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Drive-thru lighted tractor parade in Stoneboro draws huge response from decorators, community

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STONEBORO — (Above) The Shearer Family brought all their Minions to the Tractors & Tinsel drivethru event on Saturday. Pictured are: Dillan Householder, Adam Byam, Chris, Tanner, Dave, Nick, Jennie Reagan and Mattie Shearer. (Top) The Stoneboro Fairgrounds came to life on Saturday night during the Tractors & Tinsel drivethru event with displays like this one from Deer Creek Acres. Earl Corp/R-A

STONEBORO — The Christmas spirit was alive, well and well-lit in Stoneboro, Saturday, as the Mercer County Ag Council presented the Tractors & Tinsel drivethru event at the Stoneboro Fairgrounds, drawing dozens of tractors and hundreds of cars.

Normally part of Christmas Magic in Sandy Lake, the parade is in its third year, but because of COVID-19 it became its own stand-alone, drivethru event that drew a huge line of families in cars hoping to take it all in.

“We’ve had a great response,” said co-organizer Nancy McDowell. “I think people are grateful for the opportunity to get out and do something.”

The event has blossomed from the 23 tractors which participated in the first parade to 60 entries spaced around the fairgrounds on Saturday.

Admission to the event was free, but a collection of canned goods was accepted to benefit the Lakeview Helping Hands food pantry.

Stoneboro, Sandy Lake and Coolspring churches came together to perform a live Nativity scene in front of the

grandstand.

The Dairy Princesses of Mercer County handed out string cheese and pints of chocolate milk to remind everyone to get their dairy in their daily diet.

Ginger and Matt Fenton again set up their tractor with the famous leg lamp from the movie "A Christmas Story." Ginger again donned the pink bunny jammies Ralphie wore in the movie.



Andy Gnarley and his family were participating in Tractors & Tinsel for the first time.

"I thought it was a good cause," Gnarley said.

Organizers estimated 2,000 cars went through the parade.



STONEBORO — (Left) The Gnarley Water and Sewer team was participating in its first Tractors & Tinsel event on Saturday. Pictured are: Emma Pritts, Bre Pritts and Andy Gnarley. (Above) Calvin Clayton gets ready for the event. Earl Corp/R-A





STONEBORO – (Above, left) Tractors & Tinsel featured a live Nativity scene by church members from Stoneboro, Sandy Lake and Coolspring on Saturday. (Right photo) Ginger and Matt Fenton get set for the event with the popular leg lamp from “A Christmas Story” on Saturday. (Below, left) Tractor & Tinsel organizers Nancy McDowell and Ginger Fenton pose with Frosty the Snowman made from drainage pipe. (Below, right) Charli Clayton is set to release the squirrel in the tree for Tractors & Tinsel. Earl Corp/R-A



STONEBORO – The McCurdy Family was using a manure spreader to spread the cheer at the Tractors & Tinsel drive-thru event on Saturday. Pictured are Kylee Loreno, Hailey Loreno, Carina Loreno, Jaiden Park and Jason McCurdy. Earl Corp/R-A

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