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## Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent

There were 47 at Sunday School and Phil Mitchell was the morning speaker. The Beecher Island Helping Hand club had their Mothers Day Tea Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus spent the weekend with the Tempy Bowman family and Andy Osmus in Windsor. They all visited the Daren Salvador family in Fort Collins Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen attended Tefney Allen's graduation from Greeley Friday.

Norma Jo Allen of Sturgis, S.D., Mary Allen and Judy Shively enjoyed lunch out Monday.

Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield visited Rita Schuricht in Colorado Springs over the weekend.

Willard Busby and Dave, Gary Beverlin and Harry Ekberg had dinner Friday with Alfred and Rhoda Renzelman in Haxtun.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oberg of Crona, Calif. were Tuesday to Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways. Trudie Wieser joined them Wednesday afternoon.

Eunice Weed visited Bessie Dent Friday morning. Paula Leben visited in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Maynard of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Wednesday.

Bonnie Jones visited Sunday afternoon with Bessie Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oberg visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms Friday afternoon.

Monte and Gail Mansfield brought dinner into share with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Thursday. Others visiting during the week were Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield, Joyce and Riley Brown and Bessie Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and girls and Sue Garrett had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons went to Denver Monday to attend the concert Laura Perilla took part.

Walt and Janet Smith met Matt and Linda Johnson in Fleming Sunday for a picnic dinner.

Sometime during your gardening career, you may have heard a conversation (or participated in one) that went something like this:

Old gardener: "Well I better plow that area over there. It's almost sweet potato planting time."

Young gardener: "Say what? You can't raise sweet potatoes in this country!"

Old Gardener: "Whaddaya mean I can't grow sweet potatoes here? I plant 'em every year!"

Young Gardener: "You may plant 'em but I'll bet you don't dig any. I read a book once that said sweet potatoes had to be grown in the south, like in Louisiana, or other parts of the south."

Old gardener: "Listen you young whippersnapper. I plant 'em and dig at least a bushel every year, and if you tried 'em, even YOU might grow a few!!"

Sometime, somehow, word

got around that you just couldn't raise a crop of sweet potatoes in this area because of the short season we supposedly have here. Sure, our growing season is shorter than it is in, say Shreveport, but we still have plenty of growing time and warmth to harvest a bumper crop of sweet potatoes. Most of today's sweet potatoes require from 90 to 100 days to mature after planting the slips. In an average year, our region is blessed with an average of 150 days of growing season, which is plenty of time for the sweet ones.

I mentioned planting the "slips." Unlike Irish potatoes, you must plant little pieces of growth from a regular sweet potato. Here's how you do it. Stick about 6 toothpicks around the middle of a store bought sweet potato, and place the root-end in a quart jar filled with water. The toothpicks will hold the top of the potato out of the wa-

ter. Soon, the sweet potato will sprout and send out stems and leaves. When about six inches long, simply snip off the slips, place the bottoms in a glass of water, and they will soon form roots. Then, when fully rooted, plant the outside when the soil is very warm and the calendar says go.

Very few sweet potato growers do it that way anymore. If the local garden center guy doesn't carry them, then you can order a dozen plants and they will be shipped to you at the proper planting time. Proper planting time in this area is now. Expect to pay about \$12 to \$15 for a dozen plants. Planting soil should be worked very deeply because the tubers will be large and need good soil as they expand. Many gardeners still set out their plants into a previously formed mound, approximately 6-inches high and a foot wide. You really don't have to do that if your garden

soil is worked deeply.

China is the world's largest producer of sweet potatoes with 80 million tons grown in 2010. About half the crop is used for pig feed, which seems kind of a shame unless you prefer bacon to eat rather than sweet potatoes. New Zealanders eat the most sweet potatoes, averaging about 15 pounds per person per year.

You have many varieties of sweet potatoes to choose from, but Georgia Jet seems to be the favorite around here. Beauregard and Centennial are close behind. Vardaman is a newer variety that is gaining popularity because it is a bush type of plant...a good space saver.

How about it young gardeners? You, too can grow sweet potatoes, but get them planted very soon!

## Public Notices

### Tract of land offered for sale by sheriff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

WESTERN STATE BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 12-CV-03

TERRANCE D. COOKS, and  
CHRISTINA A. COOKS, and  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS, the governing body  
of a Kansas municipality,  
Defendants.

A Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the front door of the courthouse at 212 E. Washington, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, on June 1, 2012, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty Seven (27), Township Three (3) South, Range Forty (40), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Cheyenne County, Kansas;

Beginning at a point on the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 36 as constructed in 1933 A.D. which said point is 1519.3 feet East of the West line of said section; thence South on the Azimuth 180°-00'-00" (assumed) parallel with the West section line a distance of 240 feet to a point; thence on Azimuth 270°-23'-37" parallel with highway right-of-way a distance of 170.51 feet to a point; thence on Azimuth 00°-00'-00" parallel with the West section line a distance of 133.70 feet to a point; thence on Azimuth 270°-17'-11" a distance of 54 feet to a point; thence on Azimuth 00°-42'-46" a distance of 106.40 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of Highway 36; thence on Azimuth 90°-23'-37" along the right-of-way a distance of 223.19 feet to the point of beginning, commonly known as Empire Motel, 115 E US-36, St Francis, KS 67756,

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to approval of the Court.

Craig Van Allen, Sheriff  
Cheyenne County, Kansas

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### Ordinance published for electricity rates

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ORDINANCE NO. 584

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 301 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 572, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THIS CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 572 is hereby repealed and that Section 301 of Article 3, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS", shall be amended to read as follows:

15-301. ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS. The rates for electrical power sold by the City of St. Francis shall be as follows:

- (a) Commercial Rates, per meter:
  - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$19.75
  - (2) 1225 cents per KWH
- (b) Domestic/Residential Rates, per meter:
  - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$9.75
  - (2) 1225 cents per KWH
- (c) A charge of \$10 per month shall be added to the

above and foregoing rates for all service provided for customers outside the city limits of St. Francis.

(d) Electric bills shall be rendered monthly as provided in Section 15-222.

This Section 15-301, as amended, shall take effect, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2012.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor  
City of St. Francis, Kansas

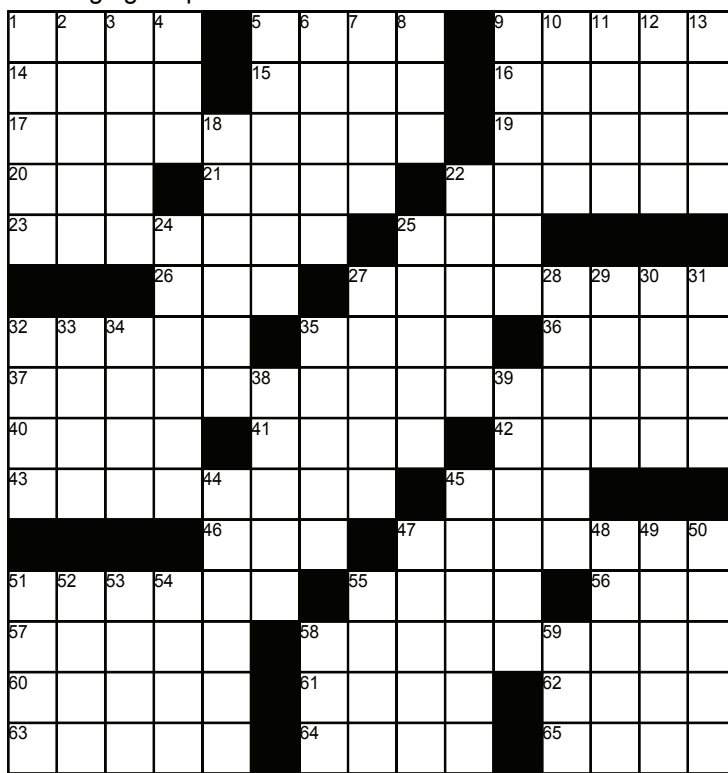
Attest:

/s/ GLORIANNE MILNE, City Clerk

#### Scrounging It Up

##### ACROSS

1. In the altogether
5. Reedy instrument
9. Go's mate
14. Say for sure
15. Act the goldbrick
16. Bring a smile to
17. Turned down an invitation
19. Flaxen fabric
20. "Exodus" hero
21. Baloney
22. Bernadette of "Silent Movie"
23. Readied for mailing
25. \_\_\_ Clemente
26. Intl. group since 1948
27. Sunday readings
32. Some saxes
35. Take-out order?
36. Butler, to Gable
37. Risked future harm
40. Mold-ripened cheese
41. Not exactly a world-beater
42. Part of a step
43. Overhaul, as a country road
45. \_\_\_ Solo of "Star Wars"
46. Checkers side
47. Slowest on the uptake
51. Producer Bochco
55. Act the ratfink
56. Bath bathroom
57. Insertion mark
58. Scrammed surreptitiously
60. Automobile-eschewing sect
61. Gofe
62. Pew's place
63. Words before car or cop
64. Deuce beater



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65. Like batik fabrics

##### DOWN

1. Cakes with kicks
2. Manage to avoid
3. Aqua \_\_\_ (gold dissolver)
4. Bit of work
5. Doo-wop selections
6. Serenaded the ump
7. Clodhoppers
8. Gee preceder
9. Lead ore
10. Give off
11. Ignore, with "out"
12. Netizen, e.g.
13. Confident solvers' tools
18. Rio Grande city

22. KP implement

24. Heavyweight champ dethroned by Foreman
25. Like bar snacks
27. Gas or clutch
28. Bobby Orr's team
29. Arcing tosses
30. Fashion mag
31. Crystal ball gazer
32. E.g., e.g.
33. Handed-down history
34. Pre-calc course
35. Fooled on the ice
38. Like cheesecloth
39. Popsicle flavor
44. Motown's Franklin
45. Regatta site
47. Part of LED

48. Broncos great John

49. Vino variety
50. Fiddled
51. Lingering emotional injury
52. Unlikely to bite
53. Ms. Brockovich
54. Ed Norton's wear
55. Culinary directive
58. Calendar col.
59. "Tell me more ..."

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## Idalia News

By Chuck Wright

May 17, 7 p.m. The Idalia FCE Club will meet at St. John Church.

#### Book club

May 22, 6 p.m. The Idalia Book club will meet at the Cornerstone Center. We will be discussing, "The Maltese Falcon," by Dashiell Hammett and watching the classic movie with Humphrey Bogart. Call Chuck Wright for more information.

#### Recital

May 23, 5:30 p.m. Piano students of Betty Moellenberg and Judy Shively will hold a recital at the Cornerstone Center. The public is invited to attend.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Idalia fourth grader, Jake Garton, son of Casey and Tara Garton, on being the Colorado state winner of the "Character Counts," essay contest sponsored by the Colorado Association for Family and

#### Community Education.

##### St. John news

May 20, 10:30 a.m. Members of the 2012 Confirmation Class will be giving reports on their confirmation projects during the worship service. Graduating seniors will also be honored.

May 28-June 1, 8:30-11:30 a.m., A community Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John. The theme will be, "Adventures on Promise Island." Children will learn of God's life-saving love through music, art, storytelling, and games. For information contact Crystal Richards.

##### Idalia School news

May 17, 5 p.m. - Pre-school graduation in the school gym.

May 20, 2 p.m. - The Idalia High School graduation will be held in the school gym.

May 21, 8:30 - 10 a.m. Fifth Grade speeches in the old gym.

## Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

#### Deadly Deal

By Fern Michaels

It's an unseasonably cold Thanksgiving at the mountain-top retreat where the Sisterhood has gathered. But surrounded by the warmth of their significant others, close friends and the culinary delights of their mentor Charles's delicious holiday feast,

the Ladies of Pinewood are ready to face their next challenge...dismantling a highly successful illegal baby selling ring...

After years of trying to become pregnant without success, Rachel Damson and her husband Thomas felt their dreams had finally come true the day they brought home their newly adopted twin babies. Though the lawyer Baron Bell who arranged for the surrogate mother changed a hefty six-figure fee, one glance into the eyes of their precious children told then it was all worth it. Until the birth mother reappeared, first demanding more money, then the twins themselves. Suddenly Baron Bell was nowhere to be found and the Dawsons were once again childless, heart-broken and nearly destitute.

When the case finds its way to the offices of high-profile attorney Lizzie Fox, she can't wait to take down the so-called "Mr. Wonderful." And she knows she'll have all the help she needs as it's just the kind of crime that really gets the Sisterhood's adrenaline flowing. Once they get their hands on the perpetrators there will be hell to pay, and it will cost a lot more than cold, hard cash...

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#### Betsy's Return

By Wanda E. Brunstetter

Relive the glory of a Pennsylvania canal town through the eyes of those who ministered to the needs of the workers.

Betsy Nelson reluctantly returns to her childhood home to care for her ailing father, a faithful minister who served the town for years. William Covington, a confirmed bachelor, comes to town to become the new pastor and set aside the luxuries of his birth for service to God. Can Betsy and William find common ground on which to work together for the better of the townspeople?

Journey along the canals as Betsy and William face the challenges of small-town ministry and the particular challenges that present themselves when the new pastor has something to hide.

In *Betsy's Return*, the author has woven and enchanting historical romance that will inspire and enthrall.