

UNITED WAY

Duck Draw winners announced

By JERRY PURVIS
Star-Herald

"Fantastic" is how United Way of Western Nebraska's Jill Allen described how their year has been going despite the con-

tinuing threat from the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a Monday news conference to announce the winners of this year's Duck Draw, she said support for United Way has remained strong even

during an unpredictable year like 2020.

The 23rd annual Rubber Duck Dash with ducks floating down the North Platte River was modified to make the event safer for a public gathering.

For 2020, the event was called a Duck Draw.

The number on each duck was associated with a corresponding raffle ticket. The winning tickets were then pulled from a huge tumbler by some of the event

sponsors on Saturday at the 18th Street Plaza in Scottsbluff.

This year's grand prize winner was Kendra Feather of Scottsbluff, who won a 2020 Toyota Rav4 donated by TEAM Auto Center.

The second place prize winner was George Kaufman Jr., who was presented with a 2020 Pioneer 500 Side-by-Side donated by Sandberg Honda.

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AGRICULTURE

Harvest Fest planned for weekend



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Rick Henderson drives a team of horses while pulling corn harvest equipment, to be demonstrated at the 24th annual Harvest Festival. Visit starherald.com for video.

24th annual festival brings weekend of family-friendly activities to Legacy of the Plains

By ELISE BALIN
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Legacy of the Plains Museum volunteers will take a step back in time at the 24th annual Harvest Festival, a two-day family friendly event to feature hands-on harvest activities and antique farm machinery demonstrations.

Museum volunteer Dick Kuxhausen said this year's Harvest Festival will feature the popular hay bale fort and the pedal tractor course, among a number of other activities for kids including games, livestock viewing and wagon rides.

"We are going to have food vendors, so we will have all kinds of different food here too. It looks like the weather is going to be nice and I know everybody is anxious to get out," Kuxhausen said.

To begin a number of harvest demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, a team of horses driven by Rick Henderson and owned by Tanya Gifford from Harrisburg, will demonstrate the use of early antique harvest equipment to harvest a portion of the museum's corn crop.

Following horse draw demonstrations, Kuxhausen said, farm machinery demonstrations will begin with equipment manufactured decades in the past, found in locations throughout the region and restored by museum volunteers.

Restored antique farm machinery to be displayed at the 2020 Harvest Festival will include a John Deere corn binder manufactured between 1919-1923, a 14th model corn chopper on a '60 John Deere, a Dearborn Wood Brothers corn pickers, one of the first pull type

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MONUMENT MARATHON

Running around the world

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Although the Sept. 26 Monument Marathon will be the first official, in-person running event for Ivett Gomez, she's been running at sites around the world for the past six years.

A native of Los Angeles, Gomez and her husband Alfonso moved to Scottsbluff in 2012. She runs a cleaning business and Alfonso is in the IT department at Regional West Medical Center.

"We definitely love it here," she said. "I don't think I'd ever want to go back to another big city. I've always appreciated the sport of running for its calming and meditative effects, but life is so hectic in L.A. that no one has time for anything."

Gomez said her sister-in-law, who lives in Burbank, California, is active in running marathon events. In 2017, she gifted Gomez with a registration to the virtual eclipse marathon going on in California.

"I was in the 5K event, but I was able to do the event on my treadmill from home in Scottsbluff," she said. "I thought it was so cool when I got a medal and a plaque for the run."

While the eclipse marathon was somewhat official, Gomez has made it a personal goal to run at least a 5K on her own wherever she and her husband visit for their anniversary.

"My first run was in 2014 when we visited Japan," she said. "I made a run around the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and I've been hooked on running since then."

Another of her runs at historic sites was in 2018 when Gomez put in a 5K around the Coliseum in Rome.

She said she and Alfonso usually go to Paris every five years, so they're hoping to go in 2021 for their 20th anniversary. While there, one of her goals is to run around the Pal-

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