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Annual Family Fun Day sets records

Hundreds of children and their families enjoyed kiddie carnival games, train rides, petting zoo, clown, food and a flea market during the fourth annual Family Fun Day June 30 at Jaycee Park. A small



army of 50 volunteers and a record number of corporate sponsors contributed to the overwhelming success of the event that attracted close to 1,000 following the Roughrider Days Parade. Family Fun Day is the main public awareness and fund raising event for the Queen City Area Best Friends Program, a youth mentoring service for southwest North Dakota. Held in cooperation with the Bucking Duck Race, a fundraising activity for an indoor pool, this year's Family Fun Day brought in about \$3,900 to support the program. Planning for next year's event is already underway and we need your help! **Call 483-8615 to volunteer!**

Best Friends receives Bush Foundation grant



The Minneapolis-based Bush Foundation has selected the Best Friends Program as a \$55,000 grant recipient. The money, to be used over three years, is earmarked for planned program expansion in Stark County and in the Region, beginning with Golden Valley County. Activities will include adding a toll free number, informational stories in regional newspapers, recruiting Senior Friends in the eight-county region and holding orientation and training sessions in the Senior Friends' home communities.

Discounts give Best Friends a break

These businesses provide coupons and discounts for matched Friends to use when doing activities together. Remember to thank them! Call 483-8615 for details.

*Arby's *Classic Lanes *Taco John's *Dairy Barn *Happy Joe's
*Dairy Queen *Wendy's *Hardee's *Taco Bell *Papa Murphy's
*Total Entertainment *Paragon Bowl *PretzelMaker *Parks & Rec Dept.

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Upcoming Events

July 27: **Swing Into Summer**, 6-8 pm, Field of Swings & Dickinson Rec Center. Free food & fun!

Aug. 16: **Senior Friend Orientation**, 7 pm, Westwind Consulting Center conference room.

Aug. 25: **Family Summer Blast Picnic**, 5-8 pm, Eagles Park. Free food & games!

Contributors' Corner

Family Fun Day sponsors:

*Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 6480
Cloverdale Foods * Continental Real Estate
Fisher Industries * Ladbury Funeral Service
Montana-Dakota Utilities * Linda Steve CPA
ND Pharmacy * Peters Chiropractic
Rosenbluth International * Steffes Corp.
National Mutual Benefit * TMI
Northern Improvement * Wal-Mart
St. Joseph's Hospital & Health Center
SW Multi County Correction Center
Westwind Consulting Center*

Family Fun Day contributors:

*Albertson's * Badlands Printing
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Funshine Express * Melbye Law Office * Sweetheart
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Enjoy being a friend? We need you! Best Friends' waiting list has grown to 15 boys and girls! Can you help? Call 483-8615 to volunteer an hour each week being a friend to a child in your community!