

Recovery continues for columnist

It's been two months since I left the center in Fort Collins, Colo. I've come a long way but still have a couple of weeks for more therapy and rehab before I'll get active.

Until that date, I'm still restricted to outside activities such as driving, going shopping, meetings (church excluded) and other such things we all take for granted without a leg mending from a horrible break.

I'm learning to use a cane or a special four-footed cane in the house, in other words, use the walker less and less.

Stairs still leave me wondering, but I can do it with help around and the special cane. In fact, the therapist isn't really anxious for me to get going ho on the stairs, but with special care, I'll now be able to go down to the utility room and my shower, good news to my ears.

He also said that the time to come to work in my flower beds will find me able to do some with some changes of how I do it. It's going to be okay but will probably take most of the summer to get really back on that leg.

Until I see Dr. Durbin in mid-



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April, I must use my smaller brace and walker when going outside. I can handle that but will be glad to not have to use it at all. Patience, my girl, patience until then.

My sincere sympathy to those who've lost a loved one the past week or so. Not wanting to miss anyone, a blanket condolence to all.

There have been or are going to be some special birthdays, 80 and older, in the past and upcoming week or so. To all these people, special greetings as you celebrate these milestones in your walk of life.

This goes for those having anniversaries over 50 years or more. What a wonderful tribute to you all having reached that milestone in life. I would hate to miss anyone, so I'm sending a general happy birthday and blessed anniversary wishes to all having these special days in

ways. If you have some special news, give me a call or drop by the house with your news.

Most every call I get mentions the fact that they are happy to see and read my column. Thank you all for whatever kindness you've done to and for me these past five months. God bless you all.

The weather has been strange, so what else is new? The forecast since the first of the week predicted warmer weather the first half of the week and colder the later part of the week.

It was nicer Monday and Tuesday and is supposed to get colder from Wednesday until Saturday and then maybe will be a little nicer the first of next week. There is no real storm predicted, but you never know. Ice and snow are a real no no for me.

Congratulations to Ana McClung

and all the other kids honored for their outstanding work achievements by being received into the National Honor Society in school.

That's a great honor to receive that pin and award in either their junior or senior school years. I wished I could have gone the other night when they got the award, but I still can't do such things. My thoughts were with them, as I remember the night I was accepted in that group in my senior year of high school. Thumbs up on your accomplishments.

On Friday, Jan. 30, guests of Rod, Susan and Branson Gilley were Barbara Gilley of Hays; Jessica and Andy Ruffalo of Lewisburg; Tim, Pam and Chasity Gilley of Broomfield, Colo.; and Carmelita Clark of Goodland. The occasion was Rod and Carmelita's birthday. Later, they all attended the basketball game at Brewster.

I don't have anything further, so I will close and get this ready for my friend Lucille to deliver it to the paper. I'll see you next week, God willing for us to all still be around. Happy Valentine's Day to one and all.



Cassie and David Marold

Snow reminds us we can still get precipitation

We got some snow, and although it wasn't much, everyone seems to feel better knowing that it can still snow in this area after all.

Naturally, it's gotten much colder with the snow, but hey, it's only six weeks until spring! It's moving right along, and I think short or not, everyone will be happy to see this winter over. We can use more snow, though, so I hope you are listening, Lord.

We were sorry to hear that Ruth Jones made a trip to the hospital on Thursday, but when I spoke to her sister, Marie Edwards, yesterday, she said Ruth would be home in a day or so.

Linda (Jones) Hoffner, Ruth's daughter, was supposed to be in Brewster on Friday evening and stay for a few days to help Duane and Ruth out. It is really great when the kids can come and lend a hand for a day or so, and I know Ruth and Duane appreciate this.

Of course, it works in reverse too. Shane Holm went to Utica to help



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out his and Bonnie's daughter, Shanda, while she was in the hospital with sinus problems. Joyce said Shane was very tired, and he thought it was easier to cut meat than to keep up with an 18-month-old's laundry and such.

But it was great that he could help Shanda and her husband out. And I am glad to report that all is well with mother and baby-to-be. Evidently this sinus stuff really makes it necessary to put more fluids in our systems, and no, that doesn't mean coffee.

I'm sitting at the computer with my sunglasses on while writing this. Now I'm not trying to look "Hollywood," but the brightness of

the screen makes my eyes sore, and I'd like to get them back to normal. So that's another thing that gets irritated with the sinus junk.

The rules for commodities have changed once again, and I hope I can remember all the directives Laura Withington informed me she received. There will be only one day that the commodities will be able to be handed out.

Since we will be receiving the next supply Monday, they will be handed out from 10 a.m.-noon and from 2-5 p.m. Thursday. If you can't make it at that time, you may appoint someone to pick them up for you, but only on Thursday.

If the commodities are not all handed out, they will be added to the next month's allotment and handed out on that day, whenever it may be.

A few sites have decided they

don't want to handle the commodities any longer because of all the new restrictions. Since this is a volunteer program, it is understandable. We want to be of help as long as we can, but I will need your cooperation on the promptness of the pickup.

Also, the new ruling is one item of each available commodity per family, no matter what the family size.

I will post the items available on the window of the senior center on the day of availability. These rules are not Laura's or my doing, so please be patient with us.

The men's fellowship breakfast was held last week, and Roger said there were about 25 men on hand to enjoy a good breakfast and Christian fellowship.

If any of you gents have not made this part of your curriculum, I will remind you that it is on the first Saturday of each month beginning at 7 a.m. at the Brewster Senior Center.

Couple starts new year with Texas wedding

Cassie Michelle Pevey and David Thomas Marold were married at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Grand Traditions, a wedding chapel in Corinth, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Marilyn Fenner Pevey, formerly of Goodland, and the groom is the son of David and Jeri Marold of Dallas.

Bob and Loraine Fenner of Goodland and the Rev. John and Betty Draper of Mesa, Ariz., are the bride's grandparents. The bride was given away by her grandfather Fenner, and her grandfather Draper performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride's grandmother, wearing a satin silver pantsuit, was escorted by Tyson Budd, a friend of the couple. The groom's grandmother, wearing a pink gown and matching lace jacket she fashioned herself, was escorted by Billy Rice, a friend of the groom.

Budd escorted the bride's mother to the altar, where she lit the bride's candle centered at a red and white rose arch. She wore a champagne beaded georgette skirt set.

Rice escorted the groom's mother to the altar to light the groom's candle. She wore a two-piece purple skirt set with satin grosgrain trim. The groom's father followed, wearing a black tuxedo.

The bride, carrying a bouquet of

red roses, wore a satin empire waist gown adorned with a beaded bodice and train.

A silver tiara held her shoulder-length veil. She was escorted into the chapel to the wedding march, and the couple exchanged vows and lit a unity candle surrounded by the attendants.

Bridesmaids Stephanie Lovriens, Rebecca Webster and Leslie Halverson wore burgundy georgette gowns with flowing scarves. The groomsmen, wearing black tuxedos, were Tommy Hames and the groom's brothers, Douglas and Daniel Marold.

The recessional was a fun song from the Avelon Consort Bridal Course, and the bride and groom almost danced their way out of the chapel.

A champagne supper banquet and dance followed in the hall. The three-tiered white filled cake was decorated with red rose petals and graced with the Precious Moments bridal couple figurine. The groom's cake was a chocolate filled cake decorated with wake boards, water and sand.

The chapel's music director provided the entertainment. The bride danced with her grandfather, and the groom danced with his mother.

After an eight-day honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple lives in Dallas.

Goodland college has 50 students on honor roll

Fifty students were on the fall 2003 honor roll at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. Students must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average to be on the honor roll.

Students on the honor roll, by program:

Auto technology: Tony Riet-

check, Travis Morris, Adam Ketterl, Thomas Tompkins, Justin Lohr, Dan Denio, David Rose, Peter Caines, Jason Mayo, Brian Korell, Jason Gallentine, Paul Trowbridge, Fred Counter, Luke Lilienthal, Brian Draper, Neil Bolyard, Rustin Leiker, Jason Haskell, Jonathan Mason, Abel

Ontiveroz, Wes Rand, Dan Rigel, Casey Cox and Troy Davis.

Communications: Ben Haydock, Robin Johnson, Landon Tucker, Matt Brock, Anthony Rosane and Dustin Wilson.

Communications networking: Cole Chavey and Dustin Knox.

Business technology: Lori Gohl,

Anne Hickert, Jenni Call, Natasha Tarman, Gretchen Moreno, Christine Noffsinger and Ashley Phillips.

Welding: Chris Schmidt.

Engineering: Kristi Corder, Dustin Guerin, James Kendell, Bret Tremblay, Renee Welsh, Cole Wieck, Shane Gerhartz, Ben Lacy, Trevor Shaw and Robert Wolfe.

Many area students listed on honor roll at Colby college

Many area students were listed on the spring honor rolls at Colby Community College.

Students on the president's honor roll with a 4.0 grade-point average (straight A's) include:

Goodland: Brian Coon, Stacey DeGeorge, William Gray, Karen Loudon, Kyla Rico and Tess Schultz.

Brewster: Katherine Mills and Christi Somers.

Bird City: Clint Bursch and Joy Zumbahlen.

Sharon Springs: Landon Funk,

Tessa Hatfield, Deborah Lucas, Shirley Renner and Marc Welsh.

Tribune: Jentri Dixon.

St. Francis: Jamie Dunn, Debbie Harris, Stephanie Hunt, Dallas Walz, Ryan Zweggardt.

McDonald: Kellen Howard.

Colby: Teresa Baker, Tasha Diederich, Jessica Finch, Angela Gaede, Lacy Hargitt, Karen Higerd, Leann Hirshfeld, Tiffany Hurtt, Clayton Kaiser.

Albert Kelley, Chase Kough, Eric Luedke, Zach Luedke, Tanner McClure, Samantha Miller, John

Mull, Tyra Myers, Darrell Pattillo, Cassandra Peters, Deanna Schmidtberger, Bernice Skiles, John Weeks, Deni Wieland, Jeffery Williams, Jennifer Wilson and Kayla Wilson.

Students on the dean's honor roll, with grade point averages between 3.75 and 3.99 include:

Goodland: Amber Baxter, Christine Beeson, Mary Black, Gladys Leonard, Lonnie Phifer and Sondra Smith.

Brewster: Jessie Crumrine.

Weskan: Tucker Sexson.

Colby: Abdurakhmanov, Tresa Baker, Troy Bielser, Daniel Edwards, Treasure Glad, Zella Harrington, Kylee Hunter, Stephanie Koel.

Jeff Ladenburger, Ryan Mc-Lemore, Calea Meyer, Michelle Phillips, Allison Ruda, Karen Sadler, Kyle Sandusky, Alissa Schields, Jason Schwindt, Reaghan Smith, Amber Staats and Tucker Stover.

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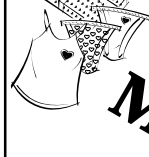
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