

Man shows spirit of Christmas

The "big day" will be over by the time this column is read. I really felt that the spirit of Christmas was shining in a young man from Brewster when Roger and I ran into him last week at the store.

He had a basket full of Christmas decorations, a small tree and a very festive teddy bear. When we mentioned that it looked like he was going to have a busy time decorating, he said a lady from his church was in the hospital following a heart attack.

He wasn't sure whether she would have to spend Christmas in the hospital or not, but he decided that her room needed some brightening, so he was going to put up a tree and let the teddy bear help to greet her visitors.

I thought, "this is what the Christmas spirit is all about," and sometimes we get too involved in our own doings to remember those who



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aren't quite up to celebrating.

I had a wrestling match with myself about whether to name this fellow or not, but he knows who he is, and the Lord knows who he is, and I will let him know that I think this was a special kindness.

Once again, the community lost another former resident. Gloria (Bear) Query died in Topeka Sunday, Dec. 14.

Following a funeral service at the United Methodist Church in Topeka, the family had graveside services in Brewster.

Gloria was the daughter of Ted

and Muriel Bear and the sister of Jani Hawks of Brewster and will be greatly missed by her children and grandchild. Our sympathy is with the family at this time.

Roger and I took LaVelle to Hays following our Christmas dinner at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley with other members of our church Sunday.

We got him settled at the Vagabond, and then we all went to Beth's for a quick "Hi," and then Roger and I came home.

We were home before 6 p.m., so you know it was a quick trip. We will go back on Wednesday, and this time we will stay a little longer. We will bring LaVelle back home after spending Christmas at Beth and

David's, and we will hope to have our son Barry and family with us for a few days.

I'm sure there will be many who will be having visitors, so I hope they will let me know, so others can hear about them.

There have been quite a few in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia, and we hope this seasonal ailment has about run its course.

There are a lot of people with terrible colds and coughs, and the newspaper and television is full of reports of people getting sicker than ever.

So, all I can hope for you and yours is a Happy Flu Free New Year, and to the ones who are already battling these ailments, have a quick recovery!

A special wish to Willard Moore, Wilma Burk and some of the others who have spent time in the hospital. See you all next year!



Amanda and Jordan Reid

Brewster couple wed

Amanda Robben and Jordan Reid of Brewster were married May 31, 2003, at St. Fidelis Catholic Cathedral in Victoria.

Father Daryl Olmstead officiated at the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Keith and Chris Hoyt, Brewster, and Brad Robben, North Platte, Neb. Parents of the groom are Nate and Judy Reid, also of Brewster. The bride's grandparents are Joe and Daisy Robben, Sharon Springs; Norb and Joanne Bussen, Oakley; and Leon and Edna Hoyt, Colby. The groom's grandparents are Warren and Bonnie Reid, Brewster; Rose McKee, Colby; and the late Harold McKee.

Amanda was escorted by both her father and her step-father. Matron of Honor was Britt Reid, friend of the bride and sister-in-law of the groom. The bridesmaids were Audrey Hoyt, sister of the bride, Mandy Wilson and Stacey Brown, and Jalyn Reid, sister of the groom. Their dresses were made by Becky Luckert.

The best men were Josh and Ray Reid, brothers of the groom. The groomsmen were Jeff Reid, brother of the groom, Clay Rush and Jake McKee, cousins of the groom.

Flower girls were Brielle McKee, cousin of the groom, and Preston Reid, niece of the groom. Ringbearer was Chase Kramer, cousin of the groom. Candle lighters were Kasey Hoyt, sister of the bride and Jayde Reid, sister of the groom.

Guestbook attendants were Jill Beiser and Krista Rowe. Wedding programs were handed to the guests by Genevieve Goudy, cousin of the bride, and Brenna McKee, cousin of the groom. The offertory gifts were taken to the altar by the Jon and Lynda McKee family.

Mass lector was Mark Goudy,

uncle of the bride. Altar servers were Luke Goudy, cousin of the bride, and Jance McKee, cousin of the groom. Janae McKee, cousin of the groom, was the cantor for the mass. Audrey Hoyt, sister of the bride, sang a song for the lighting of the candles. The organist was Leona Schultz from St. Fidelis parish.

A family supper, followed by a reception and dance, were held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Hays. The cake was made by Debbie Luckert. Reception servers were Brianna Moses, Mary Beth Stanley, Ashley Leavitt, Rachel Nelson and Sara Luckert. Also helping out for the reception were Kathy Bussen and Terri Dickerson, aunts of the bride.

The wedding march was led by Jim and Judy McKee, uncle and aunt of the groom. The host families were the Jon and Lynda McKee family and the Terry and Shari Taylor family.

After a honeymoon in Florida, the couple are living in Wichita, where Amanda is a student at Wichita State University in the physician assistant program, and Jordan works at SC Telecom.

Hallmark club holds bake sale to benefit Hospice

The Goodland Hallmark collection club 'Tis the Season, collected holiday decorations and baked goods for their Hospice Holiday garage sale.

From the garage sale, Ann Middleton, treasurer for the club, presented Marcia Emig, a Hospice volunteer, and Linda Knott, Hospice coordinator, a check for \$535. This brings the club's total contributions to Hospice to \$1,800 over the past few years.

"We appreciated all the nice donations from the community and from our shoppers," Middleton said. "The club also extends a thank you to Linda Knott of Knott



Judy McKee, 'Tis the Season Club president; Ann Middleton, club treasurer; Marcia Emig, Hospice volunteer; Linda Knott, Hospice coordinator; and Jacque Cooper, club sponsor.

Just Books for the donation of collectibles and the Christmas tree and froglite fairy ornaments from Jacque's Hallmark."

The items remaining after the garage sale were taken to Pat Jordan of Genesis, who included the holiday treasure in each Christmas box

the agency provided for needy families.

"Our club felt very fortunate to pass on these items to help another service organization in our town," said Judy McKee president of the collectors club.

The decorated Christmas tree went to Amy Thorson and the froglite fairy collectible went to Sara Veselik.

"The club is planning its second

Holiday Garage Sale for October, so we hope everyone will keep us in mind as they sort through their holiday and seasonal decorations now and throughout the coming year," McKee said.

The club was organized eight years ago, the first official Hallmark club registered in Kansas. McKee said the members travel to shows and have their own specially designed pins and shirts.

obituary

Syble Kanzler

Syble Rae Kanzler, 92, of Liberty Township, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, in Ohio.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 3, 2003, at Love Funeral Home in Limon, Colo., with burial following in Walk's Camp Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family. A full obituary will follow.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

December 31- January 6

Wednesday to Friday - Christmas Vacation, no school

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22/56 ESPN College Football Humanitarian Bowl — Georgia Tech vs. Tulsa. From Boise, Idaho. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Temple at Indiana. (Live) (CC)

11:30 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at San Antonio Spurs. From the SBC Center in San Antonio. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:00 7/11 CBS Women's College Basketball Duke at Connecticut. (Live) (CC)

1:00 54/57 ESPN2 NFL Live (Live) (CC)

1:30 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Alabama at Xavier. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)

30/55 FXSP College Basketball Arizona at Arizona State. (Live) (CC)

2:00 4/6 ABC NFL Pregame (Live)

7/11 CBS Women's College Basketball South Carolina at Minnesota. (Live) (CC)

2:30 4/6 ABC NFL Football Wildcard — Tennessee Titans at Baltimore Ravens. From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. (Live) (CC)

3:00 54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Princeton at Oklahoma. (Live) (CC)

3:30 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Tennessee at Massa-

chusetts. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)

30/55 FXSP College Basketball Duke at Clemson. (Live) (CC)

5:30 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Oklahoma State vs. Southern Methodist. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY MORNING

11:00 13/7 FOX NFL Football NFC Wildcard — Seattle Seahawks at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (Live) (CC)

11:30 7/11 CBS Women's College Basketball Illinois at Mississippi State. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

1:00 30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Southern California at Oregon State. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Notre Dame at Purdue. (Live) (CC)

2:30 7/11 CBS NFL Football AFC Wildcard — Denver Broncos at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)

3:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Oregon at UCLA. (Live) (CC)

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