

# On the Plains

## **Idalia News**

#### **Book Fair**

The Idalia school library will be nosting 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

### **Family Dinner**

A family dinner was held at the home of Buzz and Bonnie Gartrell last Sunday, Oct. 6. Guests were Aaron and Penny Gartell and family of Burlington, Chuck and Sheila Stewart class had worship service Sunday and 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 of Loveland surprised their mother, after a long drive with a large U-haul

livered to the Prairie Vista Restaurant 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 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

### **Deaths**

Earl Vannida, 57 years old, of Kirk Deb Crites with 50 balloons being de- with Daniel following in their car. Bill 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 For einvites you to come and join them. Doris Whomble spent a few days Worship service is at 8:45 Sunday

## **Graduates**

Several area residents were among Ernie Smith of Benkelman visited the 287 students graduating from Norma Ekberg Tuesday. Both visited Northeaster Junior College during the 2002 spring and summer semesters. Veda Douglass took Mr. and Mrs. Those receiving degrees included Kent Berl Allen to St. Francis for a dental E. Helling and Darla K. Richards of

### It's a girl

Eric and Sarah Kerbs and big sister Oestman spent the weekend with the Jenna of Grand Junction are happy to announce the birth of Emily Grace Visitors of Norma Ekberg during the Kerbs born on October 1. She weighed week were Jean Moore Friday, Julia six pounds and 11 ounces and mea-

Proud grandparents are Jim and Sue Kerbs. Her great-grandparents are Bonnie Jones of St. Francis and Bill Ward and Vaudi Wiley of Burlington,

## **Halloween Party**

Area children are invited to the Safall of her children and spouses, many T-Fun, a fall celebration sponsored by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Idalia student council and Modern nieces and nephews Sunday morning Woodmen of America, a fraternal life at the Christian Church honoring Cora insurance organization. The event will be held from 2-2:45 p.m. at Idalia old **Elsie** 

gym. Admission is free. The Saf-T-Fun Fest is designed to give kids a safe Halloween parade and the chance for a fun, supervised fall celebration. It encourages children to respect others. Participants will be asked to sign pledge cards stating "I promise to respect the property of other people and will cooperate with leaders to make the party a success." Kids will also enjoy activities such as a costume contest and other games.

Started in 1948, the Saf-T-Fun Fest is nine of six youth education programs offered by Modern Woodmen. Over 400,000 kids annually participate in the safe fall celebration, which is offered free of charge to school, youth groups and civic and religious organizations nationwide. Richard Lamberson of Highlands Ranch is our local representative.

Modern Woodmen of America is a leading fraternal life insurance organization headquartered in Rock Island, Ill. The organization served more than 750,000 members nationwide, offering financial products and services for families and service programs for communities. For more information log on www.modern-woodmen.org. Other donations to the party have been made by Idalia student council and Idalia Elementary.

## Womens Fellowship Meeting

St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship met Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9 with nine attending. Cherlyn Moellenberg presented the lesson. A poem was read by Alma Helling. A song was sung "This is the Day."

Sherl Wudtke, vice president opened the meeting with roll call, 'something about Halloween." Secretary report by Laura Lengel in the absence of Janie Beckman which was approved. Debbie Crites gave the treasurers report.

The group discussed a new carpet sweeper to buy. Elsie Shanks gave a report of one sympathy card sent, three special birthday cards. One was signed for Dorothy Bazyn. Three get well cards were sent. Cherlyn Moellenberg gave a report on Northeast Association meeting in Greeley which she attended with Pastor Ralph. Elsie Shanks and

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

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 Weisshar 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.

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

Clark and Mildred Rolow visited

Saturday afternoon visitor of Clark and Mildred Rolow, enroute to Nebraska Ryan Beckman and friend, Ginny

were weekend guests Monday of his parents, Larry and Janie Beckman and helped with harvest.

Beaumont both of Glenwood Springs

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

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 Sat-

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 host-

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

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 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent and Norma parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. Mr. Ekberg Sunday afternoon.

and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob joined them Sunday evening. All were here to help their grandmother and greatgrandmother, 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

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

with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Ause evening Bible study is at 4 p.m. Thurstin Bowman was a Saturday overnight day evening Bible study is at 6 p.m. guest. Doris and Judy attended the Everyone is welcome to attend. birthday dinner for Cora Fisher Sun-

Ada Beachley later in the afternoon.

appointment for Hattie one day last Idalia. week. Kristy Hurlburt and boys and Judy Shively were callers. Sharon

Campfield and friend Cora Brady, sured 19 and one half inches long. Carla Campfield and mother Saturday and Rachel, Erin, Crystal and Nick Trish Lengel of Yuma and Dave and Wisdom Sunday.

Neitz of Eckley were visitors of Paul Edgar and Arnetta Lengel of Idalia and and Bessie Dent at different times John and Elsie Kerbs of Greeley.

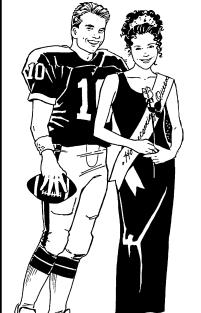
It was wonderful to see Cora Fisher, on her 94th birthday.

## Coming next week!

## FALL SPUR IS IAB

Featuring those Football and Volleyball players

and **Cheerleaders** 



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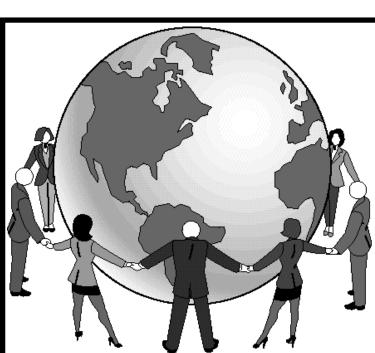
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