



Scott Aeschliman, Burlington, staked positions for concrete footers for the new American Communications and Overhead Door building. Aeschliman is the cement contractor on the job.
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Businesses building new facility

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News
American Communications and Overhead Door of Northwest Kansas are building a new facility next to Motor Town and the Buffalo Inn on Business U.S. 24. American Communications offers Altell cell phone services and equipment. Overhead Door installs garage doors for people and Weathercraft Roofing replaces roofs on houses and businesses.

The building has been in the planning for a couple of years, said owner Randy Topliff. “We are trying to get consolidated in one location,” said Topliff. “Where we are we have no room for vehicles and trailers to park.” The earth work for the building is already done, he said, and the crews were getting ready to pour footings when Goodland got snow. Weathercraft will expand to have a full sheet metal shop and will roll steel panels for roofing here, he said. “We hope to employ six to 10 more people,” Topliff said. The new facility will have a 48-by-50-foot office area and an 80-by-60-foot warehouse. Alltel will have more room for displays and supplies. People will still be able to ship packages by United Parcel Service and FedEx. They hope to be all moved in by the middle of June, Topliff said.

Brewster pair welcomes granddaughter

Mason and Jena Mackley, Winona, welcomed a new baby girl to their family. Kenlee Justeen Mackley, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 19 1/2 inches, arrived Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. Grandparents are Robert and Tracee Mackley, Levant; Christy Obermueller, Greeley, Colo.; and Ross and Dana Cranston, Brewster. Nine Brewster senior class members and three sponsors spent spring break in Silver Creek, Colo. They enjoyed skiing, tubing and ice skating. Sponsors for the trip were Lonnie Selby and Sherri and Stacey Edmundson. Jordan and Amanda Reid are the parents of a baby boy, Blayne Jaxon, born on March 24, in Hays. Blayne weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Chris and Keith Hoyt and Judy and Nate Reid, all of Brewster, and Brad Robben, Sharon Springs. Great-grandparents are Joanne



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held at the Brewster School on Friday, March 24, with students in grades one through five participating. In a drawing held by the Lions’ Club, Stephanie Ford, St. Charles, Mo., won the child’s tractor, and Miriam Yonkey, Goodland, won the diamond necklace. A Kansas State basketball was auctioned, with Bruce Baird as auctioneer. Phil Knox was the highest bidder. Warren Reid was a recipient of another K-State basketball. Toni, Ed and Seth Ackerman visited Maj. Tracy Mann and family at West Point recently. Also joining them were Kim and Kenny Call and daughter of LaGrande, Ga. The Ackermans also spent two days in New York City seeing the sights. Major Mann teaches computer science at West Point and will be moving to Georgia in the spring. The annual Lions Club-sponsored kids’ basketball games were

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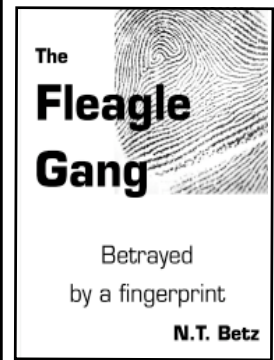
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Ranked in top 20 true crime, burglary and robbery on Barnes & Noble
Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, has spent a lifetime in journalism and on the Great Plains. “The Fleagle Gang” details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint — precursor to today’s *CSI shows* — found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor’s car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated. “The Fleagle Gang” is available at the **Big Timbers Museum** in Lamar, Colo., the **Holly Library**, Holly, Colo.; the **Lane County Museum** in Dighton, Kan., the **Fick Fossil and History Museum** in Oakley, Kan., the **Finney County Museum** and **Hastings** in Garden City, Kan., the **High Plains Museum** in Goodland, Kan., the **Keystone Gallery** north of Scott City, the **El Quarteletejo Museum** in Scott City, and the **Colorado Prison Museum** in Canon City, Colo. It is available on-line from the publisher **Authorhouse.com**, Linda Knott’s web bookstore **knottjustbooks @spreadtheword.com**, **Amazon.com**, **Barnes and Noble** and other major book stores. Check out “The Fleagle Gang” web site at: **nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang**.

College to expand diesel program

The diesel technology building at the Northwest Kansas Technical College will be growing to the east and south in the next two years. The additions will accommodate growth in the program due to interest from students and the demands of area employers, college officials said. The college plans the expansion in a two-phase process. For phase I, said President Ken Clouse, the college is building a 60-by-120-foot addition to the east side of the building this summer. This will provide 7,200 square feet of shop space to allow students to learn the newest technology on large farm and truck equipment. For phase II, he said, the college plans a 30-by-160-foot addition to the south side of the building in 2008 with additional classroom space. The program started with 17 students in 1968 as farm mechanics, Clouse said, and grew to 30 to 35 three years ago, when it became a

two-year program. The college will hire an additional instructor for the program this spring to bring the faculty to four. “Two instructors will teach the first year and two will teach the second year,” Clouse said. “With the addition to the facility, the college will be able to accommodate up to 60 students each year.” Most graduates entering this occupation can expect relatively steady work, he said, because changes in economic conditions have less of an effect on the diesel repair business than on other sectors of the economy. Clouse said the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says employment of diesel service technicians and mechanics is expected to increase through the year 2014. The program trains students as diesel technicians with a technical certificate or an Associate of Applied Science degree.

“Our program has been growing due to employment demands in the industry for the recent three years,” said President Clouse. “The area board is excited about the prospects for this program and wants to position the college to address the workforce needs being experienced. “Our expert instructional staff, with years of trade experience, will expose students to a wide variety of situations. This will include use of electromechanical testing equipment, global positioning equipment, diesel calibration instruments and ... farm power machinery.” Students will study heavy duty truck and tractor repair, he said, including electrical systems, transmissions, suspensions, braking and related areas. Instruction will include complete engine overhaul, diesel, gasoline and natural gas fuel systems, hydraulic systems and air conditioning.

Steakhouse Diner gets heating system

Doug Whitson was working for Bowman’s Heating and Air Conditioning on the heating system on the new Steakhouse Diner being finished behind the old Sinclair service station on Commerce Road.
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