# New year came in without a bang, thankfully

The new year came in without much of a bang, (thank you, Lord), and we are all hoping this New Year will be a time of peace, growth and achievement. I have a lot of goals that I would like to accomplish, but I had several last year, too. Seems like planning is something I'm good at, but following through still needs a little work. Does that sound familiar?

We received word Friday morning that Violet Brown, former Brewster resident, died in Pauls Valley, Okla. Violet would have celebrated her 90th birthday in July, and we know her family will miss her. We received a Christmas letter from her and it sounded like she was enjoying herself, which makes us glad. On Saturday, at 10:30 a.m., there was to be a short service at the United Methodist Church in Brewster, with burial to follow. Violet's family is in our thoughts and prayers, as we know she will be missed.

We had a very nice Christmas, and it sounds like the ones I've talked with all fared good, too. There was lots of traveling for some, and others just stayed home and greeted their family and friends. We went to Hays, as

## Death

#### Violet Alice (Rasmussen) **Brown**

Violet Alice (Rasmussen) Brown, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Integris-Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She was a former Brewster resident.

She was born July 10, 1912, in Glenwood City, Wis., to Fred and Mathe (Jaeger) Rasmussen. On March 25, 1939, she married I.N. Brown in Los Angeles, Calif., later settling near Brewster where they raised their family on their family farm and ranch. He died Aug. 26, 1968. Mrs. Brown worked as a bookkeeper for the Reid Grain Elevator in Brewster for over 15 vears before her retirement.

She was a member of the United Methodist church in Brewster. For many years she taught the adult Sunday School class. She was a parent leader and a food leader in the Prairie Gem 4-H Club. She was an avid gardener.

In 1995 she moved to Pauls Valley, Okla., to be closer to her family, where she lived in the Donihoo-Colley Complex and attended the First Baptist Church regularly with her daughter

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant son, four brothers, and a sister.

She is survived by: two children, Sammy Smith and husband, L.D. of Pauls Valley, and Clair Brown and wife, Karen of Meeker, Colo.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; and other relatives.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Pauls Valley First Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, Okla., officiated by Dr. Joe Elam.

Local services were Saturday at the Brewster United Methodist Church in Brewster, the Rev. Dorine Chambers officiating. Burial was at the Brewster Cemetery, under the direction of Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home, Pauls Valley, Okla.



Sally Michael

Brewster Correspondent

planned, and enjoyed a few days with Beth, David, Nathaniel and Corinne Ziegler, our daughter and family. And, on Christmas Day, Barry, Kim, Rebekah and Andrew Michael of Salina, all joined us in Hays. It seems a little difficult to get all of us together, ney, a few days before Christmas, and at one time, so it's great to be able to he was going to be heading for a skienjoy two families. It also makes the ing visit, with his family for a few days. memories and pictures taken at They should be back home, now, and

Christmas at the Ranch House was

hosted by Jay and Nancy Dahl. Those

attending were their children, Tim

Dahl, Tina Gould and Jon Anderson,

Marcus, Jake and Ashley of Goodland;

Matt and Jake Gould, Rexford; Linda

Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris and

Craig of Oakley; Phyllis and Allen

Cheney of Selden; Mike, Kay and

Shawna Petersen of Tribune; Michael,

Kerri, Taylor and Austin Petersen of

Burlington, Tony and Lisa Bice,

Brooklyn and Karly Miller. Vicki Bar-

nett, sister of Jay, Phyllis and Kay, was

unable to attend because she is in the Nugget's game in Denver.

again, plus in-laws and grandkids.

Inace Parker was whisked off to Denver by her son, Bud, and enjoyed the holiday with Bud and family, as well as her daughter and family, Norma Jean and Max Hammond, also of Denver. She returned to Brewster, on Wednesday, and said "Baby," her cat, wouldn't have anything to do with her. I think Inace had better start taking "Baby" with her, don't you? Just kidding, folks.

Roger and I visited with Brian Hor-Thanksgiving extra special, when we we hope they all had a good time. ciously like Rod Gilley.

Lula Thieler

Correspondent

Rexford

had all five of our kids at the table Sounds like they are enthusiastic about this winter sport, so they probably will be going every chance they get.

> Carmelita and Lyle Clark of Goodland, had an early Christmas dinner on Dec. 22. Carmelita's children attending included: Joe and Marla Giarratano, Phoenix, Ariz.; Rod and Susan Gilley, Brewster; and Tim and Pam Gilley, Broomfield, Colo. Carmelita's grandchildren attending included: Rebecca Gilley and husband, Bill Wedde, Broomfield, Colo.; Barbara Gilley, and friend, Nick Hoover, Hays; and Branson Gilley, Brewster. In addition to a wonderful meal, the family enjoyed a gift exchange, hosted by Santa himself, who looked suspi-

Family had Christmas at Ranch House Christmas guests at Cleda Moeder's house were Robert, Marsha and Chris

Gene Rogers brought a delicious

and Marcus of Goodland, attended a

Moeder of Hutchinson and Tim, Shelly, Taylor and Peyton Moeder of Colby.

cake to be served with ice cream for the Barnswallows birthday party Monday afternoon at the Barn. Jared Dible who was home from

Florida for a few days, visited his grandmother, Lula Thieler, Monday morning for a short time. he left on Wednesday to go back for his navy

The general transportation van is

available to anyone in Thomas County

for trips to the doctor, to visit friends,

to the meal sites, etc., from 9 a.m.-4

## **Club News**

#### Pi Gamma

Members of Pi Gamma met on Dec. 7 at the home of Peggy Frahm for their yearly Christmas luncheon. After enjoying some hot cranberry punch and good conversation, members shared in a delicious meal, which was prepared and served by members of the Christmas luncheon committee. Following the meal, a brief meeting was held in which final details for the Christmas candy sale were discussed. Members will meet at the home of Peggy Miller on Dec. 13 and 14, to package and deliver Christmas candy.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 4, at the home of Vanessa Eicher.

#### Order of the Eastern Star

Colby Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star met Monday night, Dec. 17, at the Masonic Hall. Mary Molstad, Worthy Matron, opened the meting in form with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing The Star Spangled Banner.

After a short business meeting, Chapter closed. Members retired to the kitchen where they prepared plates of homemade cookies that were delivered the following day to shut-in Star mem-

The next meeting will be Jan. 7 with a carry-in dinner at 6 p.m. preceding the meeting.

#### **Fern Club Past Matrons** Fern Club Pat Matrons met at noon

Dec. 18 at Fairview Estates for a munity Building.

necessary for the announcement.

Christmas luncheon. Ten members were present. Marjorie Leh, president, presided over a short business meeting. Devotions was given by Pauline Layland. Then Pauline gave a humorous reading about wrapping Christmas gifts. Cards were signed and sent to absent members. Joyce Gatlin entertained with a humorous reading about chocolate being a vegetable.

Margie played Santa Claus and gave gifts to everyone present. The remainder of the time was spent visiting.

### **Episcopal Churchwomen**

The Episcopal Churchwomen held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, in the undercroft of the church. The meeting opened with Mary Molstad, president, leading the members in saying the Women's Auxiliary Prayer. Five members will be attending the farewell Eucharist for Bishop Strickland at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Hays on Saturday, Jan. 5. Bishop Strickland is retiring and moving to Wyoming. A reception and luncheon will follow the 11 am. Eucharist at the Hays Holiday Inn.

Election of officers was held for a two-year term. Those elected were: Marlene Pfeifer, president; Cathy Britton, vice-president; Margo Schiefen, treasurer; Angie Pfeifer, secretary. Offices will be installed next month. Final plan were made for serving a soup supper Wednesday night, Jan. 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Com-

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# Lunch book review set at Pioneer Library

hospital in Denver. She would appre-

ciate cards: Vicki Barnett, Room 516,

Presbyterian/St. Luke Hospital, 1719

Jake Gould, Tina Gould, Jon Anderson

On Friday after Christmas Matt and

East 19th St., Denver, Colo. 80218.

Ann Miner will review Milk by Emily Hammond at noon Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. A light lunch will be provided by Friends of Hays, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and the Library. Free will donations will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.

The Shooting Stars Singles Square Dance Club, Hays, will sponsor the Jim Hayes from New Braunfels, Texas. Annual Snowball Dance at the Black and Gold Ballroom, Fort Hays State University Memorial Union Building on College Drive, 600 Park Street,

## **Hospital**

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER Friday, Jan. 4, 2002

Admissions Cameron Korte, Rexford

Ruth Jones, Colby Julie Crow, Goodland **Dismissals** 

Marie Gardner, Colby

Desiree Blanco and infant male,

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002 Admissions

Infant male Crow, Goodland

Oakley **Dismissals** 

Karla Haggard and infant male, Colby

Ernest Schielke, Colby Ryan Sturdy, Colby Clair Swank, Colby

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002 No admissions **Dismissals** 

Julie Crow and infant male, Good-

## **Happenings**

19. There will be area callers and cuers Friday evening, with rounds 7-8 p.m., and squares 8-10:30 p.m.

Featured caller on Saturday will be Featured cuers will be Jeanne and Warren Shane, Junction City. There will be a round workshop 10 a.m.noon; square workshop 2-3 p.m., plus dance 3-4:30 p.m.; rounds 7-7:45 p.m.; grand march 7:45 p.m.; squares 8-10:30 p.m. For information contact Opal Flinn, 785-726-4432.

The Thomas County tornado sirens are tested at 10 a.m. the first Monday of the month if the weather is clear, said John Lygeros, emergency management coordinator.

p.m. Monday through Friday. For reservations call 462-2901 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible. Donna Pflasterer is the Welcome to

Colby lady. She may be reached at 462-3491. She will bring a basket of goodies to newcomers in the community. Give her a call if you know someone who is new in town.

# Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon &1 -

Booked for Lunch, Pioneer Memorial Library, noon; Milk reviewed by Ann Miner

TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

Brewster Lions, Hunter Hall, noon Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednes-

days) The Herd, Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.

Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m. Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

ni-Fiains Co-op	
Wheat	\$2.70
Corn	\$1.95
Milo	\$3.05
Couboons	\$2.60

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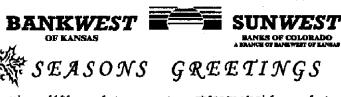
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