

On the Plains

Idalia News

United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 4, Pastor Chuck Wright's sermon was titled "The Most Important Verses of the Bible: Indeed, It Was Very Good". Scripture was Luke 4:1-13, Genesis 1:1-2:3. "Who is My Neighbor?" was the message for Children's Time. Bill Carpenter sang "The Communion Song" accompanied by Betty E. Moellenberg on the organ.

On Sunday, March 11, 10:30 am., St. John church will welcome The Disciples Praise Band to the worship for a rousing service of gospel music. The Youth Sunday School Class will watch a clip from the movie, "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," and discuss the topic of patience. The Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, 1 p.m.

The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue on Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 pm. The Bible study **Proverbs** will look at "Living the Moral Life."

Lions Club
The Idalia Lions Club invites everyone to a chili feast and "Bunko" night on Monday, March 12, 7 pm., at the Homestead. Please note the change in time.

Weather
Tom Mandis reported the following Idalia weather statistics for February 2007. The average high temp was 31.2 degrees and the average low 11.2. The warmest day was on Feb. 7 at 46 degrees and minus 12 degrees was the coldest temperature of the month on Feb. 3. February precipitation was .52 inches and stands at .78 inches year to date.

Starlighter's 4-H
President Creighton Farness called the March 1 meeting of the Idalia Starlighter's 4-H Club to order. Ashton Weyerman led the pledge of allegiance. The 4-H pledge was led by little Luke Hull. Eleven members were present. Luke Terrell gave the treasurer's report and Will Helling presented the news article. Luke Hull presented the scrapbook. The leaders report was given by Creighton Farness. Washington Focus applications are due, project materials were passed out to members and the e-records were discussed. Twenty-two people went to the recent club bowling party in St. Francis on Feb 19 and a great time was had by all. There was no new business. The next meeting is April 2 at the Home-

stead at 5 p.m. The club will clean the Homestead Building b. The meal will be provided by the Weyerman/Farness family. The meeting will start at 6. Kathy Fonte will present leathercraft. It will be

a hands-on workshop and lots of fun hopefully. The meeting was adjourned and most members recon-

By Nancy Helling



vened in the Ag Room to see the premise ID presentation by Dwight Rus. Refreshments were provided by the Terrell family and Young Farmers.

By Will Helling, reporter

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There was no Sunday school due to road conditions.

A farewell womens' tea was held in honor of Debbie Prentice, a missionary of Zembabwe, Africa. A soup supper was held for her and her family on March 3. The 11 a.m. church service, a potluck dinner and a Commissioning Service was held on Sunday.

Kristy Hurlburt hosted the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club on Wednesday. Judy Hart will be hostess on March 7.

Funeral services for Richard Wall were held in Haigler on Thurs-

day, Feb. 22. He died Feb. 19.

Spencer Perila spent several days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen were last Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls came Wednesday and attended the Wall funeral on Thursday. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey and Sylvia Madsen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose to Brush Friday evening for the basketball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cutforth

and Tim cutforth spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Judy Shively hosted the Bible study at her home Thursday.

Gary and Monte Mansfield were last week visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons attended the recital of Madsen and Laura Perila Friday evening in Westminster. It was Madsen's first recital. They returned home that evening due to the storm warning.

Haigler News

By Floy Ruggles



Carol Flaming and little Jaiilyn Mekelburg of Yuma visited Laura Pearl Wall on Tuesday. Carol came again on Friday. They attended the World Day of Prayer service at the Lutheran Church.

MerryLu Simmons, Laurie Perila and children, Laura, Madison and Spencer of Westminster spent Saturday in the Wall home. Royal and Helen Woods visited on Wednesday. Other family visitors were Dusty, Sydney and Gracie Wall, Quentin and Tonya Simmons.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, Bill Cox of Wray and his young grandson, Jan, from Fort Morgan, visited Bill's mother, Mary Cox.

Patty Cox and her son, James, from Denver, were in Haigler on Sunday. They visited Patty's aunt, Mary Cox. Patty was in the area also to attend the memorial service for Vera Cox on Monday.

Robert and Lenea Fisher from Berrien Springs, Mich., and their 2-year-old daughter, Melody, surprised Ray and Floy Ruggles

Wednesday. They drove in the yard just ahead of Ray and Floy who were returning home from an errand. Robert has finished his education at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. He and his family will be moving to Pennsylvania in a few days to pastor two churches there. They wanted to spend some time with Robert's father, Mel Fisher southeast of Wray and grandmother, Floy in Haigler, before moving to the "far east."

Mel Fisher with Robert, Lenea and Melody, were Thursday dinner and afternoon guests of Ray and Floy Ruggles.

On Saturday, March 3, Mel Fisher with Robert and family picked up Norma Fisher at the bus depot in Denver and also visited Heidi Fisher, Mel's daughter.

Linda Stigimire is very glad to be home again after spending most of the last year a hospital. Since February 27, 2006, when she underwent surgery to repair a broken knee cap, there have been

various complications that have kept her hospitalized. Finally she has had a successful operation and is happy to be recuperating at home, getting around the house with the help of a walker. Residents hope to be seeing her around soon.

Visitors of Sophia Zuege this past week have been Helen Brown on Thursday and her son, Albert Jr. on Sunday.

With the melting of snow, drying up of the mud, the sunshine and the warmer spring-like temperatures many of residents will be going places and doing more things - and enjoying it.

This correspondent hopes share your activities in the news. Many out-of-town subscribers are watching for your name to appear in the Haigler news each week. Call 297-3605 or e-mail <mailto:ffisher@bwtelcom.net about your happenings.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

By Jeanne Falk Agronomist



How long can wheat stand in water?

With the snow almost melted, there are areas in fields where water has ponded on the soil surface. This can be due to partially frozen soil, or soils that are saturated and cannot drain.

This ponded water has raised

some questions about how long wheat can survive under water. This is a challenging question because there is very little research on this subject. However, most producers have seen or heard about wheat that has drowned from being in standing water too long in terrace channels or low-lying areas during a wet fall or spring.

According to Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, our past experience may not necessarily be a good guide to what is happening this winter. Where wheat is dormant or soils are frozen (or very cold), the plants can survive for quite a while under water. Exactly how long is hard to say, but certainly more than a week. Flooding and waterlogging are

more of a concern on actively growing wheat under warm soil conditions. In this situation, wheat can be damaged after being under water in anaerobic conditions for more than a few days. As our soil conditions continue to warm up, standing water is going to be more of a concern because the wheat is going to start breaking dormancy.

In unscientific terms, wheat is a tough plant and seems to withstand many problems under field conditions that cause significant injury under controlled research conditions. Predicting the effect of some environmental stresses (waterlogged condition and freezes are just two examples) can be an inexact science, at best.



Boys High School Basketball Team: front row - Levi Weeden, AJ McAtee, Mac Frewen, Joel McAtee, Nathan Ketzner, Keaton Frewen, Ted Crabtree; (row 2) Trent Raile, Trent Kinen, Jacob Riedel, Chance Hobrock, Matt Raile, Alex Long, Adam Peter; (row 3) Coach Brett Petersen, Ben Neitzel, Ethan Zweggardt, Marvin Miller, Drew Zweggardt, BJ Killingsworth, Coach Ward Cassidy.
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Girls High School Basketball Team: front row - Holly Keller, Danielle Flemming, Lauren Ross, Alecia Zimelman, Megan Rice, Kattie Ford; (row 2) Elizabeth Gienger, Joni Pevler, Sidnee Crabtree, Andrea Holzwarth, Jami Pevler; (row 3) Coach Larry Flemming, Kaycee Williams, Addie Swihart, Dale Northrup, Coach Ted Busse.
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