



On the Plains

Haigler News

Saturday Oct. 30, Jim and Jerrie Wheaton went to Cope to attend the funeral of Jerrie’s great aunt, Avis Galbreath. The day was spent with family and friends. The following Monday Jerrie was also back in Cope to help move furniture and visit with her Uncle Tom who was there from Florida. They went to Minden this weekend to help Adam and Stephanie with some house projects and returned home on Sunday.

Alfred and Jennie Zuege were down to see Sophia Zuege over the weekend. Sophia and Jennie went out to visit Helen Brown and spent an afternoon with her.

Dwight Wall visited Laura Pearl Wall on Saturday morning. After eating lunch in Benkelman, they drove to the home of his daughter Lyndsay and husband Cody Lashley near McCook for the afternoon. After touring the lovely home and yard they enjoyed eating snacks and watching the Nebraska - Iowa State football game.

MerryLu and Bob Simmons helped Laura Pearl Wall with an electric light project on Thursday morning of last week.

Mel and Norma Fisher and Floy Fisher drove to Sterling, Colo., on Saturday to attend a district meeting, featuring a special speaker,

Dr. Joseph Kidder. Dr. Kidder was born and raised in Nineveh, Iraq. He converted to Christianity and was beaten and left for dead by his family. He regained consciousness and went to a friend’s house and later was miraculously allowed to come to the United States to attend college and has advanced to being a Seminary Professor. There was a large group in attendance coming from Brighton, Fort Morgan, Akron, Yuma, and other surrounding areas.

Haigler is a village in Nebraska, U.S.A. Many who are born there have grown up there and will stay. In the southwest Corner, Colorado

on the west, Kansas on the Southside, the sun shines at it’s best. It’s quiet and peaceful. There’s no traffic congestion. Yet you’ll find within it, a good business collection – A co-op handles fuel, grain, hardware and more. There’s a popular café and a corner grocery store. For the guys, a pool hall to pass some time away, two churches, and a school where children learn and play. Then there’s the

By
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Fisher



Golden Inn where seniors meet and eat. Tuesday is the day. Just call and save a seat. A post office is there, in the middle of the block. Folks go pick up their mail, meet a friend and talk. And last but not least, there is a fine Museum. It is privately maintained, all privately collected. Each item it contains

was carefully selected. Drive through town and have a look. You may be impressed and anywhere you go, you’re welcomed as a guest.

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Idalia News

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October Weather
Idalia weather for October by Tom Mandis: average high 69, average low 38, warmest day, 83 on Oct. 7, coolest day 22 on Oct. 28; precipitation for month 0.20 inch, precipitation to date 14.53 inches.

St. John’s News
Men’s Bible Study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7-7:30 a.m. at St. John’s church. All men welcome.

Recycling jeans
Recycle those old jeans! The program is called “Blue into Green.” Habitat for Humanity is

now turning worn-out denim jeans into insulation that will go into the homes it builds for people in need. The jeans are shredded and worked through the normal process. They are non-toxic, give off no gases and are completely safe to install in homes.

The Bicentennial Family and Community Education Club has placed collection boxes at the Outback Fuel and Feed Station, the Prairie Vista Cafe and the Idalia School.

Health check
Denise Baucke and Marlene

Miller will be in Idalia for their monthly visit on Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Marlene can answer questions about Medicare Part D changes and Denice will be doing blood pressures. As always the services are free. There will not be a visit in December.

Idalia Exercise Hour
There will be an exercise hour on Mondays, beginning Nov. 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Cornerstone Building.

Beecher Island News

By
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There were 57 at Sunday school. Chad Towns gave his birthday offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield had supper Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield celebrating the birthdays of Bill, Monte and JoEllen Goodman.

June Yost and Alan and Violet

Brown visited Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus returned home Tuesday from a trip to Texas where they visited the Matt Bowman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm and Helen Meek visited Bessie Dent Wednesday. Joyce Brown joined them when they went out for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus went to

Denver Saturday to attend the First Line boys 2A Cross Country track meet which Cameron Bowman is a part of. The team took Beecherfirst place.

Gail Coonts and Norma Merritt visited Bessie Dent Thursday morning.

Students become published authors for writing contest

Instructor, Lisa Gibson’s 2009-2010 eighth graders and freshmen were recently notified they were to become published authors for their poetry and essay writing.

Mrs. Gibson submitted their writing last spring to the Creative Communication Writing Contest. Over half of both classes had their work published.

With this accomplishment, the school will be receiving a “Poetic Achievement Award” and a “Writing Achievement Award.” These honors are given to the top 10 percent of the schools who entered the contest.

The schools are chosen based on the number and quality of the entries accepted. With this honor of having their work published, they have the opportunity to buy the essay or poetry anthology book.

Following are some of the essays. All the essays will be or have been printed in *The Saint Francis Herald*.

My favorite time of year!
Laura Brunk, Grade 9

I hear water splashing, children laughing, and the sound of a bat smashing a baseball. Can you guess the season I’m thinking? Summer, of course! I absolutely love everything about summer. The sun shining bright and warming the world is such an awesome feeling.

During the summer, I am always busy with 4-H animals, sports, cheer, or babysitting; however, I don’t think it’s a bad thing. It is very important to stay active throughout the summer as a teenager, whether you are in athletics or not. Staying active doesn’t mean you have to run a marathon or work out every day. It just means that you should spend

some time away from sitting on the couch every day.

In my life, along with summer weights, basketball, 4-H, and other activities, I have a summer job. I babysit four days a week and I have a blast doing it. Having a job as a teenager has taught me so much about responsibility, patience, time management, and many other lessons that are necessary to live. Besides the fact, it’s always nice to have a few extra bucks when there is something you really “need” and your parents refuse to buy it for you.

I know that if you get a summer job or get involved with many activities, you will learn many life lessons. It will promise a brighter future in the years to come. So what will you do this summer? Will you be a couch potato or will you get involved?

On the mat
Logan Lampe, Grade 8

Have you ever had butterflies in your stomach? Has your heartbeat ever sped up before you were getting ready for competition? I have felt that many times before I’ve wrestled and gone onto the mat.

Even though I have wrestled for about nine years, I still get nervous. When I walk onto the wrestling mat, I am ready to attack and battle like a madman. Yet before I do any of that, I must be prepared mentally for what’s ahead.

While I’m preparing, I always think of my first move. I also warm up by stretching and jumping around. The next thing I do before I wrestle is to think that I’m going to win.

Some goals I make while I’m mentally preparing is don’t get

pinned. I am an eighth grader and I have wrestled freshmen before and it is hard not to get pinned. After I determine that goal, I make one of the most important goals, which is to give it my all. When I give it my all, I have to do the best that I can do. If I give it my all, I have nothing to be ashamed about. I have given my all most of the time I’ve wrestled.

In conclusion, I would say I am a wrestler. It runs through my blood and is one of my favorite sports. Everybody has something that runs through their family’s blood. Do you?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
Lucas Carmichael, Grade 9

Surely you have heard the saying “there is no place like home.” I find that saying to be so true. You see, I come from a small town that most people would consider a bump in the road.

If you would look at my hometown from your perspective, you probably wouldn’t see much. However, the same would probably be true if I looked at yours. You see, no matter what, you will always regard your hometown as your home.

Where I come from there are flat plains, few trees, and no shopping centers for over 200 miles. Although that’s not the way I see it. I see vast beauty and a small town where everybody knows everybody.

Personally, I have visited New York City, “the Greatest City on Earth,” and I hated every inch of it! It was crowded and I didn’t know a single person there. On the other hand, you may live in the city and love it.

The point is that no matter where

you grew up, there is no place like home. So keep this in mind when you venture through your life. You can travel the world and live in the busy city or the slow country. Even so, you will never hold a place as dear in your heart as where you were surrounded by your family and friends for most of your life.

The Ride
Mason Schiltz, Grade 8

I was flying down the highway, with the wind in my face and the engine roaring beneath me. If you have not guessed yet, I was riding a motorcycle, and all of my troubles, worries, and problems just seemed to melt away.

Riding a motorcycle is awesome! The first time I crack open the throttle, my adrenaline begins to flow, and I will never forget that feeling.

My dad and I took a trip to a town about fifteen miles away. The motorcycle I rode had a problem though, sometimes. It just dies out of the blue and you ride for about thirty minutes. All I have to do is pull over, start it again, and I’m off riding.

So we started our ride. I got that feeling of adrenaline flowing through my veins and total relaxation. We got to the town fine. When we hit the road again, the motorcycle was still running fine. However, when we were only about five miles away from home, I started to notice the engine was bogging down and being unresponsive. I coasted over to the side of the road and stopped. Long story short, we could not get the motorcycle started again and we had to pick it up with a trailer.

Even though my ride ended unlike I expected it to, I realized that is what makes motorcycling so great.

The unexpected events, the adventure, and maybe the greatest part... the totally unrestricted, awesome feeling of freedom.

Foster care
Mikey Leibbrandt, Grade 9

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be taken away from your parents? I have and it’s scary. It’s like you are mad at the world, but at the same time you just want to cry. You want someone to help, but you are too upset to let someone help you.

When I was eleven, I was taken away from my parents. I did not trust anyone. I was so mad at the world that I did not care what my younger siblings were going through or what their feelings and thoughts were.

After a few months of late nights crying and thinking about my life, I started to think that we were never going to go back home. I spent two and a half years in foster homes. Then the day came and we found out we would never go back home.

When I got the bad news, I was heartbroken, but I had already had a hunch that we were not going back home. At first, my brothers and I had a lot more fights. We blamed our anger on each other because we had nothing else to blame it on.

Our problem was that we thought the things that had happened to our family were because of our actions. We learned that when you are in foster care, it is because of your parents’ choices and the way they are raising you. The most important thing that I learned from foster care is that life is not fair and your choices will change your life forever.

Faded glory
Randee Grover, Grade 8

Who was the first person to invent

electricity? Everyone knows the answer to this question; of course it was Benjamin Franklin! Although most Americans know the popular people who have changed our history, many don’t recognize the names that have been forgotten.

Many Americans forget about the less common names, such as Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson fought to get us through World War One. Woodrow Wilson pushed us through all four years of that war. Another great president was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Not only did President Roosevelt lead America through World War Two, but he saw us through the Great Depression.

People often forget the women who changed American history, such as Susan B. Anthony. She, along with many other women’s groups, fought for American women’s rights to vote.

Clara Barton was another great American woman. She treated injured Union soldiers during the Civil War. Later, she founded the American Red Cross.

Dr. Sally Ride was the first American woman in space and the youngest American astronaut to orbit the Earth. Amelia Earhart was the first American woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. These women overcame fears they may have had to accomplish these feats.

There are many great men and women who have changed America’s history. They all played a part in creating our country, whether it was to lead us through war, invent something new, or being the first to achieve something great. These are some of my favorite Americans, who are yours?



Congratulations Grade School Students, for taking part in the Read for the Record program!