

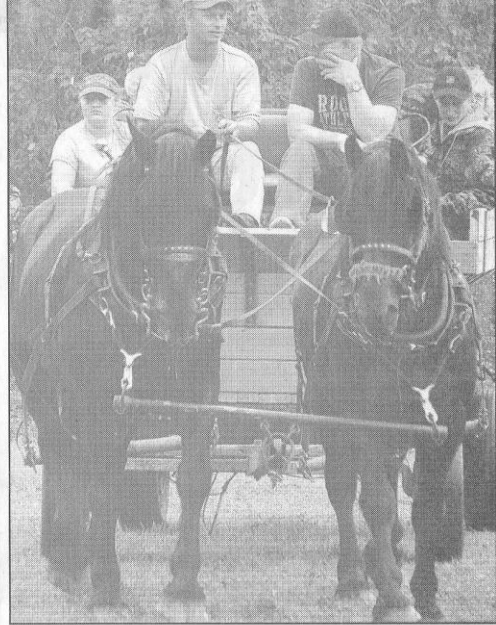


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The little ones get a ride on Jim and Glen Jackson's 1927 Whippet during Heritage Days.



The tractor pull held during Chapple Heritage Days drew a crowd.



A wagon ride excited those aboard during Heritage Days in Chapple.

Heritage Days a real blast from the past

BY RON WOLF

There was no other place, or time like it. The 10th annual Chapple Heritage Days, hosted again by Steve and Joan Both at their spacious, picturesque country farm in Barwick, featured good clean fun. It reminded me of family reunions held during my childhood in the 1970s, a time when country folks didn't need to lock their doors and children could play in fields and woods with no fear of strangers.



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This year's Heritage Days was held in part, to raise money for the Barwick Museum. The final tally

wasn't yet known on Monday.

"I can't give you a net number, because we don't have all the bills in yet, said Heritage Days chairwoman Rilla Race. "But we raised that day around \$900."

Will there be an 11th year for Heritage Days?

"We always plan to, but there's nothing set yet. We take one year at a time. But I would say probably."

If you attended the event then you know exactly what went on. For those who missed, it you missed an

interesting time.

The event kicked off at 5 p.m. on July 30 with a bonfire. Hotdogs and marshmallows were toasted; country music was provided by a variety of musicians from throughout Rainy River District; and 185 people were on hand.

The Chapple Heritage Day committee showed their appreciation to the Boths with wind chimes and a plaque presented during the bonfire.

A light drizzle fell on the July 31 event. The crowd grew as the clouds gave way to sunny skies. A tractor pull and a parade were held, and a \$5 bagged lunch was provided with the profits going to the Barwick Museum.

Other big events included a country western band, horse-drawn wag-

on rides and Jim and Glen Jackson's 1927 Whippet that provided rides for groups of people around the neighbourhood.

A game for horses and their riders, that can be only described as musical chairs, excited the crowds.

A coin and candy hunt was again a favourite this year, as was the hatchet hunt, won by Lindsey Westover.

There may have not been any computers, TVs or technology displays, but there were plenty of luxuries from yesteryears.

A homestead, built in the late 1890s, was set up to show visitors just what kind of lifestyle people endured in the days of old, complete with an upstairs bedroom. A photography display, sewing display and a kitchen of the era were available.

Stay tuned to see what next year brings for Heritage Days.

Ron Wolf's column appears every other Tuesday.