

# Family

## Many events scheduled in Brewster

Sally Michael wanted to remind Brewster resident and others in the area about some events in August.

For example, Levant will hold their reunion on Sunday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Colby.

Reservations should be made by July 16 by calling Elva Livingston, (785) 462-6012.

When I read about this coming up, it sure reminded me of all the times that I helped Inace get the invitations sent out, and I know her presence will be missed at this gathering.

She would hope all would show up that can, and enjoy a good time.

A 90th birthday reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 for Wilma Burke.

It will be hosted by her children and grandchildren and will be at the Brewster Senior Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Come and greet this lady on this important milestone, Michael said about the event.

## Senior Progress Center offers meals and activities

The Senior Progress Center of Thomas County at 165 Fike Park has many activities for the week of July 14-18. They include Monday - Old fashioned spelling bee at 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday - Exercise at 9:30 a.m.; Nutrition program with Karen at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday -

Navy blue day, wear navy blue; Thursday - Alive with exercise at 9:30 a.m.; Friday - Potluck breakfast at 8 a.m., everyone is welcome. Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center. Donna Schielke, director of the center, says no special invitation is needed to

join the lunch-time fellowship and all are welcome. She did remind everyone that a reservation is needed by noon the previous day. The menu for the next week includes: Monday - Tater tot casserole, winter mix vegetables, rolls, cook's choice fruit; Tuesday -

Swedish meatballs, peas, mixed fruit with bananas, bread and noodles, ice cream with blue berries; Wednesday - tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, sliced tomatoes, crackers, Jello with fruit; Thursday - pork roast, steamed cabbage, carrot and onions, pineapple

bread and cake with frosting; Friday - hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, bees, bread and cantaloupe.

The building is also for rent for different events. For more information, call Donna Schielke at 662-2901.

### Military

Air Force Cadet Jacob M. Leichter of Clayton graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He received a bachelor of science degree in military history.

He is scheduled to attend undergraduate space training at Vandenburg Air Force Base in Lompoc, Calif. Leichter is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. He is the son of Dennis Leichter of Clayton and Beth Jones of Port Lions, Alaska.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$2.60
Corn	\$2.19
Milo	\$3.09
Soybeans	\$5.62

## Hospital's courtyard gets a new fountain

The Courtyard at Citizens Medical Center is a gathering place for the hospital for patients and staff alike.

"On any pleasant day you will find people gathering there for lunch, family time or just time to rest and be outside on a nice day," said Tama Unger, director of fund development at the facility.

"To add to the ambience, The Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary recently purchased a fountain from Golden Plains Garden Center."

Part of the Hospital Auxiliary Prayer reads: To bring comfort and hope to all who are in distress of mind or body.

The approximately four and a

half foot fountain does just that, she said.

"Its water sounds and beautiful structure add greatly to the Courtyard, which has also had a bit of a facelift itself," she said.

A group of employees volunteered their time and resources to purchase landscaping material and flowers. The new area of flowers is located in the very same portion of the Courtyard as the fountain.

The Auxiliary does, and has done much for the hospital over the years. The new fountain is just another example of their good works that will last for many years to come. We are very grateful.



Citizens Medical Center's courtyard recently added a fountain which was donated by the hospital's auxiliary.

## Brewster has its share of good and bad news with harvest and deaths

The news this week has been a mixture of good and bad. The crop report is very good, for the most part, and everyone is reasonably satisfied with the yields. The price, as usual, is another matter. Since we don't raise wheat, I won't even venture into those areas, but it is good to see that folks seem more satisfied than they have in the last few years.

There were more cutters, than in recent years, so no one had a problem getting their wheat cut. I see many of the same faces and names that have been around for the last several years, but there are some brand new faces, too.

The items that I have the hardest time writing about are when someone dies, and when it is young folks, it seems even sadder. Curtis Bear passed away, on July 3, and was buried in Brewster Cemetery on July 8. I remember all the visits we have had with Curt and Sandy over the years, about his diabetes treatments, and the words of wisdom that he was always ready to share

## Mental function linked to heart bypass surgery

*Editor's note: The following article is a public service from the Thomas County Health Department. For questions, call 462-4596.*

Several studies have shown that many people lose mental acuity soon after they have surgery to bypass clogged heart arteries.

But a study in the May Annals of Thoracic Surgery found that three months after surgery, the mental function among 114 bypass patients was better than it was before surgery.

As a group, there was no difference in their mental function compared to 83 people with coronary artery disease who did not have surgery. The findings after one year were similar to the three-month results. While this suggests that cognitive impairment after bypass is short-lived and reversible, these researchers are continuing to follow both groups to see if there's evidence of "late decline" in bypass patients relative to the nonsurgical control group.



### Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

with us. He was a nice man and will be missed by his friends, but we know that Sandy and their children, Kelly, Brant, Steven and Andrea, and the grandkids are really going to feel the loss. His memorials will be directed to the American Diabetes Association and dialysis research. Our condolences are with his family.

Another loss, although not local, definitely has local ties. Dennis Thompson of Cheyenne, Wyo. passed away on July 7 after suffering a stroke. He was the son of

Marjorie Westover of Brewster and we do want her to know that she has our sympathy. Dennis attended schools in Sharon Springs while growing up and was a frequent visitor to this area to visit his mother and other relatives. He was in his mid-50s, as was Curt, and that is what I mean about young folks.

Others are going through some health treatments, and we wish them all a speedy recovery. There are lots of eye surgeries, and we hope these are all healed quickly and successfully. Darla Rice has had the same eye treatment our son, Barry, will be having this week. To go from needing glasses so badly, to not needing them at all must truly seem like a miracle, and we hope both Darla and Barry are happy with the results. Barbara Springsteen is having cataract surgery and we

hope her results are equally great.

LaVelle Michael is back home after spending the first week of July in Denver at Presbyterian/St. Luke, or PSL as it seems to be known by those in the know. Roger and our daughter, Beth Ziegler, drove LaVelle to Denver on the 1st, and Beth's daughter, Corrine, stayed in Brewster with me (much to my delight). LaVelle had carotid artery surgery on the 2nd and extensive leg surgery on his leg on the 3rd. Beth and Roger returned to Brewster on the 4th, and Beth and Corrine made it home to Hays in time to enjoy the fireworks display with the rest of the family. Roger's niece, Lori Frecks and son, Timothy, brought LaVelle to Stratton on the 8th and we brought him the rest of the way home. He will be laid up for a while and I am certain he would enjoy cards and notes of encouragement.

His address is Box 235 in Brewster. I am also sure he would like to thank all the ones who helped him out while he was in Denver. Zelma Kinkade and Collene Rall helped with the chickens and cats, etc.; Leonard Kinkade and Allen Quenzer helped get his wheat cut; and his granddaughters, Beth and Lori, and their efforts for him. Roger and I certainly add our appreciation to these folks, also, and to all the others for their prayers and concern. The Lord provides but when folks do things for others, gratitude is the nourishment.

It was great to have some folks share the Potluck Lunch with us at the Senior Center on Wednesday, the 9th, that we don't see too often. Sandy Parker of Oakley joined us for the first time since Inace passed away. She said it was a little strange coming without having "Grandma

Gertie" there but now that she has, we hope she will make a frequent visit. Also, Curt Eicher, who graduated from BHS in '53, joined us and it was good to visit with him. We enjoy all the folks who come in and visit.

Frances Jones is spending some happy time with her sisters this week. Her sister, Gertrude, lives in Goodland, so they see each other often but this week they get to go visit with Eva, their sister from Arizona so they will have much to visit about.

Lots of people are planning a quick getaway between harvest and fair times and I can imagine the lakes and fishing areas will be busy but maybe a little cooler than town during the heatwave. So stay out of the sun as much as possible, have a great week and we'll see you next time

## Community Calendar

**MONDAY, July 14**  
Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m.  
Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m.  
Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m.  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m.  
Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Mondays)  
Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m.  
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, (non-smoking), City Hall Basement, 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, July 15**  
Rebekahs, Betty Carney, 10 a.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday)  
Rotary, Student Union, noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon

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### Correction

An advertisement in the Thursday, July 10 edition on page 5 of the Free Press had incorrect information.

According to sources at the Goodland Star News, where the TNT Auction ad originated, it was erroneously stated that Elmer Peters, one of the people selling personal property, was deceased. Mr. Peters is not deceased and the Goodland Star News apologies for the mistake. See corrected version of the advertisement, also on page 5, of today's issue.

### Thank You

*A heartfelt thank you to our friends, neighbors and family for the many acts of kindness and generosity shown to our family the past weeks. We would like to especially thank Dr. Regier, Brian Unruh and Cindy Carmichael for the loving care given Vic and also extended to our family at Citizens Medical Center. Your wonderful care and concern will always be remembered. May God Bless all of you.*

**Alice Oelke and family**

The family of Mary Cousins would like to thank you for the flowers, cards, food, phone calls, prayers and giving to her memorial fund. A big thank you to Jeannie Solko and Father Galen Long for all their help, the Alter Society for the lovely meal, and Lantern Park Manor for all the love they gave to our Mother. A special thank you to Don and Cathy Harrison.

*Steve and Marvena Chance & Family  
Jim and Terry Cousins & Family*

### Mary C. Cousins

Mary C. Cousins, 80, died Sunday June 29, 2003 at Lantern Park Manor. She was born May 11, 1923 in Atwood, Kansas to Frank P. and Melvina (Schroeder) Miller. She attended school at Colby and graduated in 1942. She married Marvin Cousins November 19, 1943 in Colby. To this union was born two children, a daughter Marvena and a son Jim.

She worked at Farmers and Merchants State Bank for 10 years then retired to become a housewife.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Colby. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and the Sacred Heart Alter Society of Colby.

She loved to play golf and bridge and always belonged to a club.

She made her home at Lantern park Manor in 2001, and was a resident there until the time of her passing.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and was so happy when the great-grandchildren came to visit.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, Red & Donnie Miller, one sister Terry Jones and twin grandsons.

Survivors include her daughter Marvena Chance and husband Steve of Colby, son Jim Cousins and wife Terry of Colby, sister Rita White of Colby, four grandchildren: Troy Chance of Dallas, TX, Tracy Chance of Dodge City, KS, Jennifer Gaede of Phillipsburg, KS and Cory Cousins of South Fork, CO, four great-grandchildren: Cody and Drew Chance of Dodge City, KS, Madison and Makenzi Chance of Dallas, TX, a sister-in-law Maxine Reuber of Ludell, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 3, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Church, Colby, with Father Galen Long officiating.

Palbearers were Duane Plumisto, Larry Dible, Dick Kyle, Rock Miller, Shane Franz and Clair Schrock.

Honorary Palbearers were Larry Miller, Don Hughes, John Sears, Darrell Pabst, John Wieland, and Parker Christensen.

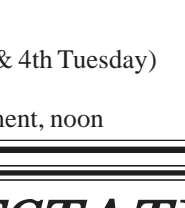
Soloist was Ken Lang and accompanist was Kevin Lang. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colby.

A memorial fund was established in her name to the Sacred Heart Church.

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### Someone Special Memories with Chris



On July 11, 2002 it happened. Something I never thought would happen to me. My cousin, Christopher Harris, died in a car accident.

Even though he's no longer a part of my life I will still remember the days I spent with him. All of them laughing and enjoying my life. Those days were special. The memories come to me like they were just yesterday...

Bouncing higher and higher, he jumped so high, always making me leave the trampoline. Every time hoping I would land on my feet when I came back down. The smell was fresh, and the sound, there was no sound. It was quiet, like we were in our own little world.

Weddings and dances: He would be the highlight of the party. We would wait for him and when he would come in the door we would run and say, "Chris, Chris you're here!" He taught me the electric slide, and now I can't just sit and watch everyone else do it no matter how mad or sad I am because I have to do it just for him.

Christmas was a good time too. He would be Santa and hand out gifts. When we were done he would give us piggy back rides and put us on his shoulders. One Christmas I remember, he was doing swing moves with my cousin, Sharee and me. It was so fun and I remember saying, "We'll have to do this next year", but now we can't because he's gone.

One memory I remember was when he was trying to teach me how to play Frisbee. I never knew how and he tried to teach me. He never got mad because he was there to help. I kept throwing it into the trees and he had to get it. He still didn't get mad. That's one thing I admire him for. He never got mad and was always patient.

I know everyone says when someone dies they'll never leave you because they'll always be in your heart. But that's so much different than actually being there with him. He was never shy, and he was so active with us kids, and was always anxious to do something with you. I admire him for the thing he helped people with. When someone needed something he would help. He would always be patient and willing.

He was very special to me and I will never forget all those memories I had with him. I miss him a lot, but I know he's up there watching over me, knowing that I miss him and that he misses me too.

Written by Marci Metcalf (Cousin)