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Cruise parade visits care facilities



Six-year-old Wendall Brauckman. son of Brian and Abbey Brauckman of Carroll, plays flagman before the Cruise parade while sitting in a 1933 Chevrolet owned by his greatuncle Randy Eighmy of Guthrie Center.

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Vehicles that stretched for blocks traveled past New Hope Village, Carroll senior-living facilities and St. Anthony Regional Hospital on Cruise for a Cause parade Friday, May 15. The parade, part of a special collection campaign for New Opportunities' food pantry, had been scheduled for Saturday, May 9, but was postponed because of threatening weather that evening. However, the collection did go on that evening and brought in more than 1,200 pounds of food items and \$6,100.

Brian Brauckman, who's promoted weekly Saturday night cruises on Highway 30 and the Cruise for a Cause on his Facebook page, said of the parade, "Everything turned out great. They turned out with a wide variety of vehicles. It was really cool to see a bunch of different stuff — even

semis and a tractor."

The parade gathered in the parking lot between Carroll Athletic Field and Merchants Park stadiums and traveled past New Hope, Accura HealthCare, Regency Park Nursing

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and Rehabilitation Center, Garden View Assisted Living, St. Anthony Nursing Home and St. Anthony Regional Hospital, then streamed to Highway 30. Brauckman said that for the time being, he will discontinue promoting the cruise nights on his Facebook page.

"Thanks to everybody who came out and has been coming out and cruising on the weekends," he said. "They've

made it a heck of a fun time. I've been getting a lot of feedback on it saying everybody loves it. ... I think that's pretty much going to wrap it up. It seems everybody's getting back to somewhat of a normal life with stuff starting to open up and racetracks starting to open up, so from here on out, I think I'm going to focus on getting ready for my car show."

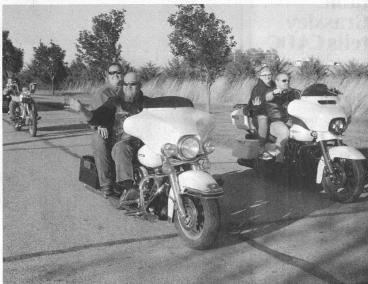
Brauckman is planning his sixth annual Friday Night Special car show for Saturday, June 12, at the Piranha Club, Highway 30 East.

At right, vehicles begin to line up between Merchants Park and Carroll Athletic Field stadiums before the start of the Cruise parade on Friday, May, 15.



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Above, the Cruise parade on Friday, May 15, drives around the New Hope cottages on 18th Street. Below, all kinds of vehicles — classic cars, semi-trailer trucks, motorcycles and even a tractor — participated in the Cruise parade.







At top, Leah Carstens and Lena Brauckman, both 10, get ready to ride in the rumble seat of a 1932 Ford Coupe before the Cruise parade. Leah is the daughter of Jeremy Carstens of Carroll, and Lena is the daughter of Brian and Abbey Brauckman of Carroll. Above, the Cruise parade heads south on Grant Road.





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Cars of all varieties participated in the Cruise parade.