
Wichita County Archive News

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The THC sent wording for the Bethania and WGH markers. Corrections were made and submitted back to the THC.

Marker application for the Burkburnett Masonic Lodge was submitted to the THC.

Wichita County was awarded an THC Undertold Marker for Dr. C. B. Fuller.

Brenda Jarrett, member of the Wichita County Historical Commission, was honored as the Wichitan of the Year. Congratulations to Brenda!

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The photo displays were special. A large collection of photos from the Whiteface part of the Waggoner Ranch showed working cowboys doing what they were paid to do, brand and work cattle. Sonny Propps, longtime foreman of The Whiteface was shown working and, in his pleasure time, leading his Western Band. The Burnett Ranch was represented by a large display of photos that, again, showed cowboys working. One shot showed two legendary cowboys, Curtis Lightfoot and Swede Swenson, during branding time. Other shots represented The Lazy J, The Ancell, and The Patton Ranches. Electra legend Lon Deaton's complete collection of photos from The Buffalo Bill and 101 Ranch Old West shows was on display.

The western art displays were amazing. It was a memorable sight to see Jack Stevens and Peggie McNair looking at each other's displays and telling about what was there. Western sculptures Betty Wilbur and Terrel Silvers showed their work. Leather worker Barry Shaw showed his leather work and allowed kids to work their own piece of leather.

A concert by the combined choirs of the Bethel Baptist Church and the First Methodist Church was performed from the Grand Theatre stage. The Texas Kids, who perform annually in Austin and San Antonio, gave a special performance.

The day ended with a special presentation to Hunter Cure, of Electra, the current World Champion Steer Wrestler. Much more was shown and done, but the goal of bringing together the first ever display of Western Heritage was well accomplished. Congratulations to The Grand Theatre Association for a job well done.