

Photos by Anthony Wahl/awahl@gazettextra.com A team of paddlers with PremiereBank compete in one of the heats during the annual Dragons on the Rock Boat Race and Festival on Saturday.

Dragons on the Rock lights up Traxler Park

KANDU fundraiser pits teams in friendly paddling competition

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KANDU Industries hosted its second Dragons on the Rock boat festival Saturday at Traxler Park.

After its maiden event in 2019, KANDU canceled Dragons on the Rock last year due to the coronavirus.

During Saturday's festivities, which featured 18 boats resembling the mythical fire-breathing beasts, paddlers competed in teams of 16 to 20 members. With names like Paddle Faster Pastor and Oar We There Yet, the boats and their crews were sure to treat attendees to spirited competitions.

Linda Diedrich, marketing director for KANDU, said the event was held as a fundraiser to help assist adults with lisabilities or disadvantages.



Anthony Wahl/awahl@gazettextra.com Dressed as a dragon, Liz Menz keeps time for her paddlers during the annual Dragons on the Rock Boat Race and Festival on Saturday.

Diedrich said this year outperformed expectations by far. The money raised will go toward funding programs the organization offers to provide those

services to the community.

The event also introduced two competitions, a keg toss and the

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