

# the brewster beacon

Workers at the Brewster Senior Center are keeping busy with getting things ready for the bake sale to be held at 10 a.m., Central Time, on Friday.

We should have a good variety of baked goods, candy and something for that “hard to buy for” person. We will have some crafts such as the hanger Christmas trees and the light balls, as well as a few other items. So, we hope to see you on Friday.

The babies are arriving too. Duane and Ruth Jones became great-grandparents with the birth of Logan Wayne Hoffner, who was born Dec. 11 at Greeley, Colo., and weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces. His parents are Eric and Crystal Hoffner and his grandparents are Linda (Jones) and Larry Hoffner, also of Greeley. Congratulations to all!

Roger and I are grandparents to Andrew Jordan Michael, son of Barry and Kim Michael, who was born Dec. 9 in Salina. He weighed in at 5 pounds 13 ounces and has a big sister, Rebekah. LaVelle Michael is a great-grandpa and I don’t know how many great-grandchildren he has, but my husband and I have a dozen grandbabies now.

I am just as anxious to hold Andrew as I was the first one. So, I imagine that we will be going to Salina sometime this week for a few days.

We are hoping Andrew will be home from the hospital by then, as he is having a few problems getting adjusted to the bright new world. We ask for your prayers for him.

We have lost a lady who spent most of her life in the Brewster area. Marie Tovrea died Dec. 9. Her services were Thursday. We send our sympathy to Joan and Marvin Bishop and the other members of Marie’s family. Marie’s



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husband, Rex, died in July, so this has been a hard year on the Tovrea family. I have most of my Christmas cards mailed which is a first most definitely. And my husband, Roger, is thinking I have flipped with all the cooking I’ve been doing (he knows how much I usually try to avoid it).

I’m trying to get things ready so we can get away to Salina to get acquainted with our new grandson and also see the rest of our family.

The Christmas program presented by Brewster students will be held tonight. A supper will be furnished by the teachers of the Brewster school and the proceeds will be given to Rosa Garcia to help her with expenses incurred by her medical treatments.

We all know that insurance is a big help, but there are many incidentals not covered and that is what the teachers want to help Rosa and Greg with.

In my last column, I mentioned that Inace Parker was wondering who the two young men were who assisted her after she fell on the ice in her driveway. Well, the mystery has been solved. John and Mark Luckert were the two young men and we all thank them for helping Inace at that time. They are the sons of Don and Becky Luckert and we want them to know that what they did is appreciated. Inace was not hurt, but having help to get back up after a fall like that is very helpful. Thank you,

funny. It is a real talent to be able to write like that. I enjoy the cards, too, and the messages of the season.

I saw Lyman Goetsch, one day last week, on his way home with his mother, Dorothy.

She was released from the hospital that morning and she looked good. There are several that are working on feeling better and we wish all of them a speedy recovery.

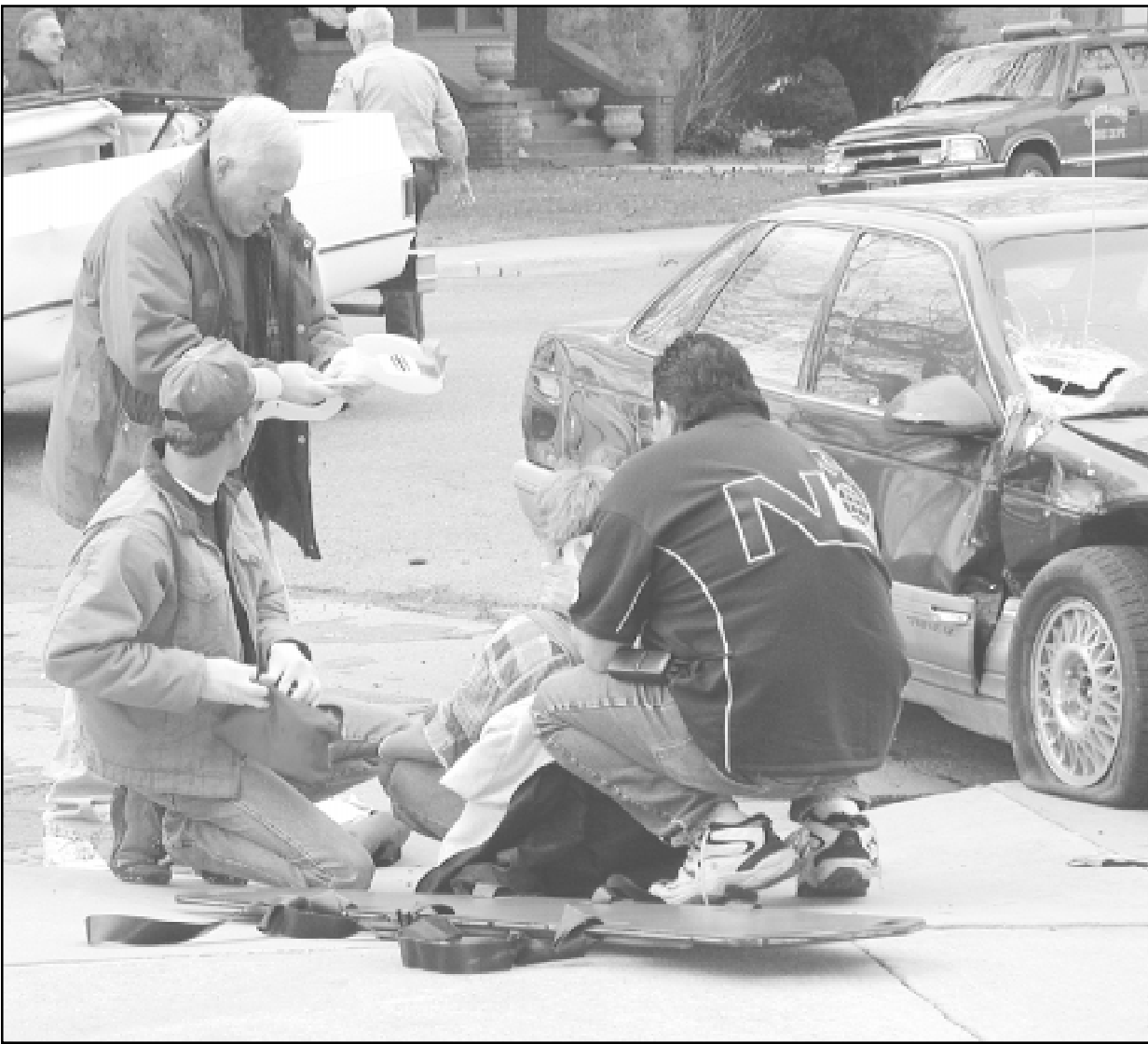
The hospital is a wonderful place to be when you need it, but during this season it just seems a little harder to be confined to one.

Word has been received of the death of Ruth Keppel, widow of Arch Keppel. She died on Nov. 27 in Denver.

I want to remind people that the health nurse will be at the Brewster Senior Center on Tuesday and that there will be a foot care clinic at 9:30 a.m., Central Time, on Thursday, Jan. 4.

The senior center received a beautiful red poinsettia from Hazel Tracy and family in memory of John Tracy and Bill and Idonia Wright. Thank you, Hazel. It has brightened the center.

This will probably be the last column before Christmas, so I want to wish each of you a wonderfully blessed holiday and we hope you get just what you want for Christmas. We have peace and that is first on my list. God bless!



Terry Ross, an emergency medical technician (second from left), prepared a cervical spine collar to put on Diane Baker (second from right) after an accident Friday afternoon at 13th and Sherman in Goodland. Ross was assisted by Charlie Baker, another emergency medical technician (left), and a volunteer fireman (right). Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Two-vehicle accident injures two

A man and a woman were injured in a two-vehicle accident Friday afternoon when their vehicles collided at an unmarked intersection at 13th and Sherman in Goodland.

Police said Diane Baker of Goodland, driving a ’90 Ford Taurus, was going south on Sherman, and Damon Finley of Goodland, driving an ’81 GMC pickup, was eastbound on 13th shortly before 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Officer Bob Juleson, Fire Chief Dean Jensen and emergency medical technicians were at the scene. Finley and Baker were taken by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Dale Schields, hospital spokesman, said Finley was admitted to the hospital Friday for observation and was released sometime Saturday. Finley had no serious injuries, Schields said.

Baker had complained of minor aches and pains, Schields said, and was treated and released on Friday. Aaron Stoney of Herndon, a passenger in Finley’s vehicle, was uninjured.

The windshield in Baker’s vehicle was broken. The vehicle had damage to the right front fender in the collision and ended up against a curb. Finley’s vehicle had damage to the left front bumper.

## Peace talks to begin once again

### INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (AP) — Faced with ongoing violence and looming deadlines, Israeli and Palestinian delegations planned to fly to Washington on Monday to restart peace talks that had broken down during the nearly three months of fighting.

“I don’t want to raise hopes that a deal is in hand and all that’s left is to sign it,” Israel’s Justice Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel’s army radio. “But in my opinion, there is a good chance to reach a comprehensive final status agreement, a framework deal, in the next few weeks.”

Both sides had said that negotiations would not resume until there was a halt, or at least a substantial reduction in the violence, which has claimed more than 330 lives since the end of September, most of them Palestinian.

But with President Clinton leaving office in a month, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak facing an uphill battle to win re-election tentatively planned for February, efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement have taken on a renewed sense of urgency.

Two highly charged issues are expected to be discussed: the status of east Jerusalem and the possible return of millions of Palestinians now living in neighboring states.

LONDON — British drug companies Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC said Monday that U.S. antitrust authorities have approved their merger, which will create the world’s largest pharmaceutical company.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission granted regulatory clearance for the \$72 billion deal, the companies said in a joint statement. The merged company, which will be known as GlaxoSmithKline, must still be formally approved by the British High Court on Wednesday.

According to the companies, the U.S. authorities put no further conditions on the merger. Previously, SmithKline had agreed to sell the antiviral drugs Famvir and Denavir and anti-nausea drug Kytril to secure U.S. approval.

### NATIONAL

#### Winter weather spawns severe storms

The nation braced for more severe weather Monday as it emerged from a weekend of deadly storms, heavy snows and quirkily unseasonable temperatures.

More snow was possible Monday in parts of the Deep South, which was hit over the weekend by severe storms and unusually cold temperatures.

Ice caused scores of accidents and

power outages in Georgia.

A storm system spawned tornadoes that killed 12 people in Alabama on Saturday, blowing down trees and causing flooding and scattered power outages in Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia.

Strong thunderstorms swept across New England Sunday, nearly toppling a church steeple in New Bedford, Mass., and cutting electricity to thousands of homes.

Wind gusting to 50 mph caused power outages across New England, with an unusual storm system bringing a combination of record warmth, thunderstorms and flooding. Boston hit 64 degrees, breaking the record of 62 set in 1984.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Edmond Pope, returning to the United States after eight months’ imprisonment in Russia on an espionage charge, enjoyed a surprise reunion with his elderly mother at Portland International Airport.

What he wanted most was to relax, the 54-year-old Pope said late Sunday. “I’m going to get with family. I have a million things to do. But family is first.”

Instead of waiting for her son to make the five-hour trip from Portland to her home in Grants Pass in southern Oregon, Elizabeth Pope, 80, came to meet him.

## Soldiers arrive back in Kansas from Kuwait assignment

FORT RILEY (AP) — Soldiers sent to Kuwait in August arrived back home at Fort Riley on Sunday, in plenty of time for Christmas with family and friends.

The 329 soldiers were flown first to Topeka’s Forbes Field, arriving about two hours later than scheduled and then reaching Fort Riley about noon.

Family members started gathering

about that same time in a hangar at Marshall Army Airfield but it took the soldiers a little longer than expected to turn in weapons and other equipment.

It was about 3 p.m. when the soldiers began filing into the hangar, greeted by hoots and hollers from about 300 relatives, friends and invited guests.

The soldiers were the first to return

among the 1,200 members of Task Force Thunder sent overseas from the Army post in northeast Kansas. The others are due back at Fort Riley later this week.

The Fort Riley contingent was part of Operation Desert Spring, which combined training with Kuwaiti allies and U.S. air and naval units, while also conducting security operations.

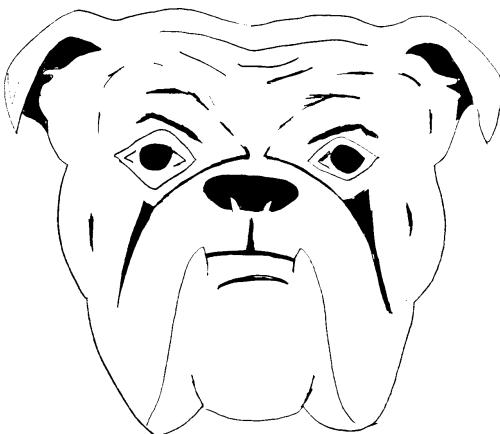
## BREWSTER ALL-STAR BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, Dec. 18 - 5 p.m. Jr. Class Dinner

Elementary Christmas Program 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22 - End of Second Quarter

Monday, Dec. 25 to Friday, Dec. 29 - NO SCHOOL, Winter Break



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