

Bird City family finishes the 2007 racing campaign

The Janicke's have finally completed the racing season for 2007.

On Oct. 7, the family went to Wauneta, Neb. The weather was a little cool, but everybody rode well. Walker was the first to race that day and he ended with two second place motos for second overall in the 85cc 7-11 yr. old class. He has been riding well and really improving this year.

Jordan was next to start. He had two very exciting motos. In the first moto he didn't get a great start and finished fourth after a good battle with the fifth place rider. In the second moto, Jordan had a better start and was battling for third. With a whoopee doo section just before the finish line, Jordan was able to make a pass for third and hung on through the last lap. He also started double jumping a section that he had never done before. This finish gave Jordan third overall for the day.

Devon didn't have as much luck as the other two. He finished fourth in the first moto and fifth in the second for fifth overall. Devon just didn't race as hard as he could.

The next week, Oct. 14, the family was at Sidney, Neb. It was cool and drizzly to start the day.

Devon had to race first. After a not-so-good race at Wauneta, Clayton made the boys practice a little harder before Sidney. It seemed to pay off as Devon went out and won the first moto beating some boys who generally get the better of him by a fair margin. He was very excited and looked forward to the second moto. When it began, Devon didn't get as good of a start and found himself in third. He tried very hard to pass, but couldn't find a way around.

First, second, and third place finishers were all pretty close at the end of the race. Devon did end up with second overall and his best finish for

quite a while.

Walker was up next. Seeing Devon take the checkered flag in his first moto, Walker went out and won his first moto. The second place rider was on his tail the whole moto making for exciting racing. In Walker's second moto, he fell behind the boy who chased him in the first moto. At the end of the second lap, Walker was quite a ways back. About then, you could see Walker really start to push and ride hard. He hit the corners harder and got on the gas quicker than he has all year. He was 10 seconds behind and caught up and passed for the lead with half a lap to go. Walker very much earned this first place overall.

Jordan had the worst luck at Sidney. In the first moto he was in fourth when the leader went out of the race. This left Jordan to finish third. More determined to finish higher in the second moto, Jordan went to the line. When the gate dropped, Jordan had the holeshot and led the first two laps. He was passed and was in second then later back to third.

With two laps left, Jordan climbed back into second and was chasing the leader. On the first corner of the last lap, Jordan went for the lead. He hit a little mud and his back tire spun. As a result, he couldn't make the pass and he was pushed back to third where he finished. This also gave him third overall. He was pretty upset about his misfortune. Clayton felt the most unfortunate because he didn't have time to go to Cabela's. So close!

After skipping a race to go to Devon's Tournament of Champions football game, the family went to the last race of the season.

This was on 10-28 in Alma, Neb. It was a cool day but the sun was shining for a pretty nice day.

Devon was first to go to the line. There were a few riders who don't



JORDAN JANICKE (left) had two very exciting motos at the Wauneta, Neb., race on Oct. 7.

Herald photo by Lori Janicke

always race the series, and Devon's class had more riders than usual. Devon finished both motos in fifth place but rode much better than this result sounds. In the first moto he pulled away from a very fast rider to try and catch the rider that was in fourth, with whom he is in a points battle to the wire.

In the second moto, he did beat the rider he needed to beat for the series points chase. He got fifth overall and rode very well. Devon should finish the season in third, just a few points out of second.

Jordan had two exiting motos also. He battled for third place in both motos and ended up there each time. This gave him third overall for the day. He should also end the

season with second in the series.

Walker also had two good motos. The race officials combined the 85cc seven-11 year olds with the 85cc 12-16 year olds. While racing with older kids, Walker finished both motos 4th, but was second in his class so he beat all but two of the older kids. This gave him second in his class for the day. Walker had already earned second in the series.

Jordan is in the picture battling it out with his good friend Hunter for one of his third place finishes. Jordan and Hunter had many close races throughout the year, but most especially at the end of the year when every point makes a difference.

Republican River conference slated

There will be a "Republican River Year 2037 and Beyond" Conference. It will be held at the 4-H Building, Red Willow Fairgrounds, McCook at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. This conference is directed to landowners and operators living and working along the Republican River Corridor.

The Republican River conference is designed to encourage people who live and work along the river to attend and participate in determining what local people want the Republican River to look like in 30 years and beyond.

People will hear from farmers living in each state to give an overview of what they see as well as agencies involved with the river basin.

It is extremely important to have all three states (Colorado, Kansas

and Nebraska) to work together if they are to solve the Republican River issues as Mother Nature does not recognize state lines and there are no innocent parties.

The goal is to start the process of developing team leaders for category 8 watersheds. Those watersheds are: Arikaree, North Fork Republican, South Fork Republican, Upper Republican, Frenchman, Stinking Water, Red Willow, Medicine, Harlan County Reservoir, Upper Sappa, Lower Sappa, South Fork Beaver, Little Beaver, Beaver, Prairie Dog, Middle Republican, White Rock, Lower Republican.

For more information go to the web site www.swrcd.org or call Jennifer TenBensel, administrator at 888-585-1085 or Ted Tietjen, president at 308-352-4336.

Deadline approaches for insurance signup

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program insures crops that are generally not insurable through a crop insurance agent. Included as eligible crops are forage crops for livestock which are mechanically harvested or grazed. The application closing date of Dec. 1 applies to the following crops: all grasses plus alfalfa, clover, mixed forage and oats.

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the program must visit the Farm Service Agency office to complete an Application for Coverage (CCC-471) and pay the service fee before Dec. 1. Ad-

ministrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed with the Farm Service Agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50-percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.



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