The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Aug. 27 — 4:54 p.m., 900 Broadway Ave., a 2001 Toyota driven by County Attorney Bonnie Selby was backing out of the parking stall and hit a 2005 Ford owned by Sherman County on the right front corner. The Ford was parked in a yellow zone on the west side of the alley.

7:55 p.m., 206 Main Ave., a 1985 Mercedes-Benz driven by Matthew Monroe Hughes was backing from a driveway and hit a 1993 Cadillac owned by Russ Safer that was legally parked in front of 206 Main.

Aug. 28 — 5:10 p.m., 1100 Sherman Ave., a 1990 Buick driven by Fred A. Russell was going east when it hit a 2002 Chrysler driven by Stacy Jo Studer.

Aug. 29 — 5:24 p.m., 400 Caldwell Ave., a 2000 Suzuki driven by Monica Gail Ford was backing from the alley and backed into a natural gas meter. Damage to the protective cage and meter was limited. No gas was leaking, and Aquila employees were able to straighten and test the meter for leaks.

Sept. 4 — 11:24 a.m., a 2007 Buick driven by Elmarie M. Nelson was driving on Clark Ave., and she said her foot slipped off the brake and caused her to hit a 1971 Pontiac owned by Gregory Dwayne Sowell what was parked.

9:24 p.m., 2700 Commerce a 2004 Freightliner driven by Noland D. Camp, was backing into a parking stall and hit a 2005 Peterbilt owned by Farmer's Oil Company.

Sept. 5 — 8:04 p.m., 1700 Center Ave., a 2004 Ford driven by Jordan L. Miller was driving down 17th, and was unable to stop hitting a 1994 Ford driven by Darian Linn who had stopped behind another car.

Sept. 7 — 1300 Harrison Ave., a 1992 Chevrolet owned by Lee Salmans was in the parking lot at Max Jones and an unknown vehicle ran into the driver's side damaging the running board.

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 15: Jeffrey R. Davis II was fined $180 for speeding.

July 16: George R. Bourdieu was fined $220 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

July 18: Everett J. Becker was fined $126 for speeding.

July 19: Diana M. Bryant was fined $120 for speeding.

July 21: Richard S. Delong was fined $114 for speeding.

July 22: Joe Bennett was fined $166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Joseph C. Brown III was fined $174 for speeding.

July 23: Anthony M. Davis was fined $144 for speeding.

July 25: Denise K. Beasley's fine for not having proof of liability insurance was dismissed.

Ted A. Casey was fined $120 for speeding.

July 26: Cecil M. Byrd was fined $138 for speeding.

Elise M. Diaz was fined $126 for speeding.

July 27: Jace E. Brown was fined $120 for speeding.

Floyd R. Burkhart was fined $201 for improper parking.

Jennifer M. Cole was fined $108 for speeding and $30 for not wearing a seat belt.

July 29: Shari R. Baggett was fined $165 for speeding.

David G. Chaffin was fined $192 for improper parking.

Aug. 2: Antonio Bermudez was fined $166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Sarah M. Elder was fined $138 for speeding.

Aug. 3: Mark A. Beckmann was fined $92 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Aug. 4: Joseph I. Benham was fined $114 for speeding.

Kyle H. Dosco was fined $132 for improper parking.

Aug. 5: Matthew N. Butler was fined $126 for improper parking.

Don T. Clark was fined $144 for speeding.

Johnnie M. Cole was fined $132 for improper parking.

Aug. 6: David M. Brown was fined $160 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Aug. 7: Stephanie K. Caldwell was fined $174 for speeding.

Aug. 8: James P. Alexander was fined $138 for speeding.

Kurt D. Cooper was fined $132 for speeding.

Sara C. Doane was fined $132 for speeding.

Aug. 9: Susana P. Carrasco was fined $126 for violating laws on child passenger safety, restraining systems and seat belts.

Victor A. Contreras was fined $165 for speeding and $60 for improper driving on a laned roadway.

Aug. 10: Tarek Alammad was fined $126 for improper parking.

Thomas J. Aschenbrenner was fined $120 for speeding.

Terry A. Clapper was fined $108 for speeding.

Marvin E. Dodds was fined $165 for speeding.

Aug. 11: Rachel B. Anton was fined $144 for speeding.

Eduviges J. Barrios was fined $126 for violating laws on child passenger safety, restraining systems and seatbelts.

Jay A. Arbuckle was fined $144 for speeding.

Jason R. Bogart was fined $138 for speeding.

Jay S. Broderick was fined $237 for speeding.

Tonantzintla N. Chacon was fined $138 for speeding.

Nicole D. David was fined $132 for improper parking.

Aug. 12: Lee A. Batchelder was fined $126 for speeding.

Res. 07-11

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2008 Sherman County budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2007 Sherman County budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements of real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

WHEREAS, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all county services are the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Sherman County provides the essential services to protect the health, safety, and well being of the citizens of the county; and

WHEREAS, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligations in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting state revenue sharing payments to counties, has contributed to higher county property tax levies to finance the 2008 Sherman County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Sherman County Commissioners that it is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2008 Sherman County budget due to the above mentioned constraints, and that all persons are invited and encouraged to attend the budget meeting conducted by the Board of Sherman County Commissioners. The date and time of the budget hearing will be published in the Goodland Star News. Interested persons can also address questions concerning the budget to the County Clerk by calling 785-890-4802 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2007, by the Board of Sherman County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK SEAL SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Janet R. Rumpel

Janet R. Rumpel, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY

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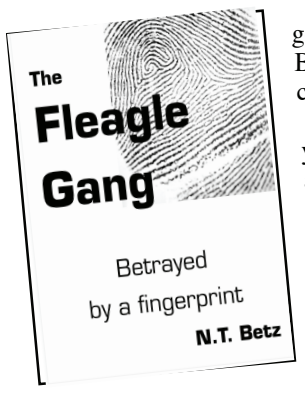
Kansas' earliest CSI story

Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt



True crime from the roaring 20s, "The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint," begins with a brazen daylight bank robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four men died, and the robbers escaped — until forensic science caught up with them through a fingerprint.

The bank robbery and national manhunt story was big news more than 75 years ago. We found recently the old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the crime, but none cover the events like this book. Great for true crime history buffs.

The book includes over 100 photos and maps taken from court files and places where the gang robbed banks and scenes where the murders took place of the doctor and cashier.

A few signed copies are available at The Goodland Star-News, *1205 Main.*

Search inside the book on Google.com and Amazon.com

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, has spent more than 45 years in journalism and living on the Great Plains.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint 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 **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 **El Quartelejo 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; Tattered Cover** and other major book stores.

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

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Sherman County
will meet on the 16th day of October, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherman County Courthouse (Commissioner's Room) for the purpose of 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 2008 Expenditures and the Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008		
FUND	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,735,557	8.933	1,879,672	10.940	2,326,096	890,303	13.511
Road	1,378,561	16.475	1,352,415	16.337	1,725,300	936,496	14.212
Noxious Weed	76,640	0.548	73,334	0.605	106,250	79,047	1.200
Health	258,522	0.437	267,529	0.454	299,215	27,714	0.421
Conservation District	21,000	0.306	21,847	0.330	22,500	20,418	0.310
Extension Council	13,386						
Election Board	67,121	1.437	51,110	0.270	83,800	69,625	1.057
Comm. Coll. Tuition	7,911	0.153	22,488				
County Home Maint.		0.128		0.057	21,166		
Historical Society	13,888	0.200	13,027	0.197	14,000	12,742	0.193
Appraiser's Cost	132,830	1.941	133,143	1.640	149,800	136,612	2.073
Program for Elderly	60,237	0.857	65,350	0.984	65,381	59,030	0.896
Free Fair	30,000	0.444	29,293	0.447	30,000	27,252	0.414
Parks-Soldier's Mem	23,208	0.428	21,320	0.431	33,650	14,358	0.218
Cemetery	56,450	0.831	56,233	0.843	65,000	59,906	0.909
Parks-Interlocal Rec	32,699	0.477	32,041	0.493	36,000	32,956	0.500
Library	14,791	0.214	14,831	0.225	15,000	13,586	0.206
County Hosp. Maint.	371,358	5.447	359,680	5.394	380,000	345,675	5.246
Employee Benefits	807,247	10.973	952,297	11.078	1,085,500	825,047	12.521
Tort Liability	13,500	0.198	14,401	0.255	18,000	13,959	0.212
Bond & Interest	72,602	1.172	70,130	0.643	122,660	68,990	1.047
Auto Administration	42,032		65,530		65,795		
Register of Deeds Te	39,256						
Health Care Svcs.	319,002		292,450		416,496		
Health C.O.					25,831		
Noxious Weed C.O.	1,195		5,500		1,050		
Pros. Attorney Divers	1,233		6,800		13,307		
Pros. Attorney Traini	4,799		4,663		5,000		
Special Alcohol	12,000		13,000		20,859		
Special Parks & Rec	2,090		2,000		4,161		
Special Prairie Dog	8,540		9,834		31,055		
Tourism & Conventic	90,000		99,281		120,000		
911 Fund	15,085		12,000		98,747		
Economic Developme	74,910		165,000		187,604		
Sheriff Reward	993		552		1,850		
Sheriff's Commissary	5,027		5,400		20,307		
Waste Disposal	940,934		848,272		1,432,532		
Co. Attorney Drug S	1,417						
Sheriff Drug Seizure	5,455						
E-911 Fund	5,494		6,800		52,119		
Special Machinery	30,200						
Micro Loans	179						
CDBG Grant	92,919						
Landfill Excavation	657						
Landfill Post Closure							
Capital Improvement	75,018						
G.O. Road Project	957,261						
Sales Tax for Road P			427,669		949,600		
Totals	7,913,204	51.599	7,394,892	51.623	10,045,631	3,633,716	55.146
Less: Transfers	506,074		470,281		400,745		
Net Expenditure	7,407,130		6,924,611		9,644,886		
Total Tax Levied	3,200,767		3,156,362				
Assessed Valuation	62,001,706		61,143,670		65,895,332		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2005	2006	2007
G.O. Bonds	300,000	200,000	12,135,000
Other			0
Revenue Bonds			0
Lease Pur. Princ.	201,417	281,189	276,235
Total	501,417	481,189	12,411,235

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008		
Other District Funds	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2005	2006	2007
G.O. Bonds			
Other			
Revenue Bonds			
Lease Pur. Princ.			
Total	0	0	0

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1							
General	175,852	2.897	220,213		294,478	190,253	4.717
Spill Control Fund	85		1,573				
Special Fund	1,340		1,700		3,518		
Capital Outlay Fund	137,284		28,899		137,384		
Totals	314,561	2.897	252,385	4.863	435,380	190,253	4.717
Less: Transfers	100,000		0		38,000		
Net Expenditure	214,561		252,385		397,380		
Total Tax Levied	108,220		176,869				
Assessed Valuation	37,268,563		36,373,108		40,332,551		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2005	2006	2007
G.O. Bonds			
Other			
Revenue Bonds			
Lease Pur. Princ.			
Total	0	0	0

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Janet R. Rumpel
Clerk

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