

Snow needed, but cold weather miserable for man, beast

Has this weather been cold or what? We need the moisture, but this cold just makes it miserable for the livestock and anyone that has to be out in it. Even the center has been down in attendance this week.

Boys and girls basketball won in Hill City last week — keep it up, kids, you are putting on a great show this year.

Dwight Dillinger as moved to Hays to be closer to his family. We sure have missed him at Wal-Mart this winter.

Becky and Don Luckert visited their daughter Lisa Hayes in Du Bois, Wyo. It sounds like they had a great time.

Coleen Crumrine's brother Eugene Pfalser has been in the hospital in Oklahoma City with compli-



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cations with diabetes. He had to have several toes removed. Eugene and wife Lila lived here in Brewster for several years. Our prayers are with him and his family.

I want to congratulate Jaden Schmidt, Cade Mayer, Tad Holm, Layton Werth, Dylan La Buda, Dan Brown and Gunner Helton for their awards in raising awareness about conservation through posters. Job well done, boys.

Brewster area churches will be observing World Day of Prayer at the Brewster Community Church on Friday, March 3. Fellowship is at 9 a.m. and with worship service following. This service is open to all men and women, so mark your date book.

I will probably be in Denver the whole week of Feb. 20 if my daughter gets out of the hospital. She has been in there for the past three weeks. If I am gone, there won't be a column the week of Feb. 27. Sorry about that, but feel I must be with her when she does get home.

Remember all of those that we must keep in our prayers.

I want to thank all the girls that helped me celebrate my birthday on Friday at the Center. I also want to thank my sister Erma Palmgren for the cake she had ordered even though she is vacationing in Texas. Thanks to all of you.

Dear child, cry out to me. Ask me what you will. Do not let others dis-

courage you or dissuade you from seeking what you need from me. Be specific.

Tell me exactly what you want me to do for you. And ask in the name of Jesus, my Son. (To ask in his name means to ask in accordance with his nature. I will not hear or respond to a request that is contrary to the nature of my incarnate Word, my Son.)

Ask believing. Don't put your faith in faith, for faith in and of itself cannot help you. Instead, put your faith in me, in my willingness to heal and my power to change things. Cry out boldly. Ask specifically. Use the name of Jesus. Have faith in me. And like the blind man of Jericho, you will receive what you need.

Mercifully, God. Luke 18:38-42.

Tips offered for getting rid of fruit

A question I get occasionally is, "How do we eliminate unwanted fruit from our crabapple trees?"

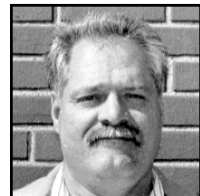
Ward UpHam, Kansas State University horticulturist, provided the following information on fruit removal at a recent program:

He said the reason people want the fruit removed is because it can be both messy and hazardous, and if you ever walked under a late-season crabapple, you know what he is talking about.

Crabapples are the easiest to control, by applying the common insecticide Sevin (carbaryl) soon after the blossoms have dried on the trees.

Do not apply Sevin during bloom because it is extremely toxic to bees. Spray trees thoroughly with 2 tablespoons of Sevin per gallon of water. Check the label on Sevin to make sure this use is present.

Stems on the fruit should turn yellow and wrinkle, and the tiny apples should start to drop in seven to 10 days. If drop hasn't started in two weeks, a second application may be needed. Sevin remains ef-



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fective for about 35 days after full bloom, but the fruit will become more difficult to remove as it increases in size.

Floral is sold in many stores as a fruit eliminator. The active ingredient is ethephon, a chemical that releases ethylene, which causes fruit to drop before it sets. According to the label, a foliar application of Floral will reduce or eliminate undesirable fruit development on many ornamental trees and shrubs, such as apple, cottonwood, crabapple, elm, flowering pear, horse chestnut, maple, oak, pine, sweetgum and sycamore.

But how well it works and potential damaging effects depend on the dose and temperature. Activity slows if the temperature is below 60

or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Because Floral degrades quickly in water, applications should be completed within four hours of mixing. Timing of the application must coincide with full bloom, a stage that requires close observation with many of our trees.

Researchers at K-State's John C. Pair Research Center near Wichita have gotten mixed results using Floral on treated crabapples. With some varieties, fruit was substantially thinned. Others showed no effect. We cannot make firm recommendations on the use of this product without research results on other tree species.

Dana Belshe is agricultural agent for the Sunflower Extension District, covering Sherman and Wallace counties, with Kansas State University Research and Extension.



Members of 'Tis the Season Collector's Club and Sherman County Hospice volunteers met at the Goodland Public Library to make posters to recruit new volunteers. Hospice is helping three people, said Linda Knott. Dorothy Akers (left) and Knott of Hospice and Jacque Cooper and Judy McKee of 'Tis the Season were making the posters.

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Hospice looking for volunteers

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County Hospice is looking for volunteers to help families facing the end of a loved one's life.

The agency is looking for people to do many things. The staff includes nurses, social workers and clergy. Volunteers are there for a patient, helping with household chores, providing favorite foods or music, joining in favorite pastimes, running errands, writing thank-you notes, making telephone calls and sometimes raising money.

At the present time, said Linda Knott, Hospice is helping three families in Sherman County. The agency has about 12 volunteers here and needs more. At least one community group raised money for the effort.

The 'Tis the Season Collector's Club and Jacque's Hallmark, busi-

ness sponsor of the group, raised \$932 with a holiday bake sale and drawing for Hospice. Winners of drawings over Christmas were Janet Rumpel, first prize of a Heartwood Creek Christmas Sled by Jim Shares, and Diedre McCall, second prize, a frame and 12 ornaments. Members of the club include Marcia Emig, Linda Saint, Ann Middleton, Jo Herl, Mary Jane

Sponsel, Jacque Cooper and Judy McKee.

All money given to Hospice in Sherman County stays in Sherman County, McKee said.

To learn about volunteering for Hospice, call Dorothy Akres at 899-3406, Della Helzer at 890-2585, Knott at 890-6444 or Amanda McKenzie, director of volunteer services, (800) 315-5122.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: Jan. 31 — Vernon C. Jacobsen, \$240 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Warren D. Monk, \$114 for speeding.

Katherine T. Navratil, \$126 for speeding.

Feb. 3 — Gary L. Schwenka, \$120 for speeding.

Feb. 5 — Anita L. Hunter, \$126 for speeding.

Feb. 6 — Josh Ford, \$10 for not wearing a seat belt.

Zachery Potterf, \$120 for speeding and \$10 for no seal belt.

Feb. 9 — Eddie L. Roberson, \$210 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Feb. 13 — Salvatore Italia, \$230 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

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