



**CASE ASHMORE** took first place in the Kids' Tractor Pedal Pull four-year-old division. Case is the grandson of Judy Rockwood, St. Francis.



**LYDIA MEKELBERG** placed second in the four-year-old division of the fair's pedal tractor pull.

## Thirty-nine kids try the tractor pull contest

The Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull was held Thursday night in front of the grandstands. There were 39 children and eight adults participating in the pull.

This was the first year for the pedal tractor pull at the fair. Thursday evening entertainment had fallen through and the pedal tractor pull had been rained out during the St. Francis car show in May.

It worked out great, said Shawna Blanka, coordinator. The kids had a fun time and so did the adults.

The grandstand crowd was mostly parents, friends and family watching the children pedal with all their might. Thursday night was also the fair board's free night to the grandstand and there was no admission charged.

There were nine children's divisions. Ages ranged from four to 12 years old. Ribbons were awarded to the first, second and third places in each class and T-shirts were given to the top two. All the participants received a certificate for a treat at the Shriner's Candy Wagon. The treat was compliments of the fair board.

The tractor pull winners are eligible to participate in the state pull held in Hutchinson at the state fair on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Winners and participants were:

Four year olds: Case Ashmore, first; Morgan Hathaway, second; Sage Ramsey, third; Zari Enfield, Luke Raile, Cooper Witzel, Tylee Wilson, Tuff Neitzel, Orin Richerson, Jaxson Nelsen and Macy Workman.

Five year olds: Lydia Mekelberg, 24.04, first; Denver Shaw, 19.05, second; Shane Todd, 17.08, third; Alix Wilson, David Richerson, Mackenzie Kucera.

Six year olds: Jake Rath, full pull, 25.05, first; Hunter Wilson, full pull, 24.08, second; Sidney Al-lard, full pull, 24.06, third; Colton Raile, full pull, 23.09; Connor Hathaway, full pull, 23.03; Ashton Vaughn, 22.08; Madison Shaw, 25.03.

Seven year olds: Preston Witzel, 26.0, first; Rian Zimbal, 19.10, second.

Eight year olds: Cutter Neitzel, 25.01, first; Isaac Hathaway, 23.09, second; Caleb Todd, 20.04, third.

Nine year olds: Shadryon Blanka, full pull first; Colton Neizel, 26.30, second; Chace Miken, 22.04, third; Riley Vallejo, 20.01.

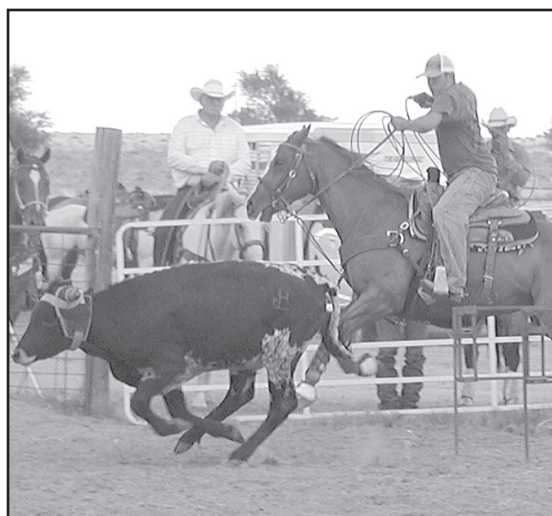
Ten year olds: Brady Dinkle, full pull, first; Ardrey Meyer, 29.10, second; Andrew Shaw, 27.03, third; Seth Grice, 21.06; Whyitt Richerson, 21.10; Hanna Zimbal, 23.09.

Eleven year olds: Caleb Hays, 27.01, first; Brice Hays, 23.03, second; Cody Baxter, 21.07, third; Dylan Shaw, 21.02; Laila Schneider, 16.02; Regan Ramsey, 14.01.

Twelve year olds: Mallery Mills, 17.07, first. Adult women: Abby Rath, 27.02; Jenna Hill, 26.04; Shawna Blanka, 21.07; Alisa Rath, 19.03; Mari Beth Lauer, 14.08.

Adult men: Shawn Blanka, 27.04; John Hill, 24.01; Noel Rath, 23.06.

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