Rains are helping crops and yards, especially roses

There have been some lovely showers this week, and more are forecast. Areas around us have been receiving some really good amounts, and all the crops and yards are showing that this moisture is not going to waste.

It seems like the roses are enjoying the rains more than anything, as all the bushes and plants are blooming more than usual.

We have one bush that hasn't bloomed for the past several years that actually has two (yep, count em) buds that are getting ready to bloom.

The gardens are promising to yield more this year too. It is good to see our moisture on the plus side for a definite change.

Lionel and Carol Gray have been visiting their son, Jeff Gray, this week. Lionel and Carol live in Jefferson City, Mo., and planned to return home on Friday, the 6th.

That is the day Bryan and Jed are due home, so it is likely they will remain in Brewster until Saturday, so they can see how much the boys have grown.

Anyway, it is good to see the Grays, as it has been a few years. They were surprised to see the burned out shell of Stuckey's and decided it is not a welcome sight for those who are visiting Brewster.

hernia surgery performed in Hays Sunday, May 25.



enjoy himself at his son Jordan's marriage to Amanda Robben on Saturday, May 31.

The wedding took place at the four-day event. Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria, and all who attended agree that is was a very beautiful wedding. We wish the newlyweds the very best and also a speedy recovery for the groom's father.

ABrewster Garden Tour was held Tuesday, June 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the home of John and Betty Jo Carpenter. The tour proceeded to the homes of Dwayne and Sue Randolph, Warren and Bonnie Reid and perhaps Jeff and Tanya Gray. The tour was hosted by the United Methodist Women.

at our daughter Beth and David Ziegler's home in Hays. Roger was able to give some help in remodeling the bathroom, and we were able Helin. to enjoy time with the Zieglers and also with Brian and Michele and

attended the Kansas West Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church from Wednesday-Saturday, May

on Monday, June 2. He was able to 28-31, at the Bi-Centennial Center in Salina. There were more than 700 conference members from more than 390 churches attending this

> The theme of this year's conference was Focus on the Flame, and the priority of the conference's vision is to make disciples for Jesus Christ and discovering spiritual gifts for ministry and developing church leaders.

> After attending the conference, Mike stopped in Victoria on the way home to attend the Robben-Reid wedding on Saturday. It's never necessary to ask Mike if he enjoys these meetings — his inner light is glowing.

A belated happy anniversary to Roger and I enjoyed our few days Don and Dorothy Crumbaker on their 62nd year together on May 22.

Also a happy 60th anniversary to our neighbors Alvin and Allie

The city-wide garage sale is over, and everyone seems satisfied with

Mike Baughn that worked out better than being too hot.

The wind was not a problem. which is always a blessing. Just remember, next year we can do it all over again.

I had a special treat on Saturday afternoon after making my major, all \$2.50 worth, purchases at different yard sales. I went to Goodland and spent a few hours with Kay Smith, and we had a nice visit about Smitty and family.

And Kay shared the reading of the wonderful cards she has received. I hope we do it again soon. I hope one day soon Kay, Harriet and I can get together for lunch.

Allen and Doris Quenzer and other family members have our condolences on the loss of Allen's brother Jerry last week. He lived in Utica, and Allen and Doris attended the services.

Another sadness for this community was the loss of Julie Patten Owens, who died Friday, June 6, in Ellinwood after a long battle with cancer.

Julie was the oldest child of Vernon and Sally Patten of Brewster and the mother of Nichell and Russell Owens, formerly of Goodland but now of Ellinwood. There was a local memorial service for Julie Wednesday at the United Nate Reid is recuperating from Barry and Kim, along with the kids, their purchases and with the turn Methodist Church. Our sympathy is Beulah, who lives in Brazil, was not more and just enjoy the interest. See out. The day was pretty cool, but with this family on the loss of this able to attend but plans to be at the you all the next time!

beautiful young woman.

with their daughter Tanya Gray and sons Bryan and Jed, returned home Friday, June 6, after attending the graduation of Taylor Ditmar of Wooster, Ohio.

Taylor is the son of Willis and Joyce's daughter Mary. The young man graduated Sunday, June 1, and the family time together, along with the shopping that was worked in, was very enjoyable to all.

On Sunday, June 9, Marion and Coleen Crumrine enjoyed a family gathering with their daughter Carlene and husband Joe Moore of Lakin, along with Jonathan and Angela Moore, also of Lakin, and their son Willard and his son Jesse of Brewster.

The family enjoyed having Sunday dinner together, and Willard and Jesse stayed and ate supper

Roberta and George Luckert enjoyed gathering at the home of Bud and Tess Luckert for a reunion of five Luckert brothers and two of the Luckert sisters.

There were assorted nieces and nephews also gathering during the Friday through Sunday gatherings, and they came from Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma.

reunion in 2004. There were a total Willis and Joyce Crabtree, along of 46 members of this family who did make it for this year's reunion.

> Roger and I went to Antelope Lake on Sunday following church and enjoyed some excellent weather. We returned home on Monday afternoon tired out but enjoying memories of the day before when our daughter Beth and grandkids Nathaniel and Corinne joined us at the lake.

> Corinne didn't want to leave until she caught a fish, so Beth stayed longer than she originally planned, but at 9:30 p.m., Corinne caught a little bass and didn't mind that it wasn't a keeper. She did catch a fish! It was a fun time.

> Colleen Rall was able to bring her mother Mickey Brooks back to Goodland Regional Medical Center on Sunday after she had surgery on a broken hip in Denver. Colleen said her mother was doing as well as possible.

> I guess it has been a typical week with the ups and downs of daily living. Sometimes it seems like the downs are on the increase, but I think there are many more blessings than we can count.

Memories are some of the best blessings we have, and all of us have a big bank account in them. I hope The youngest Luckert sister, to continue to accumulate many

Edson Social Club meets at Wheat Ridge Acres; hostess has visitors

The Edson Social Club had its meeting at the Wheat Ridge center using the recreational room. The hostesses were Bernice Peters and Florence Farris with eight members attending.

As usual, Florence Farris had several visitors and also visited some of her friends. She had club with Gary, Nancy, Laramie, R's. It seems impossible that har-

'Iwo area men graduate from Naval Academy

Two area men graduated from the academic, physical and profes-United States Naval Academy in sional training emphasizing the de-

Annapolis, Md., and were commissioned as officers in the Navy. Ensign Craig

Walters, a 1995

W. Townsend, a 1998 Goodland High School graduate, and Townsend Ensign Tobias J.



velopment of

Its

Mother's Day dinner at the country Dan and Wilbur and Heyde Tiede.

crew ready. Rick, Patrick, Gary and Laramie Farris, Florence and the harvest crew had dinner at Crazy

Her son Rick is

vesting crews and machinery are getting ready to go on the road.

Boy I hope they have a good year; the last three years have been any-

the home of Mary Tiede. Some of the storm hit homes, destroying many, as it did a few years ago. We've been lucky to have eluded the severe ones so far. Keep your fingers crossed we make it through without finding out what they can do.

getting his harvest celebrated with several parties. Gary, Laramie, Heyde Tiede, Danny's other grandmother and an aunt, Charlene Taylor of Winona, had dinner prior to graduation.

> Afterward, they went to the party at the Armory, seeing and visiting with many relatives.

> Happy belated birthday wishes to J.J. Farris. He enjoyed two parties celebrating his birthday Wednesday, May 7.

David and Jerice Elmore celebrated 26 years of marriage on May 18. Belated anniversary

Among other visitors were Barbara and Richard Caldwell, Sherrie, J.J. Farris, Laramie Farris and Inez

Her company on Memorial

The graduation of Danny was PennyTuckelofLawrence. They all enjoyed a meal and Crazy R's.

The community once again has lost a former resident in death, Julie Several at the center have the stuff Owens. She is survived by her parents, Vernon and Sally Patten, brother Greg and two sisters, Jacque mess. I want to get back to Colorado and Jolene.

Her immediate survivors are a son Russell and daughter Nichell. It makes it hard to understand why one so young has to be taken, but I guess that's why we have to rely on the goodness of God.

May all feel the healing and comforting hands of the Almighty during these next upcoming weeks. Sincere sympathy to one and all.

There are no birthdays or anniversaries on this week's calendar.

June is almost half gone. I'm at a total loss to figure out how or weekend included Sherrie, J.J. and why this time disappears so fast. It for now. See you next week.

just seems we started 2003, and now almost half of it is history.

I sure hope this crud is gone soon. and really felt lousy for a few days.

I sure hope I stay clear of this one of these days and sure don't need to get sick before going.

I have been doing some yard work and found out I can't do it like I did in the past. My knee takes no kneeling, my back no stooping, so I've had to devise a chair sitting method. It works but is much slower, let me tell you.

At least I'm getting some of the yard cleaned up, much slower, but getting it done. By the time I get done, it will be time to start over again.

I see no other notes, so I will close

leadership Walters

astronauts.

skills.

The Naval Academy was



graduates have included 4,000

200 members of Congress, three governors, 73 Medal of Honor win-

ners, one Nobel Prize winner and 40

The academy has more than

compose the Brigade of Midship-

The storms in Oklahoma missed

these farmers sure need a crop, as thing but good.

wishes. Bennett.

St. Francis High School graduate, admirals and generals, a president, recently graduated from the academy.

Townsend received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in economics, and Walters received a Bachelor of Science with a major in 4,000 students from every state who oceanography.

The men completed four years of men.

club news

and its ladies auxiliary held their department convention in Manhattan Friday-Sunday, June 6-8.

Special guests at the convention were Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Spera from Massachusetts and National Conductress Linda Meader from New Hampshire.

U.S. Representative Jerry Moran made the following comments at the Joint Opening: "I have a concern about the absence of heroes — that kids have no one to look up to.

"If people have no heroes, it is because we may be looking in the wrong place. We look on the baseball diamonds and the basketball courts and on the stages of Hollywood and in sold-out amphitheaters of rock concerts. But it's our teachers and others who serve their communities—they are heroes. And it's our veterans.

"Our veterans, just ordinary Kansans who answered the call to duty -these men and women exemplify what is good in America. Veterans are people who believed in the im- and Jo Ann Wahrman.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars portance of freedom and liberty and put their children and grandchildren's future ahead of their own."

> The Goodland post and auxiliary received awards for their buddy poppy, community service and youth activities programs.

It was announced that Operation Uplink, free phone card program for hospitalized veterans and military personnel, has delivered over seven million phone cards.

Four and a half million care packages have been sent overseas for the troops in Operation Iraqui Freedom.

Linda Blume Marshall of Hays and Bill Selby of Brewster were installed at the Ninth District president and commander. Jeff Lawson of DeSoto and Barbara Monaghen of Overland Park were installed as department commander and president.

Members from Goodland attending included Floriene Whisnant, Bill Selby, Marvin Cullens and Joe

recreation scores

Here are results from city-county summer recreation leagues: 8 June 9 **Bovs Rookie** American Family Insurance 4 Snappy Snack Vending 0 June 10 Men's Wane's Carpet 0 Lonny's Quality Auto Body 15 Bud Light 26 First National Bank 3 Century Feeders/Frontier Eq5 Lonny's Qualty Auto Body 11 B&K Pumping 13 First National Bank 11 Tex-Mex 7 Northern Sun 18 B&K Pumping 18 Wane's Carpet 10

Boys Minor Applebee's Golf Carts 7 The Framing Place Unruh Family Chiropractic 3 Applebee's Golf Carts 7 **Girls Rookie** Dependable Glass 1 Yost Farm Supply 2 Heartland Carriers 9 VFW 8 June 11 Boys Major Marshall's Team 20 Schilling Cattle 0 Coed Mangus Irrigation 8 Poling Chiropractic 10 Kears Party Mix/Millers 8 ADM-Collingwood Grain 5

Hitchcock 13 ADM-Collingwood Grain 0

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