



WESTERN SPRINKLERS employees Mike Odoherly and Taylor Finley install a sprinkler system on land owned by Douglas Bell near Bird City.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



EMILY SERRANO was one of the young participants in the pedal pull at the Saturday in the Park car show.

Kids enjoy pedal pull at car show

There were a total of 16 kids that participated in the Pedal Pull at the Saturday in the Park car show held at Sawhill Park on Saturday. The numbers were down from last year but weather conditions could have had something to do with it.

"It was wet and cold," said Shawna Blanka, coordinator.

Most of the kids participating had on coats with hoods.

The Siruta's from Colby brought the tractors this year. In the past it has been Bill Van deCreek from Abilene. Next year, Mrs. Blanka said, Van deCreeks will have conducted the tractor pull for 30 years. The Siruta's bought their tractors from Van DeCreeks and are helping him out by doing some pulls.

The top three winners in each division won a T-shirt provided by the sponsors and a ribbon.

Results included:

4 year olds: Emily Serrano, first with a full pull; Morgan Hathaway, second, 14'5".

6 year olds: Each one had three full pulls and the fourth pull with some more weight determined the winners. Connor Hathaway, first, 10'1"; Jake Rath, second, 9' 11"; Cort Collins, third, 6' 11".

7 year olds: Preston Witzel, first, 17' 1"; John Serrano, second, 13'4"; Rica Zimbal, third, 9' 11"; Lyden Lampe, fourth, 9'.

8 year olds: KeLynn Jacobs, first, 22'5"

9 year olds: Shadryon Blanka, first, 28'3"

10 year olds: Audrey Meyer, first, 23'4"; Hannah Zimbal, second, 14'5" and Tyler Schneider, third, 9'5".

11 year olds: Nick Paulsen, first, 29' 11 1/2" and Jacob Serrano,

second, 24' 3".

Sponsors for the pull include: Cheyenne County Cruisers, Ross Manufacturing, Thrift Store, Grace Flying, Goodland Greenline, Frewen Insurance, Western State Bank, Pizza Hut, Donna's Gift Palace, Western Auction, Uptown Market, Milliken Law Office, Yost Farm Supply, Sainly Liquor, Bumper to Bumper, Abe's Repair, Bankwest, Knodel Funeral Home, Jest Teazn' Hair and Nails, Lampe Auto, Krien Pharmacy, The Flower Shop, Cornerstone Real Estate, Wheeler Equity, First National Bank, St. Francis Equity, Cuppa Joe, St. Francis Tire, Republican Valley Vet, and Republican Valley Automotive.

The top two winners will be able to attend the state tractor pull at the Kansas State Fair on Sept. 9.

Legislative News *Ward Cassidy* 120th State Representative

I am writing this article with one official day left before the Legislature is to adjourn. It has been a very long week, with hours spent in meetings and debating on the floor of the House. No one seems to be able to tell when we will officially be done. I will have a summary article following the end of the session.

Some good news for Northwest Kansas – after fighting all year for home-owned carnivals, I carried the bill on the House floor, and the bill passed 114 to 7. It had previously passed the Senate and is on its way to the Governor's office for final approval.

All of the negatives were taken out of the original bill. The only stipulation that will be required, for our home-owned carnivals, will be to send proof of insurance to the Department of Labor. Recognizing that our home-owned carnivals are a different entity than the traveling carnivals, and not a Worlds of Fun, should make us free of negative legislation for years to come.

I am sure everyone is aware also of the good news that most all of our small town post offices will still operate. Senator Moran has worked hard in Washington, D.C., to help with this issue.

I would like to thank Lynn Doeden, the hospital administrator in Oberlin, for organizing a meeting of many area hospital administrators and other health agencies with the head of the Board of Healing Arts. Kathleen Lippert agreed to come to Oberlin and address our concerns with certifying needed health care workers for Northwest Kansas.

In a move that was both shocking and historical, the House rushed a Senate Tax Bill to the Governor. I will not attempt to tell you of all the behind the scenes political maneuvering or the parliamentary rule procedures used to get it through. I will tell you that I could not vote for a tax plan that was not debated and that shows a tremendous negative

balance in just a few short years. I just pray that we do grow jobs and the economy. I would love to cut taxes, but I would like to have a chance for debate to fight for our district.

There is not much time left, and I have not updated news about

the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs). There is still a conference committee meeting today, and I am hoping we can at least start some good legislation to help with this critical issue.

Bird City News

Edna Roesener, Roy, Karen and Grant Shrader left on the first of May for Arizona to visit and attended the graduation of Colleen Shrader from Arizona State University on May 3. She is the daughter of Roy and Karen Shrader and grand-daughter to Edna Roesener.

Coleen graduated with a degree in Management (Entrepreneurship), and received the Summa Cum Laude recognition.

The next day they visited with Edna's sister-in-law and Roy's Aunt June Shrader-Mills who lives in Tempe, Ariz. with her son Alan.

On their way home they stopped at Colorado City, Colo. to say hello to Edna's brother Raleigh James, and arrived home on May 6.

Jaylene Shrader and her friend Lynn Swayne stayed with Paul Roesener so Edna was able to make this trip.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Center

Guests from Atwood and Bird City joined the seniors at the McDonald Senior Center on May 7. President Joan Tongish welcomed everyone, and the birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Phyllis Wingfield had decorated with a little May basket at each place setting. Pastor Mark Adams read a humorous story, and gave thanks

for the meal. After enjoying the bountiful meal, bingo was played. The blackout game winners were Bruce Nickel and Twila Miller.

June 4 committees: Poem and Prayer - Eleanor Swihart, Prizes - Betty Lewis, Bingo - Tom Carrow, Kitchen Duty - Betty Lewis, Phyllis Wilkinson, Phyllis Wingfield.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

2 hr. 20 min.

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