On the Plains

St. John **United Church of Christ**

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Pam Wisdom of Wray will be our guest speaker Dec. 1. No communion till Dec. 8 and then a group will go to the nursing homes in Wray and St. Francis that afternoon.

Dec. 8, breakfast and hanging of the greens and communion.

St. John United Church of Christ Sunday school needs your plastic water bottles for Christmas projects. Bring them to the church or give them to Joyce Helling at Prairie Vista Res-

Wins Wool Contest

Andrea Knodel competed in the Colorado Make it Yourself with Wool' contest in Grand Junction, Nov. 16 and placed first in the junior division. She won an all expense paid trip to the 'National Make it Yourself with Wool' contest to be held in Washington D.C. Feb. 6-8, at the Reauiance

Hotel.

Andrea constructed a wool jacket and skirt. To complete her outfit she knitted a sleeveless cable stitch sweater. The objectives of the 'Make it Yourself with Wool' contest are to promote beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns.

Andrea is the daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel of Idalia and the granddaughter of Ward and Vaudi Wiley and Ruth Knodel, all of Burlington.

Idalia Baptist Church News

Idalia Baptist Church congregation and Pastor Gary Fore invites you to come join them. Sunday School is at 8:45 a.m. Worship service is at 4 p.m. Sunday evening and Tuesday Bible study is at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. They will have their Thanksgiving dinner Sunday.

Bicentennial Family Community Education Club

The Bicentennial Family Community Education Club meeting was held Tuesday night after Fall Festival, Nov. 18 with a short meeting af-

ter the cookies and candy of six dozen each brought by members and put on large plates to give to elderly and rest homes in Burlington and Wray. December meeting will be annual gift exchange and guess who

January meeting will be installation of officers. Work meeting to assemble blankets and bags for "comfort for children of Yuma County" members are to begin collecting items for the bags and will put the quilt together at the meet-

their secret pal was for 2002 with a

drawing for a new secret pal for 2003,

with a program too.

The club members that received secret pal gifts picked them up before going home. Some showed their gift.

The Yuma County Family Community Education Fall Festival was held Tuesday night, Nov. 19 at St. John United Church of Christ hosted by Bicentennial Family Community Education Club of Idalia with registration at 6 p.m. The welcome by president, Sheryl Wudtke with a soup supper of

Bessie

Greg Goodman and Monte

breaking a leg.

Idalia News-

chili, vegetable or chicken and noodle, salads, deserts, coffee and tea served to the eighteen attending. The Doxology was sung before the minutes and treasurers reports were given and approved. Committee reports were given with handouts of the district meeting to read. The group needs to get nominations for North Star and members of the year due to the county president by February, also County Club packets. Yuma County project will be for foster children.

Scholarship baskets were drawn, Kathy Wiley won the wooden snowman; Roberta Moellenberg, cone arrangement; Cindy Soehner, sunflower wreath; Beverly Weyerman, snowman; Joyce Helling, candle; Sheryl Wudtke, pumpkin arrangement. There also is a need for more baby books for the hospital.

Goals set for 2003 are to meet quarterly, strive to keep president informed, have the secretary send each club president and county officer a copy of the minutes, work together on the county project.

Program was given by Bonnie Sherman of Holoyoke, agent for extension. She showed slide pictures and gave out information, they also discussed the program "Identify Theft" which was enjoyed.

Tom and Marie Mandis and sons, Gordon Mandis, Rick and wife Renee Mandis of Fort Collins spent last week at Craig, Colo., hunting and all got a

Tom and Angela Toledo and Cheslesea of Parker were weekend guests of her parents, Larry and Janie Beckman.

Elsie Shanks

daughter, Emily Mandis of Burlington

will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of

Robbie and Marcy Beckman, Tyler

and visited Shirley Boden at Hillcrest

to eat in Wray and Harlan too. They left

Harlan and Shirley Boden went

Helling will join them for the Holiday

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Wednes-

Evelyn Flick of this area and her

day afternoon visitor of Ruth Richards.

Larry and Janie Beckman.

daughter, Kitty Jacobs.

for home Thursday.

shopping in Wray Thursday.

dinner, weather permitting.

Clark and Mildred Rolow.

which she was thrilled to receive.

for the Thanksgiving dinner. Harlan and Shirley Boden will be

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Clark and Mildred Rolow, weather permit-

Mildred Rolow was a Tuesday late afternoon visitor of Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center.

and Kristin of Atwood, will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of Larry and Janie Briar Carpenter left last Saturday for Sidney, Mont., to visit her mother and Donald North and family of father, Mary and Perry Blanchard, Flagler, Don and Jenice Elrich of when she received word her father only Watkins, Gary and Marilou North of had a week to live. Enroute she picked Burlington will attend Thanksgiving up her sister, Celeste Stevens at Fort dinner Nov. 22 at Hillcrest Towers Morgan and their brother, Gilbert dining room in Wray with their Blanchard at Cheyenne, Wyo., who is mother, Geneva North hosted by her in the Army.

Idalia school Thanksgiving vacation Adam Childress and friend from will be Wednesday, Thursday and Fri-Bakerfield Calif., finished picking day. They will go back to school Monday, Dec. 2. corn for Harlan Boden this weekend

Please call me with your Thanksgiv-Care Center in Wray and took her out ing news or fax me, 354-7235 same as my telephone number. Or any other items you have, I would appreciate it

Terry and Debbie Crites plan to host Marilee Helling of Denver will Thanksgiving dinner at their home spend Thanksgiving and the weekend weather permitting. with her mother, Lucille Helling, Alma

Travis and Kristal Crites of Houston. Texas will arrive Tuesday Nov. 26 to visit his parents. Terry and Debbie Crites and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and attend Josh Morris and Julie Pittman's wedding at the Lutheran Church in St. Francis Nov. 30.

daughter, Anita Jamis of Wray were early Tuesday afternoon visitors of Troy and friend Beth Gallegos both of Colorado Springs, Elden Flick of Elsie Shanks was a Wednesday af-Fort Collins, Pat and Bruce Texter of ternoon visitor of Violet Knapp and Eckley, Doug and Anita Jimmis and delivered her Family Community Edu-Donnita of Wray, Desirea Jimmis, stucation plate of cookies and candies, dent of Northern Junior College of Sterling, Ruth and Darin Brown and Violet Knapp took her brother, family of Wray, will be Thanksgiving Virgil Lundvall of Burlington to dinner guests of their mother and Mcarthur Senior Center Wednesday grandmother, Evelyn Flick.

Beecher Island News

The Beecher Island Helping Hand speaker. Club met with Kristy Hurlburt Wednesday. The next meeting will be the Christmas meeting with Gwen Cranmer on Dec. 11. The club is hosting a birthday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Sandhiller in honor of Beulah Ekberg's 80th birthday. Marilyn, Linda, Carol and Betty, daughters, are hosting a card shower in honor of her birthday. Cards may be sent to her at 21776 County Road KK, Wray, CO 80758.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin and Mrs. Richard Wall spent Tuesday in Westminster with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila helping Laurie celebrate her birthday.

Cory and Brook Zuege were Saturday overnight guests of the Kenny Roses helping Chynna celebrate her

Pete and Boni Osmus are happy to tell of the birth of Jacob Andrew born Nov. 21, 2002, the son of Holly and Eric Johnson. He has a brother Noah to welcome him home.

Tillie Peters died Thursday morn-

Gwen Cranmer took Phil and Nancy Heath out for lunch Thursday.

Austin Bowman spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Monte and Gary Mansfield were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield this past week.

Doris Whomble and Beulah Soehner went out for lunch Thursday. Willie and Patty Klie took Norma Ekberg and Norene Perry out for lunch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna went to Arickaree Tuesday to watch the basketball game that Mallory played in.

Julia and Levi Campfield visited Norma Ekberg Tuesday evening.

There were 70 at Sunday school with Bill and Vicky Hull giving the special number. Rose Pickard and Cersandra

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Mallory hosted supper Saturday in honor of Chynna's 11th birthday. Helping her celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Sylvia Blessman, Albert Reitz and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways took

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath out for lunch Friday in honor of Nancy's belated birthday. Norma Ekberg was among the

Saturday evening to help Cersandra celebrate her second birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg went out Friday for lunch in honor of their 58th

guests at the Clint Wisdom's home

wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose attended the Yuma County Appreciation dinner

Friday evening at the Elks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose attended the Soil Conservation dinner Thursday evening at the Elks.

Doris Whomble spent Wednesday to Friday in Greeley with her sister, Nettie Rilev.

Boni Osmus attended the Pleasant Valley Ladies Aid with her mother, Mrs. Perk Salvador.

Jennifer Novak, Cade and Brittany and Jill Mansfield were Thursday evening until Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield.

Diana Bowker took Violet Brown out to supper Friday.

Jessica Willard and Megan Jones spent Friday night with Jacque Ekberg. Levi and Julia Campfield and Rachel and Erin Wisdom visited Norma Ekberg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Jennifer Novak, Cade and Brittany and Jill Mansfield had supper Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. They had supper Saturday with Jean Brenner in Burlington.

Iris Gardner took Norma Ekberg over to see Susie Shively Sunday afternoon. Susie had just returned home Wisdom gave their birthday offerings. from Fort Collins where she had spent Clint Wisdom was the morning some time with the Gardners after

Highway Patrol works to improve road safety

The Kansas Highway Patrol hopes safety belts, and making sure children this Thanksgiving weekend will con- are buckled up, Kansans should have tinue the state's recent trend of declining traffic deaths. Last year, four people lost their lives on Kansas highways during the busy holiday weekend, compared with nine in 2000 and 12 in 1999, Kansas' law enforcement agencies' participation in educational and enforcement activities, such as Operation ABC Mobilization and the Kansas Department

Transportation's Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), may have played a key role. In an effort to keep fatality and in-

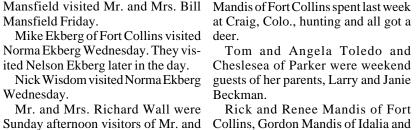
jury statistics low, Kansas' law enforcement agencies and thousands of agencies across the country will participate in Operation ABC Mobilization from Nov. 25 through Dec. 1. During this period, they will concentrate on enforcing seat belt and child passenger safety laws. also, between November 19 and Dec. 2, the departments' Special Traffic Enforcement Program will fund overtime for troopers and other participating law enforcement officers who would normally be off duty. This mobilization will focus enforcement activity on occupant pro-

tection and impaired driving. Colonel Don Brownlee, superintensaid, "By driving sober, fastening sively.

a safe holiday season. Thanks to our partnership with the Kansas Department of Transportation, the patrol will place additional troopers on the highways to help enforce these very important state laws."

State law requires all children under the age of 4 to be secured in approved child safety seats. In addition, all children under the age of 14 are required to wear safety belts at all times, regardless of where they sit in a vehicle. Law enforcement officers may stop and cite drivers when they observe this law's violation. During last year's Thanksgiving reporting period, the patrol issued 70 citations for child restraint violations and 261 citations for adult seat belt violations. The patrol also arrested 50 impaired drivers.

For safe holiday travel, the patrol reminds drivers to allow extra travel time, to make sure vehicles are in good mechanical condition, and to watch for threatening weather. You can obtain updated highway conditions by calling the toll-free Kansas Road Condition Hot Line at 1-800-585-ROAD or on the internet at www.kanroad.org. Drivers should always be sober, buckle up, secure children in safety seats or seat dent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, belts, watch for deer, and drive defen-



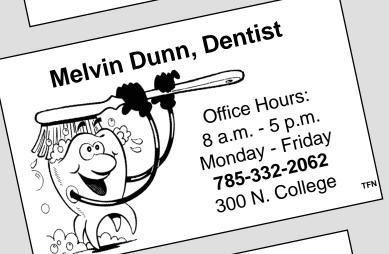
Mrs. Robert Simmons.

Rick and Renee Mandis of Fort



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