

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie Dent



There were 45 in Sunday school. Nancy Peaker gave the special number and Dennis Allen gave his birthday offering.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Kristy Hurlburt as hostess on Wednesday. Tresea Allen will be the hostess for the Nov. 4 meeting.

Diana Bowker brought breakfast Saturday to share with Violet Brown and Donna Dodge.

Wednesday, Bill Hotes and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Owen Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus last Monday night. Jake Johnson visited Monday and Noah on Saturday.

Dave and Mary Ann Harwood were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen and visited Pete Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and Tyler joined them Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Rose were Sunday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna.

Linda and Jim Sanden were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Joining them Saturday for lunch were Laura Pearl Wall, Jeanie Zuege and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya.

Nola Mangus visited Gwen Shaver Saturday afternoon. Nola is from Burlington.

Harold Pickard of Burlington and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood visited Pete Allen Saturday.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons, Jeanie Zuege, Sophia Zuege and Laura Pearl Wall spent a fun day in St. Francis.

Rose Wagner and June Yost visited Bessie Dent Wednesday morning.

Harry Ekberg visited Sunday

with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Violet Brown and Bessie Dent visited Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Kier of

Monument, Colo., visited Gwen Shaver last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodge, Violet Brown and Verna Lou Boyce attended the funeral of Susan Thompson in Sterling Monday.

Idalia News

Idalia Vision Foundation Annual Meeting

The Idalia Vision Foundation annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11. There will be a spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m. with spaghetti, salad, bread and pie. The meeting and election of board members will take place at 7:30 p.m.

No November blood pressure visit

Prairie Vista Cafe blood pressure visit schedule update. Marlene Miller and Denice Baucke will not be in Idalia in November for the usual visit and will see everyone on Dec. 8 at the Prairie Vista Cafe.

Disciples Praise Band

On Sunday, St. John will welcome Greg Carlin and the Disciples Praise Band to the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The band always brings an energetic and toe-tapping spirit to worship that is an inspiration to young and old alike. Everyone is welcome to join in the gospel music and message.

Lions Club

The Idalia Lions Club will not meet on Monday, Nov. 9. The next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. at the Route 36 for dinner and a business meeting

St. John news

Men's Bible study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at the St. John Church. All men are welcome.

St. John's United Church of Christ Holiday Auction will take place Nov. 15. Proceeds will benefit the 2010 Community Vacation

Bible School.

Cub's Den Community Childcare Center

The Cub's Den Community Childcare Center is hosting a special event on Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Route 36 Grill. Contact Jessica Andrews for additional information at (970) 354-7495.

Weekend visitor of the DeLeon's was her mother, Dorothy Whitmire, from Sterling. She enjoyed her stay and celebration of her 55th birthday with her daughter and family, and her sisters, Barbara and Mary Ann from Idalia. They had a blast handing out candy to trick or treaters. Sunday she traveled to her Dad's home by Burlington and visited with him. Then she came back home to Idalia and left on Monday afternoon to return to Sterling.

Ty and Dawn George, Luke George, Dusty and Cade Gardner, Fred Avery, Melvin and Jenette Bishop and Jarantte. All enjoyed a party at the ranch following the drive.

By
Angela DeLeon



All the fun and safety of everyone trick or treating on Halloween was appreciated.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court in the Miller estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of:
HERBERT J. MILLER, deceased.

Case No. 09-PR-25

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on October 28, 2009, a petition was filed in this court by Catherine R. Miller, an heir and beneficiary of the estate of Herbert J. Miller, deceased, requesting that the foreign will of Herbert J. Miller, deceased, be admitted to probate and record; that a determination be made that no administration of the estate is necessary; that the will be construed; and that the property described in the petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2009, in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, 212 East Washington Street, St. Francis, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Catherine R. Miller, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court in the Clark estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

CRAIG DEAN CLARK a/k/a CRAIG D. CLARK a/k/a CRAIG CLARK, deceased

CASE NO. 09-PR-26

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59 NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Brandi Clark, one of the heirs of Craig Dean Clark a/k/a Craig D. Clark a/k/a Craig Clark, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

At the time of death, the decedent owned the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, as his sole and separate property:

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼NW¼) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S½NW¼) of Section Thirteen (13), Township One (1) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The South Half (S½) of Section Thirteen (13), Township One (1) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

At the time of death, the decedent also owned, as a joint tenant, with rights of survivorship with his father, Dean Clark a/k/a Dean A. Clark, the following described real estate in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

The East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E½SW¼) and the East Half (E½) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W½SW¼) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

All of Section Twenty-six (26), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The East Half (E½) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE¼NW¼) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E½NE¼) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼NE¼) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township One South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 1, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Brandi Clark, Petitioner
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Public Notices

Petition filed in court in the Hitchcock estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MERLE D. HITCHCOCK, Deceased

CASE NO. 09-PR-23

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 23, 2009, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Lyle E. Hitchcock, an heir, devisee and legatee, of Merle D. Hitchcock," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Lyle E. Hitchcock, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court in the Staples estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
M. W. STAPLES, Deceased

Case No. 2009-PR-24

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Jane Stevens Taverner, a beneficiary of M. W. Staples, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of M. W. Staples, deceased, dated June 18, 1971, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following fractional mineral interests in, on and under the following described real estate, to-wit:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to all of the oil, gas and other minerals of every kind and character in, on or under the following parcels of land and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼SE¼) of Section Twenty (20); The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼SW¼) of Section Twenty-one (21); The West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W½NW¼) and the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28) Township Four (4) South, Range Forty (41) West of the 6 P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas;

be assigned to Calvin E. Staples, grantee of said interests by virtue of a mineral deed executed by Gladys E. Staples, individually, and as independent executrix of the Estate of M.W. Staples, dated June 27, 1979 and filed of record on July 2, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. with the Register of Deeds for Cheyenne County, Kansas, and recorded at Book 55, Page 209.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (CT) in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Jane Stevens Taverner, f/k/a
Jane Stevens Chilcott, Petitioner

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that held garage sales; but people still came to see what goodies and buys there were. The chili feed was held at the Haigler Golden Inn Senior Center; and the homemade pies and ice cream were served in the old country schoolhouse museum. All free-will donations received will go toward the continuing work on the Haigler Country Schoolhouse, 67th South and Haigler Museum Project.

At 2 p.m. the large bell on the schoolhouse grounds rang. Laura Pearl Wall received the Maypole Award for her outstanding support of the schoolhouse project these past two years. Recognition was also given to Dave and Dot Bush (former residents of the Haigler area who now live in Wray, Colo.). They have recently donated the 1941(A) John Deere tractor that can be seen on the schoolhouse museum grounds.

Tumbleweeds were judged, and prizes awarded for the biggest (winners were Mark and Karen McVey and the Crouse family) and also for the best decorated for Halloween (winners were Bob and Merry Lu Simmons and Monica Mercer). Earlier in the week, the Haigler Elementary School children had come to the country schoolhouse to decorate a very large tumbleweed inside the schoolhouse. All of their decorations were handmade. The group enjoyed cookies and kool-aid refreshments.

Names were drawn for gift certificate prizes donated by local businesses: Haigler Country Cafe, Haigler Family Market, Jake's Place, Charlie's Pizza, St. Francis-Haigler Co-op, and

Funky concert coming

Tell me how many electric-guitar-playing, soulful soccer moms you know.

Krista "Funky Mama" Eyler left her hectic life as an on-air television reporter to embrace motherhood and a life as a singer/songwriter for children and their families. Funky Mama blends rock'n'roll, funk and fun on her popular CDs ~ "Funky Mama Sings: Giggle Jiggle" (2005), "Grandma's House" (2006), and "Moo Juice" (2008).

Funky Mama's voice is unlike any heard in children's music today. Her versatile, power-packed

voice has wowed thousands of kids from Kansas City to the White House Easter Egg Roll. Full of richness and rock, Funky Mama's music packs a punch and kids love it.

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Northwest Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral Agency are pleased to bring two "Funky Mama" concerts to this area. These free-family concerts will be held at 2 p.m. in Goodland in the Northwest Kansas Technical College Union and at 7 p.m. at Colby Community College Frahm Theater on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Heritage Quest

By **Dorothy L. Mast**

The early settlers of Bird City and the surrounding areas were a mixture of cattlemen, homesteaders, traders, merchants, doctors, lawyers, millers, newspapermen, real estate agents, liverymen, blacksmiths and others, to secure a place in this new land.

They came in covered wagons, by horseback or walked. They built homes of sod because there were no trees except near streams or live springs. As the town grew, the building materials were hauled by wagons from Collinsville (later Benkelman) or Rawlins County.

The Historical Committee for the Bird City 125-year celebration is looking for living descendants of the owners of early businesses or homesteaders from 1880 through 1920.

"Come out of hiding and help us celebrate the accomplishments of those early settlers during Bird City's 125-years in 2010."

The following is a list of the earliest businesses in Bird City:

Kerndt Brothers Mercantile Store, Mrs. Slover's Boarding Shack, Mitchell's and Mikesell's Drug Store, Bird City Hotel-John Elliott, Dennis Cave's office, Murray Building-John Murray, Pendarvis Livery-E.R. Pendarvis, Thomas Cave-Physician, Lanning and Antrim Bank, and Palace Biliard Hall-unknown owner.

A beginning list of early homesteaders follows: Homestead (160 acres) located in section as follows: Bird City Township, James Adams-3; Robert Adams-3; William Atkinson-29; Edgar Baldwin-14; Marietta Beal-6; Harriett Berry-34; Olin Berry-34; Edward Bohannon-9; Lincoln Bowans-9; Henry W. Bowans-12.

Sources: Cheyenne County Courthouse records and Homestead Patent books.

Send information or contact Dorothy Mast, P.O. Box 8, Bird City, KS, 67731, phone number 785-734-2750, or Wanda Dowdy, P.O. Box 146, Bird City, KS, 67731, phone number 785-734-2383.