

On the Plains

Idalia News

By Elsie Shanks



Starlighters' 4-H Club
The Idalia Starlighters' 4-H Club began November by welcoming three new members and one returning member, Kaitlin and Tristan Barfoot, Marlene Olivas and returning member Robbie Parker.

For 4-H Week the club displayed projects, awards and record books in the school entrance and project posters in the Prairie Vista Restaurant. Retiring president Reece Farness volunteered to record a radio spot for 4-H week, and members made presentations to grade 3, 4 and 5 about the highlights of their 4-H experiences.

The club recognized the 2003-2004 outstanding members, Junior member Ashton Weyerman, intermediate member Matthew Paul and senior member Kaitlin Soehner. These members earned their awards by attending meetings, participating in community projects and being involved in other projects and club activities. Awards are sponsored by M&M Coop each year.

Member decided to adopt two children from local "Giving Tree"

during the Christmas season as the next community service undertaking.

The December meeting will be held on the 6 at 7 p.m. at the Homestead. Members should bring their gifts for the gift exchange and enrollment forms if possible.

Saf-T-Fun Fest

More than 120 children recently enjoyed the Saf-T-Fun Fest, a safe fall celebration. The event took place at the Idalia School on Oct. 29. The Idalia Student Council, SunWest Bank of Idalia, First National Bank of Kirk and Modern Woodmen of America sponsored the program.

The children participated in a number of safe and fun games, including a costume contest. The winners of the costume contest were: Kindergarten, Marc Drohan and Faith Carpenter; first grade, Bailey Jackson and Trevor Hurlburt; second grade, Dory Newton and Tristan Barfoot; third grade, Kaitlin Barfoot and Malaika Frank; fourth grade, tie with Malaika Frank and Sierra Weyerman and Trewit Fur-

nish; fifth grade, Lisa Drohan and Brenden Dutton; sixth grade, Shawn Pratt and Cole Beckman.

Student council members Ashley Chamberlain, Kaleb Rittenhouse and Kevin Lengel passed out souvenirs, treat snacks and glow necklaces.

Every year there is a Cauldron drawing for many different prizes. The winners this year were: Trewit Furnish, Tristan Barfoot, Janell Zick, Will Helling, Ivan Cordova and Margarette Wiebe.

St. John United Church of Christ

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

Youth Fellowship News

Around 50 people of various ages took the tour after which they were given a treat bag with Sunday school, worship and youth information attached. Many of the high school kids chose to hang out in the fellowship hall as an alternative to the normal Halloween pranks.

The Youth are participating in the

operation Christmas child project. Bring your boxes back before Thanksgiving. The next meeting of youth will be Nov. 14, Sunday is at 10 a.m. All youth six grade and up are welcome to join us.

School News

Idalia school would like your Campbell soup labels and cereal box tops that says for education. Please bring them or mail them to the school.

The Idalia football game lost their game with Hi-Plains at Vona Saturday with a close score.

The volleyball girls played Otis, Elbert and Flagler at Limon Saturday winning all their games and will go to state. They will play Friday at Denver Coliseum on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Pinochle Club

Violet Knapp attended her Pinochle Club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Dorothy Collins at McArthur Senior Center in Burlington.

Reese Farness, son of Cyndia Weyerman and member of Idalia Starlighters' 4-H Club of Idalia won in the intermediate record book at the 4-H Yuma County Achievement program in Eckley.

Dr. Beethe visited Virgil Lundvall Wednesday afternoon at Virgil's home.

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

Jeff and Karen Schiroe of Vale were in Idalia and area checking on

their property and enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant Sunday and visiting friends.

Elsie Shanks received pictures of her grandson, Shawn Pichette, who had a close call with the bomb that missed his eye which his glasses protected. They could not get the shrapnel out of his elbow. The doctor said it was too dangerous to remove. He is in the army at Iraq now in the field. He had shrapnel in both arms and one below his chin that just missed his throat.

Mrs. Linda Evans returned home last Friday after being in the Swedish Hospital in Englewood with her mother for tests. She had a bad stroke. She brought her mother home and placed her in Hillcrest Towers in Wray where she will be able to visit her more often.

Haigler News

By Opal Collicott



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the church on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. President Laura Pearl Wall called the meeting to order with all repeating the Purpose. Sally Leinen gave devotions. Roll call, "name a volunteer service," was answered by 11 members. Reports were given and bills were approved.

Sally Leinen gave a very interesting Mission Report. Myrna Mulligan will give it in December. Phyllis Clark asked that her committee have a meeting on Nov. 23 to plan for the bazaar and dinner.

There were 43 calls made in October. The women also received awards for accomplishment done this past year. Sally Leinen and Deb Bush reported on the Leader's Meeting that they attended in McCook. Phyllis Clark received a Corsage for Missions for her birthday, and one was also given to the guest present. Myrna Mulligan was

program leader and Deb Bush was hostess during the social hour.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10, since the annual bazaar and dinner will be on Saturday, Dec. 4. Myrna Mulligan will be the program leader and the Program Committee will serve as hostesses. Roll call will be to "tell a Christmas story."

The correspondent feels that the Haigler Happenings are very few this week, but she does appreciate those that have contributed. Hopefully, next week will be better.

On Oct. 27, Karen Harford flew out of Denver International Airport to Dayton, Ohio, where she spent the next five days with her son, Sean Mayo; daughter-in-law, Sarah; and grandchildren, Barrett and Gwen. Since it was Halloween weekend, she was able to take part in some of the family and school festivities surrounding the tradition.

Richard and Laura Pearl Wall

visited in the home of Rex and Florence Daniels and the Robert Simmons home on Sunday afternoon. They were later guests in the Dusty Wall home. Wendy and Blaine Lee of Yuma, Colo., were visitors in the home of Dusty, Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall on Sunday.

Pastor Anne Gatobu called on Sunday at the home of Rex and Florence Daniels and also at the home of LaVoie and Opal Collicott. Other callers the past week in the Collicott home were Grace Adams, Gerald and Betty Myer, LaNeta Carlock, Stan and Galena Webster, Myrna and Charlie Mulligan, Laura Pearl Wall and Lillian Mahon.

Laura Pearl Wall visited in the home of Lillian Krutsinger in Parks on Thursday afternoon.

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 46 at Sunday school with Bill Stroh giving the special number. Bible study was held at the home of Judy Shively.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club hosted a birthday luncheon at the Sandhiller Wednesday in honor of Beulah Soehner's 80th birthday. For information about the cookbooks call Jeri Rose at 332-5118 or Kristy Hurlburt at 332-3165.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 14 at the Lutheran church hosted by their children, grand- and great-grandchildren from 2 to 4 p.m.

Judy Shively went to Fort Collins last Monday and had lunch with Jessica Bond and Maranda Shively.

The Kenny Roses attended the district volleyball tournament in Yuma Saturday. They had supper

with Sylvia Blessman and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen had dinner Sunday at Idalia with Bernice Eberhart and Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen made a business trip to Colorado Springs Thursday and had lunch with Mrs. Travis Allen and family.

Phil Hatton visited Violet Brown Thursday morning. She had lunch with Don Dye at noon.

Bryan and Cindi Juranek took Nettie May Welton out to dinner Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath visited Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lance, Dustin and Emily in Kersey Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stults were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Sharilyn Mansfield and Monte Mansfield were last week visitors of

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively were Sunday evening visitors of Doris Whomble.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose and Cory Ringlein had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Judy Shively went to Denver Friday to be with Gracie Trast while Richard Trast had surgery. So far all seems to be good.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family and Greg and Joye Devlin watched the ball game with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen Sunday afternoon.

Our little Dalmatian puppy trick or treat, Ron and Joyce Brown were Sunday evening callers at the Paul Dent home.

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