

Church in Idalia to host 125-year celebration

St. John United Church of Christ, Idalia, was officially 125 years old August 14, 2012. The constitution of St. John German Evangelical Church, "accepted at a meeting in Westfalia, P.O. Friend, Arapahoe County, Colorado", is dated August 14, 1887. "Westfalia" was the community in Germany that had been home to many of the church's founders. They met in private homes until sometime in 1888 when the congregation erected a small sod building across the road from the present church southeast of Idalia, and established a cemetery adjacent to the church. All church services and Sunday school classes were conducted in German; missionary pastors and traveling preachers often served the congregation on a temporary basis.

no one in the congregation could play the instrument so all hymns were sung to one tune; the only song any accompanist could play! Sometimes the pastors' salaries were paid in coal for the stove or hay for the milk cow. It was 1937 before all services were conducted in English and 1931 before women church members were allowed to vote on official church decisions.

In 1908, construction began on a frame church building across the road from the soddy; it was dedicated in 1910, and a parsonage was erected west of the church in 1918. By 1950, the congregation had outgrown this church structure and began a major remodeling including the addition of a fellowship hall and kitchen. Planning and construction was done by church members and paid for as it occurred as were all improvements through the years. Shortly after observing



St. John Church in earlier years



its 100th anniversary in 1987, St. John added a Sunday school wing and basement to better serve the children and youth. Extensive remodeling of the sanctuary and fellowship hall as well as exterior renovation took place at the beginning of the 21st century and a new parsonage was built in

2006. Originally, St. John was part of the Kansas Conference of the German Evangelical Synod of America, but by the 1930's, records indicate the church had joined the Colorado conference, which became the Evangelical and Reformed Church denomination in

1934. In 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church became part of the United Church of Christ, and St. John assumed membership in the Rocky Mt. Conference of UCC. Throughout the years, through good times and bad, in the face of many changes, St. John has been steadfast in service to its members

and the community. At this time the congregation celebrates its past while looking to the future.

Anniversary events are scheduled at the church throughout the week end, August 17-19. Questions? Call 970-354-7522.

Haigler welcomes friends at international reunion

Did you see the "Welcome SIEC International Friends Reunion" signs below the "Welcome to Haigler" signs on the east and west side of Haigler this past week? Did you see the tent and balloons set up in the Carlock gardens? Did you wonder what event was now happening in Haigler?

Haigler and LaNeta and Stan Carlock were hosts to international visitors from England, Germany, Finland, Scotland, Denmark and Texas. All individuals were colleagues of LaNeta's for many years when she was involved with international work through an organization called SIEC (Society International Economic Congress). LaNeta represented the USA on the board of directors; others represented their individual countries on the Board.

Membership included representation from 30 countries. It had been 5 to 10 years since most of the group had last met. All came to Haigler for "the Haigler experience." Housing accommodations were at the Haigler White House, the Lodge,

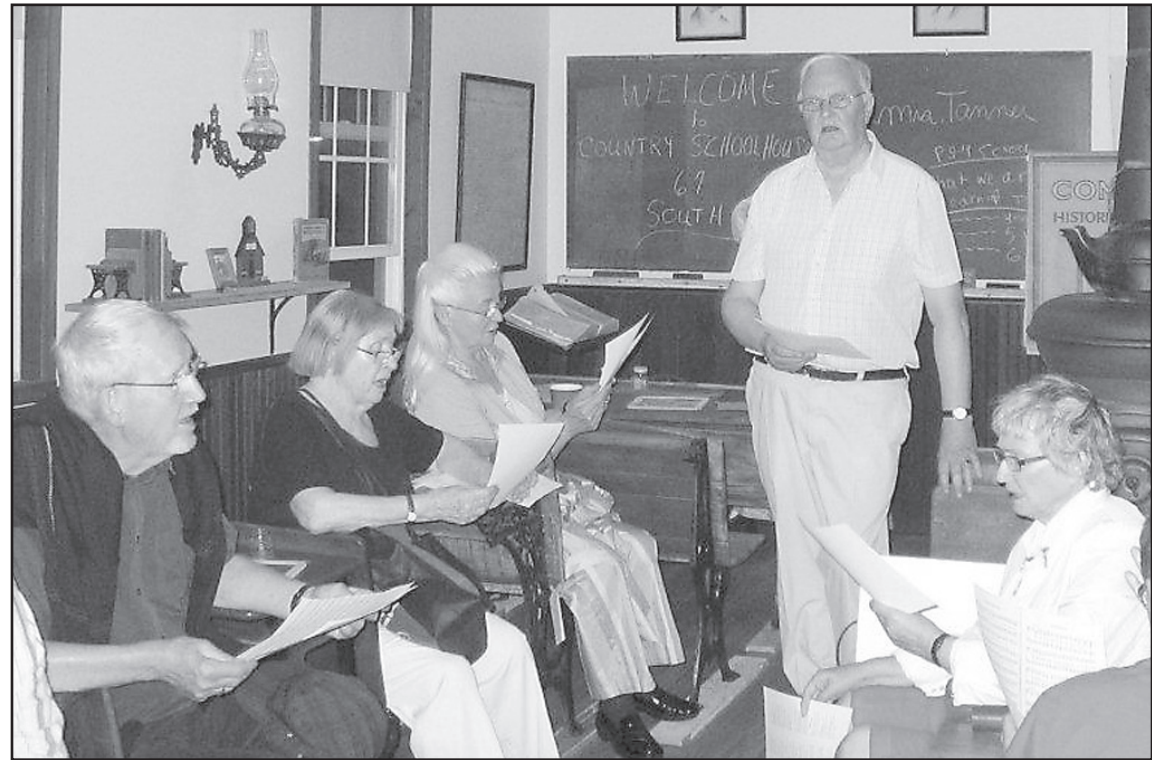


SIGN IS UP to welcome visitors to Haigler and the reunion.

and the Freehling/Putnam homes.

In attendance were Janet Elliott, England; Ingrid Rose, Germany;

Ritva and Risto Rautio and grandson Jerry Rautio, Finland; Andrew Moore, Scotland; Erik and Hanne Lange, Denmark; and



SING-A-LONG held during the International Friends reunion held in Haigler.

Dorothy Dent, Texas. In addition to Stan and LaNeta Carlock; Charlie and Myrna Mulligan, Galena Webster, Gary and Lorene Putnam, and Percy and Barbara Harris also participated in many of the activities.

The "Haigler experience" included Charlie Mulligan's homemade pizza served under the Carlock tent; breakfast at the Haigler Country Cafe; Sage Hill Vineyard and Winery

hosted by Hal and Carol Walker; country fried chicken, Nebraska barbecued beef; homemade ice cream by LaNeta's sister, Galena Webster; Rock Creek Lake, walking the streets of Haigler; star gazing; country drives to Texas Trail Canyon, Kansas, and Nebraska Sandhills; Haigler Country Schoolhouse Museum, Haigler Cornerstone Museum; United Methodist Church services and piano concert by Donald Newman of Imperial, Neb.; and sing-a-longs.

LaNeta and her sister Myrna Mulligan had driven to Denver on Friday, Aug. 3, to caravan the group to Haigler in two vehicles. On Tuesday morning following breakfast, everyone departed Haigler for "the Estes Park experience" and Rocky Mountains of Colorado. All enjoyed the drive through the Big Thompson Canyon.

Lodging at the YMCA of the Rockies provided a wonderful location for all the activities planned in Estes Park. These

included meeting cowboy singer Brad Fitch, attending the Rocky Mountain Opry Variety Show, picnic lunch at Endo Valley, hiking at Lily's Lake, stopping at Mary's Lake Lodge, visiting the Stanley Hotel, driving Trail Ridge Road; and a farewell dinner at Nicky's Steakhouse beside the Fall River, listening to piano music by Gerry Valero.

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11, guests departed from Denver International Airport.

Interesting comments like, "We will never ask again what you do in Haigler," "We cannot believe all the things that go on in such a small village as Haigler—and in Dundy County," "The friendliness of the people and the community way of doing things is unbelievable," "We are all world travelers, but never have we experienced anything like this past week." "The Haigler experience—and the Estes Park experience will long be remembered."

Idalia News

By Chuck Wright



Idalia School news

The current focus of the construction at school is to complete the installation of the modular buildings for the beginning of the school year on Aug. 23. A student safety plan and a transportation plan are now available at the school and on the school website.

Parents and the general public are invited to the Back-To-School picnic on Aug. 23, 6 p.m. at the Homestead Memorial Building. The Idalia Lions Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish. School information

on classes, safety issues, and construction will be distributed and questions answered at this event.

Aug. 20, 12 p.m. - Substitute teacher in-service.

Aug. 23, 8 a.m. - First day of school! Preschool open house.

Aug. 27, 8 a.m. - First day of preschool

Aug. 28, - School photos and fall sports photos.

St. John news

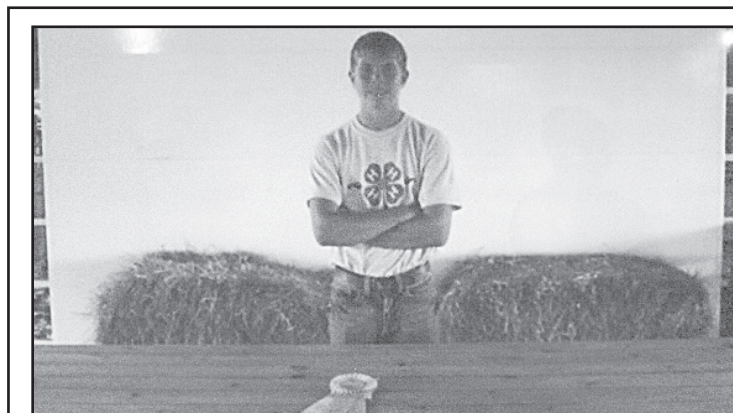
Aug. 17-19, - St. John 125th Anniversary weekend. Everyone is invited! For a schedule of events contact the church, 970-354-7522, or the "St. John United Church of

Christ" Facebook page.

Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. - Pastor Wright and members of St. John will visit the residents of Hillcrest Care Center, Wray, for worship and fellowship.

Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. - Rally Day at St. John. The Fall Sunday School classes will begin and there will be a picnic following the worship service.

Aug. 30, 3:30 p.m. - The St. John



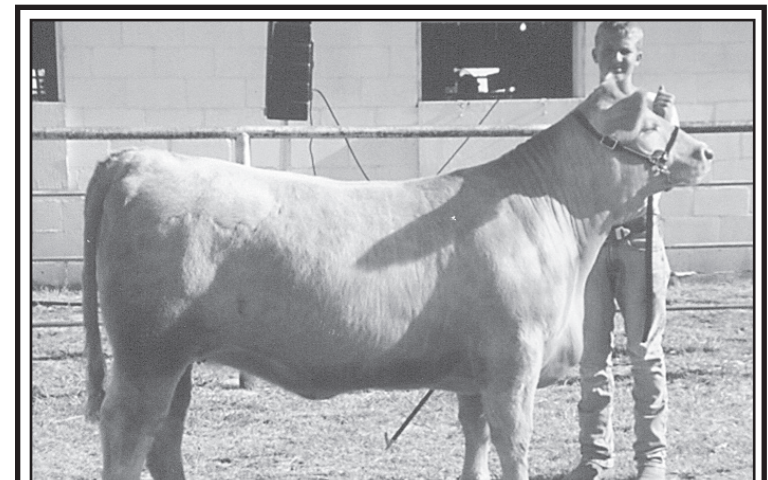
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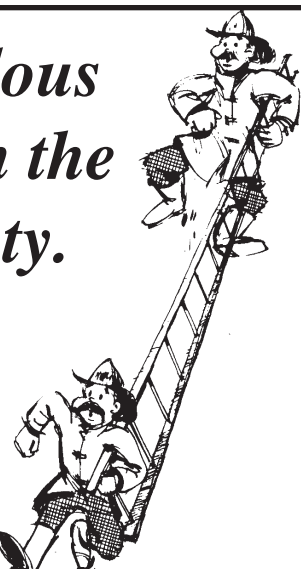
Thank you Crop Production Services, Goodland, Ks. for purchasing my Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer premium at the 2012 Cheyenne County Fair! I appreciate your support of 4-H and my project.

Taylor Rogers

Thank you for the tremendous support and donations from the people of Cheyenne County.



St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department



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I will be running as a write-in candidate in the General Election on Nov. 6.

Andy Beikman

Thank you for your support in the Primary and General elections.

Paid for by Andy Beikman