

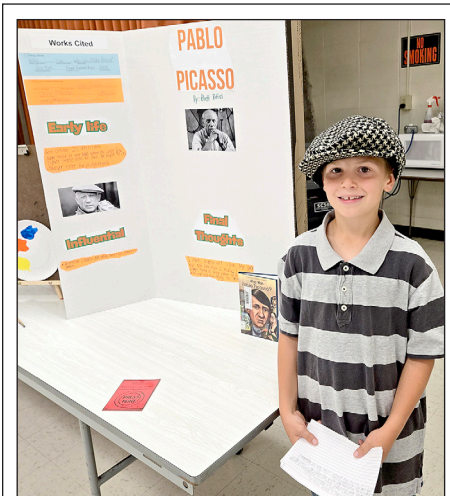
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Mostly sunny with winds from the SSW at 9 m.p.h.	HIGH: 84 LOW: 58
SATURDAY	
Mostly sunny with winds from the NNW at 14 m.p.h.	HIGH: 85 LOW: 53
SUNDAY	
Sunny with winds from the SSW at 11 m.p.h.	HIGH: 87 LOW: 62

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SCRIPTURE  
OF THE WEEK

The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.  
— Psalm 126:3 —



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A Century of Memories  
Vula Roy celebrates her 100th birthday

By VIRGI LASKA

Stockton Sentinel

What is the secret to a long and happy life?

Nobody has the exact answer, and even Vula, who will celebrate her 100th birthday, said she doesn't know the answer either.

However, after visiting with Vula and her daughters, it seems the answer for Vula revolves around prioritizing family first, never letting the grass grow under her feet, and being ahead of her time—she was “organic” before organic food became popular.

So, in honor of her 100 years, Vula was celebrated with a birthday party at the K of C Hall in Damar on Sunday, May 25th, with more than 120 family members and friends.

Vula Mae Felderman's story began when she was born to Albert Henry and Myrtle Faye (Koons) on June 3rd, 1925, in her parents' farmhouse, 16 miles west and two miles north of Stockton. They moved to Parker, Colorado for a few years until the spring of 1930 before moving back to Kansas and the town of Osborne. Vula, along with her brother Clive and sister Ila Dell attended school



CELEBRATING a century of cherished memories, Vula Mae Roy will turn 100 years young on June 3rd.

at the one-room schoolhouse one mile east of the corner of their pasture. When that schoolhouse closed due to a lack of

students, they attended Liberty School.

Vula graduated eighth grade at Stockton with the rest of the towns in Rooks County. She then spent a year of high school in Edgewater, Colorado with her Grandma and Grandpa Koons before coming home and completing the last few years of high school at Webster.

Vula reminisced about her childhood talking about spending time with her dad, feeding the horses, and having to stand on a chair to wash the dishes in a dishpan with her mother. For a special treat, Vula and her sister would trade eggs at the corner store for ice cream!

Vula's husband, Omer Eli Roy, was born on October 4th, 1908, on a farm three miles north and three miles east of Damar. He was married to Olive Roberts of Palco in the St. Ann Church in Zurich. The couple had two children, Joe and Alice. Olive passed away while pregnant with their third child. Omer and the two children moved back to live with his parents with Omer helping his dad on the family farm.

A few years later, Vula met Omer on a blind date. In January of her senior year, Gil Roy, who also went to school at Webster, came to their house and asked

SEE 100 YEARS, 4A



IN HONOR OF OUR HEROES, our flag waves proudly before the Veterans Memorial at the St. Thomas Cemetery on Memorial Day, a symbol of bravery, sacrifice, and enduring freedom.

Memorial Day Speech centers  
around our “Constitutional” Rights

In his annual address during the Memorial Day Services at the Stockton City Cemetery on Monday, May 26th, veteran and VFW Post 8873 Quartermaster John Berkley spoke as follows:

“I would like to welcome everyone to our Memorial Day Services. This day has been set aside for Americans to remember their departed friends and relatives. As veterans we take this time to remember our fellow veterans—those with whom we served and those who served before us and after us.

To these veterans we owe a great deal. Because of them we live in

one of the freest countries in the world. Those veterans made sacrifices, often very heroic sacrifices, that we may live and enjoy our lives free from brutal dictators and misdirected idealists. We should, indeed, be grateful to these veterans and never forget the heritage they have made possible. You can find their names on the memorials at the courthouse. Special mention is made of those who lost their lives defending our freedom.

We have all heard the phrases that we have Constitutional Rights or someone is trying to take away our Constitutional

SEE MEMORIAL DAY, 5A



CHECK OUT the Blooming Oasis Greenhouse at 723 South Cypress in Stockton.

Blooming Oasis Greenhouse in  
Stockton is officially open!

In the summer of 2024, Nikki Pulec had the incredible opportunity to purchase the beloved local greenhouse from Cheryl Hrabe.

Cheryl had lovingly built and operated the Plant House at Hrabe Hriver Crossing for years, pouring her heart into every leaf, bloom, and customer interaction.

When Cheryl decided it was time to step away and focus on her own passions, she wanted to

pass the greenhouse on to someone who would love it just as deeply. Knowing Nikki's lifelong passion for plants, she entrusted it to her—and Nikki couldn't be more honored.

After taking the reins, Nikki decided to relocate the greenhouse from its original countryside location to a more accessible spot in town at 723 South Cypress Street. This

SEE GREENHOUSE, 2A

Chamber looking for energetic  
organization/people/business to  
oversee annual events

The Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce is looking to transition two of our town's most cherished events—Pumpkin Patch and Olde Tyme Christmas. The Chamber is inviting a local business, organization or individual(s) who are passionate about community traditions to consider taking over one or both of these events.

Why the change? As the Chamber continues to grow, they're shifting focus toward offering more workshops,

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Night of Worship set for  
Saturday, June 7th

Please plan to gather at the table for a meal and fellowship at the Stockton Methodist Church of Restoration's “Night of Worship” (N.O.W.), followed by music with Cody Jarvis at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7th.

(Be sure to check out the ad on Page 11A.)