

# Drive-in employees gather, talk about fun

Ten former car hops and cooks of the A & W run by Jo Mann for 11 years in the late 1960s met at Mann's home on Saturday, June 21.

The last gathering for the group was two years ago at the 2006 Sherman County All School Reunion. Mann, now in her 80s, had promised the women that she would have a get together at each reunion as long as she was able, but they met this week because one of the girls from out of town planned to be in Goodland for a wedding.

"My girls worked so hard," Mann said, "and without their help, my 11

years at the A&W would not have been possible."

"We were only 13 to 14 years old, and she taught us work ethics that to this day we are thankful to her for," said Joy (Rethmann) Hayden, who still lives in Goodland. "She was not only our boss, but a wonderful friend."

"She was a second mother to all of us," someone else said, adding that Mann never expected the girls to do anything that she wouldn't do, even putting her name on the schedule to change those big, greasy fryers each night.

Lorna Thorpe said that at times, Mann would put a few dollars extra in their paycheck after a hard week.

Patty (Mann) Lourie, who came from Kansas City, remembered one morning the place was surrounded by police, with some coming in the back door. Whoever put the American flag out had accidentally hung it upside down, a signal for distress. A tourist saw it and called the police, she said, and after that, the girls watched which way they hung the flag.

"It was a hard job, but we all had

a good time," said Maxine (Elliott) Howard, who now lives in Tribune. "We learned to work inside as well as outside, as everything was homemade."

The cooks helped Mann make cinnamon rolls each morning, along with six to eight pies, said Howard, and they had a 99-cent plate lunch which consisted of potato salad, baked beans and a sloppy joe. As people asked for certain foods, they would be put on the menu.

Connie (Elliott) Cullins of Goodland remembers having to peel 100 pounds of potatoes each day for

french fries.

"We knew Jo had eyes in the back of her head," she said. "She would be at the grill with her back to the carport and still knew when the cars drove in."

Marilyn (Elliott) Bliss, who still lives in Goodland, said people would ask her when the drive-in closed at night, and she would tell them, "When the last car pulls out, usually at midnight."

The boys from the Vocational school, known as the Vo Tech then, and now Northwest Kansas Technical College, hung around to help

a lot, too, as the drive-in used 120 pounds of sugar each day to make root beer syrup, and they would empty the 100 pound sacks for the girls.

Debbie (Van Donge) Jenicke from Wyoming recalled the "A&W 10 Commandments" that they made up and Hayden painted on a door. The first one was "Thou shalt not flirt with the car hop's boyfriend"

Lourie and Jenicke came the farthest for the reunion. Others attending were Esther Elliott, Bonnie (Wulf) Zweygardt and Gloria (Rohr) Elliott, all of Goodland.

# Nominations wanted for next wonders of Kansas

The Kansas Sampler Foundation is taking nominations for art for its next Eight Wonders of Kansas contest — the 8 Wonders of Kansas Art.

Nominations will be taken through July and can be submitted online at 8wonders.org or sent to 978 Arapaho Road, Inman, Kan. 67546.

An architecture contest was completed June 30 and results are posted on the web site. After the eight wonders of art, the elements of commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history and people will each be featured. The overall Eight Wonders of Kansas were announced by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius on Kansas Day, Jan. 29.

Nominations for the art contest may include galleries, studios, and museums, said Marci Penner, foundation director, as well as performing venues and artists. For an artist to be considered, she added, his or her work must be on display in a public place. Art can be literature, dancing, music, fine art, or even the interior of a building.

Nominations must have physical evidence and be accessible to the public, she added. For instance, a nomination for artist Birger Sandzen would include the Sandzen Gallery in Lindsborg.

The nomination should be unique to Kansas or the U.S., she said, and you must describe how it is set apart from others of its kind.

"Tell us specifically how your nomination is head and heels above anything else of its kind," Penner said. "We're not just looking for a great art gallery, for example, but one that can distinguish itself with characteristics that are unique."

The series of contests are designed to educate the public about what there is to see and do in Kansas

and to encourage travel in the state, she said.

Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 24 finalists will be announced Monday, Aug. 25, voting for the final eight will last through Wednesday, Oct. 15, and the eight wonders will be announced Friday, Oct. 31.

## Tips for balancing work, family

Starting your own business and working from home seemed like the best solution for earning money AND being there for your kids, but the chaos created by mixing the two worlds can send even the toughest mom to tears.

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1. Get and stay organized. You don't have time to search for files, notes, or even a pen. Set up an organized system and stick with it so you can work as efficiently as possible.
2. Have a plan. Whether paper or electronic, use some sort of planner and keep both personal and work appointments on the same calendar so



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them. Cancel that subscription that's been piling up unread. Focus on what's important and let go of what's not.

5. Take care of yourself. You have to take

care of yourself in order to take care of your family, your business, and your home. Your to do list will still be there tomorrow. Take some time for yourself today.

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you don't overbook or double up.

3. Break out of the 9-to-5 office-hours tradition. Do your focused work early in the morning before your kids get up and during nap time when you're able to work undistracted and undisturbed. Filing, printing, sorting, etc. can be done with little ones at your feet.

4. Simplify. Get rid of the clutter. Buy cookies instead of making

folding and including in packages to military personnel. A donation was made to the Howard VanderClute Memorial Motorcycle Ride. The money goes to Fisher houses, which are similar to Ronald McDonald Houses, and are near military hospitals for families of hospitalized service personnel.

Upcoming events include the visit on July 12 of the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars officers on their way home from a leadership conference. They will be at the post home in the evening.

The department Mid-summer Meeting will be Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, in Newton. It is

a school of instruction for presentation of programs for the new year. The department commander is Herb Schwartzkopf from Ransom, and the president is Jacquie Ostwald from Newton.

The Goodland post will hold the Ninth District Mid-summer Meeting at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 27. Its purpose is to inform the local officers of information they can use for the upcoming year. All local members are encouraged to attend.

The charter was draped in memory of Carmelita Clark. The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7.

## vfw auxiliary

The ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Thursday, July 3, at the Goodland post.

Since this is the beginning of a new year for the auxiliary, the officers have changed. Mary Harper, president for the upcoming year, opened the meeting.

Thank you messages were read from the eighth grade Washington D.C. visitors. Aubrey Titus and Brennen Fulcher had visited with the group in June to report on their trip.

Community service projects included being hosts for the Good Samaritan birthday party in June. Small flags have been purchased for

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## We Welcome Applejacks Restaurant



**The Goodland Star-News, The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and The Goodland Ambassadors want to congratulate and welcome Applejacks Restaurant to our community!**

Applejacks opened yesterday, July 14th at 1016 Main Street in Goodland. Not only are they cooking the famous Chester Fried Chicken® but they have added to the menu! Brent and Jennifer Wood and Joe and Martha Alfaro have joined hands to open the restaurant at the same location that has housed Melody's Picnic in the Park and most recently, Main Street Café. Their grand opening is scheduled for August 4th, the same week of this year's fair.

When asked why a restaurant, Brent Wood smiled and said, "No one told us 'no'!" Goodland needs another restaurant option and Main Street needs more businesses. Brent went on and said that when they started talking about buying the franchise in March, his family liked the Chester Fried Chicken®, laughed and reiterated, "no one told us 'no'".

Heading up their team in the kitchen are their head chefs, Jorge and Araceli Mendiola. Both Jorge and Araceli have been in the food industry for fourteen years all of which have been in Goodland! Also on their team is Michelle Wear (a waitress) and of course, Jennifer Wood will be helping out when she can wherever she is needed. Brent added that they also received help from Pete Whalen in getting organized and is grateful and appreciative of what Pete has done for them. Also offering his help was Father Norbert Dlabal.

After Father Dlabal blessed the restaurant, he assured the new owners, staff and well-wishers that the business would now be a great success!

In addition to Chester Fried Chicken®, there will be Chili, Chili Dogs, Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Smoked Brisket, Smoked pork, Salads and Chester Breasters® (a chicken patty) that will be offered grilled, spicy or breaded. When Brent was asked about the menu, he was quick to say that he started taking things off of the menu since it was getting a little overwhelming! He did mention though that they will be offering specials and if the "special" goes over well and is liked then they may add it to the menu in the future. They have changed the configuration of the restaurant, adding several booths for comfortable seating and have moved the soft drinks to the opposite wall. They hope this will offer better flow and be more comfortable for their clientele.

Applejacks will be open 7 days a week from 11:00 A.M to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. Sunday. They will also have beer and wine coolers available to be enjoyed with a meal. Carry out is available and placing an order ahead of time is encouraged so it will be ready when you arrive to pick it up. Reach them by dialing 890-7170.



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