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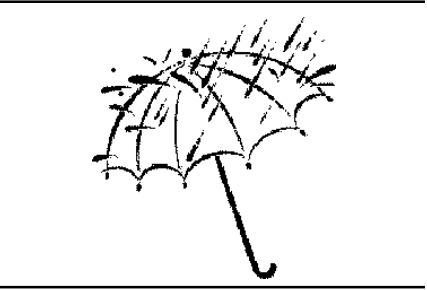


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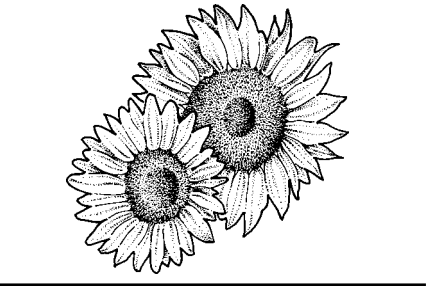
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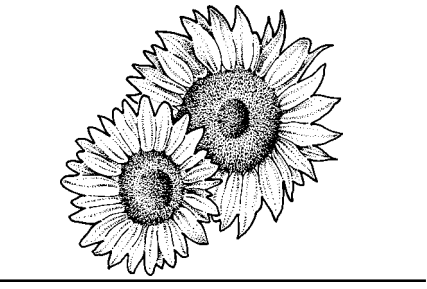
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Ken Klemm and his wife, Laurie, taught students from Central Elementary about buffalo and horses at a Readig Round-up Reward Day on Wednesday.

READING ROUND-UP

By Kathryn Burke

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Third- and fourth-graders were rounded up Wednesday and ridden out of town on buses to the Sherman County Fairgrounds for a day of fun.

After reading more than seven books each for a total of 2,600 books this school year, students at Central Elementary took the day off for some western-themed learning.

Students listened to a lesson on buffalo from rancher Laurie Klemm. She told students how the plains were filled with buffalo before hunters killed all but a few.

Kids learned how Native Americans killed buffalo, why buffalo walk into a storm instead of away and how you can tell if a buffalo is angry.

Klemm showed students items that can be made from a buffalo and gave everyone a sample of buffalo jerky.

Ken Klemm showed students how to care for a horse. Klemm described the horse's breed, a type of quarter horse called a grulla for its color. He told students the horse is named Rawah, an Indian name and the name of the mountain range where the horse was broken. Students saw how to trim a horse's hoof to ensure that it can walk correctly.

Next, the kids learned how to do a country line dance. The east half of the 4-H building was transformed into a dance studio with students lined up in neat rows.

Starting with the Electric Slide, the group learned to "grapevine," a step where they crossed their legs, the learned to rocked back and forth, turn and move forward and backward.

After learning the steps, kind of, students set the dance into motion and moved semi-rhythmically across the floor. Students learned three or four dances, all set to country music.

In separate sessions, students moved around to see different aspects of western life.

First they had a taxidermy lesson from



Laurie Klemm showed fourth-grader Elias Flores some of the buffalo items she has collected throughout the years.

Bob and Lori Juleson. Students got to see stuffed animals and ask questions.

Doug Sederstrom of the accounting firm Kennedy and Coe taught students about bull riding and roping. He showed a videotape of team roping and showed the kids how to make a lasso.

Mike Hopper, state game warden, gave a trapping lesson and showed students how animals are captured, from small animal traps to a big bear trap.

Connie Hudson of Hudson Cattle Co. gave a pioneer food lesson. She showed students how wheat is ground into flour and

how butter is made. She made samples of homemade bread and strawberry jam for the kids.

Kids dressed up in old Western clothes, including boots and hats, to have their pictures taken.

For lunch, they were treated to grilled hot dogs, potato chips, cookies and drinks.

Marcia Smith, librarian at Central, said she was pleased the students exceeded their reading goal. She said the day was fun, but also a lesson.

"It is a reward, but we want them to learn, too," she said.



Briana Salinas (left) practiced her dance steps while learning the "Electric Slide" Wednesday. Jed Gray (above) asked Ken Klemm a question about his horse during a presentation. Sabra Carver sampled the hot dogs, chips and cookies at the barbecue after the lessons.

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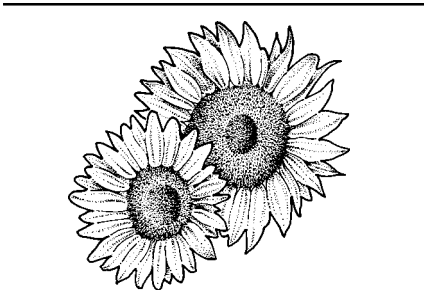
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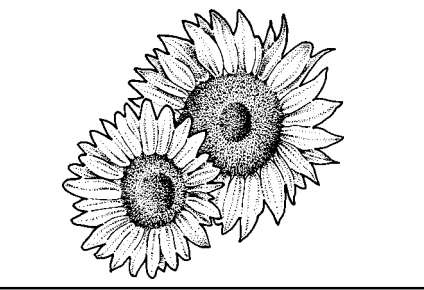
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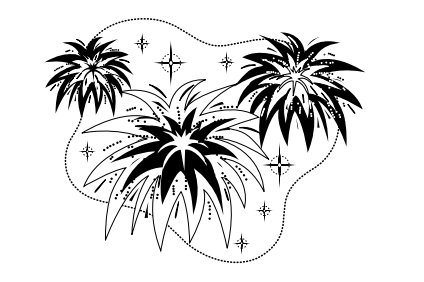


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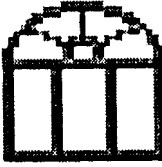
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