

For Immediate Release

May 10, 2018

Contact:

Susie Shank

Turtle Wing Foundation

Managing Director

979-505-5090

susie@turtlewingfoundation.org

7th Annual Jack Hooper Day at the Ballpark & Homerun Derby

Competition Results

With a focus on their motto “helping children grow wings and fly”, the 7th Annual Jack Hooper Day at the Ballpark and Homerun Derby was held on May 5, 2018. Weather threatened the week leading up to the event, but the day couldn’t have been any prettier as it was kicked off with the first annual Turtle Challenge. This event was coordinated by Anytime Fitness and was a half mile course incorporating eight fitness based obstacles. After the whole group warmed up together with brief instruction on the challenges ahead, two waves of competitors were run with “Mitchell”angelo the Ninja Turtle encouraging them along the way. The winners of each division were: 2nd/3rd grade boy-Charlie Shank; 2nd/3rd grade girl-Madeline Antosh; 4th/5th grade girl-Elizabeth Shank; 6th-8th grade boy-Kaiden Antosh; 6th-8th grade girl-Claire Antosh; 9th-12th grade boy-Will Hooper; 9th-12th grade girl-Katy Shank; 20+ male-Jonathan Sirilo; 20+ female-Amy Koncaba; 30+ male-Chip Bubela; 30+ female-Misty Lotz; 40+ male-Kenny Kopecky; 40+ female-Kathy Pesl tied w/ Christina Ochoa; and 50+ male-Tony Shank. Fully inspired by the opening ceremonies that followed and the traditional, “Play Ball!”, three fields hosted Home Run Derbies and challenged athletes young and not-so-young to swing big and claim the title of Derby Champ. The winners for the Boys Division were: 6 & Under-Boston Targac; 7/8-Caden Herzik; 9/10- Connor Lichnovsky; 11/12-Titan Targac; 13/14-Tyler Hawkins; 15/16-Josh Steffek; and 17/18-Hunter Schulz. For the Men’s Division the winners were: 24-29/Marty Bingham; 30-34/Josh Morgan; 35-39/Matt Targac; 40-49/Greg Vrana; and 50+/Tony Shank. The ladies didn’t let the men have all of the glory. For the girls division the results were as follows: 7/8-Summer Livingston; 9/10- Phoenix Richter; 11/12-Mikayla Otto; 13/14-Morgan Marburger; 15/16-Erica Otto; 17-18/Jordan Salem. The Women’s division was competitive as well with moms and sisters alike stepping up to face the pitches. The winners were: 19-23/Kirsten Heger; 24-29/Allison Machac; 30-34/Lindsey Schiffli; 35-39/Cassie Vecera; 40-

49/Susie Shank; and 50+/Carol Kana. The Turtle Races are a big tradition and always a hit. The winner of the finals for Turtle Races was sponsored by Laine Kohler. The Derby celebrates families and perseverance each year and is the major fundraiser for Turtle Wing Foundation. Turtle Wing has been founded to help children and families who struggle with learning differences. Program participants have all been from Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca and surrounding counties with academic, social-emotional, behavioral and/or developmental needs. Turtle Wing's three programming areas are Early Intervention, Supplemental Services, and Community Education & Advocacy. For more information and to learn about summer offerings contact Susie Shank, managing director, at (979)505-5090, visit www.turtlewingfoundation.org, or follow the Turtle Wing Facebook page.

PICTURES –

2018DerbyBigFieldWinners: (front L-R) Hunter Schulz, Tyler Hawkins, (back L-R) Tony Shank, Greg Vrana, Matt Targac, Josh Morgan, Josh Steffek

2018DerbyBoysFieldWinners: (L-R) Titan Targac, Connor Lichnovsky, Caden Herzik, Boston Targac

2018DerbyTurtleWinner: Laine Kohler

2018GirlsFieldWinners: (front L-R) Mikayla Otto, Phoenix Richter, Summer Livingston, (back L-R) Cassie Vecera, Susie Shank, Lindsey Schiffli, Allison Machac, Kirsten Heger

2018DerbyTurtleChallenge: (front L-R) Madeline Antosh, Brock Antosh, Ava Bubela, Brynn Bubela, Michayla Crowson, (2nd row L-R) Elizabeth Shank, Amy Koncaba, Katy Shank, Charlie Shank, Addison Romine, Kristen Romine, Chip Bubela, McKena Kopecky, Yvette Dix, Kaiden Antosh, Kathy Pesl, Christina Ochoa, Kim Bubela, Jessica Orosco, (back row L-R) Jessica Shank, Tony Shank, Will Hooper, Coy Romine, Jonathan Sirilo, Mitchell Bailey, Reggie Wicks, Mike Antosh, Kenny Kopecky, Misty Lotz, Claire Antosh, Tracy Robinson.

-END-