

Three days of sunshine and fun at Pioneer Days

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Viewers and participants, including Grand Marshals Tanya Placek and Patty Anderjaska of Pioneer Community Federal Credit Union, enjoyed the cool weather and braved sprinkles at the very end of the parade. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Last weekend Palisade shined with activities and family fun at the 31st annual Palisade Pioneer Days.

The busiest day by far was Saturday, when the town was blessed with good weather for the celebration.

Saturday's activities started early with a 3K/5K Walk/Run hosted by the Wauneta-Palisade cheerleaders.

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After the Walk/Run the Palisade Fire Department hosted a breakfast.

The parade featured 30 entries, including the Grand Marshal, Pioneer Community Federal Credit Union—Celebrating 10 years! Representing the PCFCU were Tanya Placek and Patty Anderjaska. Richard Miner drove them in his red convertible Ford Mustang.

Bob and Sue Horn took first place in the auto division with Harchelroad Motors placing second and Richard Miner third.

Frenchman Valley Coop placed first in the business division. Southwest Public Power District placed second and AmFirst Bank took third place.

In the kids division the W-P football team placed first, Jewel Holthus second with her lamb, Elf, and Colton Barrett placed third.

George Tiller placed first in the tractor division and Sramek Farms took both second and third places.

The Palisade Fire Department topped the organization division. Buckaroos 4-H Club placed second and Trinity Lutheran Church placed third.

Bob and Sue Horn took another first place in the miscellaneous division. JoAnn and Bill Ward placed second and Dwayne Redfield and family took third.

Following the parade the crowd enjoyed a kiddie carnival, cake walk and the pie-your-cheerleader event.

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JD Studios sponsored a photography contest where best of show was given to Scott Propes for "Shooting Hours" and people's choice went to Joyce Richter for "Perky Pip."

Winners in the people category were first, Steve Baily for "First Prom," second to Scott Propes for "Pooch Smooch," and third to Tom Monnahan for "Santa, I believe."

The winner in the animal category was Scott Propes with "Luta's Leap." Second went to Tom Monnahan for "Back Country" and third to Joyce Richter for "Perky Pip."

Judy Durham won the nature and landscape division with "Windmills." Second in the category went to Robert Whiting for "Wauneta at Sunset." Jim Kirk took third for "Big Sky Country."

Jeremy Blomstedt took first in elements of design for "Shed Through Bridge Trusses." The category rounded out with Robert Whiting in second with "Clouds of Cotton" and Scott Propes, third for "Turkey Texture."

The afternoon featured both indoor and outdoor activities including sand volleyball or horseshoes at the park or bingo at Southwest Public Power District, sponsored by AMVETS.

Joe Humphrey and Duane Barnard took first place in the horseshoes tournament. Second went to Steven Humphrey and Eric Holthus, third to Hondo Fanning and Rodney Hunt, fourth to Noah Fortin and Dee Fortkamp and fifth place to Amanda Holthus and Loren Cushing.

Sand volleyball winners were the Flaig family team. The Rozelle family took second place and the Davis family third.

Saturday's activities rounded out with a free barbecue in Krotter Park, sponsored by Southwest Public Power District. The traveling prize, a Palisade afghan donated by Bob and Alma Romine, was won by Wilma Phares who traveled 1,300 miles from Salem, Ore. A dance with DJ RTI Entertainment of Gothenburg finished Saturday's activities.

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Friday evening's activities included a kid's mystery hunt and lawn chair volleyball.

On Sunday the weekend full of events finished out with a worship celebration at Krotter Park followed by a pot luck dinner. Sunday afternoon featured the final event, Sundaes on Sunday, where volunteers from throughout the community were honored for all they have done for the community of Palisade.