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Photo by Moira K. McGhee

Children dig through the hay as part of a treasure hunt.

RAIN DAMPENS QUAPAW HAY DAYS

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With rain in the forecast, Lacey Richardson said she and fellow organizers had a backup plan for Quapaw Hay Days that took place on Saturday.

The event would move inside the Quapaw fire station at 4th and Main after they moved the fire trucks out, but she was confident that rain wouldn't ruin their festivities.

Although the crowd may have been a bit thinner, the threat of rain didn't stop numerous participants and attendees from enjoying the day outdoors. Lining the area were vendor booths selling everything from earrings to caramel apples along with chili cookoff



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A corn hole competitor reacts after a throw.

contestants with delicious-smelling samples that attendees could purchase then vote for their favorite as part of the People's Choice Award.

The announcer continuously touted upcoming events like the cornhole tournament and other activities going on like the car show around the corner.

He also announced tons of giveaways. The first person who produced a 50-cent piece won a free meal from the Ku-Ku and the next person who produced some type of ad about pizza won a free medium pizza from Dominoes.

The oldest person in attendance who stepped forward won a pizza from Godfathers. A scrunchie, a wooden clothes pin and the newest newlyweds were just a few of the other requests that won a prize.

During one of the "Minute To Win It" segments, five contestants had to shake their booty trying to dislodge golf balls from inside a Kleenex box wrapped around their waist. Laughter and good-natured ribbing ensued. Then, kids and adults alike scampered away to search as organizer posted the next clue to the scavenger hunt.

As it began to sprinkle, a few attendees headed to their vehicles. But more people began to arrive and the rain was short-lived.

This is an annual event. For information about next year's Hay Days or other Quapaw community events, visit the Town of Quapaw Community Boosters' Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Town-of-Quapaw-Community-Boosters-1000109476737353.



Photo by Moira K. McGhee

A scarecrow firefighter keeps watch over Hay Days activities.

Commerce celebrates national Lights On Afterschool Day Oct. 28



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Commerce Public Schools has fun things planned for students, parents and guardians Thursday, Oct. 28 as part of the 22nd annual celebration of Lights on Afterschool Day.

Launched in October 2000, Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, their families, and their communities.

"We are planning a family challenge to bring in a healthy afterschool snack recipe and our staff will choose their favorites.

Commerce Middle School students participate in the national Lights on Afterschool program this week.

And our middle school students want to have a haunted house building challenge where they bring things from home to build a model of a haunted house and the staff will choose winners," said Stacy Moss, a Special Education teacher, assistant federal programs director and Club Comet director at Commerce.

Club Comet is the Commerce Public Schools' afterschool program.

"We plan on having parents come live 'a day in the life' of our program on Oct. 28 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Parents can go to the clubs with their students and see what they do in the afterschool program," Moss said. "I am hoping to have parents come in that day to see all the fun and great things their students are doing in Club Comet."

The Afterschool Alliance organizes Lights On Afterschool to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things and discover new skills — such as science, community service,

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Remembrance ceremony is cancelled because of rain

The British Flyers Remembrance Ceremony Saturday at G.A.R. Cemetery was cancelled due to a heavy rain, but with three exceptions:

* Roger Meyer of Bugles Across America performed stirring renditions of TAPS and Last Call

* A member of the City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums played "Amazing Grace"

* Cemetery office manager Nancy Bro placed a rose at the grave of each of the 15 #3 British Flight Training School cadets who died during training.

This marks the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Miami training center by the Spartan School of Aeronautics, which itself is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Royal Air Force trainees who died were Leading Air Cadets Fred Tufft, Peter



G.A.R. Cemetery manager Nancy Bro places a rose at each of the gravestones of the 15 Royal Air Force cadets who were honored at Saturday's rain-shortened British Flyers Remembrance Ceremony.

McCallum, Alan Brown, Harold A. Burman, Herbert H. Hackley, Ralph K. Price, William C. Spears, Walter E. Elliott and James

Boyd and Air Craftman 2 Kenneth Raisbeck, William G.M. Mann, Cecil Riddell, Frederick Dennis Beverley and Dennis M. Mitchell.

