



**The communities in the county came together for a birthday bash on July 4th—to celebrate the nation’s birthday, as well as that of Grant in marking 125 years. Perkins County as a whole will celebrate its 125th anniversary this month during the fair. (Right): Darlene Hastings is among several participants in the dumpster painting contest. The day began with a fun run and ended with a huge fireworks display. A full day of activities drew a large crowd to Grant City Park. See more Fourth of July photos in Local News. (Photo by DeAnn Zwickl)**