

Tractor show announces prize winners

It seemed like everyone was a winner at the 20th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show in Selden last weekend, with raffle winners, best-of-show winners, pedal tractor winners and more throughout the day.

And everyone was a winner who enjoyed the beautiful weather and outstanding exhibits throughout the day.

The show was started in 1994 by the Selden American Legion, which organized the event for 15 years before turning it over to the Selden Community Foundation.

"We appreciate everyone who supports and attends the show each and every year," said event co-coordinator Judy Rogers. "This is your show and it would not be possible without everyone pitching in to volunteer their time, talents, and resources."

This year's show had an excellent number of exhibits - cars and tractors, small engines, and specialty items, and drew about 500 people. The judges seem to find it more and more difficult to select five cars and five tractors to award plaques each year.

Plaque recipients for cars included a 1932 Ford 5 Window Coupe owned by Wes Bencken of Rexford, a 1973 Plymouth Barracuda owned by Dennis Schwarz of Oakley, a 1961 Cushman Golf Cart owned by Harry Bearley of Atwood, a 1972 Ford Cobra Jet Mustang owned by Tom Ashenbrenner of Brewster and a 1958 Chevy Pickup Fleetwood owned by Evan and Judy Goltl of Hill City.

Tractor plaque winners were a 1947 International W-4 owned by the Boxler family of Norton, a 1949 John Deere Model A owned by Merlin Hussey of Selden, a 1952 John Deere 520 owned by Stan and Grace Kauk of Colby, a 1952 John Deere M owned by Bruggeman Farms of Selden, and a 1953 John Deere Model 50 owned by Brian and Angie Schick of Lenora.

Small-engine plaques were awarded to Rod Bates and Dan Baalman.

Contests and games were held throughout the day for children and adults. 6A Jump-a-Rama had an inflatable slide and bouncy houses for all to enjoy. Don Spresser pulled the little ones in his wagon train and kids 8 and under dug for coins in the corn tank provided by Hi-Plains Coop, The Bank, and Selden Lumber.

Attendees were able to enjoy the music of Rose and Joe Bainter and family while eating a lunch of pulled pork and hamburgers and visiting.

The Pedal Tractor Pull included three age groups, with the top three pullers in each receiving trophies. Trophy winners in the age 5-6 category were Kyra Adelman, first; Kash Schiltz, second; and Josh Rath, third. The age 7-8 winners were Jerri Koerperich, first; Grayce Schieferecke, second; and Breanna Rath, third. In the age 9-10 category, trophies were received by Lakota Heinrich, first; Toby Korte, second; and Easton Lorg, third.

In the basketball free throw contest, Raleigh Korte won first, Ramon Soriano second, and Brooke Stoll third in the third-fifth grade category. In the sixth-eighth grade division, it was close, with several shoot-offs required. Kabe Lorg finished first, Nolan Ritter second and Kaylie Schaben third. Noel

Ritter tied with Schaben for several rounds before Schaben won in sudden death.

The horseshoe pitching contest had several teams competing, with Corky and Jeanette Adams of Tasco taking home the first-place prize. Second place went to Dan Lewis and Jay Lewis of Dresden and Dave and Teri Brantley of Selden took third.

Following the kids competitions, it was time for the adults to test their skills. Tractor drivers competed in a barrel-roll contest with Greg Shaw placing first, Roy Murphy second and Elden Huff third. In the washer drop, which had 14 contestants, Roy Murphy claimed first, Lowell Holmberg second and Baylee Lippelman third.

Following the parade, a few tractor enthusiasts wanted to try their tractors in a slow race, where Brian Schick claimed first and Grace Kauk was runner-up.

Just before the parade, drawings were held for various raffles. The Western Fraternal Life Association gave away a bicycle to winner Ava Brantley. The group also held a 50/50 drawing to help raise money for community events, with Rod Bates holding the winning ticket worth \$254.50. The Selden Community Foundation held a free children's raffle with Lakota Heinrich winning a Chevy Blazer bank donated by Dave's Auto Supply and Ashton Schiltz winning a set of Matchbox cars donated by Steve's Body Shop. Brookelyn Vahling won a stuffed Lightning Jack donated by Rural Telephone.

The foundation raffle included six prizes donated by area businesses. Winner of a pedal tractor donated by Hoxie Implement was Colleen Barry. Earl Hansen won an all-terrain tricycle donated by Frank Bouts. Vicky Murphy won a John Deere toy tractor donated by Taylor Implement and Jaelynn Melott won a Dyson bladeless tabletop fan donated by Pauls Furniture.

Easton Jungmichel won two bags of fertilizer donated by Ultimate Fertilizer and the two John Deere camp chairs donated by Plains Implement went to Kassie Miller. These businesses have donated prizes for each show.

"Thanks also to Bainter Oil for lending us a Polaris for the past 20 years to help us manage the activities of the day," said Steve Rogers, who has helped with this event every year.

The day ended with the parade, which started a little late due to the large number of tractors competing in the earlier events. It was led by the Selden American Legion Color Guard and the National Anthem was sung a cappella by MiKayla Lobato of Selden. The Girl Scouts led the cars, followed by the tractors as the kids scrambled for the candy thrown by the parade entrants.

"It has been an honor to help with this annual event," said co-coordinator Jacque Boultinghouse. "I have a great deal of respect for those who started it all those years ago."

"I am always impressed with the community and the volunteers. I would like to pat each and every one of them on the back. They all pitch in to make this a fun day for all. I am especially impressed with our young people, who help out each year. It takes a whole community to host such an event, and I thank each and every one."



AT BIBLE DAY CAMP last Monday, Kaitlyn Howland (right) caught a ball while kids played a game at City Park. Carol Duncan (above) helped kids make animals out of smooth stones.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Youngsters flock to Bible Day Camp

Thirty-five grade school aged kids played games and learned what they could do with God's help at Oberlin City Park recently.

The kids were taking part in the Bible Day Camp on Monday, June 3 at the Oberlin City Park. Pastor Roy Matthewson said the Decatur County Ministerial Association sponsored the camp with Lund Covenant Church coordinating.

Pastor Matthewson said the camp was focused around the Bi-

verse Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The message, he said, was that the kids can do anything God asks them to do.

Throughout the afternoon the kids in grades kindergarten through sixth played games, made crafts and had a snack.

Pastor Matthewson said they used the story of David and Goliath to demonstrate the Bible verse and the fact that David was a kid,

but thanks to God's help he could do great things like kill Goliath.

Volunteers from the area churches helped with the events in the park and Full Throttle DJ

Service provided a sound system free of charge.

Next year, he said, the Vacation Bible School will be coordinated by St. John's Lutheran Church.

Treasurer says no to fee increase for now

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Decatur County Treasurer Jean Hale told commissioners last Tuesday that she didn't want to implement a fee increase approved by the Kansas Legislature this year.

Mrs. Hale said Senate Bill 96 gave her the option to increase the vehicle registration fee up to \$2.50. The increase would be used for operating the treasurer's office, she said, mainly for salaries, offices supplies and meeting expenses.

"The county has been able to stay in budget," Mrs. Hale said. "It would be better to see where we stand towards November."

The commission approved Mrs. Hale's request to defer the increase until later this year.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Reviewed a request from the Kansas WorkforceONE, a regional job training agency, to sign an agreement to be liable for the money spent by the agency. The commissioners

said that the request seemed bizarre. They approved a motion not to sign the agreement.

- Heard Road Supervisor Tim Stallman give an update on bridge construction northeast of Oberlin in Roosevelt Township. The bridge is eight miles east of U.S. 36, then 5 1/2 north and a third of a mile east. He said the bridge is finished and the cement for the deck has been poured.

Mr. Stallman also said an invoice for a Finley Township bridge had been received from Oberlin Concrete in the amount of \$2,250.

- Approved a request to buy a load of half diesel fuel and half unleaded gasoline.

- Approved Health Director Marilyn Gamblin's request to reapply for a grant from the Public Health Preparedness Program, with the amount will be determined.

- Approved a motion to upgrade computers at the Health Department. The upgrades, at a cost of \$1,825, will be paid for by a grant from the Northwest Bio-Terrorism region.

Chairman Stan McEvoy was in Florida attending a committee meeting. Commissioner Sid Metcalf conducted the meeting in his absence.

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Lightning causes fires

The Oberlin Rural Fire Department responded to several fires caused by lightning from last Monday's thunderstorm.

Fire Chief Bill Cathcart said the storm caused four fires, including three five to six miles south of Oberlin and a half mile east of U.S. 83. The fourth fire was found east of town about three miles out.

"The lightning was about 10 miles ahead of the rain," Chief Cathcart said. "The rain just about washed it out."

By the time firemen arrived, he said, all the fires were extinguished except for some light smoke. All the volunteers had to do was mop-up work.

A dispatcher said firemen were out less than an hour responding to the fires.

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