



# On the Plains

## Idalia News

### Book Fair

The Idalia school library will be hosting a scholastic book fair October 29 through November 4 in the third grade classroom. Please note the change of location. The family event will be during the annual turkey shoot November 3. The fund raiser will be used to purchase a set of encyclopedias for the library and the students.

### Surprise Birthday

A surprise birthday was held at Route 36 Saturday night in honor of Debbie Crites birthday, hosted by her husband, Terry. Several friends and neighbors attended.

Travis and Crystal Crites of Houston, Texas and Guy and Trisha Coberly of Loveland surprised their mother, Deb Crites with 50 balloons being de-

livered to the Prairie Vista Restaurant for her birthday.

### Family Dinner

A family dinner was held at the home of Buzz and Bonnie Gartrell last Sunday, Oct. 6. Guests were Aaron and Penny Gartrell and family of Burlington, Chuck and Sheila Stewart of Aurora, Bill and Carla Wolfe and Seth and Daniel and his friend, Shelly of Stratton, Mark Rogers of Burlington friend Nicholas Gartell. The get-together was in honor of Bill and Carla Wolfe and family.

Carla and Bill Wolfe, Seth and Daniel moved to Pennsylvania Tuesday where they will live close to his family. They arrived Thursday night after a long drive with a large U-haul with Daniel following in their car. Bill

will still be driving a truck there too.

### St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. The confirmation class had worship service Sunday and did really good, everyone enjoyed the service. Bill Carpenter Sr. sang a solo "Amazing Grace."

Next Sunday, Oct. 20 the youth fellowship will serve a German dinner. The dinner is a fund raiser for the youth events. Some of the youth will show pictures and stories of their recent trip to Europe.

### Deaths

Earl Vannida, 57 years old, of Kirk died suddenly with a heart attack

Thursday and services were held Monday, Oct. 14 at Liberty school with the burial at Stratton cemetery. He was a brother of Joyce Helling.

Anne Moellenberg died at Fort Collins Hospital after suffering with cancer for sometime. Cherlyn Moellenberg was in Fort Collins several days with the family of Anne Moellenberg.

### Birthday Dinner

Elsie Shanks, RoseMary and Darby Shanks motored to Peyton Sunday morning to attend the dinner and party at the home of Kirk and Rhonda Deines and Derek in honor of Derek's 17th birthday with ice cream and birthday cake decorated in blue, green and yellow with football players and 17 on the cake. Derek was crowned for king at the Homecoming game. Others attending were Loren and Priscilla Wilkinson, Dave and Debbie Shackelford and son, Tanner all of Colorado Springs.

### Idalia Baptist News

Idalia congregation and Pastor Gary Fore invites you to come and join them. Worship service is at 8:45 Sunday evening Bible study is at 4 p.m. Thursday evening Bible study is at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Graduates

Several area residents were among the 287 students graduating from Northeast Junior College during the 2002 spring and summer semesters. Those receiving degrees included Kent E. Helling and Darla K. Richards of Idalia.

### It's a girl

Eric and Sarah Kerbs and big sister Jenna of Grand Junction are happy to announce the birth of Emily Grace Kerbs born on October 1. She weighed six pounds and 11 ounces and measured 19 and one half inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jim and Trish Lengel of Yuma and Dave and Sue Kerbs. Her great-grandparents are Ward and Vaudi Wiley of Burlington, Edgar and Arnetta Lengel of Idalia and John and Elsie Kerbs of Greeley.

### Halloween Party

Area children are invited to the Saf-T-Fun, a fall celebration sponsored by Idalia student council and Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance organization. The event will be held from 2-2:45 p.m. at Idalia old

By  
Elsie  
Shanks



Betty J. Moellenberg gave a report on Hope Congregational Church guest day with six ladies attending plus Ralph Datema. They discuss Lions Club turkey shoot. Bring big food items for Sunday school. Oct. 20 is youth fellowship German dinner after church.

Next month program by Debbie Crites and Elsie Shanks will have thank offering service. December Joyce Helling will be in charge of the lesson. Laura Lengel and Jerry Weissar will be hostesses for the potluck dinner at noon with guests invited. Secret pals will be revealed. Refreshments were served by Jerry Crites substituting for Katherine Zion.

Clark and Mildred Rolow visited Shirley Boden and Geneva at Hillcrest Care Center and Geneva at The Towers Friday afternoon. Geneva had decorated for Halloween.

Lincoln Wilson of Denver was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Clark and Mildred Rolow, enroute to Nebraska on business.

Ryan Beckman and friend, Ginny Beaumont both of Glenwood Springs were weekend guests Monday of his parents, Larry and Janie Beckman and helped with harvest.

Pat and Harold Madsen of St. Francis were Sunday afternoon visitors of her brother and wife, Clark and Mildred Rolow.

Lee Cobb of Wray is the manager of the Co-op feed mill in Idalia.

Elsie Shanks visited Violet Knapp Monday afternoon.

Clayton and Billy Poenisch of Inglecride, Texas arrived Sunday evening to visit her mother, Ina Mullen at Hillcrest Towers in Wray who will celebrate her 102 birthday and is doing really good and has a sharp mind too. They will also visit friends in the area for two weeks. They are living at the Mullen Ranch which they own.

Cherlyn Moellenberg attended a meeting in Denver of United Church of Christ Conference Friday and Saturday.

Qwenn Kleweno returned home from Tulsa, Okla., last Monday and Ethan is doing better now, Jessica and Gwen both have colds.

## Beecher Island News

There were 55 at Sunday school with Rowe Shively giving the special number and Ashley Hurlburt giving her birthday offering. Daniel Prentice was the morning speaker.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Crystal Zion Wednesday and Mary J. Allen will be the hostess Oct. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen were Sept. 23 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family helping Ashley celebrate her birthday.

Beulah Ekberg and Carol Chapman attended a baby shower in honor of Ethan Jeurink at the WRAC Sunday afternoon.

Gwen Cranmer was an overnight guest last Sunday and spent the day Monday with Bernice Eberhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stuart, Harold Kamla, R.W. and Roxanne were supper guests of Dr. and Mrs. Pat Stuart Saturday.

Jeri Rose and girls spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield joined them for supper Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Branenstein and family came Friday to spend a few days, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parmelle and family were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. Mr.

and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob joined them Sunday evening. All were here to help their grandmother and great-grandmother, Cora Fisher celebrate her birthday Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador hosted dinner Wednesday for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montieth, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus, Dennis Salvador and Susie.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Gardner were Sunday evening visitors of June Richers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gelvin were Sunday morning visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Hattie Allen and Sharon Oestman enjoyed dinner Sunday in Idalia. The same group plus Mr. and Mrs. Long and children had dinner in Idalia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis of Grand Junction were Wednesday to Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin met Mrs. Randy Perila and Laura in Linden Thursday for Laura to come home with the Simmons. Laurie Perila came Saturday and Laura returned home with her Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall visited in the Simmons home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent and Norma Ekberg Sunday afternoon.

By  
Bessie  
Dent



Doris Whomble spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Austin Bowman was a Saturday overnight guest. Doris and Judy attended the birthday dinner for Cora Fisher Sunday.

Ernie Smith of Benkelman visited Norma Ekberg Tuesday. Both visited Ada Beachley later in the afternoon.

Veda Douglass took Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen to St. Francis for a dental appointment for Hattie one day last week. Kristy Hurlburt and boys and Judy Shively were callers. Sharon Oestman spent the weekend with the Allens.

Visitors of Norma Ekberg during the week were Jean Moore Friday, Julia Campfield and friend Cora Brady, Carla Campfield and mother Saturday and Rachel, Erin, Crystal and Nick Wisdom Sunday.

Bonnie Jones of St. Francis and Bill Neitz of Eckley were visitors of Paul and Bessie Dent at different times Tuesday.

It was wonderful to see Cora Fisher, all of her children and spouses, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews Sunday morning at the Christian Church honoring Cora on her 94th birthday.



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