

Banks Barbecue enjoyed by spectators and participants

Banks barbecue returned this year in a burst of sunshine, much more successful than last year's soggy version. Children scooped up candy from the parade, bounced in the bouncy house, and rode in half barrel cars behind a tractor, as they have in years past. Adults enjoyed the food, browsed the vendors and watched the trucks and tractors.

Adults were also able to enjoy an expanded beer garden this year along with live music.

Fund raising activities during the barbecue benefit Sunset Park as well as the groups sponsoring the activities. The event thus generates funds for many organizations, while giving the community a great weekend. Activities this year in-

School cheerleaders.

New this year was a raffle hosted by the Banks High School Future Farmers of America. The club raffled a chance to drive in the tractor pull Sunday. Kevin Duyck donated the use of his bright red Case International 7120. They sold 178 one-dollar tickets, with half the money going to Sunset Park and half to help out the local FFA chapter.

Duyck said that this was a last minute fundraiser and that, next year, they will start earlier and probably generate more income. He also said he might donate a smaller tractor next year, since many people were intimidated by the sheer size of the machine.

Todd Jackson, who grew up



cluded many favorites such as face painting and a dunk tank provided by the Banks High



in the area and wanted to try driving one of the big rigs, won the raffle. Duyck said he did a great job in the contest.

"I went through FFA when I was in high school and now my son is in it and I just wanted to help out," Duyck said of his involvement. He is also involved with supporting Sunset Park.



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