

Jennings welcomes neighbors for fun day

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Jennings Firemen's Fun Day. Marge Hartzog, one of the community planners for the event, said they never know how much is raised until all the bills are paid. The Jennings Fire Department uses the money to buy some much-needed equipment.

She said 58 people participated in the health fair, both the cake walk and dunk tank brought in a decent amount, and the 90 dozen kolaches they made sold out by noon. There was a good turnout for lunch and supper, and a lot of nice items for the auction. Bingo also had a really good turnout and so did the trap shoot.

Neoma Tacha said they had an exceptionally good turnout at the Czech Museum all day.

The parade, Mrs. Hartzog thought, had more entries this year than last year, with a lot of the entrants coming from the surrounding communities.

"We appreciate everyone who came," she said. "There was great representation of the surrounding communities."

She said they were very pleased with the number of people who came.

"This is a real community effort," she said. "The community comes together to put this on. Everyone works hard to make it a

success." Even people outside of Jennings help. Mrs. Hartzog said they made the kolaches in Hoxie. Leanna Sloan volunteered her commercial kitchen for the job, since the school kitchen is closed now.

Rain threatened all day, but it didn't stop anyone from participating in any of the events.

Winners of the drawings were Stacy Hartzog, Jennings, who won the DVD player; Trent Townsend, Oberlin, who won the boom box; and Terri Hanke, Colby, who won the television set, but donated it back for resale.

The annual firemen's barrel-racing competition was won by reigning champions Eric Green and Jeremy Green, both of Jennings. They were, once again, undefeated. Jennings Fire Chief Kerry Green and his partner, Sabrina Cooper, laid claim to second place when they were unable to beat "the Green team" in a double elimination final round.

Also competing were Steve Otter and Byron Bina, both of Norton, and Monty Skrdlant of Norton and Dan Wahlmeier of Jennings.

The Jennings fire crew consists of about 16 men and women who are all volunteers, half of whom are also on the ambulance crew.



John Milner of rural Norton County (above) took his turn on the wet seat in Jennings Saturday at the firemen's fun day, where he was repeatedly dropped into cold water when a

good throw hit the dunk tank bull's eye. Jennings firemen Eric Green and Jeremy Green (right) were once again lords of the barrel competition, remaining undefeated.

— Telegram photos by Veroncia Monier



U.S. Congressman fights for money to combat methamphetamines

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Jerry Moran announced success in restoring funding to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program that provides Kansas drug and law enforcement officers with the resources and technologies needed to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking and use. Funding for this program has been significantly reduced in recent years and is falling short of what is needed by state and local drug and law enforcement officers.

"In many rural areas like Kansas, meth has become the leading drug problem and the addiction is spreading," Congressman Moran said during House debate. "We have made significant gains fighting meth that should not be jeopardized by choking off funds for this program. The reduction is leaving local law enforcement defenseless against the meth epidemic. Stopping this dangerous drug must be a priority and this

amendment helps make it one for our country."

The congressman and a bipartisan group of lawmakers yesterday sponsored an amendment to the 2007 Department of Justice spending bill to restore \$50 million to Byrne-JAG, in addition to a previously passed \$25 million increase. The Byrne-JAG Program is one of the most important tools state and local law enforcement agencies have in fostering intergovernmental cooperation to control the meth problem. With the assistance of these funds, last year Kansas law enforcement seized 390 meth labs. Byrne-JAG also helps fund programs such as the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project. Since 2002, the project has trained more than 18,000 Kansans to identify and prevent meth abuse and has distributed more than 100,000 tamper tags and tank decals to deter theft of anhydrous ammonia, a key meth ingredient.

"Reducing or eliminating these important programs would leave large portions of Kansas with almost no resources to fight the meth problem," said Cristi Cain, coordinator of KMPP. "Reduced funding means reduced enforcement, which means increased addiction, increased trafficking and increased manufacture, which means more injured and killed children, more fires and explosions, and more crime to support the addiction. In short, it means an endangered Kansas."

In last year's DOJ spending bill, Congressman Moran was also successful in obtaining \$148,000 to expand the Kansas Bureau of Investigation office in Great Bend to aid in criminal and drug investigations in Kansas. He is a member of the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, which is comprised of lawmakers dedicated to combating the spread of meth in the U.S.

Logan to celebrate Labor Day in style

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at 4:30 p.m. at the golf course. Other entertainment includes a radio-control fly-in and an ecumenical church service, both at 8 a.m. The Logan Chamber of Commerce's food booth opens at 8 a.m.; the sand volleyball tournament begins at 9 a.m. and the 22 foot slide runs from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

RTS Express Train operates from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Sno-Shack opens at 10 a.m., Main Street Pizza at 4 p.m. and the Van

De Creek's State Sanctioned Kids Pedal Pull begins at 2 p.m.

Live entertainment includes The McLemore Family from Colby at 5:30 p.m. and Streetside

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