

On the Plains

Beecher Island News

There were 43 at Sunday school. Garrett Hurlburt and Mary E. Allen gave their birthday offerings.

Kristy Hurlburt was the hostess for the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club on Wednesday. Mary E. Allen was the hostess on Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield

were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson on Nov. 29, for a party in honor of the third birthdays of Jake and Ragan. Their birth date is Nov. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family went to the Route Thursday evening to help Garrett celebrate his birthday. Friday eve-

ning the boys in his class came home with him for the evening to celebrate some more.

MerryLu Simmons attended a brunch in Haigler on Thursday hosted by LaNeta Carlock. Others present were Laura Pearl Wall, Myrna Mulligan and Glenda Webster.

On Nov. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Har-

vey Allen attended the wedding of Glen Davenport. They visited Justin Allen in Dallas, Texas, over the weekend. They came back via Pueblo and attended the funeral of Nancy Cranmer. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen, Kristy Hurlburt and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen attended too.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and

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Garrett Hurlburt helped Mary E. Allen Saturday.

Gary Cranmer was a Wednesday to Friday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Dave, Stan and Troy Welton were weekend guests of Nettie May Welton and did some hunting. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walchle joined them for dinner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Bessie Dent visited Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley Sunday afternoon.

Thursday morning Judy Shively hosted a brunch and watched a movie for the Bible study ladies.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmund helped Owen Kock celebrate his third birthday at the Kyle Kock home. Sunday evening Pete's helped Holly celebrate her birthday at the Kock home.

Idalia News

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.

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.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

Poinsettias for the sanctuary

are welcome to be brought to the Church to help decorate during the Christmas season. Do remember to take your poinsettia home after Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 6.

Change of Schedule

Denice and Marlene Miller will not be at the Idalia Prairie Vista Cafe in the month of December. They will be back on schedule the last Wednesday in Jan.

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. If you think you may have left one, stop by the church anytime and pick them up.

Community Events

Dec. 18 - Future Business Leaders of America and FFA will have their Christmas party celebration

after basketball practice about 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 - The Family and Community Education unit meeting will be at 7 p.m. and will be their Christmas party so they hope to see everyone there.

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

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homeless in need of Christmas dinner.

Dec. 21 - The 10:30 service will include the St. John Choir Christmas program

Dec. 22 - Idalia school students start their Christmas break and return to school Monday, Jan 5.

Cow/calf symposium set for Jan. 3

Wray, Colo., will be the site of the 2009 Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium on Jan. 3, at the Kitzmiller auditorium in the Wray High School. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the presentations running from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ranchers know that ranching can be difficult at times and need to be planning for what is to come. That's why the 2009 Cow-Calf Symposium is themed "Planning for the Future."

The beef industry is changing rapidly with new rules, new customer awareness and new scrutiny. It can be difficult and even overwhelming to sort out what a cow/calf producer should pay attention to and what is out of their hands. The symposium speakers will help ranchers sort some of this information.

The first keynote speaker will be Dr. Dean Pringle. Dr. Pringle is a meat scientist from the University of Georgia and recognized throughout the western hemisphere for his work in meat quality. He will be sharing the results of the most recent Beef Cow Audit and some ideas on how ranchers can use this knowledge to improve their marketing of cull cows.

The second keynote speaker is Gerald Fry of Rose Bud, Ark., sponsored by the Yuma County Conservation District. Mr. Fry has spent years observing cattle behavior and characteristics and comparing the changes that have taken place in these as the industry has evolved over time. He will be sharing some of his observations on key components that he believes could benefit cattle producers in the future.

The Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium is known for its breakout sessions and this year's symposium is no different. Breakout sessions include discussions on Pregnancy Losses in Beef Cows with Dr. Roger Ellis from Colorado State University and Economics of Reproduction with Dr. Sandy Johnson from Kansas State University. Dr. Matt Spangler from University of Nebraska - Lincoln will discuss Fitting Genetics to Your Environment and there will be Grazing Management discussion with Doug Anderson from University of Nebraska - Lincoln Extension. The two keynote speakers will also offer breakout sessions.

The symposium will conclude with a current country of origin labeling (COOL) regulations update and how it will affect cow/calf producers. Michael Fisher with Colorado State University Extension will explain what it means to you.

There is a registration fee which includes lunch, refreshment breaks, and copies of the proceedings. A late fee will be assessed to registrations after Dec. 22. Additionally, ranches and businesses can contact the Yuma County Extension office if they

are interested in having a table top display at the event. Registration forms will be available through Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska extension offices, or contact the Yuma County Extension office at 970-332-4151 for more information.

Public Notices

Cheylin school board to appoint member

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022 of vacancies in the membership of the Board of Education of USD 103, Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties, Kansas, and that such vacancies shall be filled, not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this

Notice, by appointment of the Board of Education for the remainder of the unexpired terms or until the next general election.

Such vacancies exist by reason of the resignation of Anita Pochop, who represented District 1, Position 3

Jane Young
Clerk of the Board
Unified School District No 103
Cheyenne/Rawlins Counties, Kansas

Cheylin board seeks bids for remodel job

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The School Board for USD 103 Cheylin Public Schools, Bird City, Kansas, will receive bids for the remodeling of the Concession and Commons in McDonald, Kansas.

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 P.M. CST at the Office of the Superintendent, USD 103 Cheylin Public Schools, 605 Bird Avenue, Bird City, Kansas on January 12, 2009 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be on the forms provided with the Specifications as prepared by W Design Associates, Architects and Engineers, Box 99, McCook, Nebraska, and bids received after closing will be returned unopened and shall not be considered.

For the purposes of preparing and submitting a bid, Contractors may obtain Plans and Specifications from W Design Associates, 214 East 1st Street, McCook, Nebraska 69001 upon payment of \$30.00 for each set requested. One half of the deposit shall be refunded if a bid is submitted and the Plans and Specifications are returned within ten days after the bid opening. Electronic copies of plans and specifications are available via a web address at

NO COST to the Contractor by contacting Irene Johnson at 308-345-2370.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in an amount of not less than 5 percent of the total bid amount, and shall be made payable to USD 103 Cheylin Public Schools as security that the bidder to whom the contract may be awarded will enter into contract to construct the project and give bond in the sum as herein stated for the construction of the project. Checks accompanying proposals not accepted shall be returned to the bidders.

No proposal shall be withdrawn after opening without the consent of the School Board for a period of 30 days after the scheduled time of closing.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the sum of the full amount of the contract.

The School Board reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Dated at Bird City, Kansas this 11th day of August, 2008.

School Board
USD 103 Cheylin Public Schools

By: Bill Porter, Superintendent

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Shoot Him If He Runs

By Stuart Woods

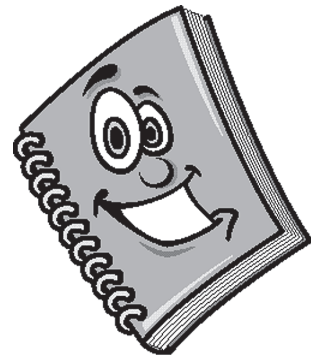
In the latest offbeat thriller from Stuart Woods, Stone Barrington and Holly Barker find themselves summoned to Washington for a high-level briefing on a fugitive who is driving the CIA crazy, and beginning to look like an unwelcome factor in the approaching presidential election. In less time that he would have thought possible, Stone finds himself, along with his friends Holly and Dino, back on the island of St. marks, which he first visited in *Dead in the Water*.

St. Marks is a vacationer's paradise of white sand beaches and luxurious ocean-front hideaways. But its exclusive yacht clubs and secluded mountain villas are home to corrupt local politicians and more than a few American ex-pats with murky personal histories. Despite the moneyed glitz and the glorious scenery, Stone, Holly and Dino soon discover that in St. Marks, everyone is hiding something, and the man they're looking for may just be hiding in plain sight.

Besieged on one side by the local authorities and on the other by impossible demands from CIA Headquarters, Stone and friends

fight their way through a web of secrecy toward their quarry burdened with orders they don't really want to follow.

Once again, Stuart Woods proves himself the master of can't-put-it-down reading.



*** NOTICE ***

THE FIRST HALF OF TAXES
ARE DUE BY MONDAY DECEMBER 22ND
WITHOUT PENALTY

Please be sure to bring your
bar code slip(s) to pay your taxes.
(We are not responsible for missed taxes.)

or pay online by e-check or credit card
at www.cheyennecounty.org - Treasurer's page
(fees will be charged by the service provider)

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For more information visit our website
or drop by or call our office for forms and/or information!
212 E Washington, PO Box 687, St Francis, KS 67756 ~ 785-332-8810

Dolores Jenik
Cheyenne County Treasurer

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Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2008 Budget

The governing body of Cheyenne County will meet on the day of December 31, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. at the Commissioner Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the Cheyenne County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

Fund	2008 Adopted Budget			2008 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
General	30.938	1,222,894	1,955,048	2,800,000
Road & Bridge	9.379	370,717	922,880	982,175
Hospital	5.645	223,109	525,000	644,539
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Terry Miller, Clerk
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