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As she gazed at all of the colors laid out on the table, junior Norah Carney decided which colors to paint the faces of kids before they ran from tent to tent looking at all of the different activities.

At the school's inaugural homecoming tailgate, the outside community had the chance to see how the students represent themselves. With each herd decorating their tents to show spirit, Carney's herd hung balloons spelling "Rost" as a way to guide the children towards Carney, who was painting faces.

"The tailgate was hectic, but I think that is what added to the fun," Carney said. "I was throwing paint brushes at people left and right, and we all just went for it."

Junior Ruben Hernandez helped set up the Bohaty tent and assisted with their game: potato sack races.

"This was something different, and it offered more activities for the younger kids who might come to Miege," Hernandez said. "It was a great way for everyone to see what the Miege herd system is all about, and involve more people to show off the Miege spirit."

Regardless of everyone's efforts to create the winning tent, Perrini came out on top with their working pop-a-shot, homemade bean bag toss, and light blue cotton candy machine.

"This tailgate helped embody our herd spirit and make sure everyone at the Perrini tent was having a good time," Maria Nguyen said.

Herd coordinator Jessica Switzer, one of the advocates for this new event, said that this event was a different way our school could show off its identity.

"This tailgate was a good start to something new and was a way that the outside community could see the different parts of Miege," Switzer said. "There are definitely things to improve upon, but it seemed successful for a first time run through."

One of the improvements Switzer wants to add is more involvement from all grade levels, and not just the herd captains and executives. Carney, who is not on the herd council, took a step in that direction for the Rost herd.

"All of the kids seemed very happy when they got their faces painted, and that is what made the whole tailgate for me," Carney said. "I felt like I was doing something right for my herd."