

# On the Plains

## Beecher Island News

There were 31 at Sunday school and Mary E. Allen gave the special number.

The next meeting of the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club will be Nov. 6, with a potluck dinner. A-R are to bring a main dish or meat and S-Z to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

Two weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen met Mr. and Mrs. Don Oestman, Pat Lohoff at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norwood at Weston, Mo., for a great family reunion. Harveys went on to Branson for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna attended the wedding of

Chris and Kimberly Rose Saturday in Fort Morgan.

Jeanne Zuege of Hot Springs, S.D., Dwight Wall of Lewellen, Neb., Laura Pearl Wall and Sophia Zuege of Haigler visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons Tuesday afternoon.

Gracie Trast spent the weekend with Nettie Jane Sheldon.

Noah, Jake and Owen Johnson spent Friday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were Saturday lunch guests of Jean Brenner in Burlington.

Mary J. Allen spent several days with her mother, Berniece Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser vis-

ited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Friday evening.

Judy Shively and Carole Whomble returned home Friday from a two-week genealogy trip which took them beginning in Tell City, Ind., on to Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. It was a very successful trip.

Dave, Stan and Troy Welton and Jim Worthen were weekend guests of Nettie May Welton and did some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield

this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya visited Laura Pearl Wall and Jeannie Zuege Friday afternoon.

Donna Dodge and Violet Brown went to Yuma last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and family were Saturday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

By Bessie Dent



licott and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Jean Brenner and Violet Knapp had lunch in Idalia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm brought lunch in to enjoy with Bessie Dent on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya had supper Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

## Idalia News

By Angela DeLeon



by Idalia Student Council and Modern Woodmen of America. The event took place at Idalia School gym on Oct. 31.

The Fall Fest gave kids a chance for a fun, supervised celebration. The kids were encouraged to respect others and have fun through a costume contest and signing a pledge card.

Costume contest winners were: kindergarten: Emily McGinnis, Tyson Richards; first grade: Veronica Cody, Xavier Walker; second grade: Maddisen Hoyda, Megan Waitman; third grade: Chasity Jacobs, Tiani Tovar; fourth grade: Faith Carpenter, Luke Hull; fifth grade: Trista Brust, Jason Dutton; sixth grade: Eri Drohan and Tiana Mergelman.

Door prize winners were Tannis Hoyda, Emily McGinnis, Hannah Carpenter, Macy Richards; Martin Veleta, Sarai Rockwell and Marc Drohan.

Men's Bible study is weekly from 7 to 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays at St. John's Church. All men are welcome.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, the St. John Christian Education Committee is hosting a special activity. Proceeds will support Christian education activities throughout 2009.

**Student Council**  
The Idalia Student Council is collecting 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 with those shoes. For more information you can call Sherri or Logan at 970-354-7375.

**Book Fair**  
Many people came to the book fair. The children will have fun reading the books.

**Haunted house**  
The haunted house was well attended and many helped with it.

There will be another one next year.

**Veterans' Day program**  
On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Idalia FFA is hosting a Veteran's program at 2:30 p.m. at the Idalia School. You are encouraged to attend to show your appreciation to veterans.

**Annual meeting**  
Idalia Visions Foundation will have its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Idalia school cafeteria. A spaghetti supper will start at 6 p.m. followed by a business meeting including elections at 7 p.m. All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

**Slide show presentation**  
A slide-show presentation of the Idalia students trip to Costa Rica last summer will take place at 7 p.m. at the Idalia Homestead building. The evening will start with a potluck at 6 p.m. Table service and drinks will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Idalia Lions Club.

Those wishing to send a card to Mac and Robin Sneddon at the loss of Robin's dad may send them to 9786 Achenbach Canyon Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

Dorothy Whitmire visited her grandchildren and family for the Halloween parade and then went to her sisters, Mary-Ann and Barbara's house to visit them and her father, Clifford and brother, Cliff. All enjoyed a fish fry on Saturday evening and the DeLeon's also. She left to go back home on Sunday morning.

Michael and Amanda Fimon were weekend visitors to her mother, Diana and Jim Pfeiler. They left Sunday afternoon to go back home.

## Hearing notice published

Published in the St. Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, October 23, October 30 and November 6, 2008. (43-45)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM FRANCIS HOYT,  
a/k/a FRANCIE HOYT.

CASE NO. 08-P-17  
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 16, 2008, a petition was filed in this Court by Lenna Weisenhorn, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the

Last Will and Testament of William Francis Hoyt, deceased, dated October 14, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 14, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Lenna Weisenhorn, Petitioner

JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARTERED  
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Attorney for Petitioner

has been filed in this Court by Joseph Charles Hixon, a/k/a J. C. Hixon, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Pauline L. Hixon, deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of November, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. (CT) of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joseph Charles Hixon,  
a/k/a J. C. Hixon, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Petitioner

You are hereby notified that on October 20, 2008, a Petition was filed in this Court by Lucile Joyce Leibbrandt, an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the Last Will and Testament of Haddon Walter Leibbrandt, deceased, dated August 3, 1979, praying for Informal Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 14, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. (CT) in this 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.

LUCILE JOYCE LEIBBRANDT, Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.

THE AGENDA:  
Reading of the annual report.  
Election of one director.  
All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending. R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

Robert Draper, Secretary

## Water program announced

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, October 16, 2008, and Thursday, November 6, 2008. (42, 45)

**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 Con-

servation 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.

ceased, dated June 5, 1987, 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 estate owned by the decedent, situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

The Northeast Quarter of Section One (1) Township Five (5) South, Range Forty (40) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas

Be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 2, 2008 at 9:00 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.

Ernest J. Heitschmidt, Petitioner

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(785) 332-3323  
Attorney for Petitioner

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Stanley R. Krien, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dean Krien, a/k/a Charles D. Krien, a/k/a Charles Dean Krien, deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of November, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. (CT) of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

STANLEY R. KRIEN, Petitioner

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## Petition is filed in court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

PAULINE L. HIXON, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-02

NOTICE OF HEARING

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition

## Petition filed for Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of HADDON WALTER LEIBBRANDT, Deceased

Case No: 2008-PR-18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

## Annual meeting published

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION

## Petition is filed in court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

BETH EL HEITSCHMIDT, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-19

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Ernest J. Heitschmidt, a beneficiary of Beth El Heitschmidt, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of Beth El Heitschmidt, de-

## Petition filed for Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

DEAN KRIEN, a/k/a CHARLES D. KRIEN, a/k/a CHARLES DEAN KRIEN, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-05

NOTICE OF HEARING

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:



*Your Free Guide to Unforgettable Missouri Vacation Memories is Here.*

The new 2009 Missouri Vacation Planner is available December 1st, 2008. Simply call 1-800-519-1500 or go to **VisitMO.com** to order yours and start planning your Missouri getaway today!

## It's flu season again.

This year, don't let the Flu Bug U. Follow these tips and you will get through this flu season with a high degree of success:

- Get a Flu Shot--Vaccine is available this year
- Cover Your Coughs and Sneezes
- Wash Your Hands Often
- Stay Home if You Are Sick

For more information, contact your local health department.

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