

Brewster School will start on Aug. 20

School will be starting on Aug. 20, and unless it cools down it could be a miserable time for a while. The first football game for the year will be Aug. 31 at Weskan. Wonder if it would be possible for the fellows to play football in their basketball uniforms, too hot otherwise.

I send a special 'Hello' to Elton Howard who reads the column in California. That was a surprise, but I appreciate his mentioning that he reads it, and figured the least I could do is say 'Hi!'

Don't forget the annual hot dog and watermelon feed on Friday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Heritage Center. A free will offering will be accepted.

I attended a dinner at the home of Sharon and Darrell Mann, that was a gathering for the classes of '55 and '56. It was good to see all the one-time classmates, and I even recognized some of them right away. The food was delicious and I'm certain Sharon was



Sally Michael

Brewster Correspondent

ready to stay in bed for a week after all the work she went to. It's nice to have a large backyard when entertaining like that.

Lots of vacationers this week, trying to squeeze in a little trip while they can. Colorado seems to be a big draw, but seems like the roads are pretty busy.

The new driveway at the bank will be quite nice when it is finished. Allie will be happy when the window is open and they give out doggie treats again. She doesn't get nearly as excited as Keturah used to get, but she enjoys the goodies. Keturah used to shake with anticipation, but she definitely wasn't starving, she just liked surprises. Yep, we still miss her.

The gardens are looking pretty good

in spite of the heat and lack of rain. Just like always, zucchini is very plentiful, and we have some gourds that were supposed to be watermelon. They are doing good, better than the watermelons would have done, I'm sure. I just don't know what a gourd is good for, other than a Thanksgiving decoration. Every time I complain about something growing, my conscience tells me, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

A few weeks ago, Roger and Marcia Ressler of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Brewster, were able to pull off a surprise anniversary party for his parents, Wendell and Deeann Resler of Brewster. The surprise was held in Longmont, Colo., and more than 70 people were able to attend. Even thought DeeAnn was a little suspicious, Wendell was truly surprised. They brought their grandchildren, Stephanie and David, with them for a few weeks before taking them to Phoenix.

Deaths

Irene Aschenbrenner Bell

Irene Aschenbrenner Bell, 72, died July 29, 2001, at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. She was born March 24, 1929, to Philip and Rosa (Schuster) Aschenbrenner near Ellis.

She attended Colby schools and graduated from Colby High School in 1947. She married George L. Bell on May 19, 1947. She was town clerk in Limon, Colo., for 12 years and Colorado state dispatcher in Limon.

She is survived by her husband, George of Monument, Colo.; two daughters, Karen L. MacBain, Ogden, Utah, and Kay L. Stone, Monument, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dr. Frank Aschenbrenner, Poway, Calif., Fr. Ralph Aschenbrenner, Belleville, and Dr. Richard Aschenbrenner, Cayucos, Calif.; two sisters, Rose McKee and Dorothy Stephens, both of Colby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Regina Engel and Ann Minderler; brothers John and Steven; and one grandchild.

Her funeral was Aug. 3 at St. Peters Catholic Church, Monument, Colo. Burial was at Monument, Colo., Cemetery.

Mitchell Ryan Ottley

OAKLEY – Mitchell Ryan Ottley, 21, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, as a result of a vehicle accident on I-70. He was born Dec. 8, 1979, at Quinter, the son of Robert Lee and Penny Lynn (Litton) Ottley, and was a lifetime area resident.

He was a student at Fort Hays State University, majoring in business, and worked for Harold Kraus of Hays on his farm, and for Western Ag Consulting as a crop consultant while he was in college.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Oakley, Oakley, CYO, and a graduate of Oakley High School. His achievements included four years of high school football and two years of high school wrestling, FFA, Hi-Plains 4-H Club, Garden City Community College, livestock judging team at Garden City College.

Survivors include his parents: Bob and Penny Ottley, Oakley; brothers, David and wife Kalyn, and Richard of Oakley; sister Patty Hadley, Bloomington, Ill.; grandparents Millie Ottley, Colby, Keith Litton and wife Wanda, Cimarron, Margaret

Muehlenkamp and husband Lawrence, Oakley.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Leo J. Ottley, and great-grandmothers Orpha Keller and Louise Litton.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Oakley, Fr. Galen Long and Fr. Don McCarthy officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Oakley. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital of St. Louis and can be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley.

Vehicles for Sale

1996 Dodge. 3/4 ton, 4x4, diesel, regular cab, 95,000 miles. Call 785-672-8829 or 785-443-1342. —8/13—8/15—

1997 Mustang GT. V-8, auto, shift enhancer, black, all options, excellent condition. 785-465-9059 after 8:00 p.m. —8/10—8/14—

1986 IHC diesel truck. Allison automatic, 4 speed, 2 speed. 900 Mohrlang mixer. 2000 Dodge Neon, 4 door, loaded. 1981 GMC 3/4 ton, 4x4. 462-2174. —8/8—8/15—

1968 Ford Mustang coupe, runs good on rebuilt motor, ready for new paint. 1982 Chevy Silverado pickup, loaded, runs good. 1959 Chevy Belair, needs work, will make great fixer-upper. Chris Mastin 785-332-2432. —8/14—

Golden Plains School starts Aug. 22

Students will be registered at the Golden Plains Schools on Wednesday, Aug. 15. The first day of school is scheduled for Aug. 22. Hopefully the weather will be cooler by that time.

Jay and Nancy Dahl celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 29, at the Red Barn in Rexford. Family members attending were: Lawrence and Vergie Schielke of Columbus, Neb.; Louise Schielke of Oakdale, Calif.; Tina Gould and Jon Anderson, Marcus, Jake and Ashley Anderson all of Goodland; Linda Dunn, Damien, Plank, Jessica, Chris and Craig Dunn all of Oakley; Tim Dahl of Rexford; Vicki Barnett of Colby; Trevor Barnett and Josh of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Matt and Jake Gould of Rexford.

Martha Deebant of Hays and Jan Holmes of Salina were guests of their mother, Irma Hibbs last weekend. They all attended the 80th birthday party honoring Irma's sister, Dorothy



Lula Thieler

Rexford Correspondent

Renner in Oakley at the Christian Church last Saturday evening.

Members of the Barnhart family held a family reunion at the Red Barn on Sunday, Aug. 5.

Zula Horinek underwent surgery on Tuesday at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby and is recovering very well.

Jean Hawkins had eye surgery on Thursday at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

The Red Barn Band presented their program at the Information Day in Grainfield on Thursday. Those attending were Betty Nickols, Peg Greenwood, Gene Rogers, Edna Colson,

Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford and Cleoda Moeder. Freda Ketchum also attended the meeting.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Kiwanis, Student Union, noon

Fern Past Matrons, noon

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Fairview Estates, noon

Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 7-9 p.m.

Tumbleweed Chorus, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Step-parenting discussion group, 8:30 p.m.; call Deb at 462-3870 or Randy at 462-7168.

Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **WEST HALF TOWNSHIP** **THOMAS** will meet on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at the BREWSTER CITY HALL for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at BRIAN EICHER RESIDENCE and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2002 Expenditures and Amount of 2001 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2002 budget. Est Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2000		2001		Proposed Budget 2002		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2001 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	12,934	4.853	7,500	4.356	7,819	6,175	1.778
Road	20,763	10.209	17,704	10.163	19,346	15,669	10.669
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Total	33,497	15.062	25,204	14.519	27,165	22,844	12.447
Less: Transfers	6,478						
Net Expenditure	27,019		25,204		27,165		
Total Tax Levied	20,702		21,210				
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	1,374,426		1,460,935		1,562,430		
City	0		1,844,775		1,910,639		
Total	1,374,426		3,305,708		3,473,069		
Outstanding Indebtedness:							
Jan 1	1999		2000		2001		
G.O. Bonds							
No-Fund Warrant						0	
Lease Pmt Princ						0	
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

BRIAN EICHER, TREASURER
Township Officer

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No dismissals

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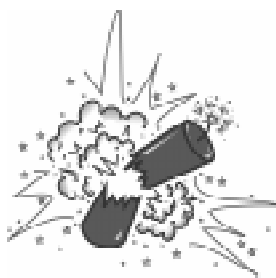
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