

Idalia News

By Nancy Helling



St. John United Church of Christ
Sunday, Nov. 20, Reverend Patton's sermon was "A Thankful Heart". Bill and Renee Carpenter sang "The Way That He Loves" and Children's Time by Carol Boden was "What Are We Thankful For?" Scripture was Psalm 100 and Romans 1:21-23.

Estalene Wudtke performed "Star of the East" as prelude for Sunday, Nov. 27 worship service. Bill and Peggy Carpenter lit the first advent candle. Special music was "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem". During Children's Time, Reverend Patton presented advent calendars to the Sunday School children. Scripture

was Isaiah 63: 16-17, Isaiah 64:2-7 and Mark 13: 33-37.

Next Sunday, Dec. 4 will be the lighting of the second Advent candle and the hanging of the greens. There will be a potluck luncheon following the worship service. Please stay and help decorate the church and the Christmas tree for the holiday season. Assisted Living Worship Services will be at 2 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service is planned for 6 p.m. on Dec. 24. This will be a combined Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service. There will be no service on Sunday, Dec. 25.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be delivered Dec. 5. Get details and boxes at the Idalia School and St. John United Church of Christ. Appropriate items include school supplies, hygiene items, toys, hard candy and other items such as flashlights, t-shirts and games. Filled boxes or items can be left at the school, Carpenter's Mini Mall or the church by December 2. Call Betty E. Moellenberg at 354-7343 for more information.

Family and Community Education Club

The Idalia Bicentennial Family Community Education Club held its regular monthly meeting Nov. 17 at St. John's Fellowship Hall.

Ten members who shared a holiday cookie recipe or a story answered roll call. Several members attended the Family Community Education County meeting in Wray on Nov. 16. They enjoyed Joy Akey's presentation on "Strong People Stay Healthy". Elsie Shanks reported sending a get-well card and a sympathy card. The club sent a donation to the town of Picayune, Miss., to help in relief efforts due to Hurricane Katrina. The community blood drive will be held Jan. 20, 2006. Joyce Helling was the hostess and Roberta Moellenberg won the scholarship basket. The meeting was adjourned and members traded holiday cookie plates to give to members of the community. The next meeting will be the Christmas party.

Starlighters 4-H Club

The Idalia Starlighters 4-H Club held its November meeting after installing new officers. Outstanding Member Awards were given to Andrea Knodel, Desirae McCaslin and Luke Terrell for their hard work and dedication. New record books will be issued in place of the Universal record books this year. New regulations will change the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training for members with swine projects. More information will be provided when members sign up for their projects. The next meeting is Dec. 5. Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

Junior High Basketball

The Idalia Junior High basketball teams had a successful road trip to Woodlin last Tuesday. The girls won a close game 21 to 20 and the boys won 49 to 33. Both sixth grade teams got to play an extra quarter.

Blizzard Guests

The Idalia school provided shelter for 60 stranded motorists and four dogs Sunday night during the blizzard. Community volunteers and school board members shoveled sidewalks and provided blankets and pillows for the guests. Wrestling mats were pulled out and a TV and VCR were brought into the old gym where people could watch movies during the night. Several children entertained themselves by playing basketball. Employees from the Route 36 Bar and Grille spend the night at the school making sure the stranded travelers had everything they needed.

Thanksgiving Celebrations

Terry and Deb Crites traveled to Loveland Monday to pick up Trisha and Caden Coberly, and then traveled on to DIA to pick up Travis,

Kris and Kennedy Crites of Houston, Texas, before returning home to Idalia with the group. Wednesday evening, Dr. Guy Coberly arrived at the Crites house to enjoy the family reunion. Additional guests for Thanksgiving dinner were Bernice Zweygardt and Link Zweygardt of St. Francis and Lawrence and Jerry Crites. Afternoon guests were Chester and Judy Wieser, Dennis, Rebekah and Jenna Wieser and Brian, Lori, Brayden and Kaitlyn Hall of Colorado Springs. Deb Bowman of Denver was an evening visitor. On Saturday, Travis, Kris and Kennedy Crites returned to their home in Houston and Dr. Guy, Trisha and Caden Coberly returned to Loveland.

Ted and Donna Mosier hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their home with Bill and Peggy Carpenter; and Bill, Renee, Faith and Hannah Carpenter attending.

El and Briar Carpenter and Mary Blanchard hosted Thanksgiving for friends from Nebraska, and Aaron and LeAnn Blanchard and daughter Molly from Scottsbluff and Aaron's daughters from Eckley.

Bill, Debbie and Stephanie Thompson were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Glen and Beverly Doddridge of Kirk. Other guests attending were Lynn Doddridge; Gene and Dorelene Doddridge of Kirk; Virginia and Rob Malone of Stratton; Scott Doddridge, Jamie Doddridge, Michael Doddridge and friend Teresa all of Greeley; Jackie Doddridge of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Kyle Doddridge of Lubbock, Texas. Renada Doddridge had to work and was unable to attend.

Brett, Joni, Brenden and Jason Dutton traveled to Lakewood on Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dutton.

Kirk and Rhonda Deines of Peyton took Elsie Shanks to the Vona Community Hall for Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Lauren Wilkinson and family of Colorado Springs with 20 attending. Elsie enjoyed playing bingo in the afternoon. Rhonda, Kirk and Derek spent the night with Elsie. Friday morning Kirk and Derek went to Sharon Springs to hunt pheasants and returned home on Saturday. Rhonda stayed to help her grandmother. Friday Elsie and Rhonda went to Goodland to shop and visit

cousin Inas Bennett. They enjoyed dinner and visiting and stopped in Burlington on the way home.

Jim and Judy Soehner hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their home. Attending were Curt and Annabet Soehner and girls; Chris and Taylor Soehner, Craig Soehner, Beulah Soehner, Gary and Cindy Soehner and family; Jack and Rhonda Soehner and daughters; Rich Soehner; Jerry and Sherry Soehner and family; Karen and Brett Bidgood of Denver; and Sue and Tim Dorman and Mary of Burlington.

Thanksgivings guests at the Delmar Moellenberg home included Jeff, Gay, Tori and Mindi Uhland; Cody, Joy, Alaina and Raelynn Akey; Dell Rae Moellenberg; Clarence Lidke; Margaret and Rob Hagenbuch; Todd Hagenguch; Sarah Jensen; and Ben, Donna and Brian Rehder.

Steve, Susan and Andrea Knodel enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the Ruth Knodel home. Other family members attending were John, Natalie, Meredith and Maddie Knodel; Art and Martha Knodel; Joan Knodel; Joyce Knodel; Lisa Paintin; Christina Paintin and fiancée Johan; Susie and Tony Paintin; and Michael and Kathleen Collins.

Wednesday breakfast guests of Lawrence and Jerry Crites were Travis, Kris and Kennedy Crites, Trisha and Caden Coberly and Terry and Deb Crites.

Elsie Shanks enjoyed a visit from Judy Wieser at her home last Monday afternoon.

Tuesday through Thursday, Stephanie Thompson of Tulsa, Okla., visited her parents Bill and Debbie Thompson.

Steve and Susan Knodel visited Ward and Vaudie Wiley in Burlington for dinner on Friday evening.

Terry and Deb Crites; Travis, Kris and Kennedy Crites; Guy, Trisha and Caden Coberly and Link Zweygardt all visited Bernice Zweygardt in St. Francis on Friday afternoon.

Andrea Knodel was spotted touring Kansas State University in Manhattan last week.



Haigler News

By Opal Collicott



Reunion

A reunion of two Haigler High School graduates took place recently in Washington state. Jennette (Havlik) Keeney was visiting her daughter, Kyla Dordan and family in Brush Prairie, Wash. Jennette and Kyla made the 90-mile drive north to the home of Martin and Fran Neville in Chehalis, Wash. Jennette and Martin were graduates of the Haigler High School class of 1942. They enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing, lunch served by Fran, looking at old photographs, sharing news of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and touring the Neville home and acreage. The Nevilles raise cows for beef, and enjoy their cats. Five of the six Neville daughters and their families live nearby; the other daughter lives in California. Martin and Fran spend many hours in their workshop, using a scroll saw and other tools to make lovely and intricate wood items, which they give as gifts. The last time Jennette and Martin had seen each other was at a reunion in Haigler in the 1980s.

Bird City were hosts to a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Family members attending were their son, Rodney Magley, Sandra's brothers and wives, Stanley and LaNeta Carlock of Haigler and Marv and MaryAnn Carlock of Laird, Colo., and MaryAnn's mother, Virginia, and brother, Dennis of North Platte, Neb.

Stan and Galena Webster were hosts in their home on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, to a turkey/ham dinner with all the trimmings. Those attending were their son, Darrell, Galena's parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott and Galena's aunt, Grace Adams, all of Haigler. Galena's sister, LaNeta Carlock, visited later in the evening and brought additional Thanksgiving goodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall were Thanksgiving guests in the home of Robert and MerryLu Simmons. Other guests were Randy and Laurie Perila and family of Westminster, Colo., and Quentin Simmons. Tonya Gallegos was an afternoon visitor.

Dinner guests on Thanksgiving Day in the home of Deloris Zuege were her son and family, Gary and Pam Zuege, Cory and Brook of Wray, and a friend of Cory. Also attending were her son, Roger Zuege of Haigler, Jonna and son, Joe.

Thanksgiving dinners

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, many residents of Haigler and surrounding area enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Haigler Golden Inn Senior Center.

Thanksgiving guests of Mildred Stute were her son, LeRoy and family, Irene and Elysia and Levi Stute and Zach Stallings, all of Colorado. In the evening they were joined by her son, Ray and family, Debra, Paige and Sarah for a chili feed. On Friday, they all had turkey and the

trimmings. Late in the afternoon, LeRoy's family returned to Wray to the house of Irene's parents, the Ray Howards, for the weekend. On Sunday they all returned home.

Richard and Laverne Legge spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Karen and Michael Hewitt and family, Cheyenne and Jay in Bird City.

Albert and Sophia Zuege had Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, Nov. 25, in Imperial at the home of their son, Albert Jr., wife and family members.

Pastor Anne Gatobu called Sunday, Nov. 27, in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott.

Pastor Inez Foster of Ansley, Neb., was a weekend guest of the Richard Walls. On Saturday morning, Foster and Laura Pearl drove to Yuma and visited in the home of Heather, Greg and Logan Klein. They were dinner guests of Carol Flaming at a Yuma cafe.

Recent visitors in the home of Albert and Sophia Zuege were Eleanor Keller on Wednesday and on Saturday, Hulda Raile of St. Francis; Art and Verla Mae Inness of Denver, Chalnee and Marie Schultze of Hays and on Friday Jan and Larie Miller of St. Francis.

Pastor Inez Foster of Ansley, Neb., and Laura Pearl Wall visited in the Robert and MerryLu Simmons home on Saturday afternoon. Randy, Laurie Perila and children Laura, Madison and Spencer and Quentin Simmons were also guests in the Simmons home.

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