

# brewster beacon

The weather has given us a break and it seems so nice not to have the bitter cold wind. Guess there's a storm predicted for the weekend, but maybe it will be here and gone in a short time.

Andrew Jordan Michael, my grandson, is now at home in Salina and his folks are happy to be under one roof. He still is on a monitor, but that is mostly as a precaution. Hopefully, we will make it to see him and the rest of our families in a few weeks. But we want to be sure to be over these sinus colds. However, just knowing he is home makes it good for us.

Also, there's a new baby in town and he's going to live in a new home. Hunter James House, the son of Jim and Jessica House, was born Friday, Jan. 5. He weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces. He has three sisters, Amber, Ashley and Alicia, to spoil him. His grandparents are Al and Vonita Holub and his great-grandparents are Jack and Mary Faber. Jim and Jessica have bought a new home on the corner of Third and Illinois in Brewster.



**sally michael**

● brewster beacon

Also, Toni and Ed Ackerman have begun moving into the former home of John and Christine Icke, just southwest of Brewster. John and Christine have moved to the Colby area. We are happy for Toni, Ed and Seth and hope they enjoy their new home. We also wish the very best for John, Christine and family, and want them to know we will miss them.

The Brewster basketball teams are giving a good showing and everyone's basketball fever is getting worked up. Won't be long until the playoffs will be occupying the spare time of all of us and we want the teams to know we are proud of them all.

The Brewster Kids Wrestling team

is getting established and there are some good little wrestlers. Jeff Gray is coaching again this year and he thinks there will be some good showings. The team will be wrestling through the Colby program, so we'll try to keep you updated on scheduling.

Duane and Ruth Jones are back from their Christmas trip to Greeley, Colo., and Houston. They attended the wedding of their grandson, Caleb, and spent Christmas with their daughter and family, Monna Rose and Mike Blank, in Houston.

It will be good to have the problems at the school settled, as it is worrisome to know there is so much going on. There needs to be cooperation for all of us to have the excellent school system that Brewster has always been noted for.

That's it for now. Hope everyone has a great week. See you next time.



Near-blizzard conditions Saturday afternoon kept many Goodland business people busy trying to keep the sidewalks cleared. Dave Branda used a snow blower to get the deep snow away from the Sherman Theatre, but then came back with the hand shovel to clean off the underlying ice.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Earthquake wipes out entire families

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Authorities have buried many of the 400 confirmed victims of El Salvador's earthquake in mass graves, saying a landslide that wiped out entire families had made it impossible to know the identities of many who died.

Two more people were found alive, including a small child and a young man whose cellular phone call alerted authorities to his location. Some 1,000 people were still missing, and the mayor of a hard-hit community said Monday that as the ground firms and

time passes the chances of finding more people alive under the mountain of dirt is becoming more remote.

"We always have hope that someone can be found alive, but we have to acknowledge that there is less possibility of finding life," Mayor Oscar Ortiz of Santa Tecla told The Associated Press.

On Sunday, distraught relatives lined up at an improvised morgue in a bloodstained Santa Tecla alley to identify some of those mangled and entombed in Saturday's 7.6-magnitude quake. The need to dispose of the

mounting number of corpses cheated some of the chance for closure.

One woman looking for a pair of missing cousins showed up at the morgue in the half-buried Las Colinas neighborhood only to find out that two children who matched their description had already been sent to a mass burial.

With no refrigerated facilities, and bodies and body parts piling up in the alley near the quake-triggered landslide that covered Las Colinas in a wall of dirt, there was little choice but mass burial, said coroner Mario Alfredo Hernandez.

## County to appoint new board members

COUNTY, from Page 1

In other business, commissioners are to:

- Appoint members to the board of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau for this year. These members generally are from the hotel and restaurant business.
- Approve a salary resolution for county employees in all classifications

for this year.

- Renew farm leases on county-owned ground.
- Approve and sign emergency vehicle designations for three volunteer firemen, David Becker, Russell DaMoude and Richard Hageman.
- Appoint members to the board of the Good Samaritan Center.
- Recommend members to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Com-

mittee.

The commissioners make recommendations, but the state appoints the members, said County Clerk Janet Rumpel.

- Approve a contract with the state for spraying the road ditches along county highways.

The commission will meet at 8 a.m. in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

## Winter storm dumps on Goodland

SNOW, from Page 1

finally ended in the evening.

The wind wasn't much of a problem until it picked up around 2 p.m. The average winds measured 18.2 mph on Saturday and the peak wind gusts were 35 mph. out of the northwest.

The temperature was 39 degrees early Saturday morning, which accounted for the rain before the snow. During the snowstorm, the temperature was close to 32 degrees. Then when a front came through around 2 p.m., the winds switched to the northwest and the temperature started to drop. It slowly fell to the 20s by midnight Saturday.

No roads were officially closed in Sherman County, but traffic was discouraged on K-27 and I-70 because of the slippery conditions. In Colorado, I-70 was closed Saturday afternoon, as was U.S. 385, which runs north and

south from Burlington. The freeway had reopened by Sunday morning from the Colorado-Kansas line to Limon.

With most people staying home, only a few drivers in Sherman County had a problem.

An accident at noon on Saturday about five miles south of Goodland ended with six people from Sharon Springs in the hospital and a truck on its side in a ditch.

Juan Farias, 27, was driving a 1990 Ford Bronco north on K-27 when he lost control, sliding west across the icy highway and into the ditch.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department said the truck came to rest on its side and Farias and five other people in the truck were taken by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Juan, Jeannie Farias, 24, Alisa Farias, 7, Elva Farias, 6, Juan Farias Jr., 1, and Alisa Arrejuin, 50, were later

released.

A Wyoming man was eastbound on I-70 about 10 miles west of Goodland on Sunday morning when he tried to pass a Goodland woman headed east and slid into her van.

The sheriff's department reported there were no injuries, though Tonya Medina's Chevrolet van had over \$500 in damage after Kurt Dodd's Saturn Sedan slid into the van's left rear side.

Only one accident was reported in the city this weekend, as Randall Daise, driving a 1995 Ford pickup, hit Melissa Wilkinson's 1985 Chevrolet utility vehicle at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday while it was stopped at a stop sign on Cattletrail and K-27.

A police report said Daise left the scene of the accident, but he was later found at the Howard Johnson's Motel on K-27. Daise had not been issued a ticket or charged with anything on Monday.

The Goodland Daily News Service Directory • 785-899-2338

## Your KEY to business success.

Have your name up front when a customer needs you. Repetitive advertising is the key to opening the door to new customers.



Combined rates are available to feature your services in the Daily and The Country Advocate.

**RAIN or SHINE**  
Cleaning Service

\*Complete Janitorial Service\*  
\*Commercial & Residential\*  
\*Carpet Cleaning\*

721 Grand (785) 899-2900  
Goodland, KS 1-877-811-2900  
Jerry & Trish Langley, Owners

**The Framing Place**  
Custom Matting & Framing

Large Selection • Creative Matting  
Brass Easels • Plate Frames •  
Norman Rockwell Prints • Panoramic  
Prints of Cities • Beautiful Country  
Living & Wildlife Prints • Quick Turn  
Around • Gift Certificates

**Cheryl Peck**  
404 Main (785) 899-5528  
M-F 10-4 or by appointment

**FLANDERS GUTTERING**  
*"A Better Way To Go"*  
Specializing in:  
5" Seamless Steel Gutter • Soffit & Fascia

**Mark & Jamie Flanders**  
(785) 899-7456  
(785) 462-0633, Cell

We'll always be there for you.  
LIFE • HOME • CAR • FARM • BUSINESS

**SHELTER INSURANCE**

**Jim Alcorn, Agent**  
1624 S. Main Street  
Goodland, KS 67735-0727  
Business: (785) 899-2553  
Home: (785) 899-3974  
www.shelterinsurance.com  
www.shelterinsurance.com

Stop by our newest location  
and check out  
our Mexico,  
Las Vegas,  
Hawaii, &  
Cruise Packages.

**ROUND TRIP TRAVEL**  
Full Service Travel Agency  
1302 Main • Goodland, KS 67735  
(785) 899-7505

**nwkansas.com**  
Your local internet service provider  
with connections in St. Francis, Bird  
City, McDonald, Oberlin, Colby,  
Goodland, & Norcatour.

Call (785) 899-2338  
(785) 332-3162  
(785) 462-3963 or  
(785) 475-2206  
for information.

With monthly costs as low  
as \$16.50 per month!

**Hot Brush** *Since 1974*

**SIGNS-LETTERING & PINSTRIPE**  
Custom Vinyl & Painting

Box 309  
BIRD CITY, KS 67731  
FAX-785-734-2459

**800-886-2423**

For Home Purchases  
or Refinancing  
CALL ME FIRST

**Monica Stramel**

LENDER

**OVERHEAD DOOR**  
OVERHEAD DOOR  
OF NORTHWEST KANSAS

1-800-203-5691 • (785) 899-2426  
Goodland, KS

**Sales • Service  
Installation**

**24 Hour Emergency Service**

*"We do Windows  
Year Round"*

Serving NW Kansas & Eastern Colorado  
**(785) 462-6995**  
**(800) 611-6735**  
COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL-FREE ESTIMATES

**NEW SYSTEM**  
Professional  
**WINDOW  
CLEANING**  
Colby, Kansas

**Commercial Federal Bank**  
Insured by FDIC

**(785) 899-3941**

**Power Loan - Pre Approval**  
Conventional • VA • FHA • RECD  
BI-WEEKLY MORTGAGE

H.L. Financial Services, Inc.  
1302 Main • Goodland, Kan.

Have you heard  
about the  
800 lb. Gorilla?  
Call Doug or Eric  
for details!  
**899-2338**

The Goodland Daily News  
brings you Internet and  
E-mail Access!  
**(785) 899-2338**

1205 Main • Goodland, KS 67735  
daily@nwkansas.com

TRUST YOUR HOME  
COMFORT TO  
CB HEATING & COOLING

**WATER RIGHT**  
WATER CONDITIONERS

**TAPPAN**  
Heating and Cooling Products  
Trademark Tappan Used  
Under License

**CHAD BRINEY** **462-2445**  
1180 W. 4th • Colby, Kansas

**travel & tours**

It's time to book  
your Disney and  
cruise vacations!!

**COLBY TRAVEL**  
438 N. Franklin  
785-462-3163 or 800-648-0862