

# On the Plains

## Beecher Island News

There was no Sunday school due to the road conditions. Jacque Ekberg hosted Bible study at her home Thursday. Phil Mitchell will be the morning speaker next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard hosted a birthday dinner party New Year's Eve in honor of Logan Willard's 15th birthday. Guests were Jacque Ekberg, Esther Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones and family, Victor and Carter Sampson.

Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Larken and family, Diana and Amanda Bowker enjoyed dinner Sunday at the Wray cafe helping Richard and Tyson celebrate their birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman and Jolene Wingfield had supper Sunday at the Bill Mansfields helping Ellen Mansfield celebrate her birthday a little early.

Word has been received that Marlene Ekberg has died. She was the daughter of the late Kay and Eloise O'Brian Ekberg and the granddaughter of Norma Ekberg. Funeral services were in Fort Collins and inturnment at a later date at Arnel. Memorials may be made to the Marlene Ekberg fund, Bolander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lassens of Yuma.

Andy Osmus left Wednesday for his home in Minneapolis, Minn., after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

Perry and Jeff Hurlburt attended the Bronco game last Sunday where Coach Tim Gribbins was honored as Six-Man Coach of the Year at halftime. Cheryl Allen had gone up with them to fly back to her home in Georgia after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls and Kristy Madsen had supper in Holyoke with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Langendoerfer and Hannah after the game in Haxtun Saturday.

Julie Strnad is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

Mrs. Bob Simmons and Mrs. Richard Wall visited Richard Wall at the Towers Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons visited Richard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus, Andy Osmus, Holly Johnson spent Dec. 31 with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and family. They had lunch with Joes New Year's Day and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family.

Sylvia Madsen went with Jerri Rose and Mallory to Fort Morgan

By Bessie Dent



Wednesday for Mallory's dental appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively visited Charlie Shively in the hospital in Burlington Wednesday. He was moved to The Legacy Assisted Living Home later.

Phil Mitchell and son, Steven were weekend guests of the John Willards.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively ate dinner with Doris Whomble Tuesday.

Saturday Travis Allen, Gabe Crook, Andy Lowe, Pete Azzoparti of Colorado Springs, Rob Bassett and friend, Frank of Morrison came Sunday to do some pheasant hunting. Perry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family and Julie Strnad joined them for dinner at the Harvey Allens.

Trudi Wieser and Katie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Wednesday.

Darlene Cumley visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Thursday.

Garrett Hurlburt spent Saturday evening with Mary Allen while the rest went to the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen to celebrate Kristy's birthday.

## Haigler News

**Death notice**  
Another long time Haigler area resident, Laveria Evans, more recently a resident of Hillcrest Care Center, Wray, Colo., has died and will be missed by many. Services were held on Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Haigler.

**Weather**  
Records for staying home are being set. Somehow the warm house is more appealing than getting out and about in the sub-freezing temperatures day after day or actually, week after week at this point. The deer continue their daily entertaining visits to various parts of the village. The 7 degrees below zero seems to be the low temperature observed early Monday morning.

Lillian Mahon had Christmas Dinner at the home of Wayne and Linda. Other family members at the family dinner were Gene Mahon

and his family group from McCook; DeAnn and Steven Hunt and two young daughters from Columbus, Ga.; and Glen and Amanda and daughter, Darian.

Lindsay Wall of McCook visited her granddad, Richard Wall at the Hillcrest Care Center on Friday and afterward visited with her grandmother, Laura Pearl at the Wall home. On Saturday, Dusty and Christy with daughters, Sydney and Gracie had dinner with Laura Pearl in her home. Saturday afternoon, Wendy and Blaine Lee visited Richard at the care center and later with Laura Pearl at the Wall home.

On Friday afternoon, Floy and Ray Ruggles were visited by Floy's daughter, Sharna Richardson of the Wray area.

Ray and Floy Ruggles visited at the Mel Fisher's home south of Laird on Thursday afternoon.

It's time to start planning for high

By Floy Ruggles



school graduation activities. This Sunday, Monday and Wednesday the exhibit hall at the fairgrounds in Benkelman will be open to take donations to fund the after-prom party. Items are being collected to be sold at a garage-type sale. Those who have cable can view the details on channel 11.

On Monday, the <http://www.haigler.blogspot.com> had some interesting old newspaper clippings and a follow-up comment about them by a senior citizen former resident of this area.

Share your news items to help keep the Haigler column interesting. e-mail to: [ffisher@bwtelcom.net](mailto:ffisher@bwtelcom.net), phone: 297-3605 or put new items in the mail box at 338 Washington Avenue.

## Idalia News

**Military Display**  
Current enlisted military people and veterans from the Idalia community are asked to bring their pictures, medals or display items to Mr. Rittenhouse at the Idalia School. Items will be proudly honored by a display in the heritage hallway. If you don't have items for the display, but are currently or formerly enlisted, please contact us so we can post your name and branch. Call Judy Langendoerfer 970-354-7312, or Gwenn Kleweno at 354-8161

**Fund**  
An account has been established to help Doug and Marla Schafer with medical expenses. Marla had brain surgery in Denver to repair an aneurysm. That repair was unsatisfactory, and was followed by a trip to Chicago. Just recently, Marla had gall bladder surgery and she will have to travel to Chicago for a follow-up appointment to check the aneurysm repair. All of this has amounted to

huge expenses for the Schafer family. If you would like to assist the Schafers with these medical expenses, an account has been set up at SunWest Bank of Idalia. Checks can be made payable to the Marla Schafer Fund and may be mailed in care of The Bonny Community Club, P.O. Box 83, Idalia, CO 80735 or to the SunWest Bank of Idalia. Donations can be made through Feb. 2.

**Dodgeball Tournament**  
The Idalia School Student Council is hosting a dodgeball tournament at the Idalia School on Sunday, Feb. 18 to begin at 1 p.m. Teams will consist of 8 members, from grade 6 to adult. Please pre-register by February 5. Contact the Idalia School for more information and registration forms.

**After Prom**  
Mark your calendars! The Idalia After Prom Committee is hosting another Pitch Party on Jan. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. Fifteen

By Nancy Helling



tables will be filled with card playing folks! To reserve your seats, call a junior parent.



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