

Almost 850 attend quasquicentennial

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Though the weather was cool and cloudy for most of this past weekend, it didn't put a damper on Bird City's 125th birthday celebration. About 830 people turned out for the barbecue on Saturday night, and many others were present throughout the day.

There were many fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy. The cajun boil and street dance on Friday night were successful, drawing a crowd of about 400. The beautiful weather allowed many in attendance to get out and line-dance to their hearts' content; however, the dance was cut short due to lightning.

Saturday morning, events began with a triathlon (See story below.), and bed races. The parade that followed was a hit among young and old alike, with over 20 entries. The car and craft shows in the morning were also very popular among those attending.

The presentation of the colors by Jackie Rosener and Tish Loker on horseback, complete with a Stearman fly-over

kicked off the afternoon events at the park. There was a little bit of everything with tournaments for horseshoes, sand volleyball, bling golf cart racing, and 3-on-3 basketball, as well as a historic play written by Dorothy Mast, and other fun and games. Full results of the bed races, beard judging, sand volleyball tournament, and more are on page 6 of this week's paper.

Inflatable moon bounces added fun and color to the park, and a band played all afternoon. The Texas barbecue, catered by a company from Pampa, Texas, drew a large crowd of hungry people. The evening concluded with a dance, which was rained out around 9.

Sunday morning, the weekend wrapped up with an old-fashioned church service and potluck at the American Legion Hall. Pastor Dan Carson preached a "fire and brimstone" sermon, and the Erickson family provided music.

It was a very full weekend of events to honor Bird City's 125th birthday. The Bird City Quasquicentennial committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the celebration a success.



ABOVE -Tucker Prideaux enjoys a crawfish during Friday night's Cajun Boil. Tucker is the son of Heather and Tyrell Prideaux of Atwood. Left- A large, colorful balloon in honor of the Quasquicentennial celebration graced the top of the Liberty Sewing building throughout the weekend.



ABOVE- Jan Scharnikow braved the elements to be a Chinese fire drill judge. Right- The Hendricks Farm Team--Doyle Bock, Chad Hendricks, Kenan Reeh, and Peter Coon--use speed (and mischief) to gain the advantage in Saturday morning's bed races



Triathlon held despite cold, rainy weather

By Darci Schields

Despite the cold, rainy weather early Saturday morning, there were several who showed up by 7 a.m. to participate in the Mini-Triathlon. The Triathlon consisted of swimming, biking and running, and was divided into three age divisions. The participants could either enter as an individual and complete all three events on their own; or enter as a team, and divide the events up among the teammates. There were a total of 30 participants; seven individual entries and eight team entries.

The Youth Division consisted of swimming 50 yards, biking 1

mile, and running one-half mile; The Teen Division consisted of swimming 100 yards, biking 2 miles, and running 1 mile; The Adult Division consisted of swimming 375 yards, biking 10 miles, and running 3 miles.

The results of the Triathlon are:

Youth division - Individual: first place: Ben Vyzourek, North Platte, Neb., 13:55; second place - Gabe Vyzourek North Platte.

Youth Division - Team: first place: Gregor Burr, Granite Bock, Bergan Bock, Bird City, 11:36; second place: Colton McCarty, Andrew Schields,

Jorge Chacon, Bird City.

Teen Division - Individual: first place - Austin Cobb (Bird City) - 29:59.

Teen Division - Team: first place-Elsa Burr, Michael Barnett, Bird City, Reece Leonard, McDonald - 24:01; second place - Kelsey Miller, Elizabeth Keltz, Diana Garcia, Bird City.

Adult Division - Individual Women's: first place- Stephanie Busse, Bird City - 1:24:19

Adult Division - Individual Men's: first place - Michael Sager, Denver, - 1:04:47; second place - Chad Hendricks, Bird City; third place - Brent

Wilkins, Gunter, Texas.

Adult Division - Team: first place-Craig Busse, Adrian Garcia, Bird City, Lucas Smith, Colorado Springs, - 1:17:01; second place - Becky Parshall, Lee's Summit, Mo., Monika Bonavia, Olathe; third place - Sydney Busse, Tia Sager, Montana Rhymes, Bird City; fourth place - Ethan Young, Bird City, Mindy Antholz, Hollie Yates, McDonald.

There were many volunteers and sponsors who made this event a success: Max and Denise Keltz, Cathy Domsch, Jan Busse, Matthew Barnett, Manda Barnett, Joshua Keltz, Ann Burr, Forrest

Burr, Noah Jones, Whitney Churchwell, Kale and Darci Schields. Sponsors included: Bressler-Young Aviation, Frontier Ag, Monty's Smoked Jerky, Ag Repair Service, Roy's Carpentry, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Portraits by Darci, First National Bank, and Pepsi of Colby.

Proceeds raised from the Triathlon (in excess of \$600) were donated to the Cheylin Schools Foundation.

BEN VYZOUREK runs to get on his bike during the triathlon Saturday morning.

