



On the Plains

Idalia News

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100th Birthday

Mildred Angel Rogers of St. Francis will celebrate her 100th birthday Wednesday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis with all her family attending. The Swinging Seniors will entertain with music.

Birthday

Last Friday overnight guests of Hannah Langendoerfer at her parents home were Bill and Judy Langendoerfer and Lucas and Thymna and Mallory Rose of Beecher Island. Joining them Saturday afternoon for ice cream and cake in honor of Hannah's thirteenth birthday were her grandparents, Alvin and Burnetta Langendoerfer of Burlington.

LaVerne and Carol Jean Boden were weekend guests of their son and family, John and Kathi Boden and girls, Caitlin, Raegan and Breann at Smith Center.

Notice

Jim Rittenhouse is looking for

people in the community who are interested in local history. The Heritage Park is nearly complete all of the display areas in the building. They are designed to display local artifacts and there is plenty of wall space for locally created art (paintings, photo displays, quilts). There are some artifacts from Elsie Lidke's auction along with a few additional interesting things on display. EPYCS members will help maintain displays, but there is a need for outside input and aid. If you are willing to help, please call the school.

FFA Chapter Quiz Bowl

The Idalia FFA Chapter recently attended the District Officers Interviews. The District Quiz Bowl is designed to test the FFA and Agriculture knowledge of Ag I students consisted of Todd Shively, Scott Cure, RJ Kleweno and Lucas Devlin as an alternate. The team was defeated and elimi-

nated in the first round at Stratton. They had a wonderful time getting to know other students in our area and testing their knowledge. Andrea Knodel was the only member to apply for a district office. She was interviewed by Advisory committee members from across the district. Andrea had a great time and learned a lot even though she did not get an office.

St. John United Church of Christ

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

April 9, Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.; Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at 8 p.m. April 11, Sunrise service with breakfast following is at 6 a.m. Easter worship is at 11 a.m. with communion served.

Idalia Students receive leadership training

On Monday, March 22 Richard Fagerlin of Park Solutions in Fort Collins came to Idalia to give some insight to students about leadership. The evening started off with a pizza dinner and then they all went into the old gym to see exactly what Mr. Fagerlin had in store for them. Mr. Fagerlin started his work shop with a group juggling activity which then proceeded to discussion about setting priorities and activities of our life. They talked about the three abilities of our lives an effective leader should have and then took a personality test to see what kind of person each one was.

Idalia Music Notes

Idalia music students are busy getting ready for the spring music program, which will be April 12 at 7:30 p.m. The elementary school music contest will be held in Woodlin April 19. The middle/high school music contest was held at Aricharee in February. The students did very well and had excellent judges from the University of Northern Colorado. Judging was tough and the students received compliments as well as valuable advice to help them in music. The choir received a 2 and the band received 3 plus. In instrumental contests, Jesse Castillo got a 3 plus on his clarinet solo. Mallory Rose received 2 plus for her saxophone solo, Clay Blankenship (the only sixth grader attending) received a 2 plus for his trumpet solo, Hannah Langendoerfer received a 2 for her trombone solo, Jacy Monasmith received a 3 on his trombone solo, Michelle Schaffer received a 2 on her flute solo, Jordon Reeves, Gabe Ramseier and Jonathan Castillo received a 3 on their brass trio and Jonathan Paul and Kasey Richards received a 3 on their percussion duet. Voal results were as follows Veronique Paylor 2, Hannah Langendoerfer and Mallory Rose, duet, 2; Marlin Olivias and Michelle Schaffer, duet, 2; Jose Munoz, 2; Valerie Reeves, 1; Cinda Paylor, 1; Michelle Schaffer, 1.

All the children of Dennis and Tina Schiel were last weekend

guests. They came to attend their brother Evan Schiel's confirmation at the Catholic Church in St. Francis last Sunday morning.

Robin and Kathy Wiley spent last weekend visiting their family and college students in Fort Collins, Greeley and Boulder.

If anyone would like to help clean out the trophy case at the school please contact Mr. Gribben.

Tom Mandis started working at the Wray Hatchery April 1 and will work there until June.

Larry and Janie Beckman were visitors of his mother Anna Beth Beckman and took her out to eat and spent the afternoon visiting her.

A baby shower was held for Jody Morris Sunday afternoon, April 4 at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall with forty guests attending.

Jodi was assisted by her mother-in-law, Diana Morris as she opened a nice assortment of gifts. Hostesses were Susan Richards, Crystal Bastron and Denise Weyerman. They served cake and punch.

There was a very good turn out for the Health Fair Thursday morning at the Vision Building in

Idalia. It kept two nurses from Wray drawing blood.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Tuesday afternoon visitor of Shirley Boden.

Michael Boden's friend Bob of Bakers Field, Calif., has been helping Harlan Boden get his machinery and things ready for spring planting. Michael Boden arrived at Bakers Field, Saturday night to help and also to visit with his parents, Harlan and Shirley Boden.

Violet Knapp attended her Pinocchio Club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Mabel Adolf at Autumn Park.

Bill and Rane Carpenter and Faith hosted a birthday party March 25 in honor of their daughter, Hannah's second birthday at Route 36. Those attending were grandparents, Ted and Donna Mosier, Bill and Peggy Carpenter.

Pat and Harold Madsen of St. Francis and Delmer and Ida Lohrer of Missouri were Monday afternoon visitors of Clark and Mildred Rollow.

Violet Knapp and Elsie Shanks were Sunday dinner guests of Virgil Lundvall at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Area group meets to discuss needs

The Republican River Riparian Project quarterly meeting will be held on April 15, at the Gateway Conference Center, Oberlin, located on I Morgan Drive just off Us 36 and 83 intersection. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with registration. Linda Henderson from Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams will be the main speaker. There will be a business meeting, lunch will be provided. Following lunch there will be a tour.

The Republican River Riparian Project is lead by local land owners and producers from the states of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. This is a joint effort to address concerns along the Republican River and its tributaries. The drainage area is approximately 24,900 square miles, of which 7,700 square miles are in Colorado, 9,700 square miles in Nebraska, and 7,500 square miles in Kansas. Concerns include natural, economic, and social resources.

There are four initial goals developed by local representatives in the tri-state area. They are:

- To develop a landowner partnership.
- To preserve and enhance quantity and quality of water in the Republican River Basin.
- To increase educational opportunity in regard to water in the Republican River Basin.
- To preserve and enhance the economic viability of the Republican River Basin.

The project is currently in the planning stages and needs additional input from local landowners, producers, municipalities, and counties in the tri-state area. Those that have interest in the Republican River Basin should plan to attend the meeting.

To register call Duane Cheney at the Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development area office at 785-462-2602 before April 12.

Help available for prairie chicken habitat

"Landowners interested in restoring and protecting essential plant and animal habitat for the lesser or greater prairie chicken should act now and apply for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - Essential Habitat Areas (EHA)," said Troy Munsch, soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Salina.

"Applications for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas, are accepted on a continuous basis. However, the ranking cutoff date for applying is April 9. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program; Essential Habitat Areas, applications submitted will be evaluated for Fiscal Year 2004 funding," explained Conservationist Munsch.

Brush management will be the only cost-shared conservation practice available through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas (EHA), and will be cost-shared at 100 percent. Contracts will have a duration of 15 years.

The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service, with advice

from the Kansas Technical Committee, decided to use 15 percent of the state's annual Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program funding allocation to increase the cost-share assistance in the Essential Habitat Areas for the lesser and greater prairie chicken habitat.

Cheyenne County is among the counties that have land that qualifies for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas.

Offers of land within the Essential Habitat Areas or contiguous to land within the areas will be considered eligible applications.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program is a voluntary program for landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

For more information about the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas, visit your local Natural Resource Conservation Service or local county conservation district office. More information is available about Wildlife habitat Incentives Program or other Natural Resource Conservation Service programs at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov

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Overnight guest of Bob and Dorothy Hankins was David of Goodland.

Saturday evening, Bob, Dorothy and Angie Hankins; David, Goodland; Kathleen Stanley and Martha Stothard were treated to a meal and an evening of bowling.

Visitors at Hulda Raile this week were Erna Schlepp, Ernie & Marlene Lebfrom, Pastor Marvin & Donna Zimbelman, Raymond & Dorine Zimbelman, Sherry Schultz, Elaine Kite, Shirley Ochsner, Steve Danielski, Jim & Mildred Barnhardt, Connie Williams, Delbert, Marilyn, & Matt Raile, and Delwin & Angela Inness, Margate, Florida. Verlin Raile re-

turned to his home in Lakefield, Minnesota on Wednesday after being here for a couple weeks.

Donna and Norvin Northrup were Sunday dinner guests of Bonnie and Raymond Armknecht.

Helen Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cemensky of Bird City called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sharp and Brendan at Kit Carson Colo., Saturday.

Marilyn Krien, Aurora, Colo., was a Thursday through Sunday house guest of Billy and Karen Krien. She also visited with her parents Bill and Leone Krien.



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Congratulate Your Graduate

HURRY! The Deadline is May 3rd!!!

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for \$20 extra. This feature is optional.

Senior pictures will be sponsored by parents or businesses for \$30 each or three for \$75.

Travis Hilt

I plan to attend Northwest Kansas Vocational College to study electrical.

Travis Hilt- Way to go! We're so proud of you! Love, Your family



Parents: Terry Hilt & Lezlie Hilt

Park Hill Restaurant
St. Francis

Call Casey @ 785-332-3162 for more information or stop by the office at 310 W. Washington, St. Francis, KS.

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