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enne counties may notice that all five stations are marked, and with considerable effort, he said.
"With the help of several county historical societies and interested individuals, we hope to present an interesting program," Mr. Reinert concluded.

More about the line
Riding the stage coach 687 miles would have been anything but comfortable. Besides passengers, it also carried the mail.

John Jones and William Russell organized the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Stage Company in 1859, but it only ran for 18 months. However, it was instrumental in helping begin settlements of points west of Junction City and is part of a colorful history in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska.

Research has been done, and locations of the 27 stage stations can still be found, and with a little imagination, stage "ruts" are still visible today.

Horace Greeley, well-known editor for the New York Tribune and politician, rode the stage through Rawlins County. The northwest Kansas prairie land made a lasting, negative impression on him and he wrote about the desolation of the land.

"I would match this station and its surroundings against any other scene on our continent for desolation," Mr. Greeley wrote.

Upon arriving at Denver, he

said he had not had the luxury of a station serving beef steak since Leavenworth. Potatoes and eggs vanished from the menu after Manhattan. He also recorded that he had not stopped at a station that provided a bed after the Junction City station.

He also told about Indians frightening the mules pulling the stage. The animals set off on a run, the coach was upset and Mr. Greeley had been injured.

Twenty-five years ago, an active group of historians conducted a successful re-enactment of a stage and mail run across Kansas Territory. Local historians will present this year's program as a follow-up of the successful re-enactment during May of 1984, called "Operation Mailbag."



TAKING ADVANTAGE of the warm weather were Tim and Robyn Raile as they repainted the Peace Lutheran Church sign on the highway.

Postal rates go up

On May 11, the price for a 1-ounce first-class mail stamp will increase from 42 to 44 cents.



Lalicker

Customers, said Dewayne Lalicker, postmaster, reminds customers that they can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing their Forever stamps before May 11.

That's why Forever stamps were created, he said, to help consumers ease the transition during price changes.

Prices for other mailing services such as standard mail, periodicals, package service (including single-piece parcel post), and special services will also change on May 11. The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of

inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, he said.

For the average household, the first-class mail stamp price change will represent an additional \$3 over the course of the year.

"When compared to annual increases in other household expenses, such as groceries, healthcare and utilities, the postal service continues to be an economical choice for shipping and mail during tough economic times," Mr. Lalicker said.

For first-class mail, there will be no changes in the current additional-ounce price, which remains at 17 cents.

Rising operational costs, he said, make the price adjustments necessary. Prices for mailing services are reviewed annually and adjusted each May. Prices for most shipping services, including express mail and priority mail, were adjusted in January and will not change in May.

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sign up for a drawing but instead, signed up to be members of the club. Bob said it is a fun club with activities going on in Denver and in the mountains.

This weekend, they will be going to a tune-up session in Denver. Bob is the "carburetor man" and also helps with other small problems. After the tune up, they all go to lunch and then a drive up in the mountains.

"There are monthly 'gaggles'

where members meet for breakfast and a drive," he said.

The Klies enjoy the trips and getting together with friends.

"We try to make the trip around four times a year," he said.

In 2001, the club hosted the Vintage Triumph Register in Breckenridge, Colo., and between 350 and 400 Triumphs came from all over the United States. Bob said he spent a lot of his time adjusting carburetors for the high altitude.

This was a big event. There was a breakfast run to the top of the mountain; a party at a ski lodge on the mountain. A "funkhana" found the cars and drivers performing obstacles in a parking lot. At one time, about 200 of the cars and owners stopped for a photo.

There was a reception and many tours around Breckenridge. At the end of the event was a ceremony and the "People's Choice" award was presented.

The club is planning another Register in 2011.

When they are not going to the gaggles, the Klies are attending car shows. They took first at the Conclave Car Show in Denver; and took second at the Norman, Okla., and Champaign, Ill., car shows.

Mr. Klie is planning to retire from restoring British cars as soon as he finishes repairing or restoring the seven cars already lined up. Right now, there are British-made cars from Grand Junction, Tribune, Englewood and Golden waiting in his shop to be repaired. One is a complete restoration, others have minor tune ups or motor and/or transmission overhauls.

"I want to do something different," he said.

"Different" is working on vintage caterpillars. He has restored one which belonged to his dad and has another one lined up.

In the past few years, there have been a number of gas wells

installed in the area and he has been repairing motors on the wells.

The Klies are firm believers in organic farming and eating. They have changed over completely to organic farming. He is growing organic wheat, oats, cane, milo, barley and millet. This is the fifth year for raising cattle that are fed only organic-grown feed.

A member of the High Plains Food Coop, he has a market for the crops and cattle. He sells grains most to the front range but will soon be shipping wheat to North Carolina. There may also be a market for the beef in California.

People, he said, are wanting to get away from the chemicals found in food.

In between time, he may want to rebuild another Triumph.

The Klies plan to have their Triumph on display at the St. Francis car show on May 9. Stop by and see their car along with all the other British-made cars that will be on display. They are a unique car that could be a rarity in the future.

Deadline for food signup is May 18

The deadline for the Prairie Land food program for May is Monday, May 18. Pick up will be between noon and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at the United Methodist Church. For more information concerning the program, call Amanda Milne Mahon, 308-297-3214 or 785-332-6371; Video Connection, 785-332-3965; Empire Motel, 785-332-2231; Lee Nichols, 785-332-3581 or 785-332-6336 or the office of Tim E. Poling D.D.S. (Margaret).

One way to help make the food budget stretch is with the Prairie Land Food Program. The only qualification is helping others, something most people do every day. Volunteer for 4-H, church choir, teach Sunday

school, take a walk and pick up trash, or say a prayer for others are among things which apply.

Prairie Land Food is for everyone. There are no income guidelines.

Included in the Prairie Pak for May are boneless pork chops, chicken breast strips, deli sliced ham, beef sirloin tips, pulled pork and provolone stuffed sandwich wraps, along with one more meat plus six to eight different items of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Additional packages (must purchase Prairie Pak first) include meat only package; or fruit and veggie pak.

May specials include "The Spring Gobbler", "Bring on the Steaks" and "The Spring Fling."

Celebration to be held in Bird City

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On Sunday, Bird City will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo's 147 years with an afternoon of family fun and authentic Mexican food. (See ad)

For all of its 233 years of independence from Great Britain, the United States has welcomed citizens from nations around the world to its coastal shores and national borders. And because of this, United States is called the melting pot of the world.

On May 5, Americans with Mexican ancestry will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. This is a holiday that is not widely celebrated in Mexico, but in the United States and other countries it is a day for a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.

Many confuse Cinco de Mayo

with Mexico's Independence Day on Sept. 16, which is a national holiday. Both are battles of significance in the fact they were victorious. The smaller battle which took place on May 5, 1862, in the state of Puebla, Mexico, had the most unlikely outcome since the Mexican Army, under the leadership of Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin, was outnumbered by the French Army two to one. Furthermore, the well-equipped French Army had not lost a battle in 50 years.

For the United States, Cinco de Mayo is of special note for being the last time an army of foreign power has invaded the Americas. Today many large cities have their own unique ways of celebrating with emphasis on authentic Mexican food, beverages and entertainment.



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David Guthmiller

I plan on attending Sterling College on a football scholarship and major in Biology.

Congratulations, you made it! We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Good luck next year, we will be behind you all the way! Love Mom, Dad, Sarah and Adam



Parents: John and Kristi Guthmiller



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