



Lisa Ann and Bert Jon Stramel

Couple weds in Colby

Lisa Ann Bradley and Bert Jon Stramel, both of Colby, married Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, at the Wesleyan Church in Colby with Pastor Eugene Rothfull officiating. Ron and Bonnie Zwegardt of St. Francis are the bride's parents and Ron and Sharon Stramel of Colby

are the groom's. Her grandparents are Grace and the late Ray H. Zwegardt of St. Francis and Cecil and Luella Wulf of Goodland. A reception and dinner followed at the Kuhrt Ranch north of Edson. The couple will live in Colby, farming and ranching.

Goodland girl runner up in Miss Teen

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competes for the famous "Miss America" title. It's a big scholarship pageant, Lennington said. She received a \$6,000 scholarship to Newman University for first runner-up in Lawrence but would like to have more.

ShesaidshemayattendtheUniversity of Kansas and hopes to become a news anchor or possibly a talk show host.

"I think it would be cool to have a talk show on TV," she said.

She was hoping to be in the top 15 at the pageant and thought for a moment she wouldn't make it.

"I was called 12th," she said. "By then, I thought I wasn't going to be called."

But then she was called first for the top five.

"I couldn't move for a few seconds," she said.

Then she realized she should have paid better attention during the rehearsals.

"They taught us top-five stuff," she said, "and I kind of tuned that out because I didn't think there was any chance. They called me first, and I wasn't sure where to go."

Before going to the pageant, she trained with Krista (Burr) Hamilton and Jessica Kannady, both of Goodland, and Liz Plunkett of Syracuse.

And she takes modeling classes at Models and Images in Wichita. They help you learn to walk better and stand better, she said. She had heard a lot about the classes from Chris Baumfalk, a 2006 Goodland graduate who also went to Models and Images and has some modeling experience.

Lennington would like to share her pageant experience.

"I would like to start a pageant here," she said, "not necessarily for girls my age, but for little girls."

Being runner up was no snap, she added, but she was a shoo-in for the Miss Northwest Teen Kansas title at Lawrence.

Granddaughter's holiday visit was fun

Betty Jo Baird

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Hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year Don't know where 2007 went. seems like that is the way it is as one get older.

I had my granddaughter Autumn O'Brien from Friday night till Wednesday night. Had a lot of fun drawing, coloring and watching movies. It was just too cold to play outside. We did take a couple walks, but that was it. Baked some cookies and delivered some around town.

Suppose the next ten months will be more and more on the election. I wish they would put more energy



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into stopping the war and our losing our young men and women that they put into campaigning.

Dec. 29, Don and Becky Luckert had their family Christmas dinner. Those attending were Tim and Lisa Hayes of Wichita. Vernon and Marilyn Peter of Castle Rock, Colo. Chris and Zane' and children Kyllian. Kasha Wright of Parker,

Colo. Roberta and George Luckert of Brewster and John Luckert of Colby.

Warren and Bonnie F: Reid entertained the following family members during the week of Christmas.

Nate and Judy Reid, Jeff and Jayde of Topeka, Jalynd Reid of Baldwin, Jordan and Amanda and Blayne Reid of Oakley, Lance Reid of Andale, Laurie Mallory and Julie Jones of Kismet, Ryan and Amanda Kisner and Elijah of Kismet, Royal and Joan Reid of Goodland. Several other friends dropped by for visiting.

Duane and Ruth Jones spent New Year's Day with Marie Edwards in Goodland.

The Thomas County Nurse will be at the Center from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, for Blood Pressure Checks.

Has been pretty quiet around town, with alot being gone for the Holidays, or having company. Sure things will pick up in the next week.

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember everyone else and everything else are also God's creation.

Have a good week.

Taking care of those holiday gift fruit baskets

Christmas is a time of giving, and a good gift has always been the fruit-and-nut basket. The entire family can enjoy the bounties of the basket, since there is usually something in it for everyone.

I generally head for the peanuts or walnuts and then to the fruit. Like most people, I enjoy about everything in those baskets. However, the apple is usually the last thing I pick. The reason for that is that I really think apples belong in a pie this time of the year.



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In days gone by, fruit and nuts were hard to come by. Usually you could only get what was produced locally. Today we get fresh produce from all over the world in a matter of days.

The gift assortments of fruits and nuts (along with other products) are usually placed in an attrac-

tive basket, wrapped with cellophane and brought (or shipped) to your house.

It is important that the fruit is kept cool to maintain its quality for as long as possible.

Thus, it is wise to disassemble the fruit basket as soon as you receive it and place the fruit in refrigerated storage.

If all the products in the basket are tree fruits (such as apples, pears, oranges or grapefruit), you can place the entire basket in a cool place,

around 40 degrees Fahrenheit, for best results.

If the basket contains any bananas or other tropical fruits (with the exception of citrus), remove those and store them separately. Three to four weeks is about as long as you can expect to store these fruits without some shriveling and loss of crispness.

If the bananas start to go bad, think banana bread and don't forget to add some of the walnuts you saved back in the basket. Have a great New Year.

Do you know what your workers want?

What do workers want? The Saratoga Institute surveyed more than a thousand U.S. workers and asked them to identify factors that would make them more likely to remain with their current job. The No. 1 answer was training and mentoring.

The best way to grow employees and improve their confidence level is to continually offer education and a feeling of being wanted, needed and respected. Making employees



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stronger and giving them additional knowledge or tools will help a business grow, and employees will become team contributors instead of just warm bodies.

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"I was the only girl from north-west Kansas who did it," she said.

Commissioners to reorganize on Wednesday

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the Sherman County Stock Car Racing Association.

- A report from Charlie Krull of Blue Cross and Blue Shield about the renewal of the county employee health-insurance plan.

- From Kerry Kessinger about a change in county benefit.

- From Steve Duell, fair board chairman, about repairs at the fairgrounds.

The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

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972 MacDon 36' header
3 - Combine header trailers
3 - 27' combine trailers
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2004 34' corn header trailer
1992 41' corn header trailer
1990 42' corn header trailer
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1952 Sparten House trailer 36'

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Lots of parts for combines

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1995 Jantz-femco 51ft. expandable trailer, works great for tractor and graincart or would make a good sprayer trailer. bought new

1992 Homesteader 5th wheel 38ft. custom built for wheat harvest with full size appliances and both fixtures. stored inside 9 months a year. excellent condition, bought new

1985 Mayflower bunkhouse 28ft. 4 bunks wash machine, and deepfreezer hookups. custom built for harvesting, stored inside 9 months a year, excellent condition, bought new

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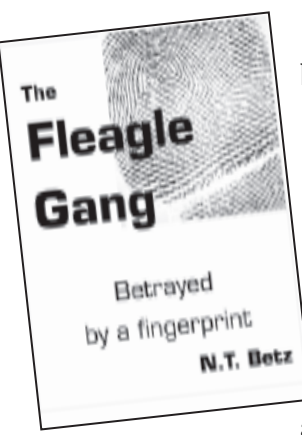
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Kansas' earliest CSI story

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 recently found that an old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the robbery and the gang, but none cover the events like this book. Book reviewers say this is a great read for true crime history buffs.

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

Signed copies are available from the author at The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main



Jake Fleagle's arrest photo taken at Stockton, Calif., in the spring of 1929 that lead to the break in the First National Bank of Lamar robbery and murder case. The photo and fingerprints were sent to the FBI in Washington where the connection was made.

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 Quartelego 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**; **The Tattered Cover** and other major book stores.

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