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You didn't have to be a farmer to ride a tractor at the Chase County Fair last Friday. A total of 135 children, ages four to 12, pushed the pedal to the concrete during the pedal tractor pull.

Dressed in anything from flip flops to cowboy boots to tennis shoes, the children strove to drive their tractor, complete with weight, the furthest distance for a win.

Event volunteer Tara Oxford said participation was up over past years. The tractors are provided by Bruce and Cindy Ash of Arcadia, Neb.

Winners in each age division included:

Boys

Age 4—Lamar Fertilizer—1st Nicholas Rau, 2nd Ashton Robinson, 3rd Drew Scott.

Age 5—Enders Lake Golf Course—1st Hunter Lovenburg, 2nd Ryan Bernhardt, 3rd Brock Leibhart.

Age 6—Imperial NAPA—1st Chase Rowley, 2nd Clay Meeske, 3rd Kenyan Biesecker.

Age 7—Hegwood Trenching—1st Chance Lotspeich, 2nd Nash Hubbard, 3rd Taylor Jablonski.

Age 8—Groff Ag—1st Evan Fisher, 2nd Travis Rowley, 3rd Reid Spady.

Age 9—Johnson Publications—1st Mason Banks, 2nd Jack Bauerle, 3rd Braden Space.

Age 10—McNair Agency—1st Steven Harrison, 2nd Trey Bahler, 3rd Bryson Fisher.

Age 11—Imperial Marketing—1st Cole Lutz, 2nd Jesse McMillin, 3rd Tristyn DuPeire.

Age 12—Moreland Realty—1st Jakob Church, 2nd Kenny Essman.



Girls

Age 4—Carquest—1st Bryn McNair, 2nd Kaylie Lotspeich, 3rd Madeline Rentschier.

Age 5—Mudbuckets—1st Matalie Wallin, 2nd Makenna Terryberry, 3rd Jordan Jablonski.

Age 6—Wauneta Coop Oil—1st Jordan Hopp, 2nd Lareina Colton, 3rd McKinley Johnson.

Age 7—Weiss Chiropractic & Acup.—1st Mallie McNair, 2nd Maci Sorge, 3rd Joanne Lawler.

Age 8—JJ's Drive In—1st Citori Lutz, 2nd Katelyn Leibhart, 3rd Kyleigh Scott.

Age 9—Rowley Welding—1st Emma Ferguson, 2nd Whitney Hopp, 3rd Peyton Fiedler.

Age 10—Hair Effects Unlimited—1st Bridgette Odens, 2nd Delaney Johnson, 3rd Megan Engbrecht.

Age 11—Adam's Drug—1st Colby Duval, 2nd Emily Jones, 3rd Cheyanne Kuhlmann.

Age 12—Carman Appliance—1st Emma Bauerle.

All first and second place winners are eligible to participate in the Nebraska State Fair contest.

All first place winners were awarded \$50 savings bonds from the following sponsors: Imperial CarQuest, Weiss Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Mud Buckets, Enders Lake Golf Course, Lamar Fertilizer, Moreland Realty LLC, McNair Agency Inc., Carman's Appliance, Hair Effects Unlimited, Imperial NAPA, Adams Drug, Wauneta Coop Oil and JJ's Drive In.

Event sponsors were Johnson Publications, Groff Ag/Imperial Marketing, Rowley Welding and Hegwood Trenching.

Chad Oxford was the coordinator from the fair board. Volunteers included, besides Tara Oxford, Judy Brandt, Chris Krausnick and Diane Schilke.