

Weather in the hot range and feels like a hot range

The weather seems to be wanting to stay in the hot range, and that is just what it feels like, a hot range! The sunny side of the street is something to be avoided right now.

It was mentioned that it is too bad we can't bottle this up and shake it out this winter, but it didn't work to save the cool temperatures, did it?

I never worry about saving the cold days because frankly, even with my complaints, I do prefer the summer. There must be a little more comfortable times in store for us, though.

The 4-H Revue will be held at the Senior Center, tomorrow, and I hope we have a good turnout for it. It's great to see how talented the young folks are, and they enjoy showing us their hard work as well as the modeling that helps them present themselves better for the judges later on. And, I might add, the Senior Center is one of the coolest places to be these days.

A lot of folks have taken trips, mostly to visit, but some to take their kids to basketball camps and such. Jr. and Ceci Allen enjoyed a trip back to Indiana earlier this month to visit sisters-in-law.

Keeping up with sport activities has many parents on the road too. Don and Becky Luckert had a few days in Colorado Springs, while son, Mark, got in some basketball. And I know many of the parents have accompanied their kids to other tournaments, just like the ones that attended the tournaments in Colby



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and Brewster a few weeks ago.

The local folks that are recuperating seem to be getting along good, and hopefully all will continue on their road to health. LaVelle Michael is doing quite well, considering the seriousness of his surgeries.

He has moved up from his walker to a cane, and Roger said he wasn't using it this morning. But, as my mother always said, he needs to put a little meat back on his bones.

Barbara Springsteen is looking forward to having her other eye worked on and fixed as good as the one that is now nearly 20/20.

Also, we have a great report from our son, Barry, on his eye correction. He has gone from 20/800 to 20/20, and is just amazed at all the things he can see now. We are praying his son, Andrew, has that much success on his heart surgery, which will be the end of this month, in Kansas City. I'll keep you all posted.

As I mentioned last week, it's hard to report on young people dying, and it seems we have had an epidemic of losing men in the mid 50's lately. The latest is Greg Baxter

of Winona, who was killed in a motorcycle accident on Friday, July 11.

Our sympathy to his wife and other family members, and I

hope it comforts you to know that everyone that has mentioned this man have also mentioned what a good Christian man he was. That is the best thing that can be said about any of us, isn't it?

Another fellow that passed away awhile back is Dick Miller, who was in the Brewster High School class of 1948. We send condolences to the family of this former resident also.

There are some upcoming events that we want to remind you of, and I want to mention that I didn't announce the Thompson reunion, last week, due to the death of Marjorie's son, Dennis Thompson.

But, as Marge says, he would have wanted the plans to go on, so there will be a Thompson reunion, in Brewster, on August 1, 2 and 3. The meeting place will be the home of Marjorie Westover, 669 Illinois Ave., in Brewster, phone (785)694-2837.

This reunion is for descendants of Chauncey Gridley Thompson. If you are included in this family, I am sure you know all the details. Marge tried to explain to me how the family tree grew, but with a maiden

name like Smith, I get tangled up in the branches.

Anyway, it sounds like a fun weekend for all the relatives from the special gathering at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2 until the last family story is shared. I will send the particulars to the newspapers later this week to be sure to plan to attend this reunion.

On Sunday, August 3rd, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., the Levant Reunion will be held at the Quality Inn (formerly Ramada Inn) in Colby for all the alumni of that school and their families.

I believe the reservations should have been in by now, but I would imagine that if it slipped your mind, maybe you can still make plans. Keep the memories alive and have a good visit while doing it.

On August 23rd, Wilma Burk will

be celebrating her 90th birthday with the help of her family. It will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at the Brewster Senior Center.

We were pleased to have the Bill Lehman family stop by the center for a short visit. Bill, his wife Jane, daughter Jennifer and grandchildren, Elisabeth and Raymond, were here for a few days, and enjoyed visiting with friends and relatives. Jennifer's husband is aboard a Coast Guard ship, and will be at sea for several months.

I just talked to my daughter, Beth, and she said it was a little cooler in Hays today with only 114 degrees on the bank thermometer. The other day, it registered 119.

Also, I had a call from Michele, and she had a neat little story to re-

late. She was working in their yard in Bennington this morning, and a lady pulled up and complimented her on the work that she and Brian have been doing there.

While visiting, the lady said she was aware of who they are because of my news. She and her husband are former Goodland residents, Bill and Lucille Leitner. They are currently living in Bennington also.

Michele said they had a nice visit, and I appreciate the fact that someone takes time to compliment folks on yard improvements. Makes me anxious to see the yard myself, which I am sure we will be doing before much longer. Gotta wait for that cooler weather, though.

That's it for now, but I hope you all have a great week, and I'll see you next time.

Reduced-price permits may end

State Parks Director Jerry Hover has asked the Wildlife and Parks commissioners to eliminate reduced-price second vehicle permits for Kansas State Parks.

Commissioners will hear more about the proposed change at their meeting Thursday, Aug. 21, in Liberal. A vote on the proposed change would take place at the Thursday, Oct. 23, commission meeting.

The prime season (April 1 -Sept. 30) second vehicle permits, which sell for \$25.50, are available for people owning more than one vehicle who have purchased a \$45.50 primary vehicle permit.

Fraud was listed as one reason for the proposed regulation change. According to Hover, people with a primary vehicle permit often purchase their second vehicle permit at

the reduced price and then give it to someone for use as a primary permit.

Hover estimated the loss to the state park system at \$195,000 per year. He said this is money the department can not afford to lose.

Comments can be sent to Hover at 512 S.E. 25th Ave., Pratt Kan. 67124, or call 620-672-5911.

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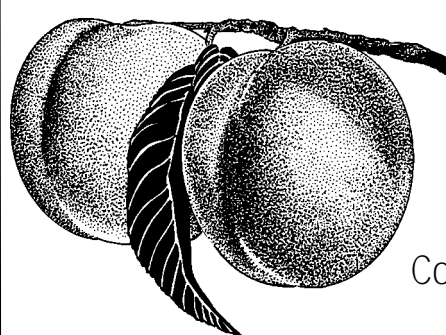
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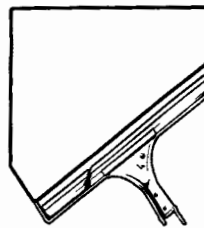
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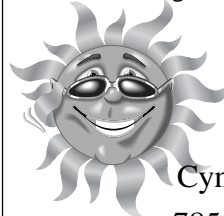
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