### 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 Fri-

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 members of Marie's family. Marie's like that is very helpful. Thank you, that is first on my list. God bless!



husband, Rex, died in July, so this has funny. It is a real talent to be able to been a hard year on the Tovrea family. write like that. I enjoy the cards, too,

I have most of my Christmas cards mailed which is a first most definitely. And my husband, Roger, is thinking I week, on his way home with his 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 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 4. 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 before Christmas, so I want to wish want them to know that what they did each of you a wonderfully blessed holiis appreciated. Inace was not hurt, but day and we hope you get just what you Joan and Marvin Bishop and the other having help to get back up after a fall want for Christmas. We have peace and

fellows! We've received many interesting

newsletters this year and I think that is such a great way to update folks on comings and goings. Many of them are so creative and

and the messages of the season.

I saw Lyman Goetsch, one day last 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 proceeds will be given to Rosa Garcia 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.

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

## 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.

nies Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC said Mon- that killed 12 people in Alabama on day that U.S. antitrust authorities have Saturday, blowing down trees and approved their merger, which will create the world's largest pharmaceutical company.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission 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

LONDON - British drug compa- power outages in Georgia.

A storm system spawned tornadoes causing flooding and scattered power outages in Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia

Strong thunderstorms swept across granted regulatory clearance for the New England Sunday, nearly toppling \$72 billion deal, the companies said in 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 Winter weather spawns severe Russia on an espionage charge, enjoyed a surprise reunion with his elderly mother at Portland International 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 More snow was possible Monday in million things to do. But family is first." Instead of waiting for her son to make home in Grants Pass in southern Oregon, Ice caused scores of accidents and Elizabeth Pope, 80, came to meet him.

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 afterunmarked 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.

Dean Jensen and emergency medical and pains, Schields said, and was noon when their vehicles collided at an technicians were at the scene. Finley treated and released on Friday. Aaron and Baker were taken by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Cen-

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

Officer Bob Juleson, Fire Chief Baker had complained of minor aches 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

### Foundation seeks donations for fund

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The foundation needs to raise a million dollars, he said, but they are challenging themselves to reach \$1.5 million.

The foundation didn't ask for anything specifically this year for people to donate to in anticipation of the campaign moving on to the general public next year.

After its creation, the foundation was inactive from 1972, when the hospital was finished, until 1983, when patients can be cut down. The new CT board to donate, Shields said, and the changes started to occur with in health scanner, said Schields, allows tests to community phase with begin in 2001.

services being provided on an outpatient basis. This reduced the amount of an hour with the older equipment. money the hospital was bringing in, so the foundation was brought back to help raise money.

The Commitment to Excellence campaign will help to pay for the new CT scanner and ultrasound machine that the hospital purchased a few months ago.

the amount of time it takes to diagnose within the hospital, asking the staff and

care all over the state, including more be performed in 10 minutes in most cases — it could have taken up to a half

> The foundation also hopes to start a endowment fund which could provide money to help pay for any new equipment, to provide scholarships for doctors, nurses and other medical personnel.

The campaign will focus on pledge commitments from the staff and from the general public for a three-year-pe-The equipment was bought so that riod. The drive has already started

the deterioration process, Remar said.

A two-year grant from "Save

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

parts of the Deep South, which was hit over the weekend by severe storms and the five-hour trip from Portland to her unusually cold temperatures.

### Astronaut garments are deteriorating

ized outfits that came through the extremes of outer space without a hitch now face an uncertain future on the ground.

Space suits worn by pioneer astronauts are crumbling despite efforts to preserve them, deteriorating to the extent that someday they may be only a memory.

"If we don't get a handle on this, in 50 years' time, the Apollo suits will all be gone," says Max Ary, president of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, which has a collection of historic astronaut and cosmonaut space Institution's Air and Space Museum.

The problem has to do not only with the temperature, light and humidity in

HUTCHINSON(AP)—The special- reaction of the sometimes exotic ma- find all the at-risk space suits and stop terials that make up the multilayered suits, said Jim Remar, head curator at the Cosmosphere.

> space agencies around the world, the and private foundations, is heading up Cosmosphere has been enlisted to help the research.

> America's Treasures," a national his-Because of its expertise in space ar- tory conservation effort funded by the tifact restoration and its contact with federal government, aerospace firms

#### Senator appointed to committee

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ger and better things.

"I definitely can," Clark said, "but suits second only to the Smithsonian I'm not one to announce where I will end up.

> Too many people put themselves forward that aren't prepared for the position they seek."

Clark was in the news quite a bit dur- ergy-producing state."

ing last year's legislative session and the August primaries, and he said it won't stop this year.

He said he plans to push for the building of coal-burning power plants in his district to offset dependency on expensive natural gas.

'Kansas is now an energy consuming state," he said, "instead of an en-



FORTRILEY (AP)—Soldiers sent about that same time in a hangar at among the 1,200 members of Task 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

Marshall Army Airfield but it took the Force Thunder sent overseas from 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 of Operation Desert Spring, which hoots and hollers from about 300 relatives, friends and invited guests.

Army post in northeast Kansas. The others are due back at Fort Riley later this week. The Fort Riley contingent was part

combined training with Kuwaiti allies and U.S. air and naval units, while also The soldiers were the first to return conducting security operations.

which the space suits are displayed and stored, but with an ongoing chemical



