



Mary Deyle releases a batch of turtles for one of the age heats in the turtle race Saturday during the Q-125 celebration. Keeping the turtles under the basket wasn't quite as hard as keeping the frogs under it. Each time she would raise the basket to put one under, another one or two would jump back out. (Republican photo)

Frog and turtle races a big hit

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Q-125 celebration organizers never dreamed they'd get the participation in the frog and turtles races like they did Saturday morning.

One committee member said they were expecting maybe 30 or 40 kids.

More than double or triple that number of kids and their parents showed up mid-morning with frogs and turtles in tow.

The registration area got so jammed up that they just quit taking registrations and allowed everyone to participate in their respective age groups.

Age divisions included kids 2 and under, ages 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 10-12 and 12 and up.

Everyone participating got a prize for entering their frog or turtle, with some entering both.

Rather than create a raceway for the frogs and turtles, organizers drew a large circle on the sidewalk and released the creatures in the middle.

The first one to break the circle won.

Winners in the events were as follows:

Frogs

Age 2 and under—Alex Nelson; Ages 3-4—Thomas Reeves; 5-7—Elizabeth Reeves; 8-10—Lauren Prior; 10-12—Elle Korth; 12 and up—Maddy Misfelett.

Turtles

Age 2 and under—Ashton



Cupp; Ages 3-4—Haylee Markee and Jared Hattendorf; 5-7—Kade Anderson; 8-10—Lexi Lee and Parker Dillan; 10-12—Alexa Jensen.



Tabitha Russell points at their frog during Saturday's frog races. Both her nephew, Thomas, front left, and niece, Elizabeth, front right, won their age divisions. (Republican photo)