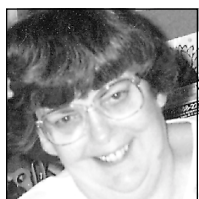


Harvest seems different than it was in years past

Harvest is almost a memory, and it won't be long before things are pretty quiet again. I don't know if times are changing or if it's just me, but it doesn't seem to be such a frantic time anymore.



sally michael

• brewster beacon

Naturally, it might be because I don't work in any of the areas that get busy during harvest, but I think it has changed over the years. With the sleeker equipment and cell phones, it's more organized. I'm open to comments on that statement if you don't agree.

We had a very nice 4th of July. Roger went fishing, and then, in the evening, we met at the Delbert Smith home in Oakley for a potluck and front-side view of the Oakley fireworks display. There were a lot of beautiful fireworks, and I wish our grandkids could have enjoyed them with us.

We did get to see Brian, Michele, and Hannah and Sam from Bennington; Barry, Kim, Rebekah, and Andrew from Salina; and David, Beth, Nathaniel, and Corinne of Hays. We spent Sunday afternoon and Monday in Hays and the kids and us all enjoyed a fine bar-b-que and meal at Beth's.

The kids all came through the house and said, "Hi, Grandma," and that's about all I visited with them.

But it was good to see them, and one thing that pleased me, Rebekah saw a picture of me when I was young and wore braids. S

he had her hair braided, and looked so cute, plus it stayed out of her eyes. Anyway, in the last four weeks, we've visited with all of our kids and grandkids except one, so it's been a very good month.

Inace had Bud and Peggy Parker of Denver had guests for a few hours before the funeral of Patsy Baalman, sister-in-law of Merle Parker. They will return at a later time to stay a little longer.

Sounds like the S & T had a good response to their 4th of July fest in Goodland. It's interesting to watch a company grow and especially to see that it can prosper.

It will be challenging to see the changes in many things over the next few years.

Everyone is coming into the Center saying how hot it is. Guess it's broken 100 degrees again today.

There is a lot of reminiscing about how it used to be, and I don't think from the sound of it there has been any major global warming, as it used to get a lot hotter.

The Area Agency on Aging again warns of scams that allow the sender to access your account for the purpose of stealing your money. Sometimes, it just seems that we don't think too fast when on the phone. We must keep reminding ourselves of how important it is to not give out information like that.

We have some information at the Center on some of these scams if you are interested.

We also received an update on the Benefits for Senior Citizens Handbook, and I've ordered more, so check this out for new information of the availability of benefits.

Had a short visit with Janice Highland today, and she says her brother Ron is still having some health problems.

He enjoyed the last round of cards and letters, so I'm sure another one would be appreciated.

His address is: Ron Highland, 15715 Switzer Rd., Overland Park, Kan. 66221. And for those of you who have E-mail, his address is rhigland@ioine.com.

Another bit of knowledge I got today is that Irene Wilcox, formerly of Brewster, is now a patient a PSLC in Colby, so she would enjoy seeing former neighbors.

Lore Depe and Maxine Moore are at Lantern Park Manor, and they would enjoy someone dropping in or dropping a line.

There is a lot we can do with a few minutes time that we often don't take advantage of.

The Levant Reunion is still on plan for Sunday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT. A good time to renew friendships and catch up on events.

On July 17, the Thomas County Health Nurse will be at the Senior Center from 10-11:30 a.m..

Blood pressure testing will be available, and if you need blood sugar results, give a call, and have that checked too. Kathy can see to it that tetanus shots are also available, if you need one. On Friday, July 20, at 2 p.m., we will be treated to a style revue from the 4-H Club at the Center also.

There will be treats and cool drinks, so come and treat your eyes to talented young people that enjoy your interest.

Guess that is it for this week, so we'll see you next time. Stay safe!

A special "thank you" and "God Bless" to Janet Craft for all her help.

Employees get cleaner air



Workers at Sigco Sun Products installed new cyclones Friday. They should provide employees with cleaner air with less dust. The cyclones separate dirt from seeds and keep dust out of the factory, said John Bontjes, plant manager.

Photo by Lester Bolen/The Goodland Daily News

Coffeyville refinery to be sold

COFFEYVILLE (AP)—Farmland Industries says it expects the sale of its 94-year-old refinery here to be final in September.

Farmland has issued notices to the 325 employees of the refinery, warning them they may be laid off.

"Just as we have been open about Farmland's intention to sell the Coffeyville refinery, we want to be open about the issue of these notices," said Farmland spokeswoman Sherilyn Manson.

The Kansas City-based agricultural cooperative has still not identified the potential buyer.

"We are continuing to negotiate the sale of the refinery and we hope to have the transaction finalized by September," Manson said.

"Using that timetable, we are required to give employees a 60-day warning in advance of any potential layoff and that is why the notices were issued."

Farmland has said that driving the sale are expected changes in the federal clean-air regulations that would require updating the refinery.

Farmland has owned the refinery, which produces 95,000 barrels of oil a day, since 1940.

Worst flood hit state along Kaw 50 years ago

By the Associated Press
Fifty years ago this summer, dikes crumbled and bridges, roads and rail lines washed away in the worst flooding to hit the state in the 20th century.

The flooding struck the Kansas River basin from north-central Kansas into Missouri, killing five people and causing about \$2.5 billion in damage in 1951 dollars and \$17 billion in damage in 2000 dollars.

Charlie Perry, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Lawrence, said the flood of 1951 has been surpassed in recorded times only by the flood of 1844, which struck along the Kaw from Ogden to Lawrence.

The cause of the 1951 flood and the more recent flood of 1993 were similar. Perry said a weather front hovered over north-central and northeast Kansas, accompanied by an upper-level trough to the west, over the mountains.

"Little waves moved along the upper-level winds and created thunderstorms that recurred day after day after day," he said. "With a good supply of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, it all tends to focus in one area."

Water poured down on the state from early spring 1951 into the summer and fall. Salina, for instance, received 27.76 inches of rain from May 1 to July 11. The city normally receives about 27 inches of rain a year.

The big flood offered little warning to those in its path.

"Usually, in a flood, the high water moves down the river," Perry said. "Everybody has a warning, because they watch what's happening upstream. In July of 1951, it rained in such a manner that all the small tributaries delivered water to the main stream on the same day. It was

a little strange."

As a result, the Kansas River crested July 13 at all spots along its length, instead of peaking at different times throughout the day, as water moved downstream.

The flooding forced people in one-story houses to evacuate, while people in two-story homes put their downstairs furniture on blocks and moved upstairs.

Frank Norton, 70, of Salina, remembers wading in water every morning to his car parked on higher ground about four blocks east of his house, then wading back home again at night.

"The flood just seemed to continue on and on and on," said Norton. "That whole portion of the city stunk. It was certainly something that you were aware of all the time."

The flooding, followed by droughts from 1953 to 1956, prompted a series of flood control projects, including the construction of dozens of big federal reservoirs across the state.

"You can't sell a levee project during a drought, but you certainly can after a flood," Perry said. "Lots of cities put flood plans into operation."

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