



On the Plains

Idalia News

St. John United Church of Christ News

St. Francis United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school and adult study at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Every Sunday till summer then hours will change.

Bill Carpenter, Hannah Langendoerfer and the Sunday school children sang Sunday at worship service, which was enjoyed. They sang "Freely, Freely" accompanied by a tape.

Women's Fellowship ladies and any other that can quilt are welcome

to join them every Wednesday morning for sewing and quilting on the beautiful quilt.

St. John United Church of Christ ladies are invited to a luncheon April 11 at noon at the First St. Paul Church by the ladies of their new church at 2660 Senter Street in Burlington. They will have a short program with fellowship following.

Open House

Open house and appreciation lunch at M & M Co-op Idalia station Friday, April 4. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Idalia FFA. Come and meet the new

management team.

Death

Word has been received that Inez R. Cure died Monday, March 24 at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver.

Death

Gene Steven was killed in a car accident last Saturday. The Steven family formerly lived at Hale, Colo., and the children attended Idalia school then moved later to Wray. His wife, Peggy is in intensive care at Fort Collins.

Funeral

Mabel Paintin was a former neighbor, living south of the Repub-

lican River. Mabel died March 9, at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Service was held in Flagler where she was very active and burial was March 29 at Fairview Cemetery in Burlington by her husband, Joe.

Surgery

Shirley Boden underwent minor surgery Tuesday afternoon at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley and is doing okay. Harlan and Shirley returned home Wednesday afternoon.

Weather Spotter Class

A weather spotter class will be

By
Elsie
Shanks



Perry and Mary Blanchard, Briar Carpenter and Aidan all of Burlington, Bill and Peggy Carpenter, Butch and Estalene Wudtke enjoyed lunch together at the Prairie Vista Restaurant Sunday after church.

Ryan Beckman and fiancée, Jennie Beaumont both of Glenwood Springs, Angie and Chelsea of Parker, Robbie and Marcy Beckman, Tyler and Kristine of Atwood were weekend guests of Larry and Janie Beckman.

Frank Walters of Burlington was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Clark and Mildred Rolow enroute home from Sterling where he visited his daughter.

Perry and Mary Blanchard and daughter, Briar Carpenter and Adian all of Burlington attended St. John United Church of Christ Sunday and Perry gave the prayer. They enjoyed visiting friends.

Clark and Mildred Rolow motored to Colby Tuesday for Clark's hearing aid. Enroute home visited their daughter, Phyllis Long at Goodland and his sister, Pat Madsen at St. Francis. They made a quick trip Wednesday again to Colby for adjustment of the aid.

Ruth Richards had the misfortune of falling Monday night and was taken to the Kit Carson Memorial Hospital in Burlington for x-rays then taken to North Colorado Medical Center, 1801 16th Street, Greeley, Co. 80631. They operated on her broken hip Wednesday afternoon and is doing good. Cards can be mailed to the hospital in Greeley. She would appreciate mail.

Violet Knapp called on Elsie Shanks Wednesday afternoon. Idalia school was dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Thursday due to the snow blizzard, it was a wet snow and melted on the sidewalk, visibility was poor earlier. The busses got children delivered to their homes before dark.

Some boats were on the Bonny Lake this week when the weather was good, fishing was good and they were catching different kinds.

Elsie Shanks and Darrell visited cousin, Inez Bennett at Goodland Regional Medical Center Friday afternoon. Elsie had an appointment with Dr. Popp for her eyes. Afterwards Inez and Elsie went to Koon Mortuary to view the body of Letha Patton and visit her husband Lewis and relatives before returning home.

Haigler News

Haigler Alumni

There will be a meeting at the Haigler School library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 to plan the 2003 alumni reunion. Honor classes are 1923, 33, 43, 53, 63, 73 and 83. The reunion takes a lot of work and help is desperately needed for the open house and potluck dinner. If there is no response to this meeting there will NOT be a reunion in Haigler this year. If you would like to help and be unable to attend the meeting, please give Kaye Kamla a call at the school (297-3275) or at home (297-3496).

Girl Scout news

Daisy/Brownie Troop 598 met on March 25 at the Haigler school gym. Meg and Brandy provided the snacks. The Brownies participated in the "Gift of Caring" community service program and collected for the Golden Inn of Haigler this year. Betty Myer, representing the Golden Inn, was given the cookies that were donated and a certificate of congratulations from the group. Olivia Castillo, a Dundy County cheerleader, presented a mini cheer camp. First they learned the importance of stretching before the activities. Olivia taught them some jumps and other fun things about being a cheerleader. She also taught some cheers and the Brownies performed them for their parents when they came to pick us up. The next meeting is April 8. Natasha is in charge of snacks.

Spelling Bee

Nicole Evans, a fifth-grade student in the Haigler Elementary school, qualified for the Midwest Spelling Bee and competed with 90 top spellers from Nebraska and Iowa. Nicole is the daughter of Brent and Dawn Evans of Haigler.

84th birthday celebrated

Opal Collicott was honored in many special ways for her 84th birthday on March 28. An afternoon tea party was hosted by her three daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster, at the home of Stanley and LaNeta Carlock. Though it was a spring-wintery day of sunshine and snow, the French daffodils, hyacinths, Easter bunnies, eggs and Easter decorations made the day a festive occasion. Guests attending the party were Virginia Harford, Irene Day, Laura

Pearl Wall, Melba Harford, Betty Myer, Velma Neville, Grace Adams, Lillian Mahon, Alta Keating, Joann Webster.

Many fun games were played including Tips for Happiness; Bird, Flower or Tree; Birthday Proverbs; Flower Riddles; and Identify Mother Goose Rhymes. Prizes were given the winners, and included those with the longest list of works made from Happy Birthday. Irene Day was the door prize winner. Several poems were read, memories and laughter shared over such topics as "special birthdays", "You Know Your Getting Older", "I'm Fine", and "If I had My Life to Live Over Again."

Everyone enjoyed ice cream and cake, dessert breads, tea sandwiches, fortune cookies, tea, coffee and punch.

Opal enjoyed opening her lovely birthday cards, sharing verses, and opening some gifts. A special surprise was the arrival of her granddaughter, Daniela Webster, of LaFayette, Colo. Daniela brought a bouquet of fresh flowers for her grandmother's special day.

In the evening, Opal was honored again with supper at the Haigler Country Club hosted by her three daughters. Guests attending for the birthday honoree were her husband, LaVoine Collicott; her three daughters, LaNeta, Galena and Myrna; her granddaughter, Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo.; Jason Mathews of Benkelman; son-in-law, Stan Webster, and sister, Grace Adams. A three-layer vanilla cake was presented by the Haigler Country Club to Opal at the close of the supper and everyone sang the Happy Birthday song. Opal also enjoyed receiving many birthday cards in the mail, telephone calls from her grandchildren and many visitors throughout the week.

Although grandson Darrell Webster was unable to join in the birthday festivities, he stopped by the home of Opal and Lavoine Collicott the evening of March 28 to wish his grandmother a happy birthday.

Obituary

An obituary for Donald Light is located on Page 5.

Kindergarten registration

All parents who have children eli-

Beecher Island

By
Bessie
Dent



Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath.

Trudi and Katie Wieser were Thursday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively left March 12 for Rochester, Minn., for Rowe to consult doctors. They spent Friday and Saturday nights with Major and Mrs. James Kennedy and family when they returned home.

Norma Ekberg visited at the Clint Wisdom home Friday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Renzelmann were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Riley.

Todd and Maranda Shively visited Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively Sunday.

Jim Ekberg spent Thursday with Norma Ekberg. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and Nelson Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Temy Bowman and family. Matt Osmus joined them for Sunday dinner.

Boni Osmus spent last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador. Rachel, Erin and Crystal Wisdom visited Norma Ekberg Sunday afternoon.

gible to attend kindergarten during the 2003-04 school year are requested to bring them to the Haigler Elementary School at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 4, for registration. Students must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 14. Regular kindergarten students will not attend school on this day.

Reverend Dr. Njenga Kariuki called March 30 at the home of Opal and LaVoine Collicott. Other visitors were Galena Webster, Myrna Mulligan and LaNeta Carlock.

Stanley and LaNeta Carlock returned home Tuesday evening from Grand Island. They had spent several days in the Grand Island and Kearney areas on business and also enjoyed seeing the annual sandhill crane migration on the Platte River.

Laura Perila and Amber Simmons were enjoying the weekend at the home of their grandparents, Merry Lu and Bob Simmons. On Sunday morning, they fell from a table and the fall resulted in a broken elbow and another fracture for 2 1/2-year-old Laura. Merry Lu took her to the hospital and Dr. Reed was called from church to care for the little patient. Nearly 4-year-old Amber is a good nurse for her little cousin. Laurie Perila and baby Madison came to the Simmons home early Sunday afternoon. The Richard Walls were also guests.

Deloris Zuege returned home March 30 from Watts, Okla., following a month's visit in the home of her daughter, Louise and husband, Harry Thomson. She returned to Denver by plane where she was met by her sister Almeda, who took her to Loveland to visit their mother, Louise

Bier, her son, Gary Zuege, met her in Loveland to bring her home to Haigler.

Myrna Mulligan visited with Ardis Snyder at the home of Steve and Jody Crouse on March 30. Ardis was here for the weekend to visit relatives and friends in the Haigler area.

Carol and Jay Flaming met Wendy and Blaine Lee at Denver International Airport on Thursday. The Lees were returning from a trip to Florida where they had visited Blaine's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lee.

Kent and Judy Hilferty of Madrid and Dusty Wall were Saturday dinner guests in the home of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

On Sunday, March 16, Don and Virginia Harford accompanied their daughter, Karen, to Lincoln, Neb., where they attended the funeral of Don's cousin, Lois Coffey. Going and returning they stopped in Kearney at the Good Samaritan Hospital to visit with Doris Whipps and her family where they are awaiting the recovery of Lindy Whipps. Karen keeps in touch with Doris daily via phone to track the slow progress of Lindy's journey toward recovery.

Daniela Webster returned to Lafayette, Colo., on March 30, having spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Stan and Galena Webster, other relatives and friends. She was here as a surprise to attend the birthday tea honoring her grandmother, Opal Collicott, held on Friday afternoon at the home of Stanley and LaNeta Carlock.

Congratulations High School Music Students



Those earning I Ratings at Regional Festival are as follows. Back row, left to right: Kali Rueb, Angela Van Allen, January Fiedler, Janessa Jordan, Ashley Dowgwillio, Jade DeGood; middle row: Heidi Rohweder, Tara Neitzel, Kari Gienger, Julie Voeller, Megan Ford, Hailey Crabtree, Kelsey Dunn, Sheryl Miller, Sawyer White; front row: Sam Marin, Emily Walz, Chelsey Weeden, Ale' Tygart, Daniele McFarland, Mandy Vanderpool. Not pictured: Tyler Howard and Amanda Jones.

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