

Cars, food, horseshoes highlights of Kanorado Day

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Cars were shined up and ready to show. People relaxed in lawn chairs. Horseshoes flew. And the chicken made her mark.

A cloudy day didn't seem to put a damper on Kanorado Day and the Second Annual Car and Bike Show at the town park Saturday. A ham-and-bean lunch and cake walk seemed to put plenty of smiles on faces. One of the hot topics was "Where would the chicken poop?"

Number 13 wasn't unlucky for Nancy and Charlie Baker of Burlington, who won the Chicken Chit Checkers when the hen made her deposit on the square they bought. Their prize was \$125.

Cars and trucks came from all directions, ranging from a 1930 Model A owned by Mike Vance of Burlington to a 1939 Ford half-ton pickup owned by Pete Jensen of St. Francis to a 1980 Corvette owned by Diane Krayca of Goodland.

There were 25 entries in the cars. Four door prizes were given every hour.

In cars, first place went to Dusty Parsons of Burlington, second to Phillip Rietcheck of Goodland and third to LeRoy Kraft of Goodland. In trucks, first went to Pete Jensen of St. Francis, second to Maurice Johnson of Goodland and third to Collin Koop of Burlington. In motorcycles, first went to Danny Krayca of Goodland.

In the engine blow for the car show, it blew in three minutes, 25 seconds. Dr. Sid Unruh of Goodland won \$90.

The Slim and Trim Club held its 10th annual cake walk fund raiser at the park that morning; several winners enjoyed cake throughout the day. And a crowd gathered at the senior center in the afternoon for bingo.

The ham and beans for lunch were cooked in a large cast iron kettle on an open fire. They got rave reviews. A barbecue was held at 5 p.m. Meat and drinks were provided, and everyone brought side dishes.

In a drawing for the Kanorado Museum's fund-raiser, Ruth Stramel of St. Francis won a hand-painted trunk by Linda Foster.

The 30-year-old Kanorado Days had more events planned, said Peggy Witzel, a member of the planning committee, but some were cut.

"We got 2 1/2 inches of rain last night," she said Saturday. "We cut back. We were not sure how many would show."



The sun made an appearance Saturday afternoon as Sally Pettibone, a member of the Kanorado Day Committee, tossed horseshoes in the tournament. Below, clockwise from top left: Ross Nicklos, a seventh grader, took a nap in the backseat of his father Dave Nicklos' 1965 Ford Mustang. Peggy Witzel, also a member of the committee, helped cook the large pot of beans for lunch. Pete Jensen's 1939 Ford 1/2

ton pickup was first in trucks in the Classic Car Show; a 2004 Chevy Corvette owned by Everett Eggers of Bird City caught a lot of eyes at the show. Kasey Stramel, son of Richard and Monica Stramel of Goodland, played on the slide.

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But the rain didn't seem to keep too many people away, and with temperatures in the 60s, no one had to worry about the August heat.

Events continued at the park through the afternoon with music, prizes, the cars, kids on the playground and a horseshoe tournament.

There were 13 teams in the horseshoe tournaments. First place went

to Brook and Dallas Jackson of Brewster, \$65; second to Chris McQuigg of St. Francis and Larry Wilkerson Jr. of Kanorado, \$40; and third went to Ken and Rich Hillmer of Goodland, \$25.

This year's Kanorado Days was spearheaded by Cody Pettibone and planned with the help of the Kanorado Committee and volunteers, Sally and Greg Pettibone,

Susan Adams, Crystal Baumfalk, Shane Aten, Sherry and Larry Wilkerson Sr., Peggy and Chandra Witzel, Helen Diltz, Gary Moore, Sandra Bagley, Larry Wilkerson Jr., Bruce Hauglum and James Lightle.

Larry Wilkerson Sr. kept score for the horseshoe tournament, and by James Lightle or Burlington brought the music.

The committee had help from

eight corporate donors for the festival: Twenty-first Century Bean donated the beans for lunch. Kanorado, Kanorado Co-op, S&T Communications of Brewster, Dorman Brothers in Burlington, Moore Tire Service in Kanorado and Aquila each gave \$100.

Sponsors for the classic car and bike show were Napa, Car Quest,

Herman Lumber, Vince's, Aquila, Farm Credit, Kit Carson State Bank, Bank of Burlington and Kit Carson County Abstract, all of Burlington; Finley Motors, Unruh Family Chiropractic Center, Car Quest and Frontier Equity Co-op of Goodland; and Mr. Nasty's, North Winds Surveys, Kanorado Co-op and the Kanorado Day Committee of Kanorado.

