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Kids And Moms Compete At Pedal Power Pull

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— It was a "hot" time in the Lancaster Ford Tractor shop, Rohrerstown Road, last Friday night.

About 200 people turned out for Lancaster Ford's annual pedal power pull where 54 contestants huffed and puffed to pull ahead to victory.

Competition was stiff as winners in each category had to have additional weights hooked to the pedal tractor to determine the champion.

Andrew David Herr and his

farmers and use Ford tractors just like their dad.

Andrew said, "I like to watch the commercials and movies about Ford tractors."

3-4-year-old division

In the three to four year-old class, Jay Lehman placed first. The four-year-old son of Steve and Mary Lehman, said he won because his dad told him, "Go fast." He did.

Charlie Book, 4-year-old son of Charles and Julie Book of Pamyra, placed second. Ken Nolt, 4-year-old son of John and Alta from Mt. Airy said that he won because he



Winners in the three to four year-old class included, from left: Jay Lehman, first place; Charlie Book, second; and Ken Nolt, third.



Lori Rowland stole the show by pulling 270 pounds in the women's competition. Larry Groff (left), president of Lancaster Ford Tractor, Inc., and David Nolt (right), pedal power emcee, congratulate Lori.

brother Allan hoped to win one of the \$150 worth of toy tractor prizes.

To get ready for competition, the boys said they practice by taking their dog, Spike, on a wagon

saw the prizes and wanted one of the tractors.

5-6-year-old division

In the five-to-six-year-old division, first place honors went to Nathan Denlinger of Strasburg.



(Left to Right) Nathan Denlinger placed first in the four to five year-old class at the Lancaster Ford annual pedal power pull. Mark Shoemaker was second; and Andrew Longenecker, third.

ride.

While waiting to compete, the two little boys, dressed in red plaid shirts, blue jeans, and Ford tractor hats, talked tractors. "I like Ford best." Andrew said.

Their dad, Allen, has three Ford tractors that he uses to farm 80 acres of corn, wheat, tobacco, soybeans and hay. The boys plan to be

The son of Bev and Ken Denlinger said that he practiced the day before competition by pulling big blocks on his pedal tractor.

Mark Shoemaker of Kirkwood placed second. The son of Stuart and Ann Shoemaker, Mark said that his dad puts cement weights on the back of the pedal tractor.

Third place went to Andrew

Longenecker of Elizabethtown. The son of Fred and Sherry Longenecker said that he didn't practice before but he does ride lots of bike, plus he said, "I expected to win."

7-8-year-old class

Eight-year-old-Frankie Hableie, son of Fred and Cindy, won in the 7-8-year-old class. He said that he has won lots of times.

Jeff Nolt, 8, of Peach Bottom, placed second because, "I throw lots of hay bales," he said.

Jay Irvin, 8, son of Irvin and Anna, Ephrata, placed third in his division.

Ladies Competition

Kids from ages three to eight competed while parents cheered, yelled, and clapped, but it was the mothers who stole the show.

"Come on, Mommy. You can do it," a five-year-old cheered.

"Don't stop...keep pedaling!" another child yelled.

Husbands whispered hurried instructions to their wives: "Pedal as fast as you can and don't stop. Look straight ahead. Don't pay attention to the crowd."

While kids screamed and cheered as their mothers pedaled fast and furiously, husbands struggled to appear non-charlant

— despite hoping their wives would win the dinner-for-two prize.

In the end, Lori Rowland of Quarryville pulled 270 pounds

The champion lady denies practicing. In fact, Lorie, the wife of Dean Rowland, said it was the first time she entered a tractor pull.

"I didn't know about the ladies



Winners in the seven to eight year-old class include from left: Frankle Halbele, 1, Jeff Nolt, 8; and Jay Irvin, 8.

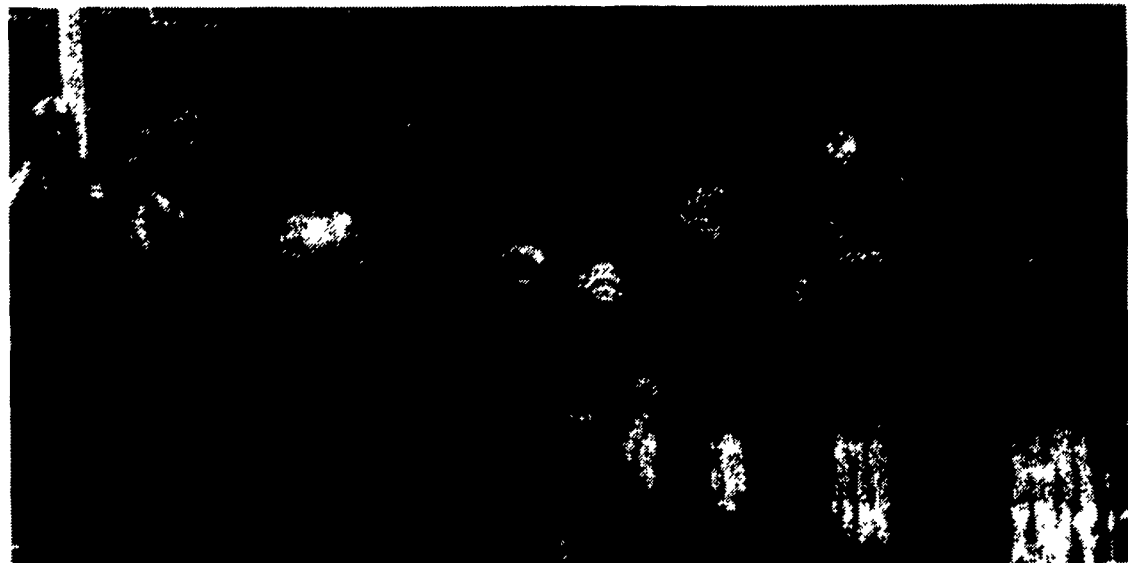
past the finish line to beat eight other contestants in the ladies class.

P.L. "Larry" Groff said, "Although the ladies won't admit it, I think they have been practicing. This is the stiffest competition we've ever had."

competition until I registered my kids tonight," she said.

Lori credits her victory to "drinking lots of chocolate milk and chasing after the kids."

Although her sons Jason, 5, and Jeremy, 7, didn't take home any trophies, they sure were proud of their mom.



The crowd cheered and clapped for their favorite during Lancaster Ford Tractor's annual pedal power pull on March 2.