

Family

Freedom gets old, leads to grumbling

School is out across northwest Kansas, and kids that will be riding bikes or walking down streets during the day. It is always a reminder to me that I need to pay more attention while driving through residential areas, in case a child comes unexpectedly darting out into the street after a toy.

The summer break brings freedom, freedom that most kids have been longing for since Easter break. They may be able to stay up late, sleep in and do many other things during the absence of school.

This takes us through about June. You may not understand what I mean by that, but the excitement of this freedom that the kids are enjoying, the opening of the pool, the playing with friends, the staying up late, the sleeping in and all the rest, will end about six weeks into the summer break.

I remember what it was like. I had a little brother who was four years younger than I, and we had our fair share of disagreements. We would call my dad or mom several times to settle arguments. We heard several times that we better not call again unless it was an emergency.

We had lists to do while my parents were gone. I generally procrastinated doing those until about 3:30 in the afternoon. I enjoyed my freedom, but with that freedom came grumbling. Sounds a lot like some Israelites. Read on:

Their voices rose in a great chorus of complaint against Moses and Aaron. "We wish we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they wailed. "Why is the LORD taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and little ones will be carried off as slaves! Let's get out of here and return to Egypt!" From Numbers 14:2-3, New Liv-



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ing Translation

Sounds a lot like kids do about six weeks in to their summer break. "I'm bored" is what they will probably say, even if they don't say those words. The appreciated their freedom, but then the reality sets in to their minds. They wanted freedom, but yet they enjoyed having something that occupied their time.

How about adults? Are we really much different? I remember a scene in a movie where a gentleman who had been in prison for so long couldn't function once he was released. He wanted freedom but didn't know how to handle it when he was freed. We enjoy the things that God gives us but we still enjoy the boundaries, whether we think we do or not.

Do we appreciate the freedoms we have but get "bored" after a while? Has God given us too much freedom? Or have you ever wondered why God brings you to such "places" in life?

May we not be like the grumbling Israelites and appreciate the freedom that we have been given in Christ. May we not get "bored," but use every opportunity to serve Him. All kinds of opportunities await around every corner.

This summer, use that freedom – away from school or enjoyable weather – to do something that expresses gratefulness to Him rather than a complaining attitude!

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Fort to enact history for Memorial Day weekend

A visit to Fort Larned this Memorial Day weekend will include the sights, sounds and smells of frontier life at the national historic site, as volunteers bring the fort to life with historic activities.

Activities will include living history interpreters stationed at the Fort's historic buildings, infantry and cavalry maneuvers on the parade ground, and various historic weapons programs. The blacksmith's forge and the post

bakery will be busy.

Saturday, vintage baseball games are scheduled, with 1870's rules and uniforms.

Fort Larned National Historic Site is six miles west of Larned on K-156. The park is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. throughout the year. Admission is free. Hours are extended to 5:30 p.m. during Memorial Day weekend.

Information is on the internet at [www.nps.gov/fols](http://www.nps.gov/fols).



The Webers in 1970



The Webers today

Celebration of 40th in Oakley reception

Jim and Sue Weber of Oakley will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 5. A public reception will be held at 3 p.m. in the Oakley school cafeteria, 625 Center Ave. All are welcome to attend the celebration. Cards may be sent to 3514 Apache Acre, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

The couple was married June 6, 1970, at St. Joseph's Church in Oakley. They have three children, Jennifer Koel and husband Jeff of Colby, Joy Hendrich and husband Chad of Salina, and Stephen Weber and wife Nicole of Lincoln, Kan. They have four grandchildren: Leighton and Elizabeth Koel of Colby, and Connor and Camden Weber of Lincoln.

Jim works for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Oakley. Sue works for the Northwest Service Center in Oakley as a special education paraprofessional.

Daughters of Isabella

Theresa Baker called the May 6 meeting of the Daughters of Isabella to order and lit a candle before reading the names of deceased members. The group said a prayer in their memory.

After the opening ode, prayer and the pledge to the flag, members were reminded to come to the 8:15 a.m. Mass and sit as a group for the Daughters of Isabella Day of Prayer on June 25.

News of the state Daughters of Isabella conference will be in the parish newsletter. Quarterly reports are done, and Rhonda Rogers, Marge Mowry and Joan Albers are visiting the sick.

Laura Krejci announced confirmation at 3 p.m. Sunday. Marje Robben volunteered to set up for a reception and will make three dozen cookies. Darline Hutfles,

Theresa Baker, Donna Juenemann and Charlene Barnett will each bring three dozen also.

The members agreed to do a three-to-five-minute entertainment for the Feast of the Sacred Heart celebration on June 5, leading the crowd in the Chicken Dance.

Rhonda Rogers read a message about motherly love, with "watch your tongue" being a part of the message.

For closing, the group said a prayer for priests and increased membership, then said the obligation the closing prayer and closing ode.

Hostesses Darline Hutfles, Marge Mowry and Nancy Barlow served cookies and coffee.

Corrections

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Babies

Brielle Grace Eatherly

Brielle Grace Eatherly, daughter of Jennifer Eatherly, was born Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Bernard and Bobbi Koerperich of Selden.



Brielle E.

Joston Michael Sabatka

Joston Michael Sabatka, son of Brandon and Samantha Sabatka of Colby, was born Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Sisters Jalyn and Jalyssa welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Brian and Connie Sabatka of McDonald and Peggy Morris of Bird City.

Dallis Ann Stieben



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Dallis Ann Stieben, daughter of Tyler and Angelica Stieben of Colby, was born Sunday, May 16, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Jim and Roberta Lambert of Colby, Cathy Cedero of Lyons, Dane Stieben of Colby and Cliff and Janette Stieben of Ness City. Great-grandparents are Vern and Marge Lambert of Irvine, Calif., and Catherine Simon of Fair Oaks, Calif.

Treven Nathaniel Crandall

Treven Nathaniel Crandall, son of Crystal Crandall and Kyle Packard of Oakley, was born Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Sister Rhyann Jay welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Jim and Joy Crandall, Oakley; Jeremy Crandall, Illinois; Ashley Crandall, Hays; Jennifer Crandall, Burlington, Colo.; Gabi Crandall, Plainville; Jimmie Crandall and Matt Crandall, Oakley; Cathy Packard, Monument; and Mike Packard, Oakley.



Treven C.

Makenna Sophia LeDou

Makenna Sophia LeDou, daughter of Jay and Jenea LeDou of Olathe, was born April 23, 2010, at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Gabby, 5, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Mark and Billie Fiedler of Olathe and Phillip and Carolyn LeDou of Colby.

Maternal great-grandparents are Della Shepard and the late Bill Shepard of Overland Park and Joan Hinz of Kansas City, Mo.; Paternal great-grandparents are the late Dorthy Burch of Leoti and the late Raymond and Dortha Bennett of Scott City.

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Moore has ministered in Rwanda, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico and Jamaica. She will share her own victories over fear and depression as well as a near death experience at age three, that left her neurologically impaired for many years before she received her healing, which has been documented by doctors.

Her message is of God's power that offers hope to those who feel their situation is hopeless. Her uplifting testimonies along with music that promises to inspire, will be an encouragement to all who attend. She ministers to youth, women, single adults and various groups, and travels internationally to minister to all groups of ages. The church located at 245 College Drive. Pastor Steve Todd is a native of Muskogee. For information call (785) 462-8234.

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