

WHITE'S
Wagging
Tongue

by Cynthia
White

Then there was the preacher who decided to sell his horse. A prospective buyer was impressed with the animal, but the preacher said, 'I must warn you - he only responds to 'church talk.' Go is Praise the Lord,' and stop is 'Hallelujah...'

"I've worked with horses all my life," said the buyer, "and I've never heard of anything like this." Mounting the horse, he said skeptically, "Praise the lord." The horse began to trot. He repeated "Praise the Lord" and the horse broke into a gallop. Suddenly the buyer saw a cliff dead ahead. Frantic, he yelled "Hallelujah," and they came to a stop a foot from the edge.

Wiping the sweat from his brow, the buyer said, "Praise the Lord!"

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A wife who has breakfast in bed is usually in the hospital.

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Two "very cool" pre-teenagers were walking down the street the other day. They had on their shirts with the "swoosh" in front and tennis shoes with the same emblem and they had on their baseball caps backwards - the way most wear them these days. One young boy looked at the other, squinted and said, "Somebody oughta invent a cap that keeps the sun out of your eyes."

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A modern version of Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet met online. But she was Mac and he was Windows, so their families hated each other.

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The captain approached the sergeant with a message. "Sergeant," he said, "we just found out that Smith's dog got run over by a truck. You better go tell him."

The sergeant walked into the barracks, paused at the doorway and shouted, "Hey, Smith, your dog just got flattened like a pancake!"

The captain was horrified. "Sergeant, that's no way to tell a man bad news. I think we better send you to the Tact and Diplomacy School."

So the sergeant spent a year studying at Tact and Diplomacy School. On the day he returned, the captain approached him.

"Well, sergeant, how did you do in school?"

"Fine," replied the sergeant. "I've really learned how to be tactful."

"That's good, because Lopez's dog just got run over. Go tell him."

The sergeant entered the barracks, paused at the doorway and called his men to attention. When they were lined up, he stepped before them and ordered, "All those with living pets step forward...not so fast, Lopez."

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A banker was arrested for embezzling \$100,000 to pay for his daughter's education. As the policeman, who also had a child in college, was leading him away in handcuffs, he said to the banker: "I have just one question for you. Where were you going to get the rest of the money?"



JOB TRAINING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE participants, Laura Aguayo, Maria Monita, Angie Stone, Wesley Spells, Robert Thomas, Brandon Sosa and Nicolas Lara have applied themselves this summer by learning job skills and gaining work experience. They have helped with jobs around the high school including painting several rooms and the hallways. Also enrolled in the program but not pictured is Lois Reneau.

Summer work program helping to keep students busy and learning

Eight Munday High School students are staying active this summer and are gaining job experience and training while doing so.

Thanks to the West Central Texas Council of Governments and federal grant monies obtained by the Haskell Independent School District, Lois Reneau, Wesley Spells, Robert Thomas, Angie Stone, Brandon Sosa, Nicolas Lara, Laura Aguayo, and Maria Monita are learning how to make money for six weeks during the summer months.

According to site supervisor, Kim Bowman, "The whole pur-

pose of this program is to give the students job experience while utilizing the skills they have learned in school. They are required to keep daily journals of the work they perform and also use listening and writing skills. They also applied math skills when figuring supply costs and estimates." The students also were required to do some pre-job training where they learned to fill out applications and resumes and some opened bank accounts with their first checks.

The program entitled Job Training Program Assistance, was acquired through federal grants

which the Haskell Independent School District applied for and gained for seven schools - Haskell, Munday, Knox City, Aspermont, Rochester, Rule and Throckmorton. Students applied for the positions and had to meet certain federal requirements. Munday had approximately ten applicants and were allowed to hire as many as eight students.

So far during the program the students have done landscaping and gardening chores at the high school and are currently painting the classrooms and hall way. They have also counted, sorted, cleaned and labeled books in the book room in an effort to prepare for the text book audit that is forthcoming. One of their remaining chores will be to help the city paint the yellow parking stripes in the downtown area.

While going to work at 7:00 and remaining there until 1:30 has put a cramp in the usual teen summer ritual of rising late the group seems to have benefited from the experience. "I've really enjoyed working with everybody here," remarked Brandon Sosa. His supervisor, Ms. Bowman added, "They have been great at making this monotonous chore of painting a whole lot more fun" while one of the young ladies

Locally heavy rains produce water, water - everywhere

Clouds opened up and drenched the area with rain over the course of the past week.

On Monday, June 16, a severe thunderstorm brought .44 inches while storms on Sunday, June 22 and Monday, June 23, increased the total by more than .87 inches, according to Ernestine Michels, local weather book-keeper.

Miller's Creek Reservoir is approximately 9 feet down and "we are hoping some of the Haskell water will run into it," according to Dolan Moore, North Central Texas Water Authority spokesperson. Miller's Creek recorded approximately one inch this past Sunday and Monday.

Goree public hearing for Title 1 Part 1

Parents are invited to come Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. to review the Title 1 application. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Irene Stewart will discuss plans for 1997-98 school year.

Farmers wonder what's up next?

Ask area farmer's how things are going with their crops and you just might get a somewhat pessimistic reply. "Just imagine the worst case you can think of and that is probably it," replies one frustrated gentleman. What with the late April freeze on the wheat, more than abundant rains that hampered the harvest and now wind and hail damage to just emerging cotton most farmer's have their hands full.

As early hopes of a bumper wheat crop faded with that much publicized late freeze it now appears that some farmers have wheat still in the fields. With most

of the custom harvesters already venturing on to their next contracted work site some farmers are wondering how and if they will ever get the wheat in. One observer noted that it appears that 75% of the wheat south of Haskell is still in the fields and it was also noted by a group gathered at the John Deer house that fields in Truscott, Crowell and Gilliland are still golden in color with ready wheat.

Cotton Farmers are somewhat more optimistic even though some are replanting hailed out or blown out young cotton that was damaged in the storm that occurred last Monday evening. The rains that drenched the area early this week have somewhat slowed down that process but most are reporting only minor damages. There are exceptions however, it was reported that almost 1000 acres between Knox City and Munday were either hailed or blown out during that severe rampage.

When asked about the "bug situation" one local grower said, "Just take an evening drive and see how many bugs hit the windshield." That pretty well sums up the fact that there seem to be an abundance of all types of pests in the fields. Rains might slow them down for a little while but most farmers feel like they will be fighting a virtual army when the fields dry up.

The most optimistic note on area crops is coming from Mr. Donald Johnson, owner of Johnson Watermelons just west of Munday.

"Our crop is looking pretty good except for the fact that we will be harvesting late this year. All the cooler temperatures has slowed us down but we only lost a small twenty acre field due to hail." Last year's harvest began on the 24th of June while this year's harvest is scheduled to begin somewhere around the 15th of July. "The rain hasn't hurt us - in fact, we were going to start watering if it had not have rained. What we need now is sunshine and heat in order to produce. We've just been set back by a few weeks," explained Mr. Johnson.

Christian women to meet on Tuesday night

All women in the Knox County area are invited to a non-denominational prayer meeting on Tuesday, June 24. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 7:30 p.m. The Munday Chamber of Commerce is located at 121 East B.

This will be a time of devotion, sharing and praying for all who wish to participate.

Should you have prayer requests but will be unable to attend please call 422-5153, 422-4848 or 422-5558.

quickly added, "Yea, we enjoyed painting Brandon!"

Angie Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stone, said of her work experience, "I have learned that if you take a little time to prepare for a job it makes it much easier." Angie also reports that she has established a savings account with her summer earnings as have some of the other students. Purchasing school clothes and necessities are a few of the other things that the students look forward to acquiring with their newly obtained funds.

The students all were enthusiastic about the program and when asked if they would do it again next summer they all replied in unison "Yes!"

Chamber to begin Yard of the Week Activities

Clean up, cut up, trim up and spruce up those yards - you might just be one of the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's "Yard of the Week" winners. There are many area homes who deserve the honor and this year the Beautification Committee has big plans for you which will begin the first week of July.

Each week anonymous judges will comb the area for what they feel like is a yard deserving of the title. Not only can Munday lawn mowers win the designation but Goree and Rhineland residents will have a fair shot at winning. One week a Munday yard will be selected followed by a Goree yard and then coming around to a Rhineland home - the cycle will then be repeated throughout the summer.

To make the award even more sought after, Jim Dillon, of Dillon's Greenhouse, has very generously offered to give each weekly winner a \$10 gift certificate, redeemable at the greenhouse, as a reward for their efforts!

Remember, the selections will begin the first week of July so put on those gardening gloves and get busy planting and pruning - you just might be a winner.

HOME COMING 1998

NOTICE to all Munday ex-students and interested parties. The next homecoming is slated for the fall of 1998. A definite date cannot be set until after the district realigning which will occur sometime in February of 1998. Information will be released to the newspaper at that time.

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Mediplus Home Health awarded accreditation from joint commission

Mediplus Home Health has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

With offices in twelve different locations, Mediplus provides home health services in Abilene and the surrounding area. The accreditation from the Joint Commission was awarded after a seven day on-site survey demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for home care organizations. Accreditation signifies a commitment by Mediplus to quality patient care and quality improvement.

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 Different breeds of cattle produce milk with differing amounts of fat.

King receives recognition at Howard Payne

Munday native Chad A. King received academic recognition for the spring semester at Howard Payne University.

King, a senior History major, was named to the Dean's List.

Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 grade point average to receive recognition on the Dean's List.

King is the son of Jerry and Sandy King.

King is also on of more than 140 Howard Payne University students serving this summer in Christian ministry.

"We believe the education of ministry students is at best incomplete if it lacks hands-on ministry experience," said Dr. Gary Gramling, associate professor of Christian Studies and head of HPU's youth ministry specialization. "The ministry experiences certainly make the students' resumes more attractive. But more importantly, they increase learning readiness in the classroom. If students are actually involved in the ministry for which they are receiving instruction, suddenly that instruction becomes relevant. It also becomes something that can be tested for authenticity by the students in their ministry."

Gramling noted that one of the significant things that occurs during these summer experiences is "reciprocal ministry."

King is serving as youth minister at Valley Grove Baptist Church in Stephenville.

Senior health briefs - coping with summer's heat

The heat of summer is coming, and it is the young and old who are most susceptible.

"Extreme heat forces the heart to work harder, leading to heat-related ailments in the elderly, whose hearts are often not able to cope with the increased stress," said Dr. Janice Zimmerman, and emergency medicine expert at Baylor College in Medicine in Houston.

If it is necessary to go outside during the intense heart of the day, follow these tips: Check with your pharmacist or doctor to ensure that your medications won't make you more prone to heat-related problems; Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you are not thirsty. Eight cups of water a day is a starting guideline; Wear loose-light-colored clothing; when shopping or walking, take frequent breaks; plan activities in the cooler early morning or evening hours.

 THANK YOU FOR READING THE MUNDAY COURIER!

Awareness is a key in fighting prostate cancer

Lives are changed forever with a diagnosis of prostate cancer. Initial feelings of confusion and shock are quickly followed by lists of unanswered questions. Knowledge and understanding of this serious, but treatable disease can be a key in learning to cope, and the American Cancer Society wants to help.

The American Cancer Society, along with the Texas Department of Health, is using Fathers Day to kick off a series of week-long activities that hope to increase the public's awareness of prostate cancer. Prostate Cancer Awareness Week is June 15 - 21.

"12,000 Texas men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this

year, and 2300 will die from this disease," stated San Antonio oncologist Greg Guzley, MD FACP, Chairman of the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society's Prostate Cancer Committee. "We must increase our efforts to help people understand how they can take an active role in the fight against prostate cancer."

About 1 out of every 5 American men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime, with the incidence increasing with age - 80% of prostate cancer cases will occur in men over the age of 65. Prostate cancer is now the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men, exceeded only by lung cancer.

The American Cancer Society is advocating for more federal research dollars for prostate cancer, and is establishing patient and family support and visitation programs - Man to Man - in communities throughout the state. Along with these priorities, the public's awareness of prostate cancer risk factors, early detection and treatment options will be the focus during the awareness week.

"We want people to know that they can turn to the American Cancer Society for information on prostate cancer," Dr. Guzley continues. "They can turn to us for patient and family support. And, they can join the American Cancer Society by volunteering for these programs and by advocating for increased federal funding of

prostate cancer research."

For information on risk factors, questions you should ask your physician, treatment options, and patient and family support groups, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society recommends that men have a digital rectal exam (DRE) beginning at age 40 as part of their regular physical exam. Men 50 years and older should have a DRE and a PSA test once a year. Men in high

risk groups, such as African-Americans, or those with a strong family history of prostate cancer may start having these tests at a younger age.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Area students do well at Vernon Regional

Several Munday area students were named to the Honors Lists at Vernon Regional Junior College for the spring 1997 term.

Jason D. Bowman of Goree and Amanda L. Brown and Nathan G. Kuehler of Munday were named to the Dean's List. In order to qualify for this academic honor, these students carried a minimum class load of 12 hours and maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average with no grade below a C.

Part-time students who completed their enrollment period with a grade point average of 3.25 or above with no grade below a C were named to the Honor's List. Munday students who achieved this goal were Jeffrey D. Cook, Christian G. Torres and Lezli A. Tidwell.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 25 - Roy Dudgeon, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Parchman.
- June 26 - Norene Hawkins, Jessica Myers, Dovie Partridge.
- June 27 - Jackie Workman, Janie Sanchez.
- June 28 - Jerry Lowe, Ashley Crownover, Mickey & Linda Jackson.
- June 29 - James Merrell, Dustin Lucas, Bob & Bernadette Moore.
- June 30 - Christy Workman, Gina Vaughn, Adam Quintero.
- July 1 - Jason Key.

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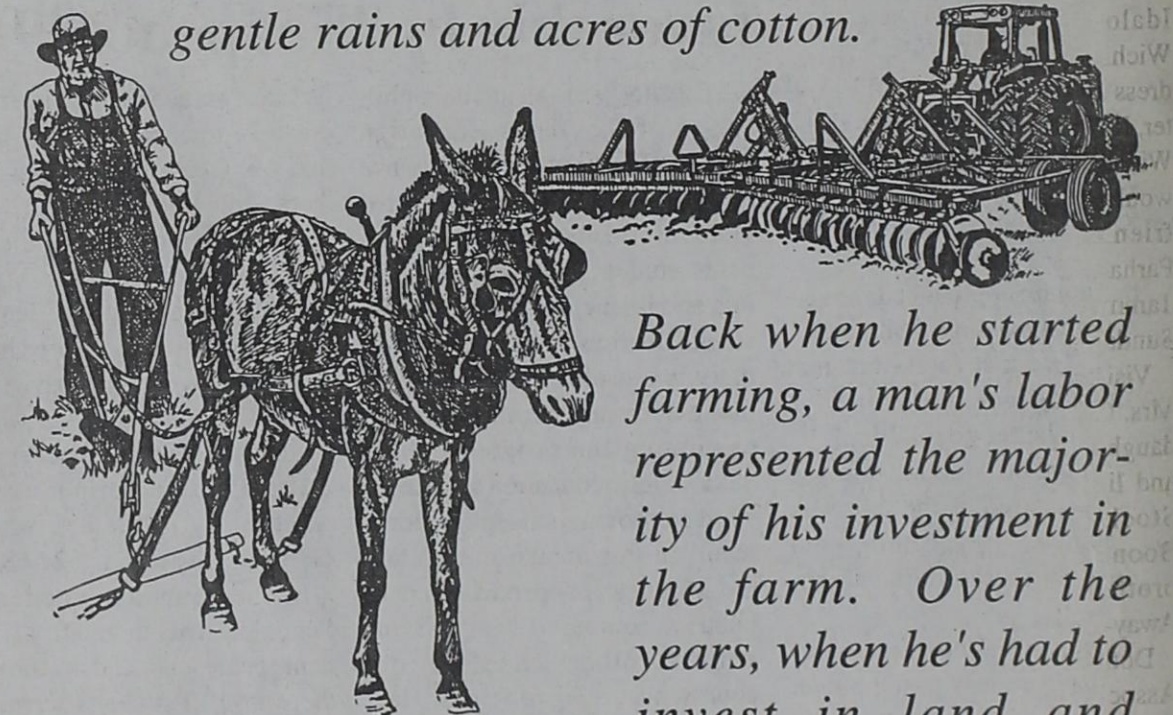
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BROOK DOWELL MATTHEWS AND BECKY ANN BEGGS

Matthews-Brooks to wed July 19 in Odessa

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Beggs of Odessa would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Becky Ann to Brook Dowell Matthews, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Matthews of Anson. The wedding will be on July 19 at Temple Baptist in Odessa. Becky is a graduate of Permian High School and Angelo State University. Brook is a graduate of Anson

High School and Angelo State University. He is employed by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in Abilene. The couple will live in Abilene. The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Winters Matthews and the late Hank Matthews of Munday, and Mrs. Geneva Navratil and the late Arnold Navratil of Seymour.

Vera News

by Mrs. Thelma Coulston

Visitors in the Harold Beck home have been Kent and Elaine Beck, Elizabeth, Adam and Jason of Copper Canyon, Debra Beck and friend, Dr. Gerry O'Donovan of Denton and Brenda Beck, Becky and Matthew of Austin.

K.B. Ritchie, a former resident of the Vera community is now making his home at Clappett Retirement Center in Wichita Falls. K.B. was making his home in Idalou, Texas and moved to Wichita Falls last week. His address is Clappett Retirement Center, Room 420, 925 LaMar Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301, and he would enjoy a visit from any of his friends. His daughter, Melba Parham and her daughter-in-law, Tammy Parham visited with him Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boone have been a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Sims and little daughter, Erin of Fort Stockton, Phill and Rebecca Boone of Trent and Clifford's brother, Tony Boone of Run-Away-Bay.

Donations to the Vera Cemetery Association have been made by Orville Kinnibrugh and Clifford and Alma Jean Boone in memory of Richard (Dicki) Patterson.

Donations have been made to the Vera Community Center in memory of Dicki Patterson by J.L. an Joyce Trainham and Randy and Kelly Mullican.

The Claudell Bratchers were business visitors in Wichita Falls, Friday. Claudell and Mary visited Father's Day Sunday with a son, Larry and Patti Bratcher and family in Seymour.

Jeannie Clark and John Russell were married in the Vera Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon, June 12, 1997 at 2:00. His father, Clarence Russell of Kingwood performed the ceremony. Out-of-town relatives here for the wedding and visiting in the Ronnie Clark and Duward Richards home were: Clarence and Billie Russell of Kingwood, B.F. Smith and Ronnie and Chere Bradley and children, Aaron and Brittany of Tulia, Adry and Wanda Wheeler and Sarah Wheeler of Abilene, Mac McClary of Seymour, Warren and Angie Robinson of

Madisonville, James Clark of Galveston, Len and Arlis Sims, Charles and Sharon Sims, Chrystal, Jenna, Jessie and Davin of Plainview and Kenneth Sims of Tulia. Kenneth is spending a few days in the Clark home and doing some fishing.

Mrs. Esta Lee Cook of Granbury visited Wednesday in the home of her brother, Billy and Kinnibrugh. Week end in the Kinnibrugh home were Paul and Barbara Holt of Odessa, Gordon and Rhonda Thomas and children, Tanner and Brianna of Woodson and the Randal Kinnibrugh family of the community.

If it's happening out there somewhere, The Munday Courier wants to know about it. If you are sponsoring an event, teaching a class, having a meeting, organizing a trip or just want people to know something, send your announcement to The Munday Courier, P.O. Box 130, Munday, TX 76371.

The search is on for Mrs. Munday

Mrs. Texas International officials are looking for the next Mrs. Munday. The woman selected will receive her crown and banner and will have the opportunity to represent Munday at the 1998 Mrs. Texas International Pageant which will be held in San Antonio February 19 - 22 in the spectacular Zaragosa Theater at Fiesta Texas. Married women between the ages of 24 and 54 who have been married for a minimum of two years and have resided in the Munday area for at least six months qualify to enter.

The Mrs. Texas International Pageant is an official preliminary of the prestigious Mrs. International Pageant which honors women for their commitment to marriage and family, professional excellence and community service. "Fifty percent of the score is given in the interview category", says Shonnie Bray, State Director. "Twenty five percent is awarded in the physical fitness category and twenty five percent is awarded in the evening gown category." There is no swimsuit or talent competition and no previous experience is required. In addition to competing in the state finals, selected city representatives will be invited to participate in several community service oriented projects, including the Anthony Robbins Foundation Thanksgiving Basket Brigade, Easter Seal Telethon, the Senior Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Mrs. Texas International's Youth Celebration and Scholarship Program. Last year, Mrs. Texas representatives contributed over 4500 documented hours of community service to civic and non-profit organizations and events statewide.

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Stamford to present 24th annual Art Foundation Art Sale

Popular performer and television personality, Red Steagall, will be the grand marshal for the kickoff parade at the 67th Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, July 3, 1997. Steagall and his wife will also be special guests at the 24th annual Stamford Art Foundation Western Art Preview Party and Sale on Tuesday, July 1. The Preview Party benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

A special preview showing of the artwork of thirty-five well known western artists will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the John Selmon Memorial Gallery on the Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds. A dinner featuring Joe Allen's famous steaks is set for 7:45 p.m.

Seven artists in this year's show will take part in the artists' "quick draw." They will complete a work of art in one hour as patrons look on. The piece will then be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Rehab Center.

Artists committed to the 1997 show include Michael Andrews, Barry Arthur, Gary Artzt, Brian Asher, Jodie Boren, George Boutwell, Lynn Brown, R. Russell Brown, and Garnet Buster.

Also exhibiting works are Hugh Campbell, Marianne Caroselli, Bill Chappell, G.W. Clark, Cary Clawson, Gail Copeland, Kaye Franklin, Paul Friske, and Steve

Grey. Other participating artists are Jim Hamilton, Richard Harvey, Erwin Hearne, Lewis Holiman, Shirley Hullum, Don Hunt, Barry Lambirth, C.B. Mahaney, and Daniel Maldonado.

Rounding out this year's artists are Vel Miller, Charles Pruitt, Harold Scott, James R. Spurlock, Paul Tadlock, Darlene Wall, A.B. Word, and Don Yandell.

Artist Steve Grey has donated an original pastel (16" X 20") titled "Kiowa Girl" valued at \$2,500 to be raffled to benefit the Rehab Center. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Saturday, July 5.

Tickets for the Western Art Preview Party and Sale are \$28 each and can be reserved by calling the

West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene at (915) 691-7290.



Dylan and Taylor Goforth would like the world to know that they have a baby brother. Zachary Jordan Goforth arrived in the world on June 13, 1997 at 2:44 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Also proud of Zachary's arrival are his parents, Curtis and Gina Goforth, of Munday, and grandparents, Curtis Goforth of Gordon, Clara Goforth of Mabank and Tom and Janice Norris of Stephenville.

The Idaho legislature once passed a law making it illegal for a man to give his sweetheart a box of candy weighing less than 50 pounds.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Cynthia,

First, let me say I enjoy White's Wagging Tongue very much, your source of humorous stories seem to be inexhaustible. I have lunch with a group of men each Friday and I share many of your stories with them. The one about the small boy advising the two old experienced fishermen how to catch fish from a frozen pond...you must keep your worms warm...was a classic. Keep up the good work. I will continue to read and enjoy your column.

Second, I must respond to your story of last week about the Chicago firm with an office in El Paso. I first hear this story from my Texas history teacher in Weinert. It went: A Chicago firm had branch offices in El Paso and Texarkana, Texas. Problems had developed in the Texarkana office and the main office in Chicago

Sandoval joins Army's Delayed Entry Program

Rafael O. Sandoval has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The program give young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Sandoval will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for military basic training August 5, 1997.

He is the son of Marta D. Sandoval of Houston.

His wife, Kristina, is the daughter of Frank and Janiece Dutton of Munday.

HAVE A NICE DAY!

called El Paso and ask that they sent someone over there to help resolve the difficulty. El Paso responded, "you send someone - it's closer." The teacher then demonstrated the distance with a compass. Needless to say, I was impressed with the size of Texas. I am sure the computer inadvertently deleted Texarkana from your story.

Please tell us sometimes where on the South Plains you were raised.

Very truly yours,

Howard Yandell
Lubbock, Texas 79424

Dear Mr. Yandell,

Thank you so much for your very nice letter.

It's is complimentary to me to know that you enjoy the Wagging Tongue and share it with your friends. I hope you will continue to find it up-lifting as the sole purpose of the column is to give someone a laugh or two.

As for my Texas back-ground - I was born in the beautiful little community of Albany but soon moved with my family to Haskell. Another move, while I was in elementary school, took me to Levelland where I graduated from High School and then attended Texas Tech University as a Music Major and marched in that wonderful Raider Band.

Marriage then took me to Germany for five years and then back to Alabama before returning to my beloved Texas. Other extended travels have taken me from Texas to Alaska to Florida and all points in between and we lived in Maryland for eight years prior to settling once again in Texas. This just proves that you can take the girl out of Texas but you can't make her stay away!

Once again, thanks for your letter and if you hear any great stories let me know - I'm usually scrambling on Monday mornings for something to print!

Sincerely,
Cynthia White



MRS. WILLIAM THOMAS BREWSTER

Locals' granddaughter united in holy matrimony

Lana G. Hawkins and William Thomas Brewster were married Saturday, June 14, at the First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls. The Reverend Jerry Hodges and the Reverend Brian Eby officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Brewster of Wichita Falls. Grandparents of the bride are Dorothy L. Howry of Munday, Grady A. Howry of Goree, and Joyce Hawkins of Haskell.

The Bride was attired in a Southwestern designed gown. It was accented with deeply laced ruffles around the neckline and sheer laced sleeves. The belted waist gathered the dress to accent the alternating tiers of lined lace and white cotton. Her wedding straw hat, designed by her mother, and laced up boots completed her ensemble.

Deanna Reames was Matron of Honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Kristi Roybal and Cindy Morgan, sister of the groom.

Their attire consisted of black tea length denim skirts accented with conchos, white western design blouses, concho belts and black roper boots.

Phillip Roybal was best man. Groomsmen were Matt Capps and Keith Brooks.

Kevin Hawkins, brother of the bride, Harrell Keeter, Jack Reames and David Taylor were ushers.

They all wore black tux jackets with vests, white shirts, black wranglers and black boots.

The bride's parents gave the reception at the church. The groom's

parents gave the rehearsal dinner at the University Club.

The bride is a graduate of Rider High School and Midwestern State University. She is a teacher with the Wichita Falls Independent School District.

The groom is a graduate of Rider High School and Midwestern State University. He is a team sales representative with the Sport Center and a board member of the MSU Ex-Students Association and the Wichita Falls Little League.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple will live in Wichita Falls.

The average American consumes more than 300 pounds of dairy products a year.



ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

Mac

Taking Action to Save Medicare and Clamp Down on the Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Whenever Winston Churchill wanted immediate action on an issue, he pasted a sticker which declared, "Action this day," across a note or memorandum.

These days, instead of using the Churchill approach, the federal government all too often seems to be doing just the opposite -- ducking action where's its most sorely needed, and putting off tough decisions until another day.

Take the issue of Medicare. For over two years now, we've known that the system is losing money and will be bankrupt by the year 2001. Unfortunately, the issues' been caught up in partisan politics and nothing's been done to prevent it. Fortunately, real action might be just around the corner.

This week, the House is scheduled to vote on a plan that would extend the life of Medicare for another 10 years. The plan's

expected to achieve three goals. First, there will be no cuts in Medicare -- spending will continue to increase, but not as fast in the past. Second, it will give seniors the right to choose the kind of Medicare coverage that's best for them. And third, it will clamp down on fraud and abuse.

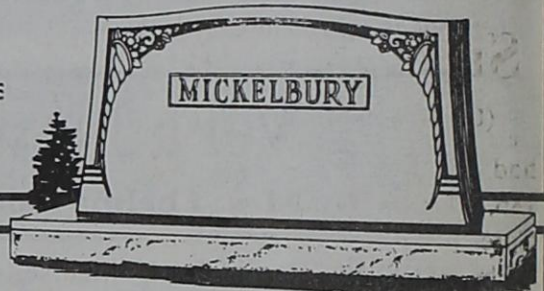
This last point is important. Health care fraud is estimated to add an additional 3 to 10 percent to your total bill every time you visit the doctor. If you apply these figures to Medicare, it means that losses to fraud and abuse in 1996 could have ranged between \$6 and \$20 billion dollars. It's critical that we eliminate this kind of waste, and this bill will help us do that.

Most importantly, it will do what Churchill would have recommended had he been around today - take action on an issue that need immediate attention.

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New preservation process protects history's leftovers

It may not bring King Tut back to life, but a team of Texas A&M University archaeologists have developed a series of new silicone and polymer preservation processes that will save history's leftovers from the ravages of time.

"Whether it's accurate or not, we sort of refer to ourselves as doing modern mummification because we're going into the matrix of organic materials and chemically treating them so that they're preserved," research scientist Wayne Smith said.

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MICHELLE NIETO was given a surprise 6th birthday party by her fellow RITS members. The group also enjoyed echoing back the moon's character in Happy Birthday, Moon by Frank Asch as part of the birthday theme for the day.



HOOPRUS FREETHROW CHAMPIONS during camp the week of June 16 - 20 were Amy Smith, Jeffery Toliver and Seth Kuehler.

Snapshot '96

(Continued from Page 1)

had 114,408. Benjamin had 186,191 taxable value per pupil and Goree had 140,667.

The amount of state aid per pupil in Munday was 4,173. In Knox City it is 3,894. State aid per pupil in Benjamin is 5,159 and in Goree it is 2,999.

Total revenue in Munday was listed as 2,505,105 and in Knox City the total revenue was listed as 2,720,534. Benjamin's total for revenue was 1,012,397 and Goree had 782,922.

Total expenditures in Munday was 3,303,234 and in Knox City the total expenditures was 2,720,535. Benjamin's total ex-

penses was listed as 1,058,371 and Goree spent 855,928.

Goree had the highest total operating expenditures per pupil with 10,469. Benjamin's total operating expenditures per pupil was 8,304 and Knox City's was 6,733. Munday had the lowest operating expenditure per pupil with 5,361.

Calendar of Events

July 1 - Lions Club; Brazos Valley Young Farmers.

Middle names did not become common in the United States until after the Revolutionary War.

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Name on Mom's bank account may affect SSI eligibility

People who apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and have their names on bank accounts on behalf of relatives or friends should be aware that the funds will be considered as belonging to them and may affect their SSI eligibility. Under SSI rules, we must count the money as the applicant's even if his or her name is used merely as a convenience for the account holder unless the account is titled to restrict the applicant's access to the funds.

Since people cannot qualify for SSI if they have assets (including bank accounts) worth more than \$2000 (\$3000 for a couple), hav-

Summer reading club in Goree going strong

R.L. Stine, Dr. Suess and Ann Martin are just a few of the many authors getting more attention from some Goree Elementary students this summer than "Rug Rats" or the swimming pool, thanks to a new club designed to give youngsters a little more creative past time for their minds.

The summer reading club (RITS) for Goree students has been going strong since it began three weeks ago. For six weeks this summer, the school opens from 9:30 - 11:30, Monday through Friday, providing students access to books and opportunities to learn.

Each week the group has read and studied on various theme-related books from secret agents to adventure stories. Mr. and Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Bowman have been part of the adult read aloud time with others scheduled. More RITS news next week - until then - Happy Reading!

Four U.S. Presidents have had last names with only four letters: George Bush, Gerald Ford, James Polk and William Howard Taft.

money in the account.

For example, "Thomas Green, Kiwanis Club for Heart Surgery." As long as the account title shows the money cannot be used for food, clothing and shelter for the SSI recipient, the account is not considered a resource.

If you would like more information on helping to set up bank accounts involving SSI recipients, contact your nearest Social Security office, or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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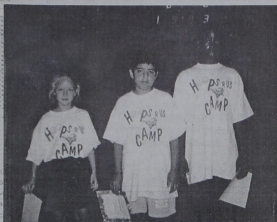
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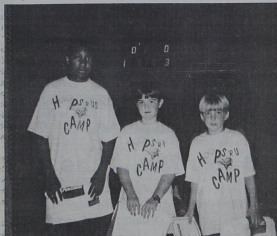
THANK YOU
Harold Jones for all your hard work and the beautiful petunias on the lawn at the Goree Memorial Building. We appreciate you very much

THE HERITAGE HOUSE
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Wed. - Chicken Brochette & Nachos
Thurs. - Mesquite Grilled Burgers and Shish-K-Bobs
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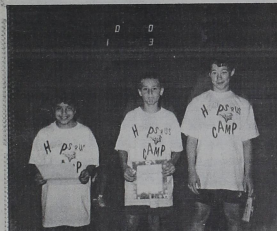
SAMANTHA DOBSON, AMADO AGUAYO AND JEFFERY TOLIVER were 1 on 1 champions during Hoops R Us Basketball camp.



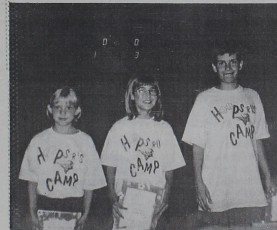
REALLY HUSTLING at Hoops R Us Basketball Camp were Dee Toliver, Andrea Cyperet and Ty Bulkin. These participants received the Hustler Award in their groups.



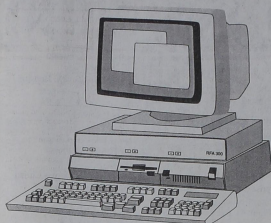
HOOPS R US HOT SHOT WINNERS in their divisions were Trapper Meiner, Jeffrey Urbanczyk and Johnica Fetsch. The camp took place last week and was sponsored by Mindy Myers and Larry Welch.



DYANNE AQUAYO, BLAKE BRUMBELOW AND TIFFANY MYERS were named the Lay-Up Champions at Hoops R Us Basketball Camp during the week of June 16 - 20.



OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYERS at Hoops R Us Basketball camp at Munday High School were Kaitlyn Kuchler, Katie Myers and Blake Dillard.



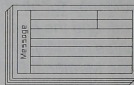
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June 30 - July 4, 1997

Mon. June 30 - Baked ham, apple-celery salad, yams, broccoli, hot rolls, cookies.
Wed. July 2 - Barbecue on bun, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, apricot cobbler.
Fri. July 4 - Holiday - no meals served.
If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Freuhwirth at 422-4191. At Goree, call Mrs. Allene Seale at 422-5292 the day before.



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Pre-entrance testing for Vernon Regional Junior College LVN Nursing Program for Vernon, Seymour, and Wichita Falls campuses. Test dates Vernon are July 7, 2:00 p.m. and July 30, 4:00 p.m. and July 12, 8:30 a.m. and July 23, 5:30 p.m. Wichita Falls. Testing is prerequisite for admission. Application deadline: August 1. Classes begin August 25. Cost is \$4.00 and must have photo ID and social security number to take test. Call the Vocational Nursing Office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 278, Vernon or (940) 696-8752, ext. 204, Wichita Falls. AA/EDE



CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

USER-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Over the past 10 years the number of environmental regulations on our books has increased dramatically. Few states (and not even the federal government) have the resources to enforce those laws thoroughly and even-handedly. In fact, so difficult has this task become that a survey of corporate attorneys found 70 percent don't believe compliance with the laws is even achievable.

So two years ago the State of Texas adopted a radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental laws: let the vast majority of responsible businesses audit their own operations and concentrate enforcement efforts on the really bad offenders.

The key to making this system work is that the Texas law assumes most businesses are acting in good faith, want to comply with the law and shouldn't be penalized for taking steps on their own initiative to see that they do.

Case in point: A Houston-based manufacturer wanted to conduct an audit of its own compliance efforts, but was reluctant to do so for fear that if it found violations the information could result in legal proceedings and fines. Because it is a small company with fewer than 50 employees, committing resources to an audit was difficult — until the threat that the information gathered could be used against the company was removed by state law. Once the Texas law was enacted, the firm examined its own operations, determined it had miscalculated its emissions and corrected the problem. This is a win/win situation for cleaner air — and for the company trying to comply with the law.

I have introduced legislation on the federal level to expand this voluntary system nationwide. Unfortunately, companies in states without this law don't perform voluntary self-audits because the data gathered can be used by government regulators, prosecutors or advocacy groups to sue them. Under those circumstances, documentation serves as a roadmap for lawsuits, even if a problem has been corrected and no harm occurred.

It just makes sense to pass legislation that encourages businesses to comply with the law rather than raise the ante in the adversarial climate that has grown up around our complex compliance system.

Twenty one states, including Texas, have enacted laws similar to the Environmental Protection Partnership Act that I have introduced. These states understand that to truly protect the environment, everyone must participate.

We now have cleaner air and water in America than we've had in 30 years. To consolidate and build on these gains we need to prevent pollution rather than to react only after problems occur. All too often our approach to environmental challenges has been arbitrary and penalty-driven, rather than incentive-oriented.

But this doesn't mean companies that pollute will go scot free. My bill in no way protects willful violators and those that do not promptly address violations. All of us want a cleaner environment, all of us want pure water and clear skies.

The law will allow us to engage every business voluntarily in working toward those goals. This will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the real offenders — those who deliberately and intentionally pollute. 6.20.97

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If you are interested in working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Correctional Officer, Vernon Regional Junior College is offering a Correctional Officer Pre-Service training class.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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TxDOT's "123 Days of Summer" campaign focuses on work zone safety

For most Texans the most dangerous part of their jobs is the commute to work. For highway maintenance and construction workers, the roadways are their offices, and this summer, they're concentrating on making their work places safer.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has kicked off a new public and internal information campaign called "123 Days of Summer" to put highway safety out front this season. The program's goals are to increase employee awareness of work zone safety practices, prevent on-the-job accidents and educate the public about the dangers road crews

face. It runs through August.

"Summer is probably our busiest time since we can accomplish a lot of roadway maintenance and construction during the warmer, drier months. That's also the time more Texans are out on the roadways traveling. What we want is safer roadways for motorists and our workers," said Jerral Wyer, safety and industrial hygiene section director with TxDOT's Occupational Safety Division.

Each year between May and August, on-the-job accidents and injuries at TxDOT increase significantly. In fact, eight of TxDOT's last 10 on-the-job fatalities occurred during the summer. In 1995, more than 100 Texans died in work-zone accidents, most of which could have been prevented. More than 19 percent were caused by drivers either speeding or driving too fast for conditions.

The campaign has two parts: one designed for TxDOT employees, and the second for its external customers - highway drivers. For TxDOT employees, the added emphasis on safety begins before they hit the highways. Each workday will begin with a safety briefing where TxDOT workers will receive additional information on accident prevention and the safe handling of hazardous materials.

But for all its internal measures to keep its employees safe, TxDOT must rely on the public to help. Last May, TxDOT began its companion safety campaign called "Give Us a Brake" to emphasize the need for motorists to obey posted speed limits and pay attention when driving through work zones.

"Work zone safety is really very easy to accomplish. It's just a matter of reminding people of some very simple rule like watching and observing the reduced speed zones in work areas. Too many work-zone accidents are caused by motorists driving too fast for conditions," Wyer said.

Some other rules of the road motorists need to remember: Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Most accidents in work zones involve rear-end collisions. Stay alert. Pay attention to construction workers and equipment in the work zone areas. Be patient. Traffic delays in work zones are often unavoidable while improvements are being made to Texas roads. Patience can prevent accidents.

"Of course, safety awareness isn't just limited to the summer. It's a year-round effort to make our workers and motorists safe on Texas highways," Wyer said.

Vernon Regional offers varied summer courses

The Continuing Education Division of VRJC will be offering a course in Hunter Education during the summer. This course is for all hunters who are at least 12 years of age and whose date of birth is on or after 09-02-71, must have successfully completed the course to legally hunt in Texas.

Hunter Education is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, beginning July 21 and ending July 23 from 6:00 to 9:40 p.m. It will be held at VRJC, 4400 college Drive in Vernon. Gary Don Harkey will be the instructor and the fee will be \$10 (Payable to Texas Parks & Wildlife).

The Division of Continuing Education at VRJC has scheduled a new course entitled Microsoft Office-Access Essentials this summer. This will be conducted at VRJC, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

The course is scheduled to meet Saturday, July 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This short course is designed to provide a working knowledge of the use of database management. Creating a new database and records, queries, reports, and printing will be included. Instructor will be Shana Munson and the registration fee will be \$25.00 plus a book.

For further information call 817-552-6291.

Local News

Mrs. Mary Beth Murphy and Mrs. Rita Compton, family of Louise Moore of Munday, have returned home to Milwaukee, Wisconsin after several days visit here. They all complimented on what a wonderfully hospitable community Munday was.

New drug or vitamin E may slow Alzheimer's

Taking Vitamin E or a Parkinson's drug called selegiline helped slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in patients studied nationwide.

"These medications slowed deterioration by, at best, about seven months," said Dr. Rachele Doody, clinical director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Baylor was one of 23 centers that participated in the two-year study funded by the National Institutes of Health. Study participants were divided into four groups that received either Vitamin E tablets, selegiline, a combination of both drugs, or a sugar-pill placebo.

"The drugs taken separately worked better than the combination," said Doody, who is on the neurology staff at The Methodist

Hospital. "The combination only slowed progression by about five months."

To measure disease progression, researchers looked at four markers of deterioration - institutionalization, progression to severe dementia, loss of ability to perform basic daily activities and death. Patient assessments were made every three months during the two-year period.

Doody says that while it is not clear why the medications work, researchers believe Vitamin E and selegiline help minimize oxidative damage of brain cells. "Oxidation stresses the brain cells and helps move the disease process along," Doody said.

Neither medication caused severe side effects. However, the Vitamin E dose was much higher than the level found in standard

vitamins. Doody recommends that Alzheimer's patients and family members discuss the two options with a physician.

While Vitamin E and selegiline appear to be promising strategies for slowing Alzheimer's progression, Doody cautions that the public should not assume these drugs can prevent Alzheimer's.

"Further studies need to be done involving people at risk for developing Alzheimer's," she said. "Right now it is too early to generalize about how beneficial these drugs would be to the general public."

Doody feels that future solutions for Alzheimer's will not involve just one drug or therapy.

"After a few more years of studying risk factors and therapies, I believe we will end up individualizing treatment and even individualizing prevention strategies," she said.



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- Program 10 a.m.
- Lunch at 12 Noon
•Downtown Parade - 4 p.m.
•RODEO - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 11
•Arts & Crafts Show
- Extension Building
•RODEO - 7:30 p.m.
•DANCE - 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Music by Haywire Band

SATURDAY, JULY 12
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•RODEO - 7:30 p.m.
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