

# On the Plains

## Haigler News

By  
**Floy Ruggles**



The Bluegrass Festival at the Haigler Park was again well attended. Among the many fine musicians was a 7-year-old boy, Elan Dennis, who played violin and sang, along with his grandmother, Mary Ellen Weathers, who was also his violin teacher and Barry Brown from Eckley who played guitar. Elan and his grandmother are both from Yuma and Barry is from Eckley. The food and drink booths, including the pie and ice cream booth, were kept busy satisfying appetites of kids and grownups.

One booth providing Walking Tacos and a variety of drinks was operated by a C.W.F. group who were raising money for a two-week trip to Washington, DC. On this trip they visit the 4-H Convention Center, learn how the government works - how to write bills, etc. They also find time for sight seeing like the national monuments, Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Connie Jo Discoe was present, taking pictures of the event for the McCook Daily Gazette. Her friend, Pam Harsh, Director of the McCook Chamber of Commerce, accompanied her on the trip from McCook.

Steve Workman, Ted Harford and Mark McVey were picked to compete for the privilege of kissing the little pig. Steve ended up as the winner.

Angela Crouse and Meg Peterson passed around cowboy boots for donations to help defray the expenses of the event.

On Monday, July 28, Daneen Hilger of Edgerton, arrived at the home of her sister, Yvonne Clemans in Burlington, Colo. Wednesday morning, Daneen met her mom, Dode Faylor at Hillcrest Care Center to visit with Dorothy Rathbun. After a doctor's appointment, Dale Faylor joined them to be with Dorothy until she went to dinner. Daneen treated her parents to sopapillas then after dinner they went to the Faylor Ranch. On Thursday, Dwight Faylor and Ed Robinson had dinner at the Faylor home.

Daneen returned to her home on Friday, Aug. 1. Pastor Inez Foster of Spencer, Neb., visited at the home of Laura Pearl Wall from Tuesday to Saturday. She and Laura Pearl visited Virginia Harford at Hillcrest on Thursday.

Other visitors in the Wall home included Carol Flaming, Heather, Logan and Noel Klein of Yuma; Jessica Wall of Bloomington Ill.; Dusty Wall, MerryLu and Bob Simmons, Wray.

Visitors of Sophia Zuege during the week were Albert, Jr. and wife on Thursday and Friday, Donnie Zuege, Ginger and Chris on Thursday evening and Rae White on Friday.

On July 29, Floy Ruggles enjoyed a visit from LaNeta Carlock and Myrna Mulligan. LaNeta gave her a jar of jelly made from chokecherries picked from the bushes on Carlock's property.

Sharna Richardson and her grandson, Colby, visited Floy Ruggles on Wednesday afternoon.

Sherri and Alice Gregory arrived in Haigler at the home of Floy Ruggles on Friday afternoon. Sherri continued on to St Francis to spend the next two nights with her sister and brother-in-law, Leah and Dwight Brewer while Alice spent the time with Floy. The next day Alice, Sherri and Floy rode with Dwight and Leah to the Yuma Seventh Day Adventist church where Garry Fisher was to be the speaker for the worship service and afterward enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner. Sherri and Alice returned to Lincoln Sunday afternoon after Sherri had spent a little time taking in the Bluegrass event in the Haigler Park, meeting people and taking pictures which will be appearing on the Haigler Blog: www.haigler.blogspot.com

## Beecher Island News

By  
**Bessie Dent**



There were 66 at Sunday school. Harvey Allen, Ken Willard and Rachel Brandestien gave their birthday offerings.

Helping Harvey Allen celebrate his birthday on Monday at Harvey's home were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen. On Tuesday, the actual date, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard went to Burlington for dinner to celebrate the men's birthdays.

Mary Fern Newbanks' 90th birthday was celebrated at the Salvador reunion in Wray Sunday.

Friday evening Violet Brown, Richard and Vickie Brown, Tyson, Roxanne Siegrist, Lee and Diana Bowker and Amanda, Aaron Barnes hosted supper for Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg, Marcus and Roxanne Bragg, Curtis and Kaylee. Violet and Roxanne had breakfast together Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family came Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Osmus came Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and children joined them at the Pete Osmus home for a spaghetti supper Saturday evening. All attended the Salvador reunion Sunday.

Trudi Wieser visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Friday.

Michelle Harr and children of Greeley and Nancy Cranmer of Pueblo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent Tuesday evening. Bonnie Jones was a Friday morning visitor.

Andrea Ingo spent Wednesday and Thursday with Harry Ekberg. Andrea took Beulah Ekberg out for a ride Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandestien and family of California joined Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parmelee and family of Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob for a few days of visiting. It is a first time in some time since they all have been able to be together.

John Willard and boys, Ben Jones and Jacque Ekberg went to Greeley Sunday. Jacque visited Nelson Ekberg and all went out to dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Goodman, Alex and Megan, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Goodman and Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodman over the weekend.

Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen were Billie Jo and Sharon Strnad Saturday. Overnight guests of the Jeff Hurlburt family were Julie, Bill and Katie Strnad. They were all Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

Saturday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield were Jo Ellen and Steve Goodman, Mike and In-

grid Goodman, Megan and Alex of Seattle, Wash., Greg and Audrey Goodman and Charlotte of Denver, Monte and Gail Mansfield, Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Gary Beverlin, Harry Ekberg and Jacque Ekberg joined Mr. and Mrs. Darrell May from Oklahoma at the Sandhillier for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm Wednesday afternoon.

Judy Stromer and Dalaina Salaman of Rapid City, S.D., were Wednesday to Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chapman.

Wednesday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chapman were Jeff and Kayrn Nelson of Salina.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parmelle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandestien and family, John and Jacob Osmus visited Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons spent Friday night to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family. Sunday they attended the Hannah Montana party in honor of Laura's eighth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya brought Laura Pearl Wall up and Dwight Wall took her home.

Billy Jo and Sharon Strnad, Billy, Julie and Katy were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Rowe Shively visited Charlie Shively Saturday.

## Idalia News

By  
**Angela DeLeon**



**St. John's news**  
Men's Bible Study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at St. John's church. All men welcome.

The Disciples Praise Band will join the congregation for worship on Aug. 17. The service will be followed by a potluck meal. The main dish will be provided; please bring side dishes or desserts. Everyone is welcome! If you need more information, call 970-354-7288.

Sept. 7 will be Rally Day at St.

John and also the beginning of fall Sunday school program.

**School news**  
School supply lists are available through the school.

Aug. 21: Lions Back to School Picnic.

Aug. 25: First day of the new school year.

Aug. 29: Football and volleyball vs. Eads at Idalia.

Sept. 9: School Picture Day.

**Birthdays**  
Aug. 8: Tyson Richards, Terry

Souther, Matt Marten; Aug. 9: Trista Brust, Peggy Carpenter, Paul Garcia, Mallory Rose, Eric Jones; Aug. 10 Ben Lacy; Aug. 11: Sara Mildenerger; Aug. 12: Aubrey Ashby, Judy Soehner, John Brenner, Jeri Rose; Aug. 13 Walt Smith, David DeLeon; Aug. 14 Reagan Shaffer, Jerry Crites, Alana Ashby,



**WASHING CLOTHES —** Oriona Stasser, Katline and Tierra Stoney, great-grandchildren of Edna Roesener, enjoyed trying out the old washing machine. (Right) Mandi Walden performs at the Threshers Show.



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STATE OF KANSAS  
BUDGET FORM USD-A  
2008-2009

USD # 103

**NOTICE OF HEARING 2008-2009 BUDGET**

The governing body of Unified School District 103 will meet on the 18th day of August, 2008 at 7:00am. at Cheylin H. S. in the Board Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the District Office in Cheylin H. S., Bird City, Kansas and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2008-2009 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2006-2007 Actual		2007-2008 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-2009			
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)	
<b>OPERATING</b>								
General	06	1,511,032	20,000	1,564,584	20,000	1,696,952	325,168	20,000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	285,039	16,358	317,044	19,378	435,325	300,239	17,147
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0	0	
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0	0	
Virtual Education	15	0		0		10,000	0	
Capital Outlay	16	91,557	0.000	52,912	2,992	405,963	52,530	3,000
Driver Training	18	1,092		1,708		1,720	0	
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0	0	
Food Service	24	77,338		72,828		91,576	0	
Professional Development	26	0		0		29	0	
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0	0	
Summer School	29	0		0		0	0	
Special Education	30	186,340		191,946		268,132	0	
Vocational Education	34	114,512		115,929		116,828	0	
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0	0	
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0	0	
Federal Funds	07	48,413		39,499		43,271	0	
Gifts and Grants	35	2,636		14,407		1,793	0	
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0		0		10,200	0	
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
	13	62,562		81,000		88,000	0	
	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000

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<b>2008-2009</b>							
Fund—Continued							
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	64,656		70,981		85,887	0
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0	0
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	8,089		14,073		0	0
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0		0		0	0
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
<b>COOPERATIVES**</b>							
Special Education	78	0		0		0	0
<b>TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES</b>	100	2,463,188	36,358	2,536,909	42,370	3,255,776	677,927
Less: Transfers	105	409,500		417,407		485,029	xxxxxxx
<b>NET USD EXPENDITURES</b>	110	2,043,688		2,119,502		2,770,747	xxxxxxx
<b>TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED</b>	115	610,178		670,595		677,927	xxxxxxx
<b>OTHER</b>							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
Recreation Commission	84	29,086	1,500	26,635	1,500	26,265	26,259
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0
<b>TOTAL TAXES LEVIED</b>	125	636,309		695,202		704,196	26,259
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$16,257,856		\$15,183,312		\$16,257,883	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$17,424,355		\$16,361,738		\$17,510,148	
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2006		2007		2008	
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0	
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0	
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0	
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0	
<b>TOTAL USD DEBT</b>	155	0		0		0	

David Justice  
President

\* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills  
\*\* Sponsoring District Only

Jane E. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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**Notice of Budget Hearing**

The governing body of **CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS** will meet on the **29th** day of **August**, **2008** at **9:00 A.M.**, at the **County Courthouse** for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the **COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE** and will be available at this hearing.

**Budget Summary**

Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and the Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2007		2008		PROPOSED BUDGET 2009		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	2,521,156	21.862	2,219,315	30.938	2,121,117	1,112,396	27.104
Road and Bridge	1,195,503	16.221	849,395	9.379	1,136,850	825,042	20.103
Bridge Building	30,527	0.057	84,987	2.146	132,350	41,308	1.006
Noxious Weed	38,713	0.665	33,100	0.427	40,530	32,483	0.791
Bond and Interest	307,500	5.353	36,401	0.000	0	0	0.000
Hospital	608,619	6.560	525,000	5.645	575,000	26,874	0.655
Prairie Dog	10,132		11,500		10,807		
Special Parks & Recreation	807		1,100		3,885		
Special Alcohol	2,707		1,000		5,105		
Health Grants	27,989		20,000		42,512		
Special Machinery	0						
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	0						
Spec Ambulance Cap Outlay	0						
Equipment Reserve	306,170						
Multi-Year Capital Improve	10,000						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,059,823</b>	<b>50.718</b>	<b>3,781,798</b>	<b>48.535</b>	<b>4,068,156</b>	<b>2,038,103</b>	<b>49.659</b>
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
<b>Net Expenditures</b>	<b>5,059,823</b>		<b>3,781,798</b>		<b>4,068,156</b>		
Total Tax Levied	2,204,149		1,924,162				
Assessed Valuation</							