

Cards, phone calls make solemn birthday better

First off, I want to thank all who called, sent cards and other forms of wishing me a happy birthday.

My cousin called me twice from Las Vegas on Saturday. We had a nice chat, as I did with my sister Martha, when she too called Saturday evening. I even had a croaky song sung to me among all the calls. Thanks, guys, for the uplift on an otherwise sad time.

As you all know, my friend Betty Saint lost her battle on Friday morning. I saw, or rather just looked in on her Thursday, as it was a very bad day for her. She knew me each day I came until a couple of days before her death. What a battle she put on, but more than that, how gracefully she faced her death.

She'll be missed by all who knew her, but no one more than her kids, Dennis, Mitch, Rick, Cindy and Kathy, and her grandkids.

Earlier, we had talked about sharing dinner on Sunday, the day between our birthdays. God, however, had other plans for her, and her fi-



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nal service was on her birthday, a day mingled with tears of relief and joy that the battle was over.

There were tears of many unfinished things for all. To her kids, their spouses, grandkids and great-grandkids, my sincere sympathy during this time. Be assured the Almighty is with you even in your darkest hours. God loves you all, and with prayer and time, the wound will begin to heal.

I got a letter from Elmira David in which she wished me greetings but wanted to share a great joy she feels on the accomplishments of a grandson. As a young boy, he spent many summers here in Goodland and is known by many people.

Broc Sandelin, grandson of

Elmira and the late Don David and son of Phil and Patti (David) Sandelin of Lewis, recently received word he was named outstanding graduate student at the University of Arkansas animal sciences department. The faculty chose him because of his work ethic, academic leadership and research expertise.

He authored and co-authored nine refereed journal articles, 10 scientific abstracts and six non-refereed industry publications and presented research data at five regional scientific meetings.

He was inducted into the American Society of Animal Science, Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture and Sigma XI, the Scientific Research Society of North America.

Broc was the 1999 outstanding animal science student at Oklahoma Panhandle State University,

where he received his bachelor of science degree in animal science.

In 2001, he completed his master of science degree in animal science at the University of Arkansas. He is now working on his doctorate degree and will finish this year. With this record, Elmira should indeed be proud of this young man. The future looks okay for him, and we wish him the best.

The fair is over, and the kids next door did well. There were too many awards to list, but I congratulate them, and all others on their accomplishments this past year.

There's one more full week before the school bells ring on Monday, Aug. 25, a full day of classroom time for the district. I certainly hope this weather remains on the cooler side for a few weeks.

I wish Harvey Swager the best of luck as he continues his battle in Houston. I had a visit with Dick Leiss, and he said it will be about three weeks or so before they start the bone marrow treatment.

He will be out of action at the high school for close to three months, if all goes well. Remember this man and his family during these next trying weeks, and may God be with him during this time. I'm pulling for you, kiddo.

There's a lady who will be celebrating 90 years on the 19th of August. Her family would like for a card shower to be sent to her at her home. Elaine Thompson, 710 E. Eighth, Goodland, Kan. 67735, is this lady, and I wish her the greatest of days on the moment of this special birthday. Many more, Elaine, God willing.

Her son and daughter-in-law, John and Michelle Thompson, have been here a few days visiting her. I have bumped into these folks several times before leaving on Tuesday for their home in my former home town, Windsor, Colo.

It's a small world when I really get to visiting and find they know people that I knew when I was back in that area. I hope you had a great visit and a safe journey home.

There are no other birthdays but two anniversaries, those of Mike and Jeanette Foust and Scott and Debbie Mentzer, both on the 23rd. Best wishes to these and any others

having a special day.

Mrs. Beynon came for the Saint funeral, as they were especially good friends their years in Goodland. Doctor B. didn't come, as he is having some medical tests run and wasn't up to coming.

I was really disappointed, as I was expecting him to come also. I did get his special birthday cake baked and sent it and some homemade noodles for his upcoming birthday home with Mrs. B. Maybe next time he'll be able to come, at least one can hope.

I don't find any other notes, but I do wish Christie Schiefen, Velma Holste, Dale Murphy and Vida Dillon continuing recovery at the hospital. There are a number of patients in the hospital, but I don't know their names, due to a lack of information. I do wish them also the best and a speedy return home.

A former roommate of Christie's is back in the hospital, but for the life of me, I can't recall her name. I did talk to her husband on Saturday, and she was getting better but not fast enough for all.

I must close now and get this down to the paper. This time just seems to slip away from me. God willing, I will see you next week.

Divorces

The following divorces were granted by the Sherman County District Court:

Timothy E. Scheck of Wallace and Deidre L. Marshall of Goodland.

George E. Morrell and Cheryl W. Morrell, both of Goodland.

District Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in the Sherman County district court:

July 21 — Dennis V. Ritchey, 28, of Courtea, Okla., was fined \$359 for driving while suspended.

Danielle C. Fayard, 29, of Long Beach, Miss., was fined \$614 for

speeding, 125/70, and \$60 for passing vehicle cut off.

Tony Grace, 28, of Manhattan was fined \$212 for speeding, 97/70.

Courtney J. Howard, 19, of Sitka, Ark., was fined \$203 for speeding, 96/70.

Terry L. Taylor, 39, of Goodland was fined \$149 for speeding, 75/55.

Vel B. Whitehead, 34, of Littleton, Colo., was fined \$254 for speeding, 101/70.

Vel B. Whitehead, 34, of Littleton, Col., was fined \$119 for speeding, 85/70.

July 22 — George F. Brandt III, 28, of Madison, Tenn., was fined \$213 for speeding, 97/70.

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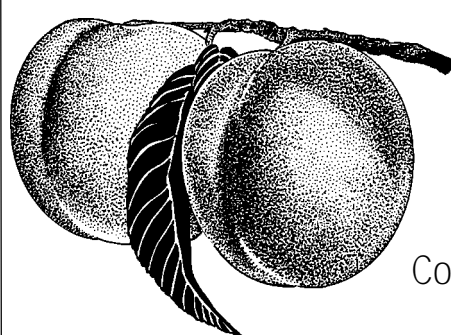
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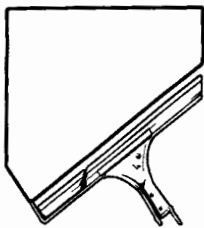
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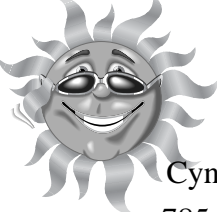
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