

On the Plains

Beecher Island News

There were 32 at Sunday school. Nick Larson gave his birthday offering.

The first meeting of the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club was on Wednesday with Boni Osmus at Beecher. Jerri Rose will be the hostess for the Oct. 15 meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya were Friday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons in honor of Tonya's birthday. In the evening, Mr. and

Mrs. Louie True took Quentins to Yuma for supper helping Tonya celebrate some more.

Audrey Nann-Marie Soehner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Soehner, was born on Saturday, Oct. 4. Visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Soehner, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dorman and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Morris.

Mary Allen, Judy Shively, Kristy Hurlburt and Teresa Allen attended the Horn Creek ladies

Retreat this past week.

Tracy Martinez of Delta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chapman, visited a few days this past week.

Hally and Ron Merrifield visited Bill Mansfield Wednesday morning. Gary Mansfield was a dinner guest.

Violet Brown and Judy Hart went out for lunch Friday.

John and Karen Willard and Jacque Ekberg picked Nelson Ekberg up Friday and went to the

Wiggins - Wray football game. Nelson returned home with them for a few days.

Andy Osmus from Fort Collins spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus. Joining them Saturday evening at Fourth and Main were Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and family and Kim Kock. Sunday guests at the Pete Osmus home were Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and family and Andy Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm were Wednesday visitors of

Bessie Dent and took her out to lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons were Wednesday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family.

Brook Zuege was an overnight guests of Chynna Rose Saturday.

Sharilyn Mansfield visited Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways visited Pastor and Mrs. Richard Pierson in Evans Saturday.



By Bessie Dent

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman hosted a family dinner on Sunday. Guests were Ellen Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Goodman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Goodman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Novak and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson and family and Mrs. Ron Scott.

MerryLu Simmons, Tonya and Taya Simmons visited Laura Pearl Wall Sunday afternoon.

Joyce Brown had lunch Saturday with Bessie Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways met Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Trudi in Yuma Friday evening for pizza.

Idalia News

Idalia Weather

Idalia weather for September by Tom Mandis includes: average high, 76.5; average low, 47.5; warmest day, Sept. 2, 89 degrees; coolest day, Sept. 29, 39 degrees; precipitation for the month; 2.61; precipitation to date, 17.13.

Family Community Education meeting

The Family Community Education meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. John Church starting at 7 p.m. Hostesses are Kathy Fonte, Kathy Wiley and Roberta Moellenberg. Roll call is "What is your favorite craft?" election of officers will be held and Carol Dowel of Two Barns Yarn is giving the program.

Pumpkins

Many children were given pumpkins from the Roger and Suzy Richards patch which they appreciated.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week was held last week. There were lip sync performers providing a special night with a bonfire and activities afterward. Many parents and community members helped with the week. The football team defeated the Bethune Bobcats.

School activities

Thursday, Oct. 16: No school, Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Friday, Oct. 17: Volleyball and football plays at Liberty.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Volleyball district action.

Friday, Oct. 24: Last home game - Idalia vs Kit Carson, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27: No school, professional development.

St. John's News

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

Choir news: instrumental practice from 6 to 7 p.m.; the

By Angela DeLeon



vocal choir joins the group.

CROP Walk

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m., St. John Church will host the second annual Northeast Colorado CROP Hunger Walk. The walk will begin at the Homestead building in Idalia. For more information on the walk please call the church, 354-7228, or visit the CROP walk web site at www.cropwalkonline.org/.

Student Council

Student Council: The Idalia Student Council is collecting used but not abused, or new pairs of athletic shoes size 7 and up, including sports cleats. There is a shoe drop barrel at the Idalia School for anyone wanting to do away those shoes. For more information you call Sherri or Logan at 970-354-7375.

Plain Sense

"Children's Loss and Grief"

Plain Sense from High Plains Mental Health Center

A child's reaction to loss is different than that of an adult, and varies depending on their age and level of development. Children under the age of 3 years do not really understand the underlying reasons, but do feel that something has changed. Their response is related more to the reactions of their parents and others. Ages 3 to 5 also sense that something has changed or that someone is absent, and will ask questions as to "why." They may also show anger or unreasonable fear. Ages 6 to 8 have a better understanding of the specific loss, but may have unrealistic expectations, such as fantasizing

that someone who died will come back. Ages 9 and older are able to understand the finality of a loss, and may even feel guilty or in some way responsible.

Parents and other adults can help children work through their grief by first explaining the situation in terms that are understandable, depending on the age of the child. Give them time to absorb the information, ask questions, and to express feelings. Help them to deal with feelings of guilt or responsibility for the loss. Keep to regular routines as much as possible such as daily activities, school, and other events. Be a good role model by expressing your own grief honestly, and letting your child know that grieving is normal for all ages. Open communication and continual reassurance are keys to helping children cope.

While people tend to associate grief with death, it is important to remember that many kinds of loss can result in grief. Probably one of the greatest and often unrecognized causes of childhood grief results from parental separation and divorce. Other causes include physical or mental disabilities, chronic

illness, loss of hopes and dreams, loss of a relationship, loss of pride, loss of self-image, or loss of an idealized role model.

Children, especially young children, often express their feelings through actions rather than words. Behaviors that may indicate a problem include long-term denial of the loss, reacting with anger or withdrawal, extended periods of depression, loss of interest in daily activities, unrealistic fears, aggressive behavior, obsessive activity, and unprovoked violence or inexplicable destruction of property. When a parent has concerns about a child's behavior due to loss and grief, a school counselor or local mental health professional can provide information and assistance.

Contributed by Karen Schueler, MS, LCPC, Manager, PEO - Prevention, Education and Outreach Dept. The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help. Mail questions to: High Plains Mental Health Center, Plain Sense, Prevention, Education, and Outreach Department (PEO) 208 East 7th, Hays, KS 67601

Public Notices

Petition is filed in court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

CASE NO. 08 PR-16

CLARA H. LILLICH, DECEASED.

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 Stanley Lillich, a beneficiary of Clara H. Lillich, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of Clara H. Lillich, deceased, dated March 22, 2005, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real

Water program announced

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Public Notice NW KS GMD#4 WTAP Sign-up Starts October 1

The State Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the Water Right Retirement Program, WTAP, beginning October 1.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas. Six "High Priority" units in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 have been designated as eligible target areas by the Chief Engineer because of significant water level declines. They have been designated to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further appropriations of water. These six areas in Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan counties are also the subject of additional management program protocols being discussed with landowners by GMD#4. Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the State

estate owned by the decedent, situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, and Sherman County, Kansas:

Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Three (3) South, Range Forty-one (41) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas;

Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Five (5) South, Range Forty (40) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas;

West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W½NE¼) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas;

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses therein on or before the 10th day of November, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, 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.

Stanley Lillich, Petitioner

JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARTERED
James M. Milliken, #7001
101 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 627
St. Francis, Kansas 67756
(785)332-2101

Conservation Commission in exchange for the permanent retirement of a water right. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas which would have the greatest impact on the aquifer system. WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids and the amount of Historic Consumptive Water Use which has been established under the water right.

A fixed rate price of \$2,000 per acre-foot of Historic Consumptive Water Use is available for eligible water rights to be retired.

To be eligible, water rights must have been actively used in the last 10 years. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions can also be considered for retirement grants.

The Fall sign-up period is October 1, 2008 through November 15, 2008. If program funds are still available, a Spring sign-up period will be held on February 15 through March 31, 2009.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, Water Conservation Program Manager at (785) 296-8964. Complete WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are posted on the SCC web site at www.scc.ks.gov. Information and assistance can also be provided at the NW KS Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby (785) 462-3915, or at the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources Field Office in Stockton, (785) 425-6787.

General election to be held

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

November 4, 2008

STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, Office of the County Clerk, St. Francis as required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given that there will be a general election held in Cheyenne County, Kansas, November 4, 2008.

VOTING HOURS AND VOTING PLACES

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Saint Francis (all townships except Bird City vote at the Peace Lutheran Church) and at the American Legion Hall in Bird City (all of Bird City township votes at the Legion Hall).

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

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FEDERAL OFFICE

United States Senate: Pat Roberts; Jim Slattery; Randall Hodgkinson; Joseph Martin

United States House of Representatives, 1st District: Jerry Moran; Jack Warner; Kathleen Burton; James Bordonaro

STATE OFFICE

State Senator: Ralph Ostmeyer
State Representative, 120th District: John M. Faber; Robert G. Streyer
District Court Judge District 15 Division 1: Glenn D. Schiffrer
District Court Judge District 15 Division 2: Scott Showalter
District Magistrate Judge District 15 Position 1: Robert Van Allen

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES and COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES

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Court of Appeals Judge: Steve Leben;

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County Treasurer: Dolores Jenik
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County Attorney: Kari Milliken Gilliland
Sheriff: Craig Van Allen

Township Trustee: One for each Township; Fred D Magley, Wano II; Roger L. Moore, Wano I
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Terry Miller
County Clerk/ Election Officer

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