

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 58 at Sunday school. Teresa Allen gave the special number. Judy Shively gave her birthday offering.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Doris Osmus at Beecher. The hostess on Dec. 5 will be Kristy Hurlburt. They will send birthday cards to Beulah Ekberg for her birthday on Dec. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila hosted a birthday party Saturday in honor of Madsen's sixth birthday. Family guests were Laura Pearl Wall, Bob and Merry Lu Simmons, Quentin and Tonya Simmons and Taya, Shay and Amber Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock hosted a pizza party in honor of Jacob's sixth birthday Friday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus, Ken Kock, Branden, Morgan and Jenna.

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

Connie Ekberg of Colorado Springs came Saturday to spend some time with her mother, Jacque Ekberg.

Laura, Madison and Spencer Perila came home with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons Saturday to spend some time.

Gwen Shaver visited Violet Brown Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Beulah Soehner and Judy Shively went to Greeley Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons Thursday.

Phil Mitchell and Joey were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Amanda Goodman, Amya and Westen were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Walt and Janet Smith and Deb and Dave Smith enjoyed lunch Saturday in Burlington with Pat and JoLynne Reiman.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen had dinner Sunday with Pete Allen at Hillcrest for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Carole Whomble and Judy Shively had lunch together Saturday.

Bessie Dent spent Tuesday to

Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Chase in Westminster.

There were 48 at Sunday school. Cari Jo Jurich of Wisconsin gave the special number.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Mallory and Hannah Langerdorfer went to Colorado Springs to surprise Chynna for her Thursday birthday. Chynna spent the weekend at home which gave Kenny's a chance to have another party for her. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Sylvia Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and Brook.

Carol Chapman, Betty Greene and Tobi Jeurink are in Mexico celebrating the birthdays of Carol and Betty.

Laurie Perila and family came Friday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya joined them for supper Friday. Joining them for dinner Sunday to celebrate Laurie's birthday were Laura Pearl Wall, Dwight Wall and Mrs. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg's wedding anniversary was celebrated Saturday with a little party at Cedarvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways took in the football game at Idalia Saturday and then went to Yuma with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser for supper and to celebrate the anniversary of Bill and Darlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver met Gary Cranmer from Illinois, Chad Cramer and Dawson of Denver and Michelle Harr and children of Greeley in Fort Morgan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Larsen and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peaker and attended the program on Israel at Beecher Sunday.

Mrs. Pete Osmus spent Monday to Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family.

Mrs. Todd Novak, Cade and Britany, Mrs. Ron Jackson, Jake and Raygan and Jill Mansfield were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield. Joining them for Sunday dinner were Jean Brenner and Violet Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen, Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Mertens, a sister and her boy friend went out to supper after the ball game Saturday.

Howard Pickard visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver and Pete Allen Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Goodman and family were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Travis Allen and some friends were Tuesday and Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and went pheasant hunting.

Spenser Perila is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Tonya and Taya Simmons and Pat Gallegos spent Saturday in Greeley.

Jennifer Novak, Cade and Britany were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. Sunday afternoon visitors were Jeanne Jackson, Jake and Raygan and Jill Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cutforth Friday.

There were 35 at Sunday School. Nancy Peaker gave the special number.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met Wednesday at Beecher with a pot luck dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mertens and family in New Raymer after attending the football game at Briggsdale.

Connie Ekberg of Colorado Springs spent the weekend with Jacque Ekberg.

Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Larkin, Travis and Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodge met at the La Familia restaurant Saturday for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matskey and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Faulkender were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Noah, Jake and Owen Johnson were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

Bonnie Jones visited Bessie Dent and Willie Klie Friday.



MAKING A QUILT— Aubree Schlepp, Taryn Richard and Sarah Guthmiller put the final touches on the quilt to be raffled off during the Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday. The cheerleaders have been working hard and need \$600 more for their trip to Orlando. Photo courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

City and county reaches agreement on cost sharing

By Karen Krien karen.k@nwkansas.com

The city of St. Francis and the county reached a temporary agreement about sharing utility costs at the new emergency building in St. Francis.

At the Friday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, Andy Beikman, chairman, said he had talked to the St. Francis mayor, Scott Schultz, about the new emergency building. The commissioners had received a letter from city attorney, Mike Day, telling that the county's share of the utilities would be 70 percent. The commissioners agreed to start off paying \$750 a month toward utilities at the new building. They estimate that the cost will be around \$1,000 a month. This amount will be reviewed on June 1 to see how much electricity and gas is used.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, presented contracts that would have Penco Engineering oversee projects 12C-4129-01, the Runzel Bridge, located 7 miles west and 1 mile north of St. Francis, and 12C-

4129-02, which will allow the county to do the dirt work. The contracts were approved.

Jerol DeBoer, with Penco Engineering, discussed the biennial bridge inspection for the county. After discussion, an agreement was signed for the inspection.

The county will pay \$60 per bridge. There are currently 90 bridges in the county.

Mr. Flemming asked about purchasing a new road grader at a cost of around \$180,000. After discussion, it was decided to have the Martin Tractor sale representative visit with the commissioners at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Court recording system

Scott Showalter, newly elected judge for District Court Judge, District 15, division 2 and judge Robert Van Allen discussed a new court recording system.

The current Cheyenne County court recorder, Paula Keller, is retiring in January and Cheyenne County will need to look for a new system of recording. The state of Kansas is suggesting digital recording systems. Mr. Showalter has asked each board of commissioners in his three counties to pay \$400 toward the review of a

new system. The commissioners agreed to pay the survey fee. A new recording system could cost \$7,000.

In other business

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• Tim Carson, Corporate Plan Management vice president, discussed the county's health insurance plan. He determined the county would not need any premium increase.

• A resolution defining fines for unauthorized road trenching or boring, and a resolution updating Cheyenne County's Enterprise Zone commitment were signed.

• The commissioners approved the new charges for the Greater Western Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. The change will allow a price break for counties that have more juveniles.

• Christmas bonuses of \$200 per full-time employee and \$100 for part-time employees were approved. The bonuses will be in the form of scrip money.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Idalia News

By Angela DeLeon



St. John's News

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

Idalia Student Council

The student council is collecting athletic shoes size 7 and up, including sports cleats. There is a shoe drop barrel at the Idalia school. For more information call Sherri or Logan at 970-354-7375.

Trim the tree

Idalia young adults and their families are invited to gather at St. John's on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. for fellowship, a meal, and to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree in preparation for the "hanging of the greens." There will be "world famous" chili and banana splits for dessert. Child care will be available.

Angel Tree

The Sunwest Bank of Idalia is sponsoring the Angel Tree this year. The bank will provide sizes and genders of needy families and the new wrapped gifts need to be returned to the bank by Dec. 18. Volunteers will deliver the gifts to the families.

Missing Dishes

With all the recent funerals and dinners at the church, there are many unclaimed dishes left in the

kitchen at St. Johns. There are also a few jackets as well.

Christmas Shoebox project

The deadline for those interested in gifts such as new toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other items such as hard candy, small flashlights, caps and gloves for the Shoebox project is Nov. 30. You can leave your items at the church anytime between now and the end of the month. For more information call Betty Moellenberg at 354-7343.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 10 - The Epycs members will be participating in a block visit in Haxton.

Dec. 11 - School Christmas program at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the holidays with the students.

Dec. 18 - FBLA and FFA will have their Christmas party celebration after basketball practice about 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Will be the high school party and also a present exchange among all high school students.

Dec. 21 - Epycs members will go to Father Woody's to serve the homeless in need of Christmas dinner.

Local news

LaVerne and Carol Boden enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the

Carl and Phyllis Ostoff farm north of Athol. They enjoyed visiting with John and Kathi Boden and girls at Smith Center and then returned home Saturday.

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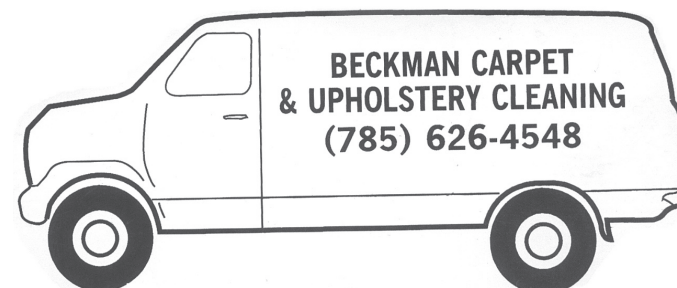
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