

# Brownville alumni to dedicate stone marker

Alumni of the former Brownville school will dedicate a marker at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday at Brownville, 12 miles south of Brewster on Kansas 184 or 11 miles north of Winona.

Mike Baughn, Thomas County sheriff and mayor of Brewster, will speak.

The limestone marker, set on the steps of the brick school building, will have a granite inset with a picture of the first and last buildings on it, said Nadine Kammer of Brewster. It was erected Thursday.

The idea was voted on two years ago at the Brownville Reunion, she said. It was planned for October, but the cleaning and disposal of the old building had not been finished.

The first school at Brownville was a sod house in 1887, she said, and then in 1901, three one-room country school houses were brought in and joined to make a bigger building. In a consolidation in 1921, stu-

dents were brought in from Nubbin Ridge, Kuka, Pinhook, Patterson, Lava, Saline, Morning Star and Evening Star schools.

The first high school class in 1924 had five members, Sara Schwerdt, Flossie Brewer, Cecil Elliott and May and Sally Lowe, all now deceased. Lucille Kammer Smith, 96, who lives at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, is the oldest surviving graduate.

In 1933, the frame building burned to the ground, Kammer said. By September 1934, a new brick building was completed at a cost \$20,000 with the entire Brownville community helping to build the new building.

"It was the finest country school building in the western part of the state, with an excellent gymnasium," she said.

The school competed in the

South-40 League with Wallace, Winona, Russell Springs, Monument and Page City and had many excellent boys and girls teams in volleyball, tennis and softball. Students also produced one-act plays.

Brownville had a high school from 1924 to 1943, when the students were bussed to Brewster. A grade school continued to operate until 1951, when it consolidated with Brewster. At the school's peak

there were 100 to 125 students, said Kammer.

Some of the families that sent children to that school were Helin, Hamill, Boyer, Patterson, Burk, Nichols, Jacobs, Smith, McVean, Musil, Kitscher, Medford, Wulf, Wright, Watson, Nowak, Kear and Hook, said Kammer.

The school was also used for community activities including box suppers, meetings of the Brown-

ville Jayhawkers 4-H Club, dances (mostly square dancing), Old Settlers' Day, Sunday school, church services and holiday events. After it was closed the building had occasional use for activities, Kammer said.

She said the buildings have had several owners and have been partially torn down for quite a few years and the present owner wanted to clean the area up.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

**Jan. 24:** Terry L. Jordan, 35, Fort Collins, Colo., \$120 for speeding, 85/70.

**Feb. 4:** Rochelle Lucas, 40, Sharon Springs, \$366 for driving while suspended, first conviction.

Rodney C. Petreikis, 41, Pacific Palisades, Calif., \$150 for speeding, 89/70.

**Feb. 6:** Lewis D. Thompson, 39, Palmer Lake, Colo., \$106 for speeding and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

**Feb. 10:** Kenneth W. Will, 44, Springfield, Tenn., \$366 for driving while suspended, first conviction; \$300 for not having liability insurance; \$48 for speeding, 83/70; and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

**Feb. 17:** Brian J. Hill, 22, Lawrence, \$126 for failure to renew registration.

**Feb. 19:** Brandon E. Nolan, 20, South Holland, Ill., \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

**Feb. 21:** William H. Tunis, 61, Vancouver, Wash., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, 11-hour rule.

**Feb. 23:** Leonard W. Johnson III, 22, Goodland, \$126 for failure to maintain a single lane.

**Feb. 24:** Javier Mejia-Mejia, 26, Denver, \$130 for driving without a license.

**Feb. 26:** Anne M. Jemming, 50, Denver, \$114 for speeding, 83/70, and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

**Feb. 28:** Jeremy W. Rogles, 32, Mount Vernon, Mo., \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

**March 1:** Shane P. Johns, 25, Colorado Springs, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Sheridan A. Loyd, 49, St. Joseph, Mo., \$126 for improper parking.

**March 2:** Christopher R. Smith, 29, Fairview Heights, Ill., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

**March 3:** Jeronimo Montoya, 19, Goodland, \$144 for speeding.

**March 6:** Jon M. Noteboom, 69, Greeley, Colo., \$166 for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, found guilty in a bench trial, and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

**March 7:** Kevin T. King, 23, Pensacola, Fla., \$138 for speeding, 87/70.

Libor Uxa, 31, Shawnee, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Jason C. Woods, 22, Westminster, Colo., \$117 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

**March 8:** Quintin Long, 47, Maryland Heights, Mo., \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Dale A. Oard, 47, Colby, \$166 for failing to secure a load.

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