

# Back to business after holiday

Seems like it's been awhile since it's been business as usual! The Senior Center was closed for several days, so now we're back in business. Inace Parker had a busier than usual Monday and I hope today gets busy soon.

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much. Now, that's what you call an "oxymoron," isn't it? Good Thanksgiving and don't eat too much—impossible.

My husband, Roger, and I, and LaVelle Michael, went to Beth, our daughter, and David Ziegler's place in Hays on Thanksgiving Day and enjoyed dinner with them, along with our sons and their family members, Brian and Michele Michael, Sam and Hannah of Bennington; Barry Michael and daughter, Rebekah, of Salina; Brooke Michael of Hutchinson; and Merrill Price of Hays, a friend of Beth and David's.

So we had all our children together, except Brad and his family, who live too far away in Montana. We all had much to share about being "thankful" and not just on that one particular day. We had a great time.

Lots of people are decorating for Christmas and I think it's great to get the spirit early.

I'm a slowpoke when it comes to that. I think I take after my dad in that respect. The tree didn't go up until about Dec. 15 and we always felt lucky if it was still standing the day after Christmas. He always said the tree looked too lonesome without the presents. Anyway, congratulations to those who can get involved early.

Betty Jo and Johnnie Carpenter have a very pretty house, as do Curt and Sandi Bear, just to name a few.

Lewis and Leta Linden are really making the park look festive and the fence that borders their property has lots of cute and pretty decorations.

Speaking of the Lindens, they certainly had a very busy Thanksgiving. Carolyn Smith and John Mitchell of Fredericksburg, Va., seem to have traveled the farthest. Also joining the Lindens were Fay and Frances Trail of Atwood; Loretta Ford, Megan, Kathie and Scott of St. Francis; Vera Gorman of Brewster; Iris Neitzel of Colby. They all enjoyed dinner together.

There were also several phone calls, including ones from Leta's brother, Ike and Shirlyn Gorman of Pinewill, Mo.; and her sister, Jane McBroon of Scott City. After Thanksgiving, Leta spent from Friday until Sunday with her granddaughter, Megan Ford, in Hutchinson, where Megan was involved in a 4-H project.

Eve Wells and Jim Ludolph spent Thanksgiving in Oakley with Eve's nephew, Jerry Wycoff, and his wife,



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Elaine, and their family. She said they had a delicious meal and a good time.

Willis and Joyce Crabtree spent the holiday with their daughter, Bonnie Holmes, and her husband, Shane, and their family in Utica.

Joyce, Bonnie and Bonnie's daughter, Shandia, spent a few days in Salina, doing some shopping. Then they returned to Utica and Willis and Joyce returned home from there. Willis and Joyce will spend a few days in Larned so Willis can help Bill Leggett, superintendent of the Larned school system, set up a technology plan for the Larned schools.

Joyce will be spending time with aunts, uncles and cousins in the area. They will be home by the time this is read, so we hope they had a great time.

Coleen and Marion Crumrine had a quiet Thanksgiving with a soup supper at the home of their daughter, Carolyn and Brian Somers. Chad and Christy Somers and Willard, Marla, Jesse and Melissa Crumrine also shared in the meal.

Joe and Carlene Moore of Lakin were going to come up to be with her parents, but were happy that their son, Matthew, was able to join them in Lakin for the day. Matthew will soon be heading back overseas to Germany, so his parents wanted to enjoy as much time with him as possible. Matthew is in the U.S. Army.

On Nov. 26, Coleen and Marion were happy to have Ed and Vivian Russ and family from Oberlin stop by for a short visit.

Leon and Edna Hoyt of Colby spent Thanksgiving with their son, Keith Hoyt, and his wife, Chris and their daughters, along with Chris' family. They were joined later in the day by another son, Scott and his family from Attica.

Ruth and Duane Jones entertained Ruth's sister, Marie Edwards, and brother, George McClelland, both of Goodland, for Thanksgiving dinner. They had turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Duane said they had lots of leftovers.

Inace Parker spent Thanksgiving with her son and his wife, Merle and Sandy Parker of Oakley, and enjoyed her day very much.

She said she would sure like to know who the two young men were who helped her after she fell in her driveway on Nov. 21. She wants to thank them

and so do the rest of us for helping her out. We are very thankful that Inace was not hurt badly.

We are looking forward to seeing the local 4-H group decorate the Senior Center for Christmas. Be sure to stop in during the holidays and see the results. They always do such nice work and we enjoy that.

If you are downtown at about 10:30 a.m., Central Time, on Tuesday, be sure to stop by the Brewster post office. Postmaster Tina Hansen, has a little surprise that will be fun to watch. Then on Dec. 18, 19 and 20, she will have her annual open house with all the Christmas goodies like she has done in years past.

On Sunday, the Brewster Senior Center, was to have its annual business meeting to select board members for the coming year.

We have two regular members to be chosen from the center and then we have the big job of replacing Harriet Parker, which will be no easy task. It is still hard to believe that she won't be around to give us her advice and suggestions.

Don Hawkins is feeling somewhat better after having a Stintz (a tube placed in a vein leading to the heart) put in at Hays the week of Thanksgiving.

He and my husband, Roger, made a quick trip to Oakley Tuesday, so that Roger could have some dental work done.

A big "thank you" to Roberta, George and Don Luckert for all the work they went to on the clothing project. On Tuesday, they took everything to Hays to the Goodwill store. There will be no more pickups, unless otherwise announced. I know there were others that did lots of work on this project and we thank all of them.

Otto and Sylvia Bandel of St. Francis came for potluck dinner at the senior center on Wednesday. They were also celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary.

Wilma Burk enjoyed Thanksgiving with her daughter and her husband, Janice and Larry Seligman of McCook, Neb. She was gone from Thursday until Sunday of that week and enjoyed herself very much.

We will have a bake sale beginning at 10 a.m., Central Time, on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Brewster Senior Center. There should be some tasty Christmas treats on hand, so be sure to stop in. Come early, while the choice is good.

Better close for now, before I have to divide this into chapters. Everyone have a great week!

## The Christmas season is here



Mike (right) and Dale Bishop (left) of the group "Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy," Harrison, Ark., entertained Western Plains Arts Association members and guests Saturday afternoon at the Goodland High School auditorium. The group performed Christmas songs and country favorites.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/ The Goodland Daily News

## Christmas film showing at theater

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struction, to take the photos. Scheopner used a digital camera and put them on his computer.

Then Branda and Scheopner looked at Scheopner's and Cochran's photos and decided to use a combination of both. Once they selected the final pictures, Scheopner printed them on glossy photo paper in small frames. They made sure they didn't leave out any scenes or use any duplicates.

Branda said you get two perspectives in the final product, as the two took photos at different angles and had either close-up or distant pictures.

Branda said Scheopner spent a lot of time scanning, printing and enlarging the pictures to fit the 1.85 X 1 ratio he needed for the film projector.

Branda chose a well-liked song, "In the First Light," from a cantata that the United Methodist Church choir performed in the late 1980s to use as the background music. He sings in the choir.

He went to Linda Knott of Knott Just Books to find the music. When she looked it up, she told him it was out of print, so they had some trouble tracking it down. Knott discovered the name of the company publisher, Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing Inc. in Franklin, Tenn., which held the copy-

right to the music, though.

Branda wrote them in March explaining his project. Lots of time went by, so when he hadn't heard back from the company, he said, he kept calling them until he talked to a woman there who was able to get things going. Eventually, he got the contract and paid the \$250 royalty.

Filmack Studios in Chicago, a company that does a lot of holiday films for theaters, needed his pictures and music by July to beat the holiday rush. Branda said he finally was able to send materials to them the latter part of July.

"We have a permanent record if something should ever happen to the exhibit," he said after the film was made.

Tim Renner remastered the music from the audio cassette tape Branda

had to a compact disc to be sent to the film company.

Branda said the total project cost about \$3,200, with most of it going to pay the film company to make the pictures and music into a film.

It is about 3 minutes, 40 seconds long, with 40 scenes of the exhibit and three credit scenes at the beginning, plus a greetings scene at the end.

He began showing the film on Nov. 24 and will show it each night through New Year's. It runs as part of the pre-show before the theater's main feature.

Branda said Foust and Rauscher have seen the film.

Rauscher said Foust saw it first and told her about it, so she went to see it the next night.

"I thought it was very good," Rauscher said. "It was very well done."

## Commissioners consider incentive program

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unfair advantage.

He said he would support a business coming in that was taking a risk, but he didn't think the grocery was taking a risk.

"I'm not even convinced we are going to get a grocery store to come in here," said Billinger.

He said he felt they should make the incentive program even across the board, he said.

## Farmers could help pollution

MANHATTAN (AP) — Midwest-area farmers should begin thinking now about their possible role in an anti-pollution method that is receiving increasing attention, Sen. Sam Brownback told an audience at Kansas State University.

Carbon sequestration — the technical term for taking excess carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and storing it — is believed by some scientists to be a plausible way of containing worldwide warming trends.

Kansas State is one of nine universities where researchers are study-

Hurd argued that the city needs to support the economic development effort.

"We gave these guys \$50,000 for their program," said Hurd, "and now we are tying their hands."

All the commissioners seemed in favor of turning around the exodus of people and businesses, but they wanted to see the figures and whether something was feasible.

In the end, the proposal died for lack of a motion, and Hurd asked Harding to

ing how farming methods affect the absorption of carbon dioxide by soil.

Brownback's fellow Kansas Republican, Sen. Pat Roberts, helped secure funding for the research.

Brownback has introduced a bill that would reward landowners for practices that help pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and store it in soil.

Those methods include keeping acreage out of production and using low-till or no-till farming that leaves some plants in place.

tell their clients that the city would be willing to work with them somehow.

"I don't think we are going to move on this tonight," he said. "I disagree with that, but it is neither here nor there."

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