

rites of Spring, for the Kids



The KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) Delta High School band at Helena performs in the BGACDC May Day parade.

May Day traditions abound all over the world as people find different ways to rejoice over the return of spring and the renewal of life. At Marvell, it is always BGACDC's May Day Children's Day - a daylong celebration of the children, who are the community's hopes and future.

Youngsters from toddlers to high school, joined by their parents, relatives, Marvell mayor Donald Cutlip, and the Marvell police and fire departments wound their way through town on bicycles, floats, all-terrain vehicles or just on foot. They participated in games and a barbecue lunch, all joined by parents, other adults and VISTA workers with BGACDC.

Phillips County Judge Don Gentry, as he does each year, issued a proclamation declaring May 5 BGACDC May Day Children's Day and urging a community celebration of the children.

"It is another way to bring the whole community together and keep our focus on the needs of our children and what we have to do to see that they have the best possible chance to succeed," said Beatrice Shelby, executive director of Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center. "It is wonderful to see young parents joining in the parade and games with their kids. They leave great memories with the children."



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