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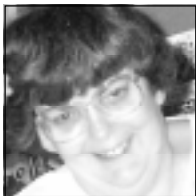
On Dec. 16, Duane and Ruth Jones left Brewster for Greeley, Colo., where they visited Linda and Larry Hoffner; Brad, Melissa, Brittany and Braden Hoffner; and Eric, Crystal and Logan Hoffner. Logan is Duane and Ruth's newest great-grandchild and they enjoyed getting acquainted with him. They also enjoyed the time with Brittany and Braden, their other Colorado great-grandkids.

Then on Dec. 20, the Jones' flew to Houston to visit Monna Rose and Mike Blank of New Caney, Texas, Aaron, Janelle and April Blank of Austin; and Caleb Blank and Lisa Roman of Arlington, Texas.

On Dec. 30, Caleb and Lisa were married in a beautiful ceremony, the Jones' said. On Dec. 31, the Jones' returned to Greeley and stayed for an eye checkup on Jan. 4. They also enjoyed having dinner with Doris and Albert Rowland on Jan. 3. They returned to Brewster on Jan. 5 and were ready to rest up for awhile.

Saturday, Jan. 13, brought a good, heavy snow to our area with more than a half inch of moisture and a good cover for the wheat. It was getting pretty dry. Bonnie Holm, Jeremy, Spencer and Tad of Utica spent Friday night with her parents, Willis and Joyce Crabtree. They were here for the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in Colby. However, the last games were postponed until today and will be played in Goodland.

I had a rough night Thursday night. I think our dogs had canine flu or something. I know I'm getting too old for tending "sick kids." They seemed to feel better Friday, but I was a little tired.



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I received word Thursday that Clark Osborne, 103, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15. His services were held Thursday at Cheyenne Wells, Colo. He was the father of Dorothy Mayer and had been a resident in a nursing home in Colorado Springs for a few years.

He lived in Brewster many years ago and had a hand in the first electricity lines that went up in this area. Dorothy married Ray Mayer and they lived here for many years and raised their family here. Our condolences to Dorothy and her family on this loss.

The town will probably be pretty quiet for the next few days. The boys basketball team is playing in the Dodge City Tournament and there are quite a number of fans planning on going down to watch. We wish the Bulldogs the best. Brewster lost the first game to Derby, a 6-A school, by a score of 65-62. Until the last few minutes, the Bulldogs led the scoring, although it was always close. The half-time score was 34-33, so Brewster, a 1-A school, held its own against Derby. At 2 p.m. on Friday, Brewster was to play Medicine Lodge.

The Colby newspaper had a notice of Wanda McDougal's death in it. We extend sympathy to her family, which includes her daughter, Juanita Aschenbrenner, plus many other children and grandchildren.

Hope everyone had a good time watching all the inaugural festivities this past weekend. Hope everyone has a great week. See you next time.

Different perspective



Coach Jason Unruh helped Ashley Charron, 7, stand on her hands Saturday morning at the Goodland Activities Center, where there are gymnastics classes every weekend.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Bush plans to block aid to foreign groups

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Mexico on Feb. 16.

Bush also said he has decided to block U.S. funds to international family-planning groups that are involved in abortion. Bush, said he will issue an executive order "soon" reversing the Clinton administration position. He made the decision as abortion foes gathered to march in Washington to mark the 28th anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Bush also met with GOP congressional leaders and, separately, was meeting Democratic elder statesmen such as Jody Powell, press secretary for President Carter, and former Ohio Sen. John Glenn and former Democratic Party chairman Robert Strauss.

"In order to get an agenda through the Congress, its best that I be able to personally explain the issues and what I'm attempting to do," Bush said after

the gathering with GOP lawmakers.

"Get used to it," Fleischer said, announcing that Bush would be with Democratic congressional leaders Tuesday. "He's going to continue to identify those Democrats who are most willing to work with him."

Bush, who entered the Oval Office shortly before 7:30 a.m. for his first working day, also planned to meet with Secretary of State Colin Powell. The pair will visit weekly, Fleischer said.

With wife Laura, Vice President Dick Cheney and White House chief of staff Andrew Card at his side, the new president implicitly sought to draw a distinction between his administration and President Clinton's, which was tainted by scandal.

"I expect every member of this administration to stay well within the boundaries that define legal and ethical conduct," Bush said. "This means avoiding even the appearance of improper conduct."

Suppliers to suspend service

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from Oregon, not from shortages.

The alerts were a grim note for grid managers, who imposed blackouts on hundreds of thousands of Californians last week.

"It's a big deal because Sunday is rock-bottom usage. It's typically the lowest time. This means we have a very interesting week in store," said Tom Williams, a spokesman for Duke Energy, a North Carolina-based company that sells electricity to the California market.

Meanwhile, several small power suppliers that provide about 500 megawatts of electricity to Southern California Edison Co. served notice they would suspend service because they are not being paid. A law firm representing the suppliers said SoCal Edison's failure to honor its contractual obligations may cause them "serious financial injury."

Also lurking was the possible bankruptcy-court filings of Pacific

Gas and Electric Co. and Edison, which say they have no way to raise money to pay huge bills due early next month. The filings would allow the utilities to protect their assets from creditors.

California's electricity system has been in turmoil for months. The state's largest utilities, operating under a rate freeze imposed under California's 1996 deregulation law, have been unable to pass on to customers the spiraling costs of wholesale power. Since June, SoCal Edison and PG&E, which serve 25 million people between them, have lost some \$11 billion.

Sunday's electricity surge in Oregon required the California system to cut power to customers from east of Sacramento to Turlock to avoid damage and outages along the grid, said power agency spokesperson Stephanie McCorkle.

"It shows you how close to the ragged edge we are when one transmission problem would cause that sort of outage," she said.

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