

Rainfall can't dampen community spirit at Giant Days



A young rocker enjoyed the view of Arch Allies from on high on Saturday evening.



Sunday afternoon's corn eating contest drew a big crowd, as corn-lovers big and small tried to see how many ears of corn they could eat in a couple minutes.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Little Hallie Schwartz, 15 months, from Le Sueur had a really good day at the Giant Days Parade, as she was delighted to receive a stuffed dog from the Toys for Tots group.



Fireworks lit up the sky on Saturday evening, in between sets from hit band Arch Allies.



It was at this moment, Buddy realized, that being a good dog sometimes comes with strings attached. (The Mankato T-Birds, a unit of the Osman Shriners, were one of many Shriner units in Sunday's parade.)



Henderson Fire Department Adam Arnst waves to the crowd as part of the Giant Days Parade on Sunday.



Sunday's corn feed was a popular event after the parade, and volunteers kept hungry diners moving.



Henderson's Arden Kroehler throws candy to the crowd as part of the riding VFW/Legion entry.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Madisyn Seitz pulls in the Minn-E-Rods competition on Friday. Seitz has been competing at Giant Days the past four years.



Angel Vazquez-Montero was thrilled to find out he finished first place in the 10-15 year-old division in the corn eating contest.



Tiffany Vanden Einde (center) was the lucky grand prize raffle winner, and won a 90-second shopping spree at Radermacher's grocery store in Le Sueur. Other top winners include Dan Driscoll (\$500 Wise Furniture gift card), Becky Husfeldt (\$500 Holiday gas card), Kelsey Maczkowicz (Wolf Motors oil changes), Tiffany Meyer (\$1,000), and Dan Casey and Barb Carlson (\$250 each).



Arch Allies brought 80s music alive, from Def Leppard to Bon Jovi, Queen to Styx and everything in between on Saturday night.