

Auction draws many buyers

It was another busy weekend for Brewster with the big auction at Louie and Lita Linden's.

There were a lot of people on hand, and from what I hear, nearly everything sold. I imagine it depends on who you ask as to whether it sold for a good price or not. That is the way it has always seemed to me anyway.

I know it kept the auctioneer busy for hours. I hope everyone is satisfied with the results.

It was a shock to hear that Johnnie Cooper passed away from the effects of a fall he had earlier this month.

I send my condolences to his family, and I know he will be missed, especially by his grandkids.

He had a special interest in his family and loved them all. It's been several years since he lived in Brewster, but he kept up with the town as much as possible.

We also were sorry to read that Mary Galli of Colby lost her battle with cancer this week.

LaVelle enjoyed visiting with her and John when she was taking treatments at the time he was. Our sympathy to John and other family members.

It won't be long until the football and volleyball seasons are on hand, in fact, by the time you read this, I imagine they will be started.

The kids look ready for anything, and I'll predict that it is going to be



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a good year for the Brewster Bulldogs. I think there are a lot of good kids in our school system, but there usually are, aren't there?

Troy Dillinger wants everyone to know he appreciates the cards, letters calls and visits from those who helped him celebrate his 90th birthday on Aug. 21 at the Brewster Community Church.

He especially wants to thank the ladies who made it such a nice reception for all their work and effort. He sends a special "thank you" to his family for honoring him with this gathering. Troy enjoyed every second of it.

We are hoping for some of the family to be here for Labor Day for, yep, you guessed it — labor! So far, it looks like there might be some on hand, but if it is like usual, we will probably end up visiting instead of working, but that is all right too.

It will be good to see them again, as it didn't seem like we had much time to visit when they were here for LaVelle's service.

The painting of Mike Baughn's home is nearing completion, and it

looks very nice. I imagine he was getting tired of everyone asking him about it, but it looks like it was worth the wait. The color scheme is very

nice.

There are a lot of pretty flowers in bloom around town, and the blooms seem to be long-lasting too. Of course, there doesn't seem to be any flower that works harder at blooming than the hibiscus in the window at the senior center.

It is getting pretty big, and Dorothy Evans says she might have to trim it down when the blooming slows down. I'm not sure that is going to happen though; it just gets more and more buds on it every day.

Flowers are God's antidepressant medicine. It's hard to think bad thoughts when you are in the presence of blooming plants.

That seems to be it for now, but I hope all of you have a safe and fulfilled Labor Day. If you travel, watch out for the other guy. It seems like there are more wrecks than usual lately, and I don't think any of us should be in such a hurry that we forget to be safe.

I will say that it seems like the area from Goodland to Oakley is particularly hazardous, so stay alert. See you all next time.

Cookbook has glimpses of south

J. D. Robbins, a retired teacher, writes cookbooks and stories about farm life in the South in the 1900s.

Robbins' cookbook "Country Cookbook and Country Stories" includes pictures of a moonshine still, cooking pork skins, candle making and grinding sugar cane.

The following recipes and information are from that book.

Bourbon pecan cake

4 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 1/2 cups white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup butter
6 eggs, separated
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 cup bourbon
4 cups pecans (2 pounds)
Reserve 1/2 cup of flour for dredging nuts. Sift remaining flour, baking powder and nutmeg. Cream butter with sugars.

Add the well-beaten egg yolks and mix well. Dissolve soda in the buttermilk and add with bourbon to the mix. Add pecans dredged in flour. Fold in dry ingredients about 1/3 at a time. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into batter. Turn into a greased waxed paper lined tube pan.

Cover with waxed paper to extend one inch over the edge of pan and tie tightly. Steam 3 to 3 1/2 hours. Brush with brown sugar glaze. Bake at 250 degrees for 90



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• postscript

minutes. Brush again with the glaze while still warm. Wrap in a cloth saturated with whiskey. Store in an airtight container.

Brown sugar glaze

1/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup water
2 teaspoons lemon juice

Combine brown sugar, corn syrup and water in a saucepan. Place over low heat and bring to a boil slowly. Boil for 2 minutes and add lemon juice.

Each farm community had a gristmill that ground corn by rubbing it between two large stones. The stones were turned with water power. Coarse ground meal is called grits and the fine ground is corn meal. Bread is made from the meal. Meal freshly ground is warm and quite tasty.

Farm families were isolated sometimes for long periods of time. Community events such as dances, revivals, baseball games, basketball games and family reunions provided an opportunity to visit and gossip. Telephones came into use in

the South in the thirties.

Fresh apple cake

1/2 cup coconut
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup nuts
3 cups flour
1 cup oil

2 teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 large apples or 4 cups (chopped)
Mix the dry ingredients first. Cake is better mixed by hand. Add the other ingredients and mix. Grease a tube pan and cover the sides and bottom with flour. Pour mix in pan. Bake for one hour at 325 degrees. When a toothpick pulls out clean the cake is done.

Peach cobbler

4 cups peaches
1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup milk
1 3/4 cup sugar (separate)
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
3/4 cup all purpose flour

Melt butter and cover the bottom of a two quart casserole dish. Mix peaches, 1 cup sugar and flavoring in a separate dish. Set aside. Mix flour, baking powder, salt and the remaining sugar. Stir in the milk and mix well. Pour into a dish. Top with peach and sugar mixture without stirring. Spread evenly over the batter. Do not stir. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. Check often.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Aug. 30 — Saul Sigala was arrested with charges pending in municipal court for battery of Perla Vasquez at 521 W. 13th.

Aug. 31 — Sight and Sound Entertainment reported the theft of two video games valued at \$50 each at 1224 Main.

Tabitha M. Pope reported a forged check cashed for the amount of \$30.28 at 1803 Cherry.

Pizza Hut reported two forged checks cashed in the amount of \$31.87 and \$30.88 at 1803 Cherry. Cowboy Loop reported two forged checks cashed in the amount of \$21.08 and \$21.60 at 1631 Main.

Sept. 1 — Jesus E. Trevino was arrested and charged in municipal court with driving while suspended

and minor in possession at the intersection of 15th St. and Harrison Ave.

Daniel R. Oikarinen reported the theft of his bicycle at 224 E. 16th.

Meridee L. Whittum reported the theft of her purse valued at \$140 from her vehicle at 1100 Main.

Charges are pending against a juvenile suspect for tampering with a traffic signal at 4th St. and Arcade Ave.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Sherman County
will meet on the 14th day of September, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherman County Courthouse (Commissioner's Room) for hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the Sherman County Courthouse and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and the Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Est Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,493,143	9.030	1,521,573	13.850	1,920,751	743,399	13.383
Road	1,243,252	11.925	1,282,950	15.286	1,497,478	856,298	15.416
Noxious Weed	70,873	0.819	68,218	0.786	83,188	56,951	1.025
Health	245,062	0.467	260,431	0.471	264,773	27,097	0.488
Conservation District	18,000	0.283	19,000	0.304	20,000	17,550	0.316
Extension Council	109,944	1.708	109,944	1.744	112,518	98,283	1.769
Election Board	17,381	0.472	38,573	0.294	42,980	34,561	0.622
Comm. Coll. Tuition	36,246	0.589	37,000	0.561	37,970	31,099	0.560
County Home Maint.		0.024	20,000		30,000	24,748	0.446
Historical Society	11,221	0.180	12,285	0.200	12,516	11,109	0.200
Appraiser's Cost	123,522	1.763	129,116	1.856	138,400	109,315	1.968
Program for Elderly	61,403	0.970	58,420	0.918	61,762	54,647	0.984
Free Fair	26,000	0.400	26,000	0.407	26,000	23,061	0.415
Parks-Soldier's Mem.	23,653	0.263	20,650	0.394	24,500	13,245	0.238
Cemetery	50,000	0.787	50,000	0.775	50,000	43,257	0.495
Parks-Interlocal Rec	30,805	0.484	31,870	0.500	31,571	27,498	0.495
Library	14,985	0.230	15,000	0.238	15,000	13,286	0.239
County Hosp. Maint.	343,734	5.269	269,000	4.155	333,282	296,307	5.334
Employee Benefits	800,280	13.571	821,106	14.057	1,018,000	738,287	13.291
Tort Liability	11,530	0.328	11,450	0.061	12,500	9,731	0.175
Bond & Interest	109,319	0.821	110,683	1.816	171,800	102,630	1.848
No-Fund Warrants	73,430	1.120	12,265				
Auto Admin	41,066		44,000		45,800		
Register of Deeds Technolog	2,928		13,275		34,009		
Health Care Svcs.	204,789		274,789		382,656		
Health C.O.	8,500				29,725		
Noxious Weed C.O.	17,000		8,856		7,745		
Pros. Attorney Div.	1,218		7,000		14,545		
Pros. Attorney Training	4,165		4,900		6,591		
Special Alcohol	10,402		12,000		14,000		
Special Parks & Rec.	2,123		4,600		5,000		
Special Prairie Dog	18,310		14,500		28,256		
Tourism & Convention	80,450		79,000		80,000		
911 Fund	13,050		13,100		114,811		
Economic Development	76,146		100,104		183,552		
Sheriff Reward							
Sheriff's Commissary	6,519		8,500		21,389		
Waste Disposal	724,020		970,700		1,508,730		
Co. Attorney Drug Seizure	369				4,565		
Sheriff Drug Seizure	733		5,000		13,388		
Federal Drug Seizure	3,682						
Special Machinery	77,316		84,259		239,221		
Microloans	15,000		85,000				
Landfill Project			50,028				
Landfill Excavation							
Totals	6,221,569	51.503	6,705,145	58.673	8,638,972	3,332,359	59.991
Less: Transfers	279,087		322,265		240,300		
Net Expenditure	5,942,482		6,382,880		8,398,672		
Total Tax Levied	2,950,392		3,280,040				
Assessed Valuation	57,285,541		55,904,885		55,546,983		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2002	2003	2004
January 1,			
G.O. Bonds	795,000	485,000	395,000
Other	135,000	70,000	0
Revenue Bonds			0
Lease Pur Princ	673,388	362,779	241,087
Total	1,603,388	917,779	636,087

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Janet R. Rumpel
Clerk

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Other District Funds	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
WASTEWATER DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1							
General	2,327		115,440		0		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	0	0	0	0	0		
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0	0	0		
Lease Pur Princ	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	0	0	0	0		
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1							
General	208,849		160,398		191,450	113,127	3.524
Spill Control Fund	0		0		305		
Special Fund	540		700		4,360		
Capital Outlay Fund	0		0		236,492		
Totals	209,389	2.513	161,098	5.164	432,607	113,127	3.524
Less: Transfers	74,000		70,000		70,000		
Net Expenditure	135,389		91,098		362,607		
Total Tax Levied	85,187		168,377				
Assessed Valuation	33,903,312		32,604,016		32,103,186		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2002	2003	2004
January 1,			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Lease Pur Princ	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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