

Logan celebrates Labor Day

By DICK BOYD

An estimated 1,800 people attended the morning and afternoon festivities, evening musical entertainment and gigantic fireworks display at the 31st annual Labor Day Celebration on the golf course in Logan on Sunday.

"The beautiful weather made for an enjoyable day," said Shirley Hendrickson, director of the Dane G. Hansen Museum, sponsor of the event.

One of the highlights was the afternoon performance of the Prairie Duster Drill Team. A local women's drill team on horseback formed in 1985, they attracted a large crowd of all ages who enjoyed their precision maneuvers and were allowed to pet the horses and talk to their riders following the performance.

Since the late John Wayne would have celebrated his 100th birthday this year, the Prairie Dusters' opening drill was a tribute to the American cowboy legend.

"The audience of all ages was thrilled by their presentation," said Hendrickson.

Presently, there are 15 active members of the Prairie Dusters, the official color guard for Kansas' Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg.

Members of the team are Doris Mulder, Holly Runnion, Katie Bliss, Allison Pakkebie, Jenny Archer, Dawn Archer, Joni Hilburn, Shayne Runnion and Ellen Runnion. In addition to leading the Phillipsburg Rodeo parade and performing all three nights of the rodeo, they do a lot of traveling and performing. Besides appearances in communities all over Kansas, they have traveled five times to Cheyenne, Wyo., to perform during Frontier Days. Four times they returned with the Most Outstanding Riding Group Award from the "Daddy of Em All" downtown parade.

Three times the Prairie Dusters made the long trip to Ruidoso, NM, where they performed twice at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium and once for the pre-show prior to the running of the All-American Futurity, all of which took place at the famous Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

As the evening finale, Rainbow Fireworks from Inman presented another fantastic fireworks display which was enhanced by the playing of patriotic music.

As always, the Logan Fire Department, under the direction of longtime chief Lawrence "Sonny" Ruff, was on hand to make sure there were no grass fires caused by fireworks.

The Logan Emergency Medical Services were present as well.

The Logan Chamber of Commerce operated the main food booth but there were plenty of others available so that event goers had many choices.

Children had fun throughout the day going down the "Moonwalks 4 Fun" 22-foot slide from Hays. "Some 'old' kids were even seen on the slide," said Hendrickson.

The Logan Lions Club directed traffic and the Phillips County

Sheriff's Department was in charge of traffic control.

The day began at 8 a.m. with an ecumenical church service sponsored by the Logan Chamber of Commerce. Pastor Dean Gilbert delivered the sermon and the service was well attended.

Events included the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, Van De Creek's State Sanctioned Kids Pedal Pull, the Sand Volleyball Tournament, Radio-Controlled Airplane Fly-In and the Kansas Hunter's Education Instructors' Association Pellet Range.

"The pellet range was well attended by children and adults alike from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.," said Hendrickson.

Rural Telephone Service of Lenora sponsored the RTS Express from 2 to 5 p.m. Korlene Triplett was the engineer for the miniature train which provided rides around the golf course for hundreds of children.

Evening entertainment

Two outstanding musical groups performed from 5:30 p.m. until time for the fireworks.

Taking the stage at 5:30 p.m. was "The New Old-Timers" band from Hill City who played traditional bluegrass and old-time music. Members of the group are Joe Vincent, guitar and banjo; wife Kenna Vincent, bassist and singer; their son Jordan Vincent, fiddle; J.F. Stover, guitar and singer and Todd Toman, fiddle and mandolin.

"The New Old-Timers" play and sing traditional-style tunes and songs, specifically bluegrass, folk and gospel music of the kind that flourished in rural America throughout the 1800s and up to about the 1950s. They have played for re-enactment dances from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Larned and Fort Hays, been featured in concerts and festivals from Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas to Colorado and been part of the Kansas Arts Commission's touring program. "Now, on the Vincent farm south of Hill City, we have our own barn, where we invite the neighbors in, gather musicians, assemble potluck suppers and then fiddle, dance and sing the Kansas night away," said J.F. Stover.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Jodi Austin and her band from Independence, Mo., performed. Jodi's show featured music ranging from country to classic rock-n-roll and everything in between. The show was filled with music and fun surprises for the whole family. Jodi and her band tour throughout the United States. She has performed at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City and was the organist for the Kansas City Royals for four seasons.

Members of her band were Steve Bowers, bass guitar; Byron Austin, drums; David Paul, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, fiddle and Harv Fitzer, lead guitar.

Memorial Car Show

The 13th annual Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show had 41 cars entered from a wide area.

Cars and pickups with 50 to over 600 horsepower were displayed.

The 2007 People's Choice awards



Tate Siruta, son of Missy and Duskin Siruta, Colby, (above) put all the effort he had into the Kids Pedal Pull at the Logan Labor Day Celebration on Sunday and he was successful in winning his 5-year-old age division. Following the magnificent

performance of the Prairie Duster Drill Team at the celebration, members of the crowd (below) were invited to meet the riders and pet the horses. (See more pictures on Page 8.)

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

went to: Evan and Judy Goltl, 1970 Chevelle SS; Wayne Wittman, 1966 Buick Skylark GS; Gene Fabrizius, 1949 Chevy pickup; Leroy Krafft, 1956 Chevy; Harold and Margaret Bettis, 1947 Chevy panel; Bill and Sheila Henry, 1954 Chevy; Bob Jackson, 1957 Corvette; Roch Meier, 1937 Ford coupe; Greg Augustine, 1968 Mustang and Doug Marrs, 1967 Chevelle SS 396.

Other winners were: Entrants' Choice — Gene Fabrizius, 1949 Chevy pickup, first; Bill and Sheila Henry, 1954 Chevy, second; Bob Jackson, 1957 Corvette, third;

Carol's Choice — Dave Rouleau, 1950 Olds, first; Terry and Peggy Zimmerman, 1966 Ford Mustang, second; Marvin Roberts, 1969 Camero, third;

Long Distance Award — Jerry and Peggy Zimmerman, Commerce City, Colo.;

Traveling Trophy, presented by the Martin Family — Gene Fabrizius, 1949 Chevy pickup.

Carol Bales was the organizer for the car show.

Volleyball Tournament

Sand volleyball started at 9 a.m. with Donna Brobst and Melinda Dougherty as coordinators. Eleven teams were represented and played at a fast pace.

The first place team was "The Cougars". Team members were Dylan and Caci Webb, Ricky Dusin, Joe Jackson, Lisa Glennemeier and Rhea Kemper.

The second place team was "The Nighswangers". Team members were Sean and Heather McDonald, Jim and Elsie Ashmore, Justin Brobst and Shannon Snell.

Third play winners were "The Out of Towners". Team members were Kirk and Tammy Girard, Ted

and Linda Nighswonger, Tim and Kim Waugh and Kelly Waugh.

The winners received trophies and t-shirts.

Kids Pedal Pull

The state-sanctioned Kids Pedal Pull was conducted by Leigh and Bill Van De Creek, Abilene, who have been in the pedal pull business for 24 years and have been coming to Logan for about 15 of those years.

Thirty-eight youngsters competed.

Winners were: 3-4 year olds — Nick Schemper, first; Ethan Leydig, second; Boston McDonald, third; 5-year olds — Tate Siruta, first; Charlie Voss, second; Ashton Graff, third; 6-year olds — Scott Sansom, first; Blaise Schulton, second; Mya McDonald, third; 7-year olds —

Sydnee Redinger, first; Danielle Spargo, second; Mollie Sammons, third; 8-year olds — Colin Tillotson, first; Colton Greving, second; Jackson Henry, third; 9-year olds — Lexi Voss, first; Kendrick Becker, second; Christina Greving, third; 10-year olds — Devin Spargo; 11-year olds — Emma Lindstrom, first; Chad Becker, second; 12-year olds — Alvin Ebner, first; Ryan Davidson, second; Seth Armbrister, third.

The Van De Creeks conduct many pedal pulls throughout Kansas and are the official Kansas State

Fair pedal pull coordinators. They also have conducted pedal pulls on the national and international level.

Radio-Controlled Fly-In

The day began with the Radio-Controlled Fly-In coordinated by Mickie McElroy.

Twenty miniature airplanes and 15 pilots from a wide area took control of the air for most of the day, entertaining everyone with their acrobatics and demonstrations of technique in controlling the planes.

Mickie has been flying model airplanes for 19 years.

Public Notice

Prairie Dog Creek WTAP Sign-up Period Starts September 1

The State Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the new water right retirement program, WTAP, beginning September 1.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas. The Prairie Dog Creek basin has been selected as a pilot project area because it is significant in the State of Kansas' efforts to maintain compliance in the Republican River Compact with the State of Nebraska.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the State Conservation Commission in exchange for the permanent retirement of a water right. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas which would have the greatest impact on the stream system. WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids and the fair market value of water rights.

To be eligible, water rights must have been actively used in the last 10 years. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions can also be considered for retirement grants.

The first sign-up period will be September 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, Water Conservation Program Manager, at 785-296-8964. Complete WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps, and other details are posted on the SCC web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.scc.ks.gov" www.scc.ks.gov

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County health plans mass dispensing clinic drill

A plan might look good on paper — but, until it's put to the test, it's not known if it will work.

The Norton County Health Department is required to have disaster plans in place geared to specific public health issues. One of these addresses setting up a "mass dispensing clinic," or a Point of Mass Dispensing. This clinic is designed to control the spread of a disease by dispensing medications (such as antibiotics or anti-virals) and/or administering vaccines to a large number of people. A secondary use of this clinic would be to help Norton County residents with food and water in the event of a natural disaster, like a tornado, according to the health department.

An evening of training for the clinic command staff and volunteers was held Aug. 29 at the Norton Junior High School. This was a "walk-through" of the clinic.

The full-scale drill is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the junior high building. Local Boy Scouts and their families will play the role of "patients".

It takes a lot of agencies and individuals to make a drill like this work. Some of those involved are: teachers, staff, administrators,

State congressman attends exchange council

Rep. John Faber recently represented Kansas at the American Legislative Exchange Council's 34th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Nearly 2,000 Republican and Democrat state legislators, policy experts, and private-sector leaders from across the United States attended three days of intensive discussions on the critical issues facing the states and nation.

State legislators shared their knowledge and experiences with one another and heard from national leaders and renowned policy experts who share their

para-professionals and custodians of Norton schools, Norton County Health Department, city and county law enforcement, Kansas Department of Corrections, Kansas Department of Transportation, High Plains Mental Health, Norton nurses, Dr. Krizek and his office

staff, local doctors/physician's assistants, Norton County Road and Bridge, city and rural fire departments, Norton County Clerk and Norton County Treasurer.

Anyone with questions about the disaster drill can call Gina Frack at the health department, 877-5745.

commitment to common sense, free-markets, and federalism. This year's annual meeting featured President George W. Bush, former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, the Honorable Dick Arme, the Honorable Billy Tauzin, the 2007 Miss America Lauren Nelson, among others.

"It was my privilege to represent Kansas at such a prestigious event made up of like-minded legislators from across the USA" said

Rep. Faber. "An organization like this can make a huge difference in setting common sense policies that will benefit our constituents".

Topics covered included state health care reform, energy policy, tax and fiscal policy, and education and federal affairs.

The American Legislative Exchange Council is the nation's largest nonpartisan, individual membership organization of state legislators, with more than 2,400 legislator members from all 50 states, and 87 former members serving in the U.S. Congress. www.alec.org.