

On the Plains

Idalia News

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Wedding
Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield, Jennifer, Cade, Brittany Novak, Jill Mansfield and Jeanne Jackson attended the wedding of Craig Schaal to Candice Berry of Kirk at the Catholic Church in Burlington Saturday, January 3.

New Years Dinner
New Years dinner guests of Howard and Burdine Homm at McArthur Senior Center in Burlington were Ruth Richards and all her family of Idalia, Larry and Dee Homm, Dick and Diana Homm of Colby, Elva Powell and daughter, Sara Rhoades and her daughter, Judy and family all of Burlington, Chuck and Kristy Arnolds and Melissa of Loveland. They enjoyed visiting and taking pictures.

It's a Boy
Robert and Debbie Homm of Bethune are the proud parents of their first child, a boy. The little lad tipped the scales at eight pounds and fourteen ounces and measured twenty-one inches long. He was named Lance William. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin of Stratton. Richard Homm of Colby and Marilyn Homm of Burlington. The great-grandparents are Howard and Burdine Homm of this area and Roberta Armagost of Yuma.

St. John United Church of Christ news
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Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

Jan. 11, annual congregation meeting with potluck dinner at noon, following the meeting.

Jan. 14, Womens Fellowship meeting is at 1 p.m. with installation of new officers.

Notice
Building Block, an informal study discussion group for anyone who wishes to grow spiritually and personally begins Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. If you have question contact Judy Wieser or Roberta Mollenberg.

Card Shower
The family of Eugene Doddridge is requesting a card shower in honor of Eugene's 80th birthday, Wednesday, Jan. 14. Cards may be sent to him at 13975 Highway 36, Kirk, Colo. 80824.

Writing Lab
The Colorado State Board of Education asked Mrs. Rossbach to attend a conference to read sample materials for the CSAP tests. The content editor, Judith Leng Lawrence asked Mrs. Rossbach for some samples of good, student written work. Mrs. Rossbach gave her a set of Gust of Dust and there is a possibility for an inclusion of the Gust of Dust articles on the CSAP tests.

Correction

Arla Hall's address is Village View Calla, Room 22, Fort Morgan, Co. 80701. Arla is slowly improving.

Welcome Home gathering
Sgt. Gene Soehner was the guest of honor at a family dinner Monday evening at the home of Jim and Judy Soehner. Gene has recently returned from Iraq and Bagdad and now is stationed at 29 Palms, Calif. Dinner guests included Barbie Latoski, Rich Soehner, Curt and Anabet Soehner, Lauren and Maddie, Jack and Rhonda Soehner, Jackie and Jena, Craig Soehner, Paula Deland, Rope and Skeeter all of Wray. Other attending were Iona and Jack Maupin, Beulah Soehner, Chris and Julie Soehner, Jerry and Cheri Soehner, Valerie, Kristi and Macy Richards and Gary and Cindy Soehner, Tate, Gage and Kaitlin. A Mexican potluck dinner was enjoyed and many good stories were shared.

90th Birthday Party
Jerri Berkes, mother of Jan and Eddie Hall celebrated her 90th birthday at the Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday, Dec. 28, with all the family members and friends attending with a beautiful birthday cake with all the trimming served.

Don and Myrna and Nathan Andrews hosted Christmas dinner for Lucille Helling, Marilee Helling and Alan Jumper of Denver on Christmas Day.

Haigler News

The LaVoine and Opal Collicott home was the place for holiday celebrations this year. On Wednesday, Dec. 31, they hosted a belated Christmas for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Present were Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan from Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Mitchell and Matthew Collicott from Benkelman; Myrna and Charlie Mulligan; and Stan, Galena and Daniela Webster. Unable to attend that night due to illness were the Michigan Mulligan family, Skip, Melissa and Alayna. LaNeta Carlock was a visitor later in the evening to share in early New Year's Eve wishes and Melissa Rosenfelt also joined the group before returning to Benkelman with Mitchell and Matthew. Everyone enjoyed dinner, treats and presents together. Another belated Christmas celebration was held on Friday evening, Jan. 2, this time for Skip, Melissa and Alayna Mulligan. Those present to enjoy in the festivities that evening were skip, Melissa and Alayna Mulligan from Saginaw, Mich.; Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan from Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Charlie and Myrna Mulligan and Galena and Daniela Webster. LaVoine and Opal enjoyed everyone being with them and took special delight in their three great-granddaughters, Hannah Reed, Lucy and Alayna.

New Year's Eve celebrants in the home of Charlie and Myrna Mulligan on Dec. 31 were Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan from Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Daniela Webster from Longmont, Colo.; Stan and Galena Webster, and Skip, Melissa and Alayna Mulligan from Saginaw, Mich. Skip and Alayna were unable to join the group due to illness, but Skip was wished a "Happy New Year" by his brother Rich at the beginning of the new year. A game of Cranium was played and then Rich, Trit, Melissa, Daniela, Stan, Galena, Myrna and Charlie all enjoyed the Haigler Mulligan's tradition of making "S'mores" on the deck over the hot coals of the hibachis.

On Monday, Dec. 29, Barbara Neville accompanied her cousin, LaNeta Carlock to Denver to return to her home. Barbara had spent the last 10 days in Haigler and at the Wray Community Hospital being with her mother, Velma Neville.

On New Year's Eve Day, Velma Neville was transported from the Wray Community Hospital to the Sterling Living Care Center by her son, Ed Neville and wife, Dawn of Fleming, Colo. Velma had been a patient in the Wray Community Hospital since Monday, Dec. 15. Cards will reach Velma at The Sterling Living Care Center, 420 South 3rd Avenue, Sterling, CO 80751.

Visitors in the homes of Stanley and LaNeta Carlock and Stan and Galena Webster on Friday, Jan. 2,

were Skip, Melissa and Alayna Mulligan from Saginaw, Mich.; and Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan from Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Charlie Mulligan took his son and family, Skip, Melissa and Alayna Mulligan to Denver on Saturday, Jan. 3., where they embarked by plane at Denver International Airport to return to their home in Saginaw, Mich. They had spent the last seven days with Skip's parents, Charlie and Myrna Mulligan and his brother and family, Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan from Mount Pleasant, S.C., who were also here to enjoy the holiday season.

Daniela Webster of Longmont, Colo., visited Sunday afternoon in the homes of her grandparents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott, her aunts and uncles, LaNeta and Stanley Carlock, Myrna and Charlie Mulligan and family before returning to her studies at Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder, Colo. She had spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays in the home of her parents, Stan and Galena Webster.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, Stanley and LaNeta Carlock hosted a candlelight brunch for their nephew and wife, Richard and Trit Mulligan and their oldest daughter, Miss Hannah Reed (the Carlock's great niece, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.). Everyone enjoyed Miss Hannah Reed assisting with the brunch, making friends with the cat, Mr. Spook, and entertaining the group with cheerleading, ballet and singing.

Rich, Trit, Hannah Reed and Lucy Mulligan visited in the home of grandparents and great-grandparents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott on Monday afternoon, Jan. 5.

Wayne and Linda Mahon and his mother, Lillian Mahon; Glenn Mahon and daughter, Darlan of Wray, were dinner guests on Christmas Day in the home of Gene and Janet Mahon in McCook, Neb. Other relatives were also guests on that day.

Deloris Zuege returned to her Haigler home on Dec. 30, having spent Christmas week in the home of her sister, Almeda Norris and husband, Ron. She also visited with her mother, Louise Bier in Loveland, Colo. On Christmas Day, they all had dinner in the home of Almeda's daughter, Debbie and husband, Skip Celert in Loveland.

Wayne and Linda Mahon spent Christmas week in Junction City in the home of their daughter, Deann and Steven Hunt and little daughter Megan.

New Year's Day dinner guests in the home of Deloris Zuege were Gary and Pam Zuege and girls of Wray, Colo., and Roger Zuege, J'onna and Joe of Haigler.

to spend a few days visiting with Laura Pearl and Richard Wall. She was on her way to attend the winter session of study at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo.

Friday guests in the Richard Wall home were Dusty Wall, Wendy and Blaine Lee and Pastor Inez Foster.

MerryLu, Bob and Quentin Simmons were Sunday evening visitors in the Wall home. They came to watch football with Richard.

Karen Harford spent Dec. 20 to the 27 in Grapevine, Texas, with her son and daughter-in-law, Ty and Laura Mayo, and grandkids, Rebecca and Madison Fowler. Son Galen Mayo from Santa Barbara, Calif., came on Christmas Eve and joined the festivities before he journeyed to the southern tip of Baja, Mexico, on Saturday, Jan. 3. While in the Dallas area, several other relatives were visited. Upon returning to Denver, Karen went to the Broadway production "Oklahoma" and attended an evening meal with her Denver Church-JUC. On returning to her home, she stopped to visit her cousin, Janet McQuary in Wray.

Haigler 4-H Community Club
The Haigler 4-H Community Club will meet on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Haigler United Methodist Church basement. They will be filling out enrollment forms at that time. All new members are welcome. Please come.

Haigler Girl Scout Troop 598
The Haigler Girl Scout Troop 598 has been busy this holiday season. On Dec. 6, the troop decorated the "Welcome to Haigler" Village signs with bows and greenery. On Dec. 16, the troop sang Christmas carols on Main Street and served Girl Scout cookies and hot chocolate to the public.

United Methodist Women
The United Methodist Women met at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2. President Laura Pearl Wall called the meeting to order with all repeating the Purpose. Roll call was answered by 11 members. Sally Leinen gave teh devotions. Mintues of the previous meeting were read and approved. Irene Day gave teh treasurer's report, which was accepted and filed. A thank you was read from Pastor Inez Foster. Forty-one calls were made in December. Myrna Mulligan was program leader and Phyllis Calrk the hostess during the social hour. The next meeting will be Feb. 6, a "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" and will be a soup

Hospitalization
Betty Myer is a patient in the Wray Community Hospital at this writing, having had surgery on Monday, Jan. 5

Marilee Helling of Denver was a weekend guests of her mother Lucille Helling.

Saturday, Dec. 27 Lucille Helling and Marilee hosted a past Christmas dinner for the Bayln Brent family of Arriba. The Mark Klingman family of Sterling and the Steve Helling family of Vernon.

Clark and Mildred Rolow were visitors and lunch guests of daughters Phyllis Long and Judy Taylor at Goodland with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren also attending.

Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield attended graduation for Ron Scott and friend Jill Mansfield at Greeley, Dec. 14. Also attending were Jennifer, Cade, Brittany Novak and Jill Mansfield to help them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary, Dec. 14.

Geron and Jill Helling and Madison arrived from Apple Valley, Minn. Sunday, Dec. 21 for a pre-Christmas visit with Leona Helling. Jerry and Perry Helling, Matt, Carter and Drew joined them on Monday. They attended the Christmas Eve program at St. John United Church of Christ and then drove to Englewood Christmas day to spend the rest of the week with Grant and Carolyn Carnie, Brooke Carnie and Dana Proter. Geron and Jill brought Leona home Saturday on their return trip to Minnesota.

Junior and Jerry Weisshaar enjoyed Christmas dinner with her mother, Fern Summers at Burlington Care Center in Burlington.

Mike and Amanda Feron moved back to Minnesota where he is employed and close to his parents.

Larry and Janie Beckman visited his mother, Annabeth Beckman at Wray New Years Eve. Other guests were Walt and Peggy Fadencht of Yuma, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fadencht and family of Elko, Nev. They all went to the Sandhiller Restaurant for supper and spent the evening playing cards.

Melissa Arnold of Loveland was a Christmas till New Years guest and visitor of her grandparents, Howard and Burnetta Homm.

Lori and Brian Hall and Brayden of Colorado Springs were weekend guests of her parents Chester and Judy Wieser and her brother, Dennis and Rebekah Wieser.

Saturday night Terry and Debbie Crites, Chester and Judy Wieser, Lori and Brian Hall and Brayden, Dennis and Rebekah Wieser enjoyed dinner at Parkhill Restaurant in St. Francis.

Christmas guests of Ted and Donna Mosier Dec. 24 till Dec. 26 were parents, Bob and Chris Adler of Denver, children Eric Mosier and his wife, Jeannine their two children, Ethan and Luke Mosier of Elizabeth, Colo., Renee Carpenter and her husband, Bill Carpenter and their two children, Faith and Hannah Carpenter. Donna's sister and her family, Karen Student, her husband, Gerry Student, his mother Helen Student and their sons, Sean and Ryan Student, nieces, Staci Abramson and her two friends, Stephanie Abramson, Lisa Krecklow and her husband Jimmy Krecklow.

Gramma Carpenter babysat for grandson, Aidan Carpenter on New Years Eve so his parents, EJ and Briar could attend Route 36 dance in Idalia. Everyone had a grand time and Peggy

Carpenter joined them all for New Years lunch and lots of football on TV.

December winners of porcelain ornaments or Christmas lapel pins were as follows Cole Beckman, Heyo Enriquez, Joni Dutton, Elia Mendoza, Katie Wieser, Jake Beckman, Robbie Parker, Martha Enriquez, Gaby Dominguez, Martin Olivias, Logan Ramseier, Jesse Costillo, Joyce Helling, Estalene Wudtke, Nicole Weyerman, Tom Mandis, Ben Krause, Jason Dutton, Sandi Waitman, Michelle Cure, Jaqueline Castillo, Paige Beckman, Samantha Cure, Faith Carpenter, Beau Beckman, Mary E. Allen, Sydney Weyerman, Claudia Garcia, Hannah Langendoerfer and Katie Weyerman.

Doris Weaver of Calahan was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Violet Knapp and Virgil Lundvall.

Jerry and Nancy Lightle and son, Blane of Akron were visitors of friends Sunday afternoon at Prairie Vista Restaurant. They were enroute to Goodland to enter Blane at Vocational school to be a mechanic.

Violet Knapp, Virgil Lundvall and Darby Jo Shanks were Sunday dinner guests of Elsie Shanks at Prairie Vista Restaurant after attending St. John United Church of Christ worship service.

Leona Helling had supper at her home Tuesday for Edmund and Roberta Helling of Wray, Kenny and Nancy Helling, Will and Stephanie Raymond and Joyce Helling, Geron, Jill and Madison Helling, Jerry, Peggy, Matt, Carter and Drew Helling, Kevin and Kent Helling, Janessa Pieper and Autumn Terrell.

Christmas at the LaVerne Bodens were John, Kathi, Caitlin, Raegan and Jaden arrived in Idalia Christmas Eve. They enjoyed the Christmas Eve program at St. John United Church of Christ.

The little Boden girls were delighted that Santa knew they were at Grandma and Grandpa Bodens in Idalia.

Christmas dinner guests were the John Bodens, Melissa and Tim Clapper of Bethune, Darlene and Randy Boden, Carol and Jay Zimbelman, Jenna, Amy and Brittany all of Burlington.

Kaylene Helling of Colorado Springs was a guest and visitor of her parents, Raymond and Joyce Helling Wednesday evening till Sunday morning and attended St. John United Church of Christ Christmas Eve program.

Arla Durret, 95-years-old funeral was held in Eads, Colo., Tuesday, Dec. 30. Arla was the mother of Betty and Kenneth Moellenberg.

Elden Flick of Fort Collins was a last Wednesday overnight till Friday night guest of his mother, Evelyn Flick.

Ralph and Beverly Weyerman hosted Christmas dinner at their home with all their family and grandchildren attending.

Ida Thomas hurt her back a couple weeks ago and is recuperating at the home of her daughter and husband, Sharon and Elmer Lightle, north of Goodland where she spent the holidays.

Many attended the New Years Eve dance at Route 36 Grill or Hale Hall. Others stayed home and watched TV and the Rose Pa-

rade and games Thursday and relaxed after the holidays.

Dec. 28 Harold and Rose Pickard hosted Christmas dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant with Dennis and Karen Towns of Stratton, Clay and Megan Gallmudge and son, Hayden of Delores, Dr. Mark and Sydney Nehler of Denver, Wade Pickard and Philip of Denver, Chad and Jessica Towns and son, Brenton of Idalia and Grant Pickard who recently graduated from Colorado State University of Fort Collins.

Stan Pratt was a Christmas guest and visitor of his brother, Don Pratt at Laramie, Wyo.

Faith and Hannah Carpenter were visitors and guests of their grandparents, Ted and Donna Mosier New Years Eve while their parents Bill and Renee Carpenter worked at the business Route 36.

Dennis and Tina Schiel had Christmas dinner at their house with Jared, Beth, and Zach and with Jim and Jeanette Schiel. The following weekend they had Christmas with the rest of Dennis' side of the family, with Tina's side of the family and hosted Zach's first birthday with Beth's family also included.

Chester and Joyce Wieser of Burlington were Christmas Eve supper guests of Chester and Judy Wieser. The four went to the Christmas Eve program at St. John United Church of Christ. It was Chesters eighty-eighth birthday.

Chester and Judy Wieser were Christmas guests of their daughter, Lori and Brian Hall and Brayden in Colorado Springs. They returned home Saturday.


Ross Morris and Jodi Carnahan were married at Beecher Island Sunday school chapel Saturday, Dec. 27 with Reverend Dan Rogers officiating with a number attending the beautiful red and silver wedding and a candle light service. The reception was held at Route 36 in Idalia.

Weekend guests of Freeman and Diana Morris to attend the wedding of their son, Ross Morris were Joe and Mary Whisenand and Leona Swanson all of Greeley, Libby Morris of Chadron, Brian Pittman of Nashville, Tenn., Willie Uhing of Chadron, Neb., Casey Knott of Wyoming. The newly wed couple are not taking a honeymoon. They will live in his uncle Brett Brenners home they are remodeling.

Eddie and Jan Hall attended Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the home of their daughter, Jon and Mindy Nassar and family at Longmont with the rest of the family attending too.

Ralph and Cheryl Datema joined their children in Breckenridge for two days for a Christmas gathering. Those attending were the Dal Moellenberg family from Phoenix, Rich and Gayle Maroncelli and Nathan from Fort Collins, the Jon Moellenberg family from Evergreen, the Shaw family from Joes, and Julie Datema from Denver, Jon and Eileen fixed a Christmas dinner on the 23rd and then the group traveled to Burlington to spend until 26th at the Datema's. Grandpa Charlie Shively of Idalia and Jack Shaw of Joes joined the group for Christmas Day. It was great to have everyone together this year.





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