

Previews

Westfest corrals fun in Bryan

For those of you who aren't going to make the trek to Houston to watch the Aggies this weekend, there's an entire western festival going on Saturday that just begs for your presence.

The annual Westfest extravaganza will take place in historical downtown Bryan from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is into its third year and is sponsored by the Bryan Downtowners Association and local radio station WTAW.

Westfest '86, which is traditionally a good reason to get into downtown Bryan and check out



what's new, will once again provide a multitude of activities to keep all members of the family occupied.

The celebration actually gets rolling Friday night with a downtown Bryan street dance from 8

to midnight. Music will be provided by the popular Hall of Fame Gang and it's absolutely free.

On Saturday, that ever-popular event, the chili cookoff, should go on most of the day.

Trick shooter Joe Bow-

man will be demonstrating his pistol prowess on center stage along with several gunfight shows.

In keeping with the western theme, there will be hayrides, wagon rides, rodeo clowns and a children's barnyard.

And not to be overlooked are the horseshoe contest, the auction, arts and crafts, square dancers, a truck display, booths with food from all over the world and children's movies.

Musical entertainment will be provided by several local bands including Spice O' Life and the Cooper Band.

And for gosh sake,

don't forget that McGruff the Crime Dog will be there spreading the word about taking a "bite out of crime."

The downtown merchants, of course, will all have their doors thrown wide open in hopes that you'll walk in and exclaim, "Hey, I never knew this was here!" and become a regular customer.

If you need some more information about Westfest '86 call 822-1733.

So when was the last time you were in downtown Bryan to do a little exploring?

Well, podnah, that's too long.

— by Tony Cornett

Orchestra will blend music in unique concert 'Collage'

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra will feature an eclectic blend of music in "Collage" at Rudder Auditorium this Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The performance will draw on a wide range of musical styles, from the classical compositions of Mozart and Debussy to the modern brass of Leo Arnaud to the Haitian drumming patterns of a

violent voodoo ritual.

Sections of the orchestra will be placed throughout the auditorium and will be highlighted on individual pieces. Each section will play a series of contrasting pieces which were designed to flow from one musical section to another.

The Singing Cadets, Century Singers and members of the Texas

A&M Symphonic Band will be appearing with the orchestra.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the MSC Box Office or at the door the night of the performance. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for children 12 and under. For more information call the Brazos Valley Symphony Office at 846-7659.

Players are packing up 'Luv' and moving it to local hotel

The Aggie Players are packing up the greasepaint, costumes and props for the comedy "Luv" as they prepare to take the show on the road.

They won't be going far, however.

"Luv" will re-open at the Aggieland Hotel after being staged on the A&M

campus earlier this semester.

The play will be performed in a dinner theater format on Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25, with proceeds from the performances being donated to the Aggie Players Scholarship Fund.

A steak dinner will be

served at 7 p.m. and curtain time is set for 8.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include the dinner and the performance of the play. A cash bar will open at 6:30.

The seating for "Luv" is reserved seat only and reservations can be made by calling the Aggieland Hotel at 693-9891.

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