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car shows in years.

The event has been an indirect part of the annual Sorghum Festival for more than 20 years.

Some car owners told stories about the old days, many were talking about the pitfalls of restoration, and others just stood by with chamois rags – ready to wipe away fingerprints and smudges.

This year the event experienced an increase in vendors selling everything from car parts to flea market items.

There were model cars, an array of nuts and bolts, tools, and everything in between.

For years, the Good Neighbors Auto Club Show has helped raise money to support several local programs including four scholarships that are given out to graduating high school seniors within the area.

The Good Neighbors Auto Club is made up of members from all over the Tri-State area and everyone is

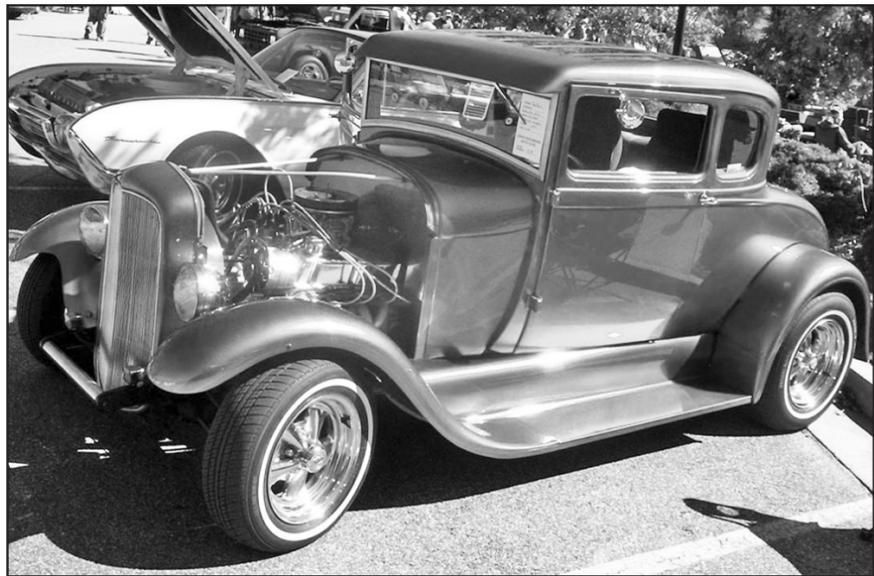
welcome.

Many thanks go out to all the hard-working volunteers and generous sponsors that continue to make this annual car show event a reality.

Planning already is underway to improve the Good Neighbors Auto Club experience for next year.

Once again, the show will be at United Community Bank.

The place was hopping with people coming to town in 2012. Expect the same next year.



A 1929 Ford Model A at the annual Good Neighbors Car Show. Photo/Janice Boling

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counties are pushing 60-to-70 percent so your Tax Commissioner's Office has done a good job of collecting those taxes and that helps the whole county," Jennings said.

Finally, Jennings reported on the schedule of findings, which is a summary of the Auditor's Results, and no additional findings were found.

"The only finding dates back to 2004, is a lack of segregation of duties in the smaller offices," Jennings said. "I expect to find that in smaller counties. The only way to make this go away is to hire more people and the people wouldn't be happy if you had to hire more accountants to serve in all these different offices and that's going to cost more taxpayer money. We make this comment so you can all be aware that there is a lack of segregation in the smaller offices. We don't have that problem in the Commissioner's Office, only in the smaller, outlying offices that simply don't have the staff."

The audit is expected to be posted on the State Department of Audits Web site in the coming weeks.

"I once was told by a gentleman to just get up there and 'hold your thumb up or down,' so Union County gets a thumbs up," Jennings said, summarizing his findings.

"Year-after-year, we continue to have great audits," Commissioner Paris said. "We continue to do a little bit better than the year before."

Following the audit breakdown, Commissioner Paris proclaimed October as National Physical Therapy Month.

"Physical Therapists play a key role in educating patients about their diagnosis, contributing factors to their condition, and advising them to prevent re-injury," Commissioner Paris said.

Commissioner Paris gave the floor to Dr. John Rhodes to take a few moments to speak about the importance of physical therapy and obesity.

"Physical therapy affects all of us during some time in our life," Dr. Rhodes

said. "I've worked with infants and others up to 106 years old. It not only affects us physically but psychologically and our emotional well being."

This month is also devoted to obesity. A lack of physical activity in this country is a problem.

With the Internet and advancements in technology, Americans have the world at their fingertips and never have to leave their seats.

This leads to obesity according to Dr. Rhodes.

"With one click of a mouse we have the entire world at our disposal. Sometimes we just need to get out of the chair and move around a little bit. Obesity leads to so many more health problems down the road that become harder to manage," he said.

Commissioner Paris stressed the importance of Meeks Park and its walking trails.

Paris also stressed how the park offers an opportunity for those in the community to get out and 'move around a little bit' as Dr. Rhodes said.

"Those who comment that the county is wasting money by putting money into Meeks Park, simply because Meeks Park doesn't pay for itself, is one of the biggest jokes of all time," Commissioner Paris said.

"Recreation is a service we provide to try and increase our quality of life, increase our health, and provide a great opportunity for youth and adults alike, to take advantage of," Paris said. "We always have and always will continue to make Meeks Park better and better, but there is no way that any recreation park is going to pay for itself. It's a service that we are proud to provide. We're proud of the Park and it has done a lot to benefit a lot of people."