

Family

It's beginning to look like Christmas in Brewster

Well hopefully by tomorrow morning, Wednesday it will look a little bit like Christmas. We sure need the moisture in any form it comes down. A white Christmas would be nice though. Just hope everyone that is traveling this weekend has a safe drive, just take your time and drive safely.

Wilma Horney stopped in the center Monday to say Ruth and Duane Jones are still in the hospital and in rehab. The center's phone just rang and it was Ruth herself. She said they were doing pretty good. She might be able to go to their daughter's house before the week-end. to tell everyone "hi," and Merry Christmas all.

We received word that Leo Johnson of Keenesburg, Colo., died on Friday, Dec. 15. His interment will be at Fort Logan, Colo. He was one of the sons of the late Minnie Johnson that I am sure many around remember.

Seems a lot of folks have had the flu around town. Lots of students out of school, and our count at the center has drop the past week. Hope before Christmas everyone is well enough to enjoy the season of our Lord.

I'm not going anywhere this Christmas, just spending a quiet one at home with my son Mike and granddaughter Autumn. Of course with a four year old around at Christmas, I'm sure



Betty Jo Baird

● Brewster Correspondent

she'll make things exciting. Sorry this is short this week, but just isn't any news, people are sick or busy with getting everything ready for Christmas. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, and pray for those in need and for our troops around the world.

Self-love, kindness... How nice have you been today? How much stuff have you "gifted" away? Have you been patient and understanding to someone who tested your patience? Have you given your all to everything you have done? Particularly the things you did not want to do? Who have you helped today? Have you done all that you promised to do even after realizing you promised more than you were able to give? Have you taken a few moments to just sit down and collect yourself? Have you done one thing you feel really good about? How much peace have you known today? How many hugs have you given away? Have you told anyone I love you? Have you done any of these things for you?

Senior center closing for Christmas

By Emma Rogers
Senior Center

The Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. There will be no meals on wheels or transportation. Come back Wednesday and enjoy the activities at the center.

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of Dec. 27-29, including Bingo on Wednesday. Thursday exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and it's Denim Day, wear your denim duds.

Senior Center

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a con-

tribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Anyone under 60 years of age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Wednesday - baked fish, broccoli casserole with rice, seasoned carrots, bread, applesauce. Thursday - chicken leg quarters, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, peaches. Friday - chili with beans, Jell-o with Mandarin oranges and pineapples, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

Art club learns about Texas painter's works

By Marj Brown
Secretary

Program chairman for the month, Shirley Baker, presented a program on artist G. Harvey when members of the High Plains Art Club gathered at the home of Jo Bricker at 2 p.m. for their Nov. 14 meeting.

Baker said, "Harvey's paintings tell stories of great cities at the turn of the century, such as the boom of the oil fields, sidewalk cafes of Europe, cattlemen and drovers, the Civil War, battles for land and weatherworn outfitters."

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According to Baker, Harvey spent his childhood in San Antonio, Texas, and was filled with stories of the escapades of his grandfather who was a former trail boss and who drove many herds of longhorns from Texas to Kansas.

"These stories were the inspiration for many of Harvey's paintings. His paintings have hung in the White House, American Embassy in Moscow, Smithsonian, the National Museum of Natural History,

the National Archives, the U.S. Treasury Building and corporate and private collections throughout the world," Baker said.

In closing, Baker added that, "Harvey has also received numerous awards and is the subject of three books. He and his wife, Pat now live in Fredericksburg, Texas."

After Bricker served dessert, a business meeting was conducted by club president, Marlene Carpenter.

Treasurer, Bev Kern, requested that the members bring their Christmas paintings for the Christmas drawing in a plastic bag so that the

paper won't be recognizable when they have their drawing. They are to guess who did the painting. They held their Christmas luncheon in Oberlin at the Teller Room Dec. 12. Margaret Denneler and Kern volunteered to take their cars to Oberlin.

Kern also announced that the exhibit of Honorary Member Lillie Plummer's paintings is planned for sometime in March at the Prairie Museum. Marj Brown informed the members that she plans to hold a committee meeting after the holidays to make preparations for the June Art Jubilee.

Jo Bricker moved that the club members honor the club officers for the good job they do by paying for their meal at the Christmas luncheon. The vote was approved.

President Carpenter asked Secretary Brown to send a thank you note to Steven Reed, Wal-Mart manager, to thank them for supplying the paint for the mural the club members painted at Heartland Counseling Service.

Kern said that she would contact artist Duane Taylor in Oklahoma about possibly coming to Colby to give a workshop.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 9. The members always meet at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church and after lunch they return for a program and business meeting at 2 p.m. All artists in the area are invited to join them. Program chairman for January is Marj Brown and hostess is Margaret Denneler.

Freezing affects meat quality

MANHATTAN — Securely wrapping meats and poultry can protect them from freezer burn, said Karen Blakeslee, food scientist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"Freezer burn toughens meat or poultry unnecessarily. It occurs when the surface of meat or poultry comes in contact with air during the freezing process," she said.

Freezer burn is a food quality, rather than a food safety issue, Blakeslee said. Burned portions usually can be trimmed away before

cooking.

To avoid freezer burn, cooks should wrap and seal meats and poultry in freezer paper, heavy-duty aluminum foil or a freezer bag.

"If using a freezer bag, squeeze out any air that's present before sealing the bag," Blakeslee advised.

More information on food, food storage and food safety is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on Extension's Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu or www.oznet.ksu.edu/foodsafety/.

Brewster 4-H celebrates the season

By Layton Werth
Reporter

Did they steal a gift or choose to open one? Rose Bear decided to steal back her gift, then had to open a package with a small toy truck and car. Luckily Ben Baird stole the truck and car from her and she took home a rubber duck, puzzle, cup, and a yo-yo. Chance Cranston tried to steal candy and pop, but wound up with a beautiful Avon necklace, pink hairbrush, small coke and single bag of M&Ms. Luckily after all was said and done Melissa Baird was kind enough to trade with him for a two liter pop and a bag of candy. Everyone laughed as they opened their gifts.

Avery Schultz read a funny poem entitled, "Wrapping Presents with

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My Cat." The author had quite a time wrapping her presents with the curious cat in the house. Finally she put the cat out and locked the door. She pieced the package back together and put bows on top the rips. She was done and it was time to let the cat back in. But where did it go??? In the boxed present!

Layton Werth read a silly book, "There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow." She swallowed snow, sticks, coal, scarf, black rimmed hat and a pipe. Then she had a hic-up and what came out? A snowman.

Rose read a nice Christmas poem. Thirteen members named their fa-

vorite Christmas carol at the Dec. 11 meeting held by the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club. The club sang "Jingle Bells." It was decided that the club would buy some Christmas lights to replace current ones used by the city on main street. The 4-H Club decorated the Senior Center on Dec. 2. Members and parents signed a thank you card for Joe Leibbrandt, 4-H Youth Development Agent with Thomas who has accepted a position with the Logan County Extension Office. Order forms for the annual pizza sales were passed out to members.

Everyone brought Christmas treats to share: Cookies, brownies, crackers, cheese, summer sausage, and hot chocolate. It was truly a delightful evening of fun and festivities.

Babies

Drew Thomas Dennis

Daniel and Amber Dennis of Colby announce the birth of their son, Drew Thomas Dennis, Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Drew weighed 6 pounds and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Patty Drake of Colby, Mike Meis of Gem

and Don and Debra Dennis of Greensburg.

Great-grandparents are Gerald Pluntz of Colby, Dorothy West of Wellsford and Gene Dennis of Greensburg.

Drew was welcomed home by sisters Alessis, 7, and Ashtyn, 3.

Art on display

Artwork by 15 faculty members from Fort Hays State University and four emeritus professors will be on display at the university's Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art.

The display runs through Jan. 26 and features ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, photography and painting.

The gallery is located in Rarick Hall, Room 102 on the university campus in Hays and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call (785) 628-4247.

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day | |
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| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Soybeans | \$5.63 |



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What: A **Lock In** featuring Christian Rap & Rock Concerts, Speakers, Food, Prizes & FUN!!
Where: Colby Community Building, Colby, KS
When: 9:00 p.m. Dec. 31st until 6:00 a.m. Jan. 1st. Doors open 7 p.m.
Who: Middle, High School and College Students (parents too, of course)

John Reuben
Christian Rap Artist



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Tickets available at His Shop and Farmers and Merchants Bank's Dillons branch in Colby, Ben Coats at Calvary Gospel Church in Goodland; Kary Zweygardt in St. Francis; Doug Mason in Oberlin; Trent Richmond in Norton and Jason Schmidt at the Christian Church in Oakley.

For more info, call: 785-443-1994
Check with your church to see if they have tickets available!