



On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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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 Restaurant.

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 Reaunance

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 their secret pal was for 2002 with a drawing for a new secret pal for 2003, with a program too.

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 meeting.

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

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 Holyoke, 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 deer.

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

Rick and Renee Mandis of Fort Collins, Gordon Mandis of Idalia and

daughter, Emily Mandis of Burlington will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of Larry and Janie Beckman.

Robbie and Marcy Beckman, Tyler and Kristin of Atwood, will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of Larry and Janie Beckman.

Donald North and family of Flagler, Don and Jenice Elrich of Watkins, Gary and Marilou North of Burlington will attend Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22 at Hillcrest Towers dining room in Wray with their mother, Geneva North hosted by her daughter, Kitty Jacobs.

Adam Childress and friend from Bakerfield Calif., finished picking corn for Harlan Boden this weekend and visited Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray and took her out to eat in Wray and Harlan too. They left for home Thursday.

Harlan and Shirley Boden went shopping in Wray Thursday.

Marilee Helling of Denver will spend Thanksgiving and the weekend with her mother, Lucille Helling, Alma Helling will join them for the Holiday dinner, weather permitting.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Ruth Richards.

Evelyn Flick of this area and her daughter, Anita Jamis of Wray were early Tuesday afternoon visitors of Clark and Mildred Rolow.

Elsie Shanks was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Violet Knapp and delivered her Family Community Education plate of cookies and candies, which she was thrilled to receive.

Violet Knapp took her brother, Virgil Lundvall of Burlington to Mearthur Senior Center Wednesday

for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Harlan and Shirley Boden will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of Clark and Mildred Rolow, weather permitting.

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

Briar Carpenter left last Saturday for Sidney, Mont., to visit her mother and father, Mary and Perry Blanchard, when she received word her father only had a week to live. Enroute she picked up her sister, Celeste Stevens at Fort Morgan and their brother, Gilbert Blanchard at Cheyenne, Wyo., who is in the Army.

Idalia school Thanksgiving vacation will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They will go back to school Monday, Dec. 2.

Please call me with your Thanksgiving news or fax me, 354-7235 same as my telephone number. Or any other items you have, I would appreciate it all.

Terry and Debbie Crites plan to host Thanksgiving dinner at their home weather permitting.

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.

Troy and friend Beth Gallegos both of Colorado Springs, Elden Flick of Fort Collins, Pat and Bruce Texter of Eckley, Doug and Anita Jimmis and Donnita of Wray, Desirea Jimmis, student of Northern Junior College of Sterling, Ruth and Darin Brown and family of Wray, will be Thanksgiving dinner guests of their mother and grandmother, Evelyn Flick.

Beecher Island News

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The Beecher Island Helping Hand

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 Sandhillier 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 birthday.

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 morning.

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 Wisdom gave their birthday offerings.

Clint Wisdom was the morning

speaker.

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 guests at the Clint Wisdom's home Saturday evening to help Cersandra celebrate her second birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg went out Friday for lunch in honor of their 58th 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 Riley.

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 from Fort Collins where she had spent some time with the Gardners after

breaking a leg.

Greg Goodman and Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Friday.

Mike Ekberg of Fort Collins visited Norma Ekberg Wednesday. They visited Nelson Ekberg later in the day.

Nick Wisdom visited Norma Ekberg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons.

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Highway Patrol works to improve road safety

The Kansas Highway Patrol hopes this Thanksgiving weekend will continue 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 of Transportation's Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), may have played a key role.

In an effort to keep fatality and injury 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 protection and impaired driving.

Colonel Don Brownlee, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, said, "By driving sober, fastening

safety belts, and making sure children are buckled up, Kansans should have 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 belts, watch for deer, and drive defensively.