World Day of Prayer to be March 2

This year, the World Day of Prayer will be at 9:30 a.m., Central Time, on Friday, March 2, with the United Methodist Church as host. Last year, the day was canceled because of the weather, so we can hope it won't happen two years in

Barbara Springsteen and Violet Bowman returned from a week in Hawaii, on the evening of Feb. 13. I haven't asked them if they were tempted to forget to come back, but it's probably not easy to "jump ship" over there. Barbara's description of the island doesn't encourage me to want to go back. I'll just keep my 40year-old memories of a time when it wasn't quite so crowded. But, anyway, an interesting story comes out of this trip.

When Barbara and Violet and the rest of the folks were boarding buses to go to the airport for the return trip, one of the bus drivers asked where they were all from. When they replied "Kansas," the driver asked if anyone knew where Brewster was. Who would think that Brewster would be mentioned, rather than Wichita or Kansas City? The folks told them that two ladies on the other bus were from Brewster, so the driver flagged down Barbara and asked her if she knew Donald Pfalser. As it turned out, Barbara didn't know Don, but she did know that he is a brother to Coleen



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Crumrine. Names were exchanged about the other teams on the road, and Coleen has taken the fellow's name and address down for Don, who now lives in Arkansas. I always enjoy stories like that. It shows just what a small world we really live in. Seems that the driver spent a week or so around Brewster, when he and Donald were in the Navy and he had some good memories of the time.

Well, now I've told you about the day they left Hawaii, but Barbara talks like the rest of the trip went quite nice and neither of them were around long enough to develop a taste for poi. It takes a while, but

once you learn to like it, it's not bad. By the time you read this, I will hopefully have my new grandson, Andrew Jordan, on the way to being spoiled by his Grandma M. It's getting close enough and I'm getting anxious. He has been doing pretty good, it sounds like, but we need to check him out for ourselves. I'll be happy to see the other kids, and their parents, too, but as Brian said this morning, this is an "Andrew trip."

The basketball games have been going on whenever there is school. There are lots of late nights and long drives, with the fog and weather we have been experiencing. Most of the games have been here, so we worry

We had our turkey dinner on Wednesday at the Brewster Senior Center and it turned out pretty good. It was like Christmas in February, as we had sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, salad and a lot of good things to eat. Some of the folks didn't make it down because of the weather, but we enjoyed having a few new faces on hand, too.

The weather forecast looks like maybe we might have a few days to thaw out. There are some very slick spots around and a few folks have had some tumbles. It takes a little longer to watch our step, but in the long run it might be the best shortcut we can take. Seems like our side of the street (the south side) takes twice as long to clear off as it does across the street. Right now, I'd say it will be May or June before we see the sidewalk to the west of us. But, on the other hand, the lawn is getting some good moisture. So, until next week, all of you watch out for the ice and take your time. See you next

Church of the Nazarene welcomes new pastor

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News Matt Delp, new pastor at the Church of the Nazarene in Goodland, said when he was 7, he was saved during a revival service and the Lord pressed upon his heart that the ministry was his calling.

During his teen-age years, Delp, a native of Towson, Md., said music became his second love and he began studying it at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, where he met and married his wife Jacque.

His band was successfully working its way into the Nashville music scene, he said, when he started to get the feeling that he was on the wrong path.

He quit the band and school, Delp said, and with help from his wife and her father and guidance from the Lord, he decided in 1996 to begin attending Nazarene Bible College in Colorado

"I felt that the Lord was calling me to the ministry," he said.

Since then, Delp said, he has looked to the Lord to guide his decisions. This month, God led him to Goodland.

Delp, who is a licensed minister but needs more schooling and experience before he is ordained, said he had been offered positions at other churches, but Goodland just felt right to him and his

"When we prayed about this one," he said, "the Lord put us at peace with the church here. We were both in agreement about it, and felt that is what the Lord wanted."

Now that he is here, Delp said, he will seek insight and strength from God to help him build trust and relationships with the congregation.

"It takes a lot of prayer," he said, "and

Matt Delp, the new pastor at the Church of the Nazarene in Goodland, is pictured with his wife Jacque and daughters Faith, 8 months, and Hannah, 2.

I believe personally an attitude of humbleness, realizing we're not relying on our own strength but God's strength."

The couple moved to Goodland with their daughters Faith, 8 months, and Hannah, 2, from Abingdon, Va., where Delp was the associate pastor for Christian education.

To be ordained, he said, a minister must have the equivalent of an associate's degree in Biblical Studies and two years' experience. Delp said he has the education, but not the experience.

The 29-year-old said he doesn't have any experience as a senior pastor — the position he is filling at Goodland's Nazarene church—but hopes to receive a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies

from the Nazarene Bible College in May.

Delp said he is taking classes over the Internet and plans to earn another bachelor's degree in Christian Education next May from the bible college.

Though Abingdon was slightly larger than Goodland, he said, and closer to a city, it was primarily an agricultural community. Of course, he said, there are cultural differences between people living in the South and the Midwest.

"It's going to take time," Delp said, "to learn about the culture here. It takes a while to grow trusting and deep relationships with people, but it's something l intend to do."

So far, he said, it's going great. He said his family is almost unpacked, and the first church board meeting he attended went smoothly. He said the board is planning to build an addition onto the church at 305 Caldwell.

He said Jacque, who graduated from Trevecca Nazarene with a degree in child care, is the church's nursery director.

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Feb. 12 — Ryan S. Neely, 22, Claremore, Okla., speeding 94/70, \$96. Bettina A. Smith, 38, Elizabethtown, Ky., speeding 94/70, \$96.

Feb. 15 — Colleen K. Rall, 49, speeding 93/70, \$93. Brewster, speeding 70/55, \$74.

Friday — John A. Epperly III, 38, Bethune, Colo., speeding 70/55, \$74.

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