards. His presence at the show will be missed.

## STEAM ENGINE NEWS BY: BRENDON HAACK

Hello all! In March, the Kansas Antique Engine and Steam Safety Association (KAESSA) held their annual meeting in Concordia, Kansas. The venue was different this year due to some issues with the normal location in Salina. Attending the meeting this year from our Association was as follows: Gerald Wright, Brendon Haack, Rex Weishapl, Randy Paden, Bob Galo, Randall Neff and Lloyd Stover. Topics of discussion at this meeting included the KAESSA website and its contents, the addition of 2 or more inspectors for each member association and the approval of Brendon Haack as the voting member and inspector, Rex as a boiler inspector, and the retention of Gerald as a boiler inspector. At the 2016 show, Rex and Brendon completed the practical test to the approval of the KAESSA Master inspector's opinion and were accepted into the ranks as inspectors. Another change for the KAESSA, it was decided that the annual meetings be held at the various show locations that make up the KAESSA. Next year we will be traveling down to the opposite end of the state for our meeting. It will be at that meeting where the next year's meeting location will be decided. To me, this is a good idea, since it will allow members to see other locations that they normally may never have opportunity to see. I look forward to our turn of hosting.



Closer to home, the steam gang and others are busy working on various engines and are always looking for help. We have setup a 'work night' on Tuesdays at 7pm if you would like to help out and need some guidance, please drop by and we'll see what can be done. Along with the work nights, we're working on a database to inventory everything at the show and have as much information available in that database as possible. This information, when the database is complete, will be accessible by anything that can connect to the internet. Items on display will have a QR code sticker attached to them. This sticker will allow your connected device to go to the net, access the database and return a link to the details about whatever item you are looking at. This project is very ambitious and I believe will make a great addition to the show and will help us keep better track of our inventory. Thanks much!! Hope to see you there in 2017!!

Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association

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## Join us for our 64th Annual Show July 27, 28, 29 ~ 2017

### CAMPING / RV ELECTRIC HOOKUPS

The Association decided to designate the limited electrical camper hookups at the show grounds to be reserved for volunteer workers this year. Additional 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.



We will have a new entrance to the visitor's parking lot by Show Time. The old one was too close to the campers and in a low spot where visitors got stuck in the mud last year. The new entrance will create better traffic flow and with a little signage allow visitors to park closer to the ticket booth.

### Vendors & Swap Meet

Long time Association member Maxine Wright of Atwood, KS has agreed to take over 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.

We want to increase 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. If you know of anyone interested in selling their crafts or wants to be a vendor at our swap meet have them contact Maxine Wright at 785-626-7240.

