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Jackie Allen, of Southwick made it successfully to the end, and gave an encore by driving back through from the opposite side. (Annie Gentile/Special to Courant Community)

SOMERS — Revving engines. Big tires. Splattering mud. Who could ask for more?

On June 22, hundreds turned out for the 3rd annual 4 x 4 Mud Bog fundraiser at the Four Town Fairgrounds, where fun was definitely the best part of the fundraiser.

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“The mud bog was the brainchild of George Parkhurst, who organizes it each year. It’s a fundraiser for the Four Town Fair, and because we’re a nonprofit, it helps pay for set-up, maintenance, and other expenses of the fair,” said Mud Bog Director Tracey Rich.

The event also included a truck show and a power wheel race for children, but the main attraction was clearly the trucks and whether drivers could manage to maneuver through the long deep pit and emerge unscathed on the other side. Cables were attached to the rear of vehicles to pull them back if they couldn’t make it through. That was a good thing as, more often than not, trucks got stuck.

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Drivers braved the mud bog for bragging rights of getting through and out the other end. (Annie Gentile/Special to Courant Community)

But most drivers were undeterred - getting stuck in the mud only creates an incentive to try, try, again.

Jackie Allen, of Southwick, was one driver who made it through easy enough, and she provided an encore by driving back through the pit from the finish to the start. At the end of the drive, her formerly pristine truck was caked in mud with wet, muddy grass hanging from the undercarriage.

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“My dad owns a garage, and so I’ve always been into Jeeps,” said Allen. “Then one day I bought a Cherokee, cut it up and started building on it. We cut up the body to give it a different look and we lifted it up,” she said.

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Allen said she’s participated in mud runs in Enfield at Johnny’s Roadside Garden Market, at the Portland Fair, and anywhere in New England that hosts them.

“This is definitely my favorite mud run,” said Allen. “It’s got a great pit, everyone’s nice here, and it goes very smoothly. Plus, it’s a lot of fun.”

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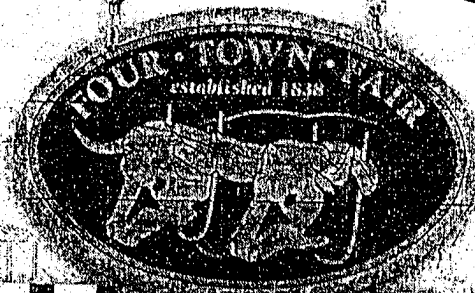
Thirteen-year-old Skylar Bascom, of Southwick, agreed. She said she’s been participating in mud runs for about three years, having gotten addicted to Jeeps because of her mom. On her first attempt, she took her ’97 Jeep Cherokee into the bog, not realizing her hubs were not locked in four-wheel drive. Two wheel drive didn’t cut it with the mud, and she was dragged out with the cable but gave it another try. She made it through the pit, but couldn’t quite get it out at the end.

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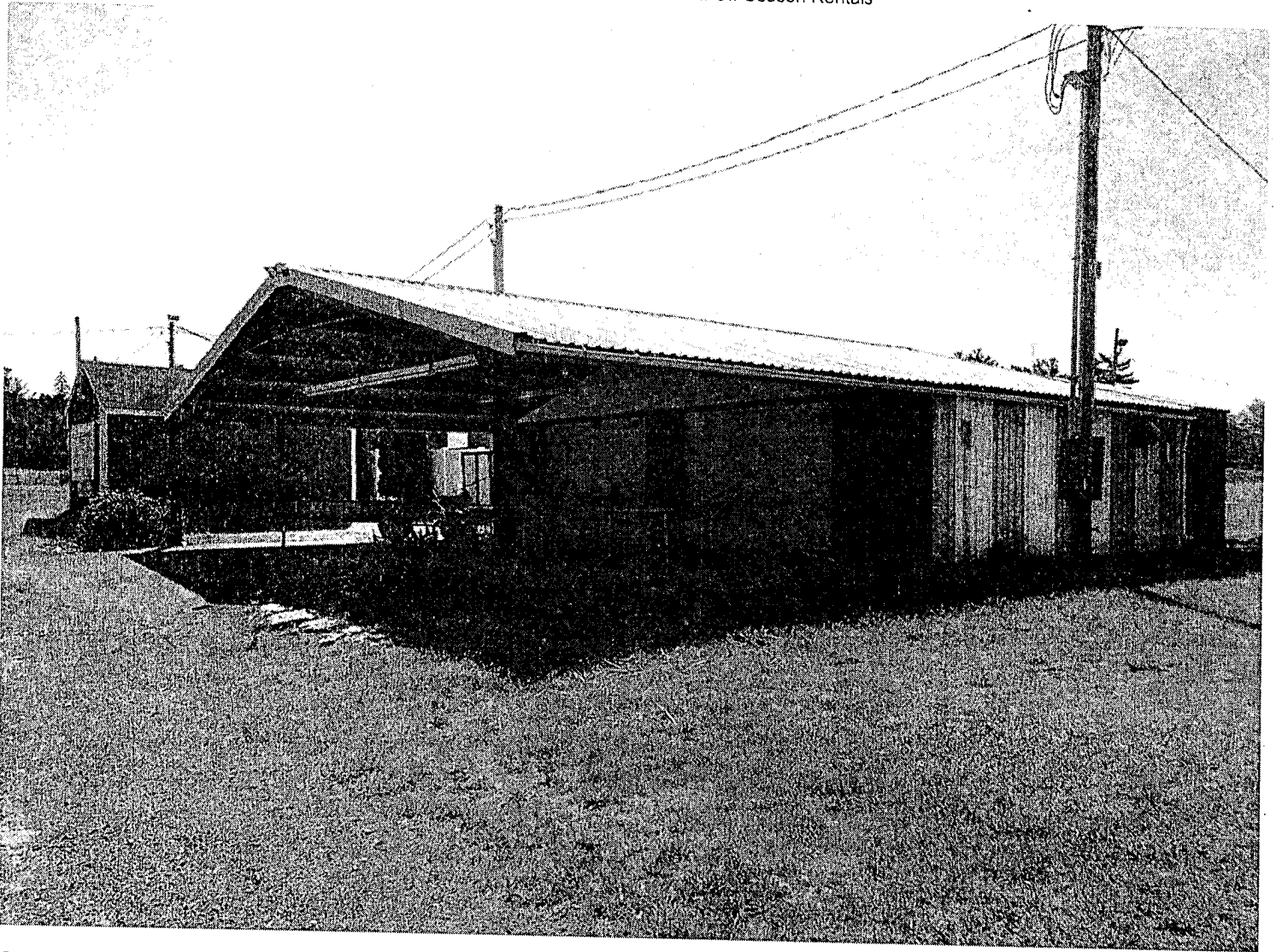
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