

# On the Plains

## Idalia News



By Elsie Shanks

**Heart Attack**  
Cecil Dull suffered a heart attack on Dec. 23 and was flown to Greeley where he underwent surgery. He is doing well at this writing and will be released Friday. Heather, Cecil's wife, and son Eddie will bring Cecil home. Jeannie Stephans of Wray and Sheila Conors accompanied Heather and children, Chelby and

Eddie to Greeley to care for the children. Dave Moellenberg drove to Greeley to pick up Jeannie, Sheila and Chelby so they could spend Christmas with them. Eddie remained with his mother.  
**Notice**  
Bonny Community Club will host a stag at Hale Hall Jan. 15. Supper will be served from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All men are urged to

attend.  
**St. John United Church of Christ news**  
St. John United Church of Christ Christmas services were held Dec. 21. A large crowd attended the Christmas Eve program where candy sacks and refreshments were served in honor of Jesus' birthday.  
Lynn and Phyllis Weyerman,

Brandon and Whitney, Marie Weyerman and Becky Weyerman, both of Wray, Brian and Kevin Andrews were Christmas dinner guests of Gary and Carol Andrews. Dennis and Laura Lengel, Brian and Kevin were also Christmas dinner guests of her brother and family, Dave and Debbie Moellenberg. Idalia girls and boys both won their basketball game Friday night playing Woodlin in Idalia.

Pettibone's graveside service at Stratton on Dec. 24. Florence was Virgil's sister-in-law.  
Christmas Eve guests of Freeman and Diana Morris were Lee Busby of St. Francis, Josh and Julie Morris, Jodi Carnahan and Ross Morris.  
Weekend guests of Freeman and Diana Morris were Brian Pittman of Nashville, Leona Swanson, Joe and Mary Wiesemant, all of Greeley, Libby Morris and Willie Thing, both of Chadron, Neb., Casey Knatt of Wyoming.

Chuck and Sheila Stewart of Aurora were also Christmas Day dinner guests of her parents Buzz and Bonnie Gartrell.  
Chester and Joyce Wieser of Burlington, Bill and Darlene Strangways of Wray were Christmas dinner guests of Roger and Trudi Wieser and Katie. They also celebrated Chester's 88th birthday.  
Travis and Irene Stevens and family of Last Chance, Dick and Georgia Seyebould of Trenton, Neb., were last Dec. 20 Christmas dinner guests of Marie Blankenship and Clay.  
Richie and Sarah Beckman and family helped his parents Larry and Janie Beckman celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary Tuesday night with steak dinners at Route 36 Grill.  
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Jim and Judy Soehner, Craig Soehner and his mother, Beulah Soehner, Curt and Annabet Soehner and girls, Wray, motored to Denver Thursday to spend Christmas Day with Judy's sister and husband Dr. Brett and Karen Didgood.  
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A Happy New Year 2004 to each of you reading the Haigler News this week!

Barbara Neville of Denver was a Monday evening dinner guest of her cousin, LaNeta and Stanley Carlock.  
Debbie and Brandon Wright of Plainview, Texas, arrived this week to spend some time during the holidays with family. Debbie also visited her grandmother, Velma Neville in the Wray Community Hospital.

Sterling, Colo., and Brenda McLinn and Desiree of Benkelman. Christmas afternoon guests for a short visit with Aaron and Janice Irwin were Charlie and Myrna Mulligan.  
Mitchell and Matthew Collicott and their mother, Melissa Rosenfelt, of Benkelman visited on Saturday, Dec. 28, in the home of their grandparents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Other visitors were Galena Webster and her daughter, Daniela, of Longmont, Colo. Others calling at the Collicott home throughout the Christmas week were Iona Maupin, Laura Pearl Wall, Myrna Mulligan, LaNeta Carlock, Galena Webster, Ed & Dawn Neville of Fleming, Colo., and Pastor Njenga Kariuki of Denver.

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Madison and Sydney Seaman were Sunday until Wednesday guests of Dean and Susan Wieser and Michael.  
Clint and Melanie Javeron and Miah were Christmas guests of the relatives at Russell.  
Matt Martin left early Tuesday morning to spend the holidays with his parents Gilbert and Diana Martin at their home at Kansas City. His brother Jeff Martin of Springfield, Mo., will attend and other relatives to visit. He will return back to Idalia Sunday evening to go to work at M & M Co-op station in Idalia where he is manager.  
Laura Ramseyer, student of Colorado University, Colorado Springs, arrived home Friday to spend three weeks visiting her parents Mark and Sherri Ramseyer and boys. They plan to spend the holidays at home. They will have a belated Christmas dinner with her grandmother Sarah Waitman of Burlington and other relatives attending at Sarah's home.  
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Holiday dinner guests Tuesday evening in the home of Stanley and LaNeta Carlock were his brother, Marv and Mary Ann Carlock of Laird, Colo.  
Christmas Day luncheon dinner guests in the home of Tome (Smiley) and Charlotte Myer of Wray, Colo., were their daughters Shannon and Starla from Denver; Tom's brother Gary Myer from Lubbock, Texas, Gerald and Betty Myer of Haigler, and Grace Adams of Haigler.

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Guests for Christmas brunch in the home of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall included Robert and MerryLu Simmons; Randy, Laurie, Laura and Madison Perila; Quentin Simmons; Dwight, Azure, Jessica, Lyndsay Wall; Duane and LuAnn Wall; Wendy Lee; Betty Lee Green; Polly Thiringer. Jay and Carol Fleming and Greg, Heather and Logan Klein came later in the afternoon.  
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