

THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF MAY DAY



Spring has forever been a time for renewal and rededication, and the annual May Day festivals all across the Northern Hemisphere provide a chance to celebrate new hopes for the future. For the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center, May Day has for 37 years been a celebration of those who carry those hopes, the children of the community.

BGACDC's annual May Day parade this year brought out 120 children and adults - their parents, grandparents and well-wishers from the community. Phillips County Judge Don Gentry proclaimed May 7 as BGACDC's Children's Day and urged the community to rededicate itself to protecting the children upon whom the county's future rested.

The celebration started with a parade, which included marchers, bicyclists, four-wheelers, cheerleaders, drummers, local business participants, firemen and policemen, and the mayor of Marvell steering an antique green roadster. Refreshments and games followed at the Marvell-Elaine High School football stadium.



"May Day is one of the most joyous events of the year," said Beatrice Shelby, executive director of BGACDC. "It brings the whole community together, united on the focus of educating our children and giving them everything they need to succeed. The participation of parents, grandparents and others in the community always leaves inspiration and wonderful memories for the children."

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