

Alumni weekend fills homes

The big weekend events for the summer in Brewster are now history, and it is just great to let you know they were very successful.

The alumni weekend brought many former residents back home, and there were visitors in almost every household. The banquets and gatherings had a good representative from each class, and most people were still recognizable even though some had changed enough to make it difficult to guess.

Of course, none of us feel like we have changed a bit, but if we haven't looked in a mirror for 40 or 50 years, it might be a little scary. I think there will be many looking forward to the next one in five years.

The Ninth Annual City Wide Garage Sale held on June 4 was well-attended, and I was satisfied with the sales that were made from our garage. Mostly, I was amazed at how much work Beth and her kids, Nathaniel and Corinne, and Barry and his daughter, Beka, were able to accomplish, and I certainly appreciate all the help that was given to help me get some of the overstock worked down.

It's hard to believe how much stuff was sold and harder still to think about how much more there is to take care of later.

At the sale, there were several people I hadn't seen for a while. One fellow came up and wanted to buy something and asked if he could write a check. When I asked his name, I found out he was a friend of Roger's from years ago.

It was good to see him again, and as readily he thought I had changed as much as I think he has because he didn't recognize me either. Imagine that!

Also, a much younger friend showed up. Chris Mayer came up, and it was good to see him, even if it hadn't been nearly as many years. He has recently graduated Suma Cum Laude from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

He majored in biology with a minor in chemistry and English, so he has been a little busy with his books for a while. He will be spending some time at home with his folks, Rex and Doris, for a while, and then he will head for larger places to work and study. It will be good to have him in the area for now, though.

Dennis and Pat Owens of Las



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Vegas spent several days with their good friends, Larry and Judy Dunlap to be in the area for the reunion. Afterward, they left for home, and Larry and Judy headed for New Mexico to visit his mother, Dale Dunlap, who has recently had a stroke. She is recuperating quite well and is staying at the Clovis, N.M., rest home for the time being.

They also visited their children, Mark and Tod and families and Larry's brother Jerry and family. Judy said Larry is feeling pretty good and thinks the activity was good for him, but they are ready for a restful summer now.

Frances Jones was a happy lady when she had all four of her daughters home for the alumni weekend. It has been a long time since they were all together back here.

These times when we have our kids all under our roof again are fewer and fewer as the years go by, and that's what makes them so precious.

Frances was able to go to her daughter Paula (Charlie) Webb's home for a few days and had a checkup from her Wichita doctor, so now she's home and looking forward to harvest.

With the great rains we had a few days ago, we are looking a little healthier in the crop department, and it is good to see the fields looking so green. There are a lot of weeds too, but it is going to take more rain to keep things in the green.

The cemetery looked very nice

over Memorial Day. Have you ever seen such a cold, damp day, though? My mom always said Memorial Day could be the coldest-seeming day of the year, and she seems to have hit the nail on the head.

Seems like a lot of the homilies our ancestors leave with us prove to be based on wisdom, doesn't it?

There were some who attended family reunions last weekend. George and Rebekah Luckert and Don and Becky Luckert joined other family members in Wichita for the annual Luckert reunion. The report is that it was a fine reunion.

Leonard and Zelma Kinkade attended a reunion of the Kinkade family in Colorado. The also reported a good reunion and nice weather.

Ceci Allen was at coffee this morning, so they made it back from Clinton Horinek and Sarah Moore's wedding in Chicago. Tony and Anita Horinek and Don and Colleen Allen and family extended their stay for a vacation.

Our sympathy is extended to the Crumbaker families on the loss of Dorothy Dawn Crumbaker.

I'll be doing the news column until July 1, and that will be the last day of my time at the senior center. After that, I will be going to Hays frequently to get established, and hopefully, I will be moved before the first of September.

It seems strange, but I know it is the right thing to be doing, although I will miss many of you folks very much.

For now, though, I'll be back in the paper next week, so I'll talk to you then!

Modern 'lemonade stand'



Samantha Zupko held up a sign to drum up sales at a "lemonade stand" at 1521 Broadway last week while her brother Steven drank up the profits. They had plenty of help from (left to right) Shawn Reiter, Elaine Reiter and Mabelle Zupko as they sold Kool-Aid to raise money for swimming.

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The author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, has spent a lifetime in journalism and on the Great Plains.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinges on a single fingerprint found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI and new boss J. Edgar Hoover play a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as being the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The book includes over 100 photos and maps taken from court files and places where the gang robbed banks.

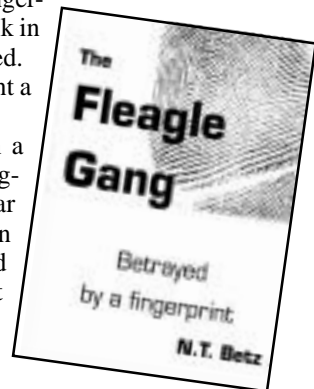
A U.S. Navy journalist and a graduate of the University of Colorado, Betz started his career delivering papers for his family's newspaper in Lamar, Colo., winning the first of numerous journalism awards as a teenager.

The Fleagle Gang robbed banks and trains in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., Pittsburg, Calif. and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.

Three gang members — Ralph Fleagle, George Abshire and Howard Royston — were "jerked up" at the Colorado Penitentiary a little over two years after committing the Colorado bank robbery. The fourth, Jake Fleagle, was shot on a train in Branson, Mo. in Oct. 1930.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the **Big Timbers Museum** in Lamar, Colo., the **Lane County Museum** in Dighton, Ks., the **Fick Fossil and History Museum** in Oakley, Ks., the **Finney County Museum** in Garden City, Ks., and the **High Plains Museum** in Goodland, Ks. It is available on-line from the publisher **Authorhouse.com**, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other major book stores.

Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang.



First National Bank of Lamar in 1928

Freedom Fest 2005

Goodland, Kan.

Friday, July 1

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sizzlin' Summer Sales (In-store) -- Downtown Goodland
5 p.m. Chili Cookoff -- 11th and Main

Saturday, July 2

Sizzlin' Summer Sales (In-store) -- Downtown Goodland
City-wide Garage Sale -- Begins at 8 a.m.

Freedom Pageant -- Gulick Park 10 a.m., ages 2-7 boys and girls

****To enter contact the chamber at 785-899-7130

At the Sherman County Fairgrounds

4 p.m. Vendor Booths open

Tracy Lawrence Concert -- Gates Open at 5 p.m. and Concert begins at 8 p.m.

****For concert tickets contact Courtney at 785-899-7130****

Sunday, July 3

3 p.m. - Parade kick off -- 17th Street to Sherman County Fairgrounds

Events at the Sherman County Fairgrounds

4 p.m. - Carnival Rides open -- Tickets 50 cents each

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dinner served by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce
The Biggest Fireworks Display between Kansas City and Denver begins at dark!

Hope to see ya there!