

Fun had at Sunflower Olympics

By Reagan Smith
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The Sunflower Olympics at the Sunflower Festival were fun for the children who participated and for spectators.

Five events were held starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Chambers Park for children ages 2 to 10. The events included a sunflower seed toss, a water balloon toss, a spoon race sponsored by Mr. Jim's His Shop; balloon car races sponsored by The Prints and The Paper, and the best decorated bike and trike contest sponsored by the Goodland Kiwanis Club.

Children in two age groups, 2 to 5 and 6 to 10, competed for prizes in each event, but there was more fun than competition. Laughter and cheers came

from parents and other bystanders as the children zoomed through the events.

In the 6-10 age group, in the Sunflower Seed Toss, the first place winner was T.J. Hawkins. Tanner Scott took second and Dallas Price was third. Fourth through sixth went to Amanda Mayfield, Tagin Scott, and Jonathan McClung.

In the 2-5 age group, first went to Sophia Thompson, second to Christopher Herndon and third to Logan Jones. Fourth through seventh went to Aaron Avelar, Nolan Deeds, Jacob Schnabel and Katera Johnson.

Jonathan McClung took first in the 6-10 group for the Spoon Race. Second went to Brittney Medrano, third to Debra Dawley. Fourth and fifth went to

Hannah Blake and Hazen Deeds.

Nolan Deeds took first in the younger children's group, with second going to Christopher Herndon and third to Katera Johnson. Sophie Thompson, Braelyn Hoelting and Alyssa Wear took fourth through sixth.

Winning teams in the water balloon contest included Aaron Twombly and Christy Hawkins first in the older group.

Hazen Deeds and Austin Avelar were second, and Chelsey Horney and Hannah Blake third. Fourth went to Dallas Price and Tanner Scott, and fifth went to Tarin Scott and Katera Johnson.

In the younger age group, Gracie Cole and Nolan Deeds took first, Aaron Avelar and Logan Jones second, Mary Schnabel and Addison Avelar third and

Alyssa Twombly and Sophia Thompson fourth.

The balloon car race winners in the older age group were Dallas Price, Amanda Mayfield and Jonathan McClung.

In the younger age group, Gage Espinoza, Aaron Twombly and Page Seeger took first, second and third.

The bike and trike contest was won, in the older age group, by Aaron Avelar, first, and Mary Schnabel second. Hannah Blake won first in the 2-5 age group with Jacob Schnabel second and a tie for third between Austin Avelar and Amanda Mayfield.

All the children had a good time and displayed good sportsmanship, organizers said.

Goodland woman wins contest with 267 words

By Tom Betz
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The winner in the fourth annual Sunflower word game sponsored by *The Goodland Daily News* is Carol Gattshall of Goodland, who was able to use the letters from "festival" to create 267 words with at least three letters.

There were 113 entries with ages ranging from 10 to 95, and while the largest number (63) came from Goodland, entries were received from

around Kansas and from outside the state. The most-distant entry came from Columbrena, Ala., and there was one from Wellesley, Mass.

Out-of-state entries were received from Independence, Mo., and Overland Park, Kan., and from Cortez (age 95), Commerce City (age 81) and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Some of the people submitting entries did not specify an age, but listed: 21 plus, over 60, 50 plus, over 18, adult

and "old enough."

Entires were received from Bird City (2), Edson (1), Kanorado (10), Sharon Springs (5), St. Francis (3), Oakley (4), McDonald (2 - ages 68 and 91), Herndon (1), Brewster (4 - ages 16, 72, 78, 79), Winona (2), Wichita (1), Colby (3), Levant (2), Bunker Hill (1), Atwood (1) and Rexford (1).

Office Manager Sheila Smith said the number of words was lower this year than in the past, but the entries

were from a larger area.

For her effort, Gattshall will receive a one-year subscription to *The Daily News*.

Smith says she is already working on the word for next year's contest. In the past years, the contest has used "celebration," "confectionary" and "sunflower."

"We always try to use a word that is in keeping with the sunflower festival," she said.

FBI intensifies investigation of accused pharmacist

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—As the millionaire pharmacist accused of diluting drugs used for chemotherapy sought release from federal custody, the FBI intensified efforts to find cancer patients who received the watered-down treatments.

Robert R. Courtney, 48, has been in custody since his arrest last week in a case that has shocked the Kansas City area and drawn widespread national attention.

U.S. Magistrate Robert Larsen, who cited a risk that Courtney might flee in

ordering him held without bond, scheduled a detention hearing at 2 p.m. Monday.

Meanwhile, the FBI brought agents in from around the country to help with its continuing investigation of Courtney.

"FBI headquarters in Washington told us they'd give us all the people we need," Jeff Lanza, Kansas City FBI spokesman said Sunday. "Right now this investigation has the highest priority in the Kansas City office."

The FBI already had 16 agents working through a list of more than 1,000 people who have called a hot line established after Courtney's arrest on a charge of dispensing adulterated and misbranded prescription drugs.

On Sunday the agents focused on talking to physicians who may have obtained cancer drugs from one of two pharmacies Courtney owns, Research Medical Tower Pharmacy in Kansas City, and supplied them to their patients.

They are also examining computer and paper records they seized from the pharmacy last Monday.

In a document filed with the court in preparation for the detention hearing federal prosecutors said Courtney admitted that he reduced the potency of four cancer drugs because he was greedy for extra profit.

In an earlier interview with FBI agents prior to execution of a search warrant at the pharmacy last Monday, Courtney said he compounded IV drug bags for physicians and that it was important to mix them exactly as the doctors specified.

The agents told him that IV drug bags mixed at his pharmacy the week before had been tested and found to contain between 39 percent and less than 1 percent of the prescribed amount.

The agents said Courtney told them he didn't know how that could have happened and quoted him as saying, of the bag containing virtually none of the prescribed drug, "It is very disturbing."

Grower problems discussed by group

By Roxie Yonkey
Goodland Daily News

Even though stem weevils are less prevalent with late-planted sunflowers, Colorado State University's Ron Meyer says the loss of yield from late plantings offsets the damage from the bugs.

Meyer spoke at Friday's Sunflower Celebration field day.

"The earlier planting's higher yield is more than offset by the cost of bug spraying," he said. "May 20 is a good time to start planting (oil sunflowers) and June 1 is a good time to finish." Confectionery sunflowers should be finished by June 7.

He said stem weevils tend to be hard to spot and an infestation may go unnoticed.

"It takes technique and patience to see them," Meyer said.

When shade falls on the sunflower, weevils fall onto the ground, where they blend in. When a farmer checks for stem weevils, he should approach the plants so the shade would fall behind him.

And don't bother checking until the plants top six inches. Stem weevils don't attack plants under six inches high.

Stem weevils "seem to want to let them grow a little bit before they start their infestation," he said.

After the plants reach six inches, the

best place to check for weevils is on the leaf axis, underneath and on top of leaves. If sunflowers lodge from the bottom of the stalk, he said, they usually are infested by stem weevils.

Unlike other pests, he said, no weevil pheromone is available. For other pests, pheromone may be available through the county extension office. Ask for free Colorado pheromone, he said.

Meyer also discussed the effect row spacing has on yield.

"Narrow rows seem to yield more, but the difference is not statistically significant," he said.

The main difference is improved weed control, since closer plantings mean earlier canopy formation. Shade from sunflower canopy shuts off weeds from sunlight.

Tighter rows do require slower combine driving during harvest, he said.

"Shattering could be a problem if you drive too fast," he said.

If rows are spaced 15 inches apart, they will feed into a 30-inch header two rows to a cutter.

Meyer also suggested that sunflowers be planted north and south to avoid head rubbing.

Sunflowers may be harvested at 20 percent moisture, he said, but they need to be dried immediately in that case.

Drought has impact on flowers

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of irrigation, depending upon the evaporative demand of the growing season, should produce yields of at least 2,400 pounds per acre.

Other pointers covered in the pamphlet include pre-harvest lodging

(when plants fall over), rhizopus heat rot, harvest fire prevention, residue management, and tips for a successful sunflower harvest..

Contact the National Sunflower Association or the county KSU Cooperative Extension office for more information.

Search renewed for Kansas aviator

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Amelia Earhart disappeared somewhere in the Pacific Ocean more than 64 years ago. Now three unrelated teams are searching separate locations for the Kansas-native's plane.

A Maryland company is planning a winter expedition of about 600 miles of the Pacific Ocean floor.

A Delaware group is to leave Friday

to scour a south Pacific isle it has already searched five times. And a third team is investigating a north Pacific island on a different theory, The Kansas City Star reported in its Sunday editions.

Relatives of Earhart, born in Atchison and raised for nine years in Kansas City, Kan., have mixed sentiments about the expeditions.

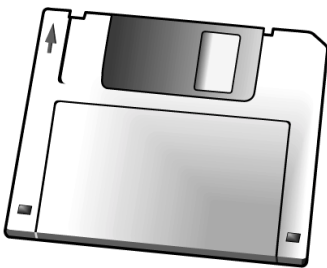
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