

# On the Plains

## Idalia News

### Christmas Coming

Christmas is coming and the Christmas program is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday. Kindergarten through 12th-grade students are working on a variety of Christmas selections to perform for family and friends.

### Lady Wolves Basketball

There are 13 girls out this year with three returning starters. Seniors include Valerie Soehner, Jackie Doddridge and Tonya Cure; juniors are Maranda Shively, Candice Walkinshaw, Whitney Weyerman, Katie Wieser and Brooklyn Gregory; sophomores, Ashley Chamberlain and Krista Soehner and freshman, Kaitlin Soehner, Andrea Knodel and Jacquelyn Reeves.

### Idalia School Cafeteria News

The Idalia food service has sent out a survey to all parents to find out if there is enough interest to begin a breakfast program in the school. Plan are to have the breakfast period sometime after the buses arrive and before 10 a.m.

If there is enough interest, a breakfast program will start at the beginning of the new year. All students on the free and reduced program will be able to receive their breakfast at a free or reduced price. Let the school know if you would support a breakfast program at the school.

### It's a boy

E.J. and Briar Carpenter are the proud parents of their first child, a boy born Dec. 1, at 10:32 p.m. He tipped the scales at 8 pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

The grandparents are Reverend Perry and Mary Blanchard of Sidney, Mont., and Bill and Peggy Carpenter of Idalia.

### St. John United Church of Christ News

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., practice for the Christmas Eve program. Worship service at 11 a.m. Bill Carpenter Sr. and Hannah Langendoerfer sang a duet "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" accompanied by Betty J. Moellenberg on the piano.

Dec. 15, rehearsal for Christmas program

Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. dress rehearsal for the program on Christmas Eve. There will be soup lunch for the program participants and their families after church.

Dec. 24, Christmas program at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 29, for the altar.

### 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. Tuesday evening Bible study is at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There are still a few 2001 football season highlights tapes available. See Mr. Krause.

Elsie Reents of Burlington died. She was a sister-in-law to Edgar and Arnetta Lengel.

Bill and Debbie Thompson and daughter Stephanie, student of UNC of Greeley, Eugene and Dornene Doddridge were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Lynn and Renada Doddridge and family of Kirk. Scott, Michael and Kayla Doddridge of Greeley, Wendy Doddridge, student of LaJunta College and Peggy Griffith of Kirk.

Doug and Ann Collins of Alma, Neb., LaVerne and Carol Jean Boden visited their father, Verne Collins Sunday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis and attended their Christmas party with him.

Dennis and Tina Schiel and all their family and her sister and family of Denver were Thanksgiving dinner guest of their parents, Virg and Mary Urban in Denver.

Elsie Lidke was a Thanksgiving dinner guests of Jim and Jeanette Schiel.

Mary Ellen Hardwick of Vernon took Marie Blankenship to North Colorado Medical Center on Greeley for her back surgery last Monday and they returned home Saturday. Clay, grandson, spent the week with Cecil and Heather Dull and family and came home Sunday evening after caroling with the youth in the area.

Carmen Smith, daughter of Marie Blankenship was a Sunday afternoon visitor.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Dennis, Laura Lengel, Brian and Kevin were Emmett and Bonita Wise of Joes and Edgar and Arnetta Lengel.

Iva Gross of Burlington and her daughter, Linda Chandler of Denver and mother-in-law, Maxine Chandler of Burlington enjoyed dinner with Violet Knapp and were guests of Iva Gross and spent the afternoon visiting.

Teresa Knapp and granddaughter of Colorado Springs were Friday all day visitors of Violet Knapp.

Bill and Cindy Stroh, formerly of Elizabeth, have purchased the Darrell Wiley ranch and will be farming with his son and family, Jake and Joy Stroh and seven months old Bridger of Elizabeth and have rented the Royce Wiley

home. Royce and Joann have moved to Burlington. Darrell and wife have moved to Wray.

Bill and Cindy Stroh attended St. John United Church of Christ worship service Sunday and were Sunday dinner guests of Elsie Shanks at Prairie Vista Restaurant and enjoyed visiting with those there eating dinner.

Darby Shanks was a Sunday afternoon visitor of her grandmother, Elsie Shanks and brought her dog, Shorty, and helped her decorate.

Grant and Carolyn Carnie, Brook and Dana of Englewood were last weekend guests of her mother, Leona Helling.

Lucille Helling had laser surgery at Wray Community Hospital Monday and came home doing fine.

Chris and Julie Soehner and Buelah Soehner hosted Thanksgiving dinner at Buelah's home last Thursday. Those attending were Jim and Judy Soehner and Craig, Jerry and Cheri Soehner, Valerie and Krista, Jack and Rhonda Soehner, Jackie and Jenna and Richard Soehner all of Wray, Gary and Cindy Soehner, Tatt, Gauge and Katilin. Afternoon visitors and supper guests were Duane and Lisa Richards.

Lenore Jones of Englewood was admitted to Rose Medical Center in Denver last Monday for emergency surgery Monday night and still a patient there. Judy and Jim Soehner visited her mother Tuesday.

Chris Soehner underwent knee surgery at Presbyterian St Luke Hospital in Denver and returned home Saturday and is doing fine.

Reverend Perry Blanchard of Sidney, Mont., is doing much better.

Dean Ramseier of Wray and Laura Ramseier, student of Colorado University of Colorado Springs were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mark and Sherri Ramseier, Tyson, Jabe and Logan. Laura was also a weekend visitor of her parents and boys.

Members of Bonny Community Club of Hale will sack candy, Monday at 1 p.m. at Homestead building for the children after the Christmas music program at Idalia school when Santa Claus will appear.

Clark and Mildred Rolow enjoyed dinner at Haigler Country Club Dec. 5 at Haigler in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Brett and Joni Dutton, Brendon and Jason were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her mother, Jo Norman at Burlington. Her sister Robbie and husband, Marc of Goodland were also

guests.

Elsie Gay, mother, Todd Hagenbuch of Denver, Gay and Jeff Uhland of Eads, Colo., Violet Canfield of Longmont, Del Rae Moellenberg of Fort Collins and Clarence Lidke of Idalia were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Delmar and Roberta Moellenberg. They were all weekend guests too except Clarence.

Melanie Evans, student of Southern Colorado Pueblo and Richard Evans of Elizabeth were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their parents, Bill and Linda Evans. Melanie spent three days visiting, Richard was a Thursday till Sunday visitor, too.

Thanksgiving dinner guests and Friday guests of Howard and Burdine Homm were Dick and Dianne Homm of Colby, Chuck and Chris Arnold and Melissa of Loveland, Jacie Homm, student of Kansas State College at Manhattan and they all left Saturday.

### Haigler Elementary Christmas program

Haigler Elementary Christmas concert, under the direction of Gregg Loghry, will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Haigler school gymnasium.

### Haigler American Legion

The Haigler American Legion supper is Dec. 14. Proceeds will go toward Christmas candy for the elementary school Christmas program.

### Haigler trash collection

Trash collection in Haigler during the Christmas week will be done on Friday, Dec. 27, since Christmas Day is on Wednesday.

### Birthday celebrated

The birthday of Lawrence Douglass was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Haigler Country Club. Others present celebrating the occasion were his wife, Berniece of Wray; Florence Douglass of Haigler, Frank and Muriel Scernah of Akron, Colo.

Daniela Webster of Lafayette,

By  
Elsie  
Shanks



were Ralph and Beverly Weyerman. Larry and Cyndie Weyerman and boys, Wayne and Denise Weyerman, Sydney and Alex and Sharon Warren, Kelly and Bryant of Burlington.

Dave and Jo Thompson, Gary Moellenberg were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Kenneth and Betty Moellenberg.

Betty Moellenberg motored to Eads last Friday to visit her mother, Arla Durrett for the day.

Brent Moellenberg of San Francisco was a recent visitor for a few days of his parents, Kenneth and Betty Moellenberg after she came home from the hospital.

Randy Boden of Burlington is the office manger of Stratton Co-op in Idalia. Dave and Jo Thompson have moved to Burlington last week and he is driving to Stratton to work.

Bonny Club hosted a stag Thursday night at Hale Hall with 60 attending the supper.

## Haigler News

By  
Opal  
Collicott



Colo., returned home on Saturday evening for her Christmas break over the holidays from Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder.

Grace Adams returned to her home in Haigler on Friday night from Lincoln, where she was a patient at Bryan LGH Medical Center and the hospital.

Donald Smith of McCook was a visitor in the home of Don and Virginia Harford on Dec. 4.

Recent visitors with Velma Neville at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman were her son, Ed Neville of Fleming, Colo.; Opal Collicott, Galena Webster, LaNeta Carlock, Grace Adams, Gerald and Betty Myer.

Sarah Mayo and children, Barrett and Gwen, Dayton, Ohio, were guests of Sean Mayo's mother, Karen Harford, during Thanksgiving week. They also were visitors of Don and Virginia Harford and the Gail Harford family. Thanksgiving guests in the Gail Harford home were Karen Harford, Sean and Sarah Mayo and

children and Don and Virginia Harford.

Jeannie and Zachary Zuege of Hot Springs, S.D., came Friday and spent the weekend in the homes of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall and Albert and Sophia Zuege. They returned on Sunday morning, Dec. 8 to their home in South Dakota.

Visitors in the home of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall on Saturday evening following the UMW annual Bazaar and supper were Bob, MerryLu and Quentin Simmons and Jeannie and Zachary Zuege.

Weekend callers at the LaVoine and Opal Collicott home were Daniela Webster, Pastor Njenga Kariuki and son, Kim; Melissa Rosenfelt and sons, Mitchell and Matthew Collicott; LaNeta Carlock; Stan and Galena Webster; Myrna and Charlie Mulligan.

## Book Review

Book review from the  
St. Francis Public Library

### Taking Mysteries By Tony Hillerman

Tony Hillerman is widely known for his best-selling Navajo detective stories, among them *Skinwalkers*, *Talking God*, and the most recent, *Coyote Waits*. Less well known is the fact behind the fiction, and the Edgar Award winning novelist who has created takes authentic enough to earn him the Navajo people's appreciation as "special friend to the Dineh."

In *Talking Mysteries*, Hillerman dis-

cusses the craft of mystery writing, his approach to plot, characterization, and setting, and the wrinkles and twists that made his brand of fiction unique. Included in this book are an extensive interview by long-time friend Ernie Bulow (who has made cameo appearances in three of the Hillerman novels) and an autobiographical piece by Hillerman detailing his early years in Oklahoma, first encounters with Navajo culture, and his eventful life as journalist and author.

As an additional treat, a Jim Chee mini-mystery, originally published in

1981 and long unavailable, is included here.

The book contains 12 sketches of Hillerman characters by Navajo artist Ernest Franklin. Speaking of these, Hillerman recently thanked Franklin "for showing me what Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn look like." There is also a map of the Four Corners country in the American Southwest marking locations mentioned in the mysteries.

This is a collection that will delight anyone who has enjoyed a Tony Hillerman novel, or who has ever aspired to become a mystery writer.

## Beecher Island News

By  
Bessie  
Dent



There were 50 at Sunday school with Chynna Rose giving the special number.

Dillon Rose and Darcie Sherlock of Grand Junction spent Tuesday to Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls. They all had supper with Sylvia Blessman Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively attended the wedding of Cheryl Moellenberg and Ralph Dateman Saturday.

Major and Mrs. James Kennedy and family took Doris Whomble out to lunch Saturday. Jamey Kennedy had been an overnight guest at the Mark Bowman home Friday and returned with her parents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parmelee and family were holiday weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob joined them for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Beinhoff and family were Thursday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose.

Don Dye of Imperial, Neb., visited Violet Brown last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cranmer and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jones and family Friday.

Julia, Levi and Paul Campfield, Anthony Farin and friend Jim visited Saturday with Norma Ekberg, Erin and Rachel Wisdom on Saturday and Nick Wisdom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent and Dwain home from school in Pueblo. They called at the Ron Brown and Clifford Homm homes on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ingo and Andrea, Mr. and Mrs. Thane Greene and Marilyn Bruffett enjoyed dinner at the Run Away Inn Saturday evening.

Zack and Austin Bowman spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. The James Kennedy family visited Wednesday to Sunday.

The Kenny Rose family were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Welp at the After-Harvest dinner at Route 36 last Tuesday.

Ellen Mansfield and Jo Goodman visited at the Bill Mehl home Sunday. Sharon is doing well after surgery last week.

Ben Jones wrestled in Amarillo, Texas, this week where he took fourth place.

Amber Simmons is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons.

Harold Kamla watched R.W. Stuart parachute jump Sunday afternoon and visited at the Dr. Pat Stuart home.

### Thanksgiving dinners

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose hosted dinner for Deloris Zuege, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and family and Darcie Sherlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodge and Robin's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg and Violet Brown. Diana and Amanda Bowker joined them in the afternoon.

Holiday guests of Gwen Cranmer were Gary Cranmer of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cranmer and family and Rex Shver.


Kenny and Loni Davis hosted dinner for Kirsty Temerton and Stephanie of Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lance, Justin and Emily, Scot and Chad Heath and Sue Harris.

Holiday guests of Nettie May Welton were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Welton and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cunningham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kinnear and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Welton and Helen Wilson. They also visited Hattie Gorbet.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown, Grant Brown and Riley and Norma Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fisher hosted dinner for Mark and Andrea Fisher and friend Tyson, Cora Fisher, Birdie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trast, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Beverlin, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fisher, Julie and girls and friend Brad, Nettie Jane Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parmelee and family, John and Jacob Osmus.

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