

March's roller coaster over; April showers needed

March is over, and one fourth of 2004 is history. This weather has been on a wild roller coaster most of the month.

Once again, as usual, the predicted storm overlooked us, leaving us deeper and deeper in dry fields. The situation is getting very, very serious with the upcoming wheat crop.

One farmer's wife said they are afraid their wheat crop will be a big zero. The fields look very bad, and her husband is beginning to think any moisture at this time is almost too late for his fields.

How sad after all the work and cost of trying to get a crop for the first time in about three or four



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years. It makes one wonder how much longer these poor farmers can hang on and stay in the farming business.

Eastern Colorado and southern Nebraska aren't in much better shape, as these storms are skirting around these areas also. Prayers are definitely needed for all of these farmers and their fields.

Even though we don't farm, we'll

spring your clocks ahead Sunday, as we start the Daylight Saving Time. I always turn mine ahead before I hit the sack Saturday evening. I truly wish we didn't mess around with this job. When we first moved to Kansas, we never changed out clocks and sure liked it much better.

Palm Sunday is this weekend, and the four churches in the Cham-

bers Park area are starting services at 10:15 with the blessing of the palms in the park followed by each of their congregations making it back to their churches to complete their services.

That was done a good many years ago for the same churches, and I for one, enjoyed the service. So you from the Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal churches note the time for that service Sunday.

I will join them at the church rather than walking through the park. My walking is much better, but I still get a little spooked when I need to go any distance.

I went to church this week, thanks

to Bud and Pat, who came to get me there. We didn't go out to have lunch, as the coffee hour host and hostess had almost a meal for us. I doubt that anyone went anywhere for lunch nor made one at home.

Pat wanted to go to Wal-Mart, so I rode along with her. She then wanted to go to the hospital to briefly visit a patient there.

I walked from the car to the hospital room and back out to the car. I really didn't get too tired and didn't seem to have any more soreness than usual. I've been battling some rather heavy swelling and pain, but that is much better.

I sure hope that will leave, and I'll be able to move around more and with less discomfort. Dr. Durbin told me right on that it could take up

to a year to get back to a more normal walk.

He sure was right, as it's going on seven months. I'm ready to get on with my life.

This week's birthday people are Ana McClung, Jonah McClung and Wade Hardwick from St. Francis, but a person formerly with either the radio or television here in Goodland.

Marvin and Cindy Nash Swayne had an anniversary. Best wishes to all of these people mentioned and the same blessings to any others.

Sympathy to those mourning the loss of a loved one. May they know that they are not walking alone during these times.

On that note, I'll close until next time. Take care.

People send news of ailments, events

Right after I sent the last column in, I received many reports of some folks who are ailing or else having some event coming up. I don't want anyone to feel that their news is not important.

First off, I want Shane and Harvey Benham and Rex and Doris Mayer to know that we are with them in prayer for Joseph Benham, Shane and Harvey's older son and Rex and Doris' grandson.

The Benhams recently moved to Meade, and Joseph has had a bout of illness that has been pretty serious. He is in the intensive care unit in Wichita, and there are still tests being performed on him.

It's hard on this young fellow to be ailing, but it is also hard on his folks and little brother to see him feeling so bad. I hope by now that Joseph has received the right medication and is back home mending until he is totally well. No matter where they live now, Joseph will always be considered a Brewster kid, and we care.

Another Brewster kid who moved down south, to Lakin, and has grown up and has a family of her own also had a hard time a while back. Ronda (Herman) Weirich, daughter of Gloria Ribordy, was hospitalized and had some serious health problems for a week or so.

She and her husband have two little girls, and help was needed to them. Ronda wants everyone to know she appreciates the



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folks that let their "favorite beauty operator" take some time off to care of her and her girls.

She also wants that "favorite beauty operator" to know that she really appreciates her. So, Gloria, this is to let you know that Ronda called me up special, just to get this little "thank you" to you and to your customers. That's a pretty thoughtful daughter, right? And, oh yes, she said she feels better than she has for a long time.

Also, I am probably the last person in the area who found out that Helen Schroeder had some surgery and treatments a while back. I want her to know that we hope she is doing as great as what the reports

sound like and hope she will be stopping by the senior center to say "hi" again soon. And I am glad that the reports are so great.

I talked to our son in Bennington this morning. They were waiting for another rain to go through, so they could head to Salina. It's hard not to get mad at them for getting all the rain, but last year, they were running pretty dry too. So maybe it'll head back our way some time soon.

One thing we don't need is all the wind that has been in our area, although I guess there isn't any smog settling in. That old dust seems to be pretty close at hand all the time though.

On April 15, right after you mail your taxes in, if you are a member of the S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, you can head for City Limits in Colby for the annual meet-

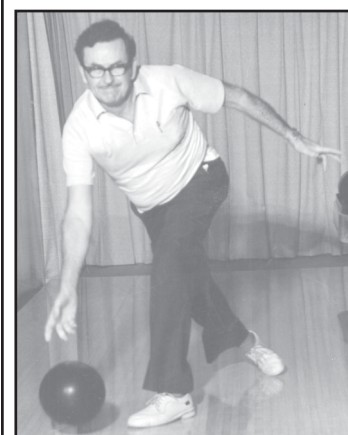
ing. The notices have been sent out, so don't forget to send your reply in if you are planning to attend.

On the next Wednesday, April 21, the Retired and Senior Volunteers Program will have its annual awards banquet and presentation at 4 p.m. at the American Legion in Colby. So, there will be a lot of social activity and good eating during the middle of April.

And don't forget to dress in jungle attire for the RSVP banquet. Dust that old pith helmet off or get out the faux leopard skin.

A big "thank you" to Carolyn Richards and the staff at the Craft Peddler for the Krispy Krema Donuts furnished to the Brewster Senior Center. They are being enjoyed.

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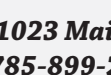
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