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WEATHER

Five-day outlook

Today

Scattered T-storms

HI 83°
 LO 61°



Friday

Partly Cloudy

HI 76°
 LO 56°



Saturday

Scattered T-storms

HI 94°
 LO 66°



Sunday

Sunny

HI 84°
 LO 55°



Monday

Sunny

HI 90°
 LO 70°



Beat the heat



Soon-Young Kwon/ University Leader

Hyun Jung Back, Seoul, South Korea, graduate student, fans herself outside of her Wooster Place apartment during the power outage last Sunday.

Fort Hays' students spend weekend vying for pickup

Patricia Schumacher
 Staff Writer

If a Fort Hays State professor assigns "How I Spent My Summer Vacation," as a topic for a composition, she or he may receive some unusual responses. Several Hays students competed for an '87 pickup in the Hold On To Your Heartbeat Contest.

The event, held at 2719 Vine St., Hays, was co-sponsored by Paul MacDonald Chevrolet and KJLS Radio. Deanna Pfeifer walked away with the prize.

Participants had to keep their hands flat on the car for three-hour time periods. Absolutely no movement was permitted.

The contest began at noon Friday and concluded at 3:55 p.m. on Monday.

What motivated them to withstand such hardships? Yvonne Howell, Hays sophomore, said she had nothing better to do. Another student confessed to a more obvious reason. "Quintessential greed!" Amer Reese, Hays junior, said.

Other reasons for entering the contest were as unique as the

contestants.

Jason Cooper, Hays senior, said, "It's Chief's colors."

Even faculty had a stake in the outcome of the contest. Lois Britten also vied for the prize. She and Fred Britten, professor of communication disorders, have four teenagers adding to the growing number of drivers in their household.

Natalie Spalsbury, Hays sophomore, hoped to win it for her husband, David. She said sleep deprivation became a problem. "Your mind starts to play tricks on you."

Spalsbury admitted she thought she was hallucinating Sunday morning when Paul MacDonald, dressed in kilts, serenaded the final five contestants with his bagpipes. MacDonald, a member of the McPherson Pipe Band, was warming up for a church dedication in Russell later that morning.

How did you spend your summer? Several FHSU students can answer, competing for a truck.

Ellis County gets a bang out of Independence

Beth Norman
 Opinions Editor

Ellis County will be celebrating the fourth with a bang this year, even though fireworks have been banned within the city limits since 1954, according to Director of Fire and Inspection Services Wayne Schwartz at the Hays Fire Department.

It is illegal to possess, sell or discharge any class C fireworks within Ellis county and the city of Hays, Schwartz said. A class C firework includes many of the traditional fireworks used to celebrate the fourth.

Not all the cities in Ellis County are included in the ban. It is legal to sell and discharge fireworks in Schoenchen; the town supports two fireworks stands.

If people are found discharging fireworks in Hays, police will confiscate but not give the offenders a ticket, according to Schwartz.

For the larger displays, like the one at the Wild West Festival, the group that puts the festival together had to receive a special permit from the city fire chief, according to Jane Clarke, Hays city mayor.

The fire department plans to have a truck on sight when the display is shot off, according to Clarke. "It does create extra work for the city," Clarke said.

Schwartz said, "We aren't expecting any problems."

Fireworks have been around for several centuries; large scale public displays were often created for parades and celebrations. These "machines" were created as early as the 16th century and depicted themes from St. George slaying a dragon to reconstructing naval battles.

The pyrotechnics start in Hays at 10 p.m. tomorrow at Lewis Field.

FHSU athletic teams tie for 24th in Sear's Directors' Cup

Bryan Valentine
 Staff Writer

Fort Hays State University's athletic teams finished the 1996-97 season tied for 24th in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Sear's Directors' Cup Standings.

FHSU tied Lewis University in Illinois in the final standings with 298.5 points.

The 24th-place finish is based on the success that all FHSU Athletic programs had throughout the 1996-97 season.

Standings for the 1996-97 Sear's Directors' Cup was based upon a 64-team bracket.

All teams placing first in the Nation's Athletic Directors' recognized championships, or poll if there is no championship, will receive 64 points; second place is

worth 63 points, and so on.

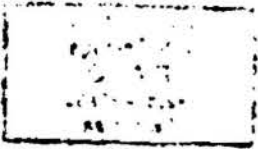
Where there are ties for a place, the points for those places will be split amongst the teams that tied.

According to the 1996-97 Sear's Directors' Cup information sheet, two teams tying for third would split the points for third and fourth place (62 and 61 points) and each team would receive 61.5 points.

The method would continue throughout the entire bracket.

According to the information sheet, an institution's finish in conference championships or ranking in national polls will not count toward the point tally in the Sear's Directors' Cup standings.

All points were based on an institution's finish in the NACDA-recognized championships.



'My Identity' exhibition now showing

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

Lawan Fuangphon, Thailand graduate student, is presenting a master of fine arts thesis exhibition from June 30 to July 10 in Moss-Thorns Gallery.

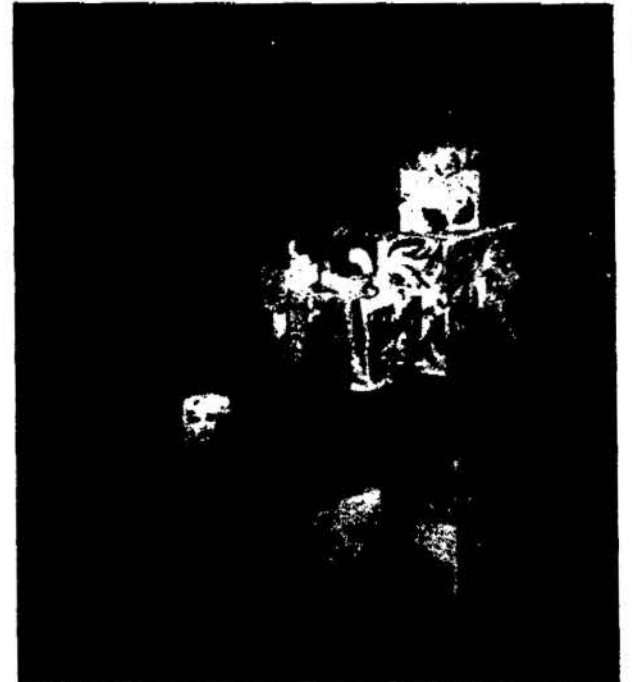
Fuangphon received her bachelor's degree in Thailand in the area of fine arts. She is completing her master's degree this summer in graphic design. She said she plans to return to Thailand after completing her master's.

The exhibition, "My Identity," has a large variety of artwork, including sculptures, paintings, jewelry, ceramic pieces and two live fish.

Fuangphon said she tried to create a mixture of fine arts and graphic design in her exhibit. She said one of the ways she combined techniques was by scanning her paintings and manipulating them with a computer.

A large part of Fuangphon's exhibit involves cubes covered with various pictures, arranged in different ways. She named the series of cubes "Never Ending Project 'People': Expandable Sculpture" because the sculpture can be expanded into many variations, by arranging the blocks in different ways. The never ending variation is also apparent when viewing the sculptures from different angles.

The Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art is located in Rarick 102. The gallery will be opened until 4 p.m. today and will be closed tomorrow for Independence Day. The hours for July 7-25 will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Photos by Marsha Magnett/ University Leader

Displayed above is Lawan Fuangphon's "Never Ending Project 'People': Expandable Sculpture."

(Left) Lawan Fuangphon explains her sculpture to viewers during her thesis exhibition on Monday.

Schnippel presents paper

Bryan Valentine
Staff Writer

Greg Schnippel, Indianapolis, Ind., senior, is a student with a mission.

Schnippel took it upon himself to develop a paper and enter it in a competition in Scotland.

His work paid off to the sum of \$1,000 and an invitation to present the paper at the June 20 and 21 International Symposium on Technology and Society 1997 at the University of Strathclyde.

The results of the contest were not available at press time.

The conference theme was "Technology and Society at a Time of Sweeping Change."

Two universities, Purdue and University of Pennsylvania, sponsored the call for student papers, along with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

"I plan to go for the conference and spend time traveling around Europe," Schnippel said.

This is Schnippel's first time to travel outside the United States.

Schnippel's paper first began as an English assignment for his

English Composition II class.

He received permission from his instructor, Chris Luehrs, to develop the paper more fully into an in-depth academic piece.

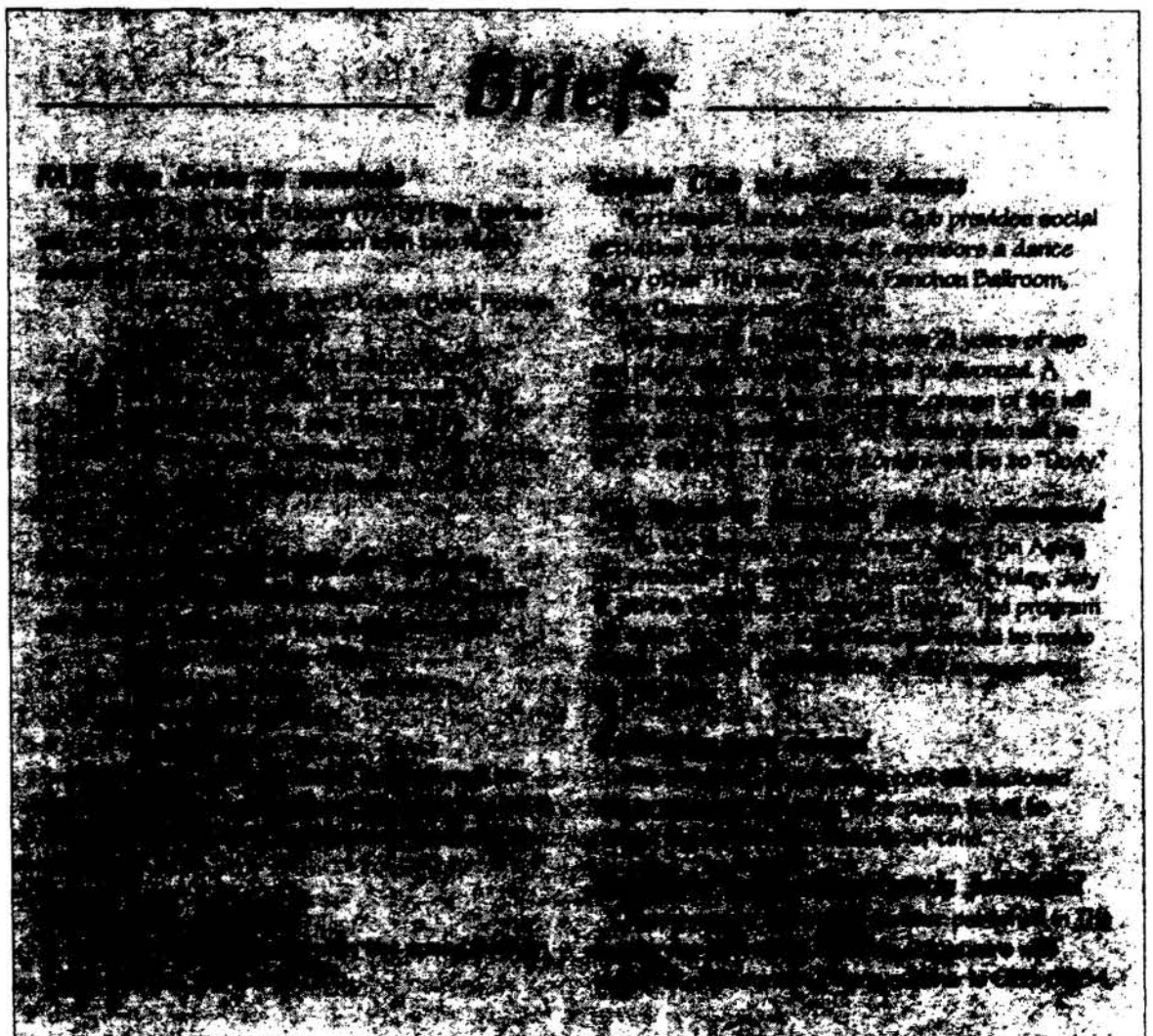
Schnippel first heard about the competition as a member of a computer-related social issues mailing list and was notified by e-mail of the results.

Schnippel said, "The interest in the topic evolved from my interest in security or national defense issues as they relate to space technology or information technology."

Schnippel applied his debate experience to complete the project. "I wanted to use debate as a stepping stone, to use my research and presentation skills for an academic paper," Schnippel said.

Schnippel hopes to be involved in more campus opportunities, like conferences such as Telepower and meetings related to the Hays Information City concept.

He has one more year before graduating. "I want to pursue a master's degree in computer security or policy, which might translate into a law degree," Schnippel said.



Hammond Meter

For those of you who have noticed and commented about the Hammond Meter in recent weeks, thanks. We always appreciate your input. Eddie has a slow week this week (check out all that office time). We decided he's either moving in or just really occupied with the 3rd floor of Sheridan.

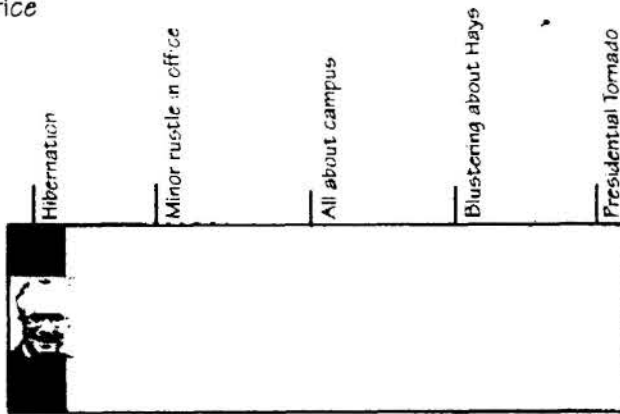
Today: Works in the office

Friday: 4th of July, national holiday

Monday: Vacation

Tuesday: Still hibernating in the office

Wednesday: "Moves in the cot" and lives in the office



Writer finds local restaurant needs to make a pit stop

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

The Checkered Flag has replaced Richard's Real Pit Barbecue at 1101 Elm St. and is now the first smoke-free sports bar in Hays.

I have never been a big fan of sports bars (or sports for that matter); but since I don't smoke, I was eager to try out Hays' newest restaurant.

The building looks almost the same from the outside as it did as Richard's Real Pit Barbecue. However, as I walked into the restaurant, I found the new decor to be rather creative and colorful.

Some of the unique decorations include a real motorcycle mounted behind the counter, racing tires stacked by the door and the hood of a racing car hanging on the wall.

There are numerous wall murals, including a collage of the Fort Hays State athletic departments. Finally, no sports bar would be complete without a big screen television and several other smaller ones throughout the dining area.

The music that was playing in the

background (what I would classify as dance music) was a nice change from the country or "elevator" music that I hear entirely too much of when eating out.

After we ordered at the front counter (I opted for a burger instead of a salad), it took less than 10 minutes to get the appetizers.

The beer battered mozzarella sticks (\$3.99) and french fries (\$1.50 for a basket) tasted good. Although, the sauce for the mozzarella sticks could have used a little more flavor.

The hamburgers tasted OK, not exceptional, but not bad either. A quarter-pound cheese burger costs \$2.25 and a double cheese burger costs \$3.50.

There were a few things I thought might be improved. The size of the portions were sufficient for me, but big eaters may have needed more.

In addition, I found the cost (around \$14 for two people) to be a bit high as a college student on a budget.

However, others with a higher income may not find it to be out of their budget.

The overall dining experience was nice, but I thought there was room for improvement in the area of cost and portion.

The Checkered Flag

1101 Elm St., Hays



3 (out of 4)

Leader Food
Restaurant Review

The menu has the typical sports bar items including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, onion rings and fries. Less typical items included breaded shrimp baskets and chicken sandwiches. I was impressed to see a variety of salads to choose from.

Writer advocates equal rights

Beth Norman
Opinions Editor

I saw an interesting editorial cartoon the other day. It depicted the foot of a very popular cartoon mouse, you know the one I'm talking about, he's got that unmistakable red overall-type thing on and speaks in that really high voice that makes most small animals run?

Back to that cartoon, it depicted the aforementioned foot, drawn larger than life in one corner and in the other, as if it were about to get stepped on, was a picture of a man waving a flag that said Southern Baptist on it.

I thought it was an appropriate cartoon in light of recent events. For those of you who aren't aware, let me fill you in.

A few weeks ago, at the Annual Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas, a resolution was passed that asked Southern Baptists to boycott Disney and its subsidiaries.

So, what's so bad about the company that is associated with family entertainment all over the world?

The Baptists think that Disney's

policies supporting health benefits to the partners of its gay employees. Its gay and lesbian theme nights, as well as, other "crimes" committed by Disney's subsidiary companies.

Most notably ABC, you know the people that produce and air that one sitcom with that blond lady Ellen? are offensive to some Christians.

So, now that you know the facts, culled from several news articles I found on the web, I feel better about giving you my own feelings on the subject.

As a Christian, I believe all people were created equal under God. I am not offended, nor am I particularly upset, that Ellen decided to come out of the closet.

I was unaware until this controversy that Disney even provided equal health benefits to its employees.

In fact, I thought, "Good for Disney," when I heard that it practiced this type of commitment to its employees. I think it shows a real promise for equal rights that Disney should implement that type of program.

With this boycott the Southern Baptists are creating an old

argument with a new scapegoat.

For years, we have moved from hating one group or another simply because they were different from what society considered "normal."

As we sweep through the affirmative action, sit up and look at how bad race relations have gotten in this country 90's.

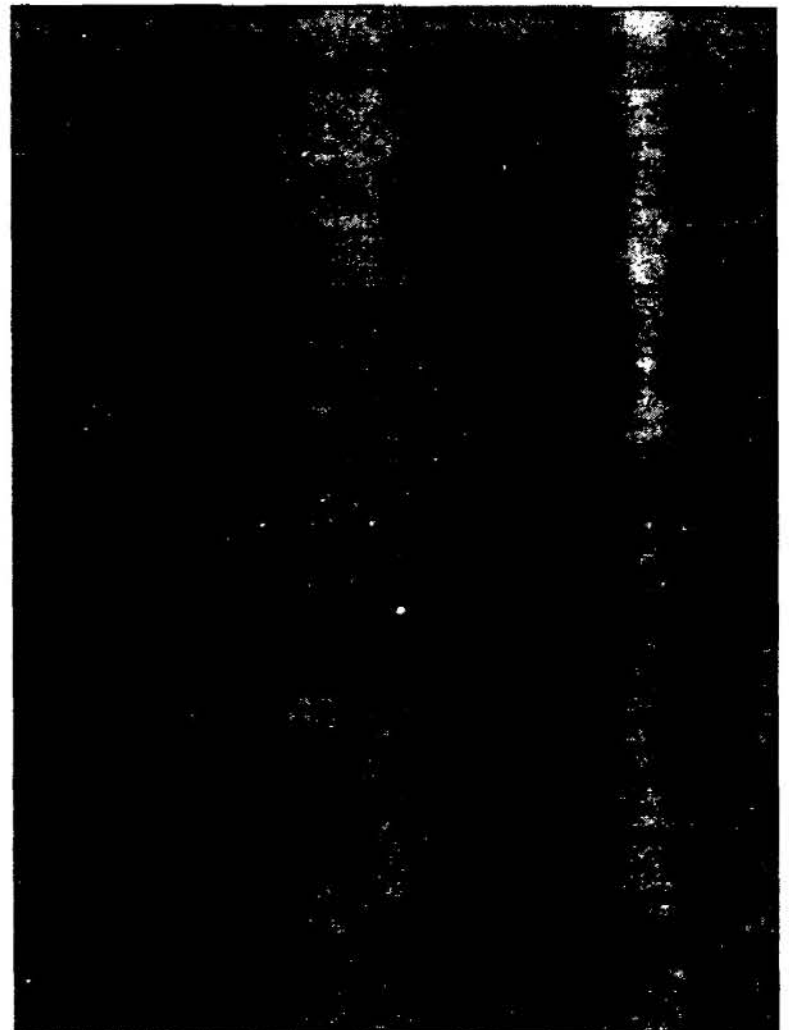
The gay community has become the "safe" scapegoat because they are different from the rest of society.

When will society learn that we are all human? We are so busy looking at the differences in others that we fail to see the similarities.

I say the Southern Baptists are wrong, and that Disney has a moral obligation to provide health coverage to everyone in its employ.

As for the gay and lesbian theme nights, why not? It's no different than offering other communities the opportunity to use the park at a special time.

Well, I hope I've bantered enough for one column. This is a complex issue, and I would love to see some reader feedback on it. If you have a question, comment or feel the need to blast me out of the water, go ahead; and write in



Interest high for new skate park

Patricia Schumacher
Staff Writer

If Sunday's practice of the Sunflower Roller Hockey League is any indication, the new Skate Board Park should be a big hit. According to Superintendent Rick Claiborne of the Hays Recreation Commission, construction of the project, located at Aubel Bickel Optimist Park, is expected to be completed later this month. The facilities will be open to the community and Fort Hays State University students.

Micki Armstrong, vice president of the Hays Recreation Commission, said, "Roller hockey is increasing in popularity. We had 60 kids the first year we offered it and 100 this past year."

The erection of the park was in response to a letter written by Ben Schlitter sent to the Community Center Task Force. Armstrong and Claiborne served on the committee. Both agreed with Schlitter's assessment that skaters had been neglected. "We knew that we weren't serving a large number of kids through the traditional sports of baseball and softball," Claiborne said.

Schlitter got the idea for the park from a skateboard magazine. He admitted that there are some negative connotations associated with skaters. "If you look at any other sport, you'll find the same thing," Schlitter said. "It's all about skateboarding. It isn't about the color of your hair or how baggy your jeans are. We're just out trying to have a good time."

However, Schlitter did not encounter much resistance

to the park. He credited the community's positive response to the fact that roller hockey was tied into it.

Mark Smith, assistant coach for the Sunflower League, said, "The park is really great. It's a much smoother surface area than the pavement at Roosevelt School. We're going to have permanent goals. The equipment is better and the playing surface is more exact size."

Julie Black's two sons, Jamie and Jeffrey Zerr, play roller hockey. "Jamie eats, sleeps and breathes hockey," she said. "This is the first sport where he's had self esteem—it's something he's good at. Jeffrey has also bloomed through his involvement in the sport."

For the Dechant family, roller hockey has also become a family affair. Jeff Dechant said, "This is one sport I don't have to push them on. They go out themselves." Dechant's sons, Jeffy and Dustin are both goalies. Jeff is an assistant coach for the Sunflower League. "I have just as much fun as the kids."

Enthusiasm for the sport is not confined to parents and their youngsters. Andy Hurland, FHSU senior and Wiest Hall residence assistant, is a member of the University's Roller Hockey Club. The organization was officially recognized this past year. "The first time I played I wore umpire equipment and borrowed a stick. We held a tournament later that fall and one of the requirements was that you had to wear skates." Despite the fact that Hurland literally had a crash course in skating, he said, "I loved it. It's a thrilling experience."

Reservoir to undergo changes

Bryan Valentine
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the last of a four part series on the best lakes in the state of Kansas.

Cedar Bluff Reservoir, located in Ellis, Kan., has a water elevation of 2,140 feet and an acreage of 6,625.

According to the Cedar Bluff 1997 Spring Newsletter, 1997 will be the first of several years to come, where excellent fishing quality will be the result of the new lake conditions.

Walleye is a little low in numbers. White bass exist along with a larger group of two-year olds.

According to the newsletter, the white bass average 10 to 12 inches long.

Crappie have grown over the 10-inch length limit.

According to the newsletter, anglers are strongly encouraged to practice catch-and-release when fishing black bass at Cedar Bluff.

Catfish are in a wide size range and in large quantities.

According to the newsletter, the park is going through changes in 1997:

- Bluffton Area (North Shore)
- Road closed south of Arapaho Campground.
- Frisbee golf course converted to primitive camping.

- * Fish cleaning station relocated to the east of the cove and boat ramp.
 - * Dump station relocated to north of Arapaho campground.
 - * South vault toilet closed.
 - * Marian Cove ramp and Cove 1 ramp open for use.
 - * Additional primitive camping areas available.
 - * New courtesy docks purchased by the Lake Association.
 - Page Creek Area (South Shore)
 - * Road work on asphalt road.
 - * Muley boat ramp, Marina Cove and the far west ramp open for use.
 - * Area light placed at Muley boat ramp.
 - * Dumpsters provided near the shower house.
 - * Primitive camping areas near the Marina Cove ramp is cleaned up.
- Currently, the Cedar Bluff Wildlife area is approximately 8,000 acres.

Camping on the wildlife area is primitive in nature and has been developed to provide opportunity for persons wanting to be by themselves and get away from the hassles of the city or the state parks.

According to the newsletter, the luxuries of the state park facilities are not present on the wildlife area, as there are only two pit toilets. Also, there are no showers or drinking water available.

Boat ramps, fishing access and small craft launching sites have also been developed.

According to the newsletter, the remaining boat ramp is located in the Crooked Horn Area and is a single-lane.

Individuals having questions about using the Cedar Bluff Wildlife area can contact the Wildlife Manager Kent Hensley at (913) 726-3212.

Wild West Festival Schedule of Events

Today, July 3 Fri, July 4 Sat, July 5 Sun, July 6

Time	Today, July 3	Fri, July 4	Sat, July 5	Sun, July 6
8:00	Golf Tournament	Opening	Sunflower HMC/Walk/Run	Sunday Revival
9:00	Mainstreet Parade	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters 11:30	Indian Exhibition	Registration Volleyball Tournament
10:00	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters 11:30	Indian Exhibition	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters 12:00	
Children's Activities 1-3:00				
1:00	Indian Exhibition	Street Side	Fishing Tourn	Tea Pet Talks
2:00	Tug O' War	Watermelon Eating Contest	Buffalo Chip Toss, Egg Toss	Money-In-The-Suzw
3:00	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters 3:30			
4:00	Heart of America Carnival			
5:00	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters			
6:00	Indian Exhibition	True Value Country	Bob Leiker's Int. Demo Team	
7:00	Sons of the Desert	Showdown	Regina, Regina	
8:00	David Kerh	Exhibition	Bill Engvall	
9:00	Street Side	Fireworks	Indian Exhibition	
10:00	Ed Fargo's Gunfighters			
11:00	Heart of America Carnival			

Tickets available...

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

The third annual Wild West Festival, a celebration of Independence Day and Hays' western heritage, is in progress. Numerous activities are planned for the next several days, for people of all ages.

All activities will be in Frontier Park except for the golf tournament at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course, the Main Street parade and the fireworks

extravaganza at Lewis Field Stadium.

Wild West Festival tickets are \$6 (available throughout the weekend) when purchased with an order form or from the following locations: U-Save Foods, Cerv's Conoco & Convenience Store, GB Records, Old Fort Hays, Dillons, Bar-B Tack Etc. and Coastal Mart.

Tickets will also be available for \$7 at the gate. Tickets allow admission to the following events and activities.

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