

# On the Plains

## Idalia News

By Nancy Helling



**St. John United Church of Christ**  
Christmas Eve service began with Reverend Joab Patton lighting the last advent candle. The youth of St. John's portrayed the Nativity scene as Reverend Patton read Luke 2:1-20. Reverend Patton also read "The Littlest Angel" to the congregation. Bill Sr and Renee Carpenter sang "O Holy Night" and following communion, Bill Sr, Renee and Faith Carpenter sang "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The service closed as the congregation sang "Silent Night" as they lit candles throughout the sanctuary. Following the service, candy sacks were distributed to all in attendance and refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

**Address**  
Cards can be sent to Marla Schafer at Swedish Hospital Criti-

cal Care 501 E. Hampden Englewood, CO. 80110.

**Holiday Celebrations**  
On Christmas Day, Lawrence and Jerry Crites picked Debbie Bowman up in Bennett and traveled on to Bob and Diane Leisy's in Greeley. Trent, Dawn, Gabe and Kinsey Leisy were there, along with Tate, Wendy, Ethan, Teagan and Mason Leisy, Cody Leisy and Leon Leisy.

**Family and Community Education Club**  
The Idalia Family Community Education Club held their Christmas party on Monday evening, Dec. 19. Hostesses Lois Lippert and Laura Lengel served a soup supper. Club members brought relishes and desserts. After a holiday gift exchange, secret pals were revealed and new secret pals for the coming year were drawn. Entertainment

was provided by Lois Lippert with a reading and Laura Lengel with a Christmas quiz.

**Women's Fellowship**  
The Women's Fellowship of St. John United Church of Christ met on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for their holiday luncheon. Hostesses included Linda Evans, Jerry Wiesshaar and Deb Crites. Guests in attendance were Sarah Beckman, Annabeth Beckman, Ruth Richards and Lois Lippert. Following the noon meal, Sara Drohan and Summer McDonald provided vocal entertainment. Betty J Moellenberg and Cheryl Wudtke entertained the group with holiday readings. No gift exchange was held this year as the club members donated money and purchased Christmas gifts for seven children off the giving tree.

**Christmas Birthday**

Chester Wieser Sr. celebrated his birthday on Christmas Eve by attending the program at St. John United Church of Christ with Joyce Wieser and many other family members. After the service, the entire congregation sang Happy Birthday to him before enjoying birthday cake baked by Judy Wieser and other refreshments.

**Willing Workers**  
On Dec. 8 Bonnie Gartrell and Darlene Neutzman hosted lunch for the Willing Workers Club at Darlene's home in Burlington. After lunch the group traveled to Bonnie's house to play pinochle and have refreshments. In place of a gift exchange, the club members purchased gifts for two children off the giving tree.

**Lions**  
Bob Brenner and Ken Moellenberg cooked up a delicious

spaghetti supper for the Idalia Lions Club members and spouses on Dec. 12. After the business meeting, a representative from Plains Telephone Cooperative was on hand to tell the group about DSL services and the fiber optics installation.

**Holiday Celebrations**  
Janessa and Kevin Helling hosted an early holiday celebration on Friday at their home. Attending were Raymond and Joyce Helling, Edmund and Roberta Helling, Richard Helling, Kenny, Nancy, Will and Stephanie Helling, Kent Helling and Autumn Terrell. Kaylene came home later that evening and spent time with all the family during the weekend.

Chester and Judy Wieser spent Dec. 25 and 26 with Lori, Brian,

Brayden and Kaitlyn Hall in Colorado Springs.

Dennis, Rebekah and Jenna Wieser left for Denver on Friday to spend the Christmas weekend through Monday with Rebekah's family. They went home through Colorado Springs on Monday to visit the Halls and Chester and Judy.

The Jeff Umland family, the Cody Akey family and Dell Rae Moellenberg were guests of Delmar and Roberta Moellenberg for Christmas Eve dinner. They all attended Christmas Eve services at St. John United Church of Christ.

Joyce, Raymond and Kaylene Helling took Christmas dinner to Alma Helling's on Christmas Day. They enjoyed the meal together and visited in the afternoon.

Roberta, Edmund and Richard Helling were Christmas Day visitors of Alma Helling.

## Notice of hearing and to creditors in estate

First Published in the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, December 29, 2005, January 5 and January 12, 2006.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Case No. 05-P-21 W. E. HEMPLER, A/K/A WALDEMAR HEMPLER, DECEASED

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59 NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 22, 2005, a petition was filed in this Court by Marsha Ann Batt, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of W. E. Hempler a/k/a Waldemar Hempler, deceased, dated May 27, 1995, and First Codicil dated February 7, 2002, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as

executor, without bond and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 20th day of January, 2006, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Marsha Ann Batt, Petitioner  
JAMES M. MILLIKEN,  
CHARTERED  
James M. Milliken, #7001  
101 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 627  
St. Francis, Kansas 67756  
(785) 332-2101  
Attorney for Petitioner

### Christmas Eve celebration

The tradition of more than 60 years of celebrating Christmas Eve at the Collicott home was held once again on Saturday evening, Dec. 24. LaVoine and Opal Collicott enjoyed a late afternoon surprise visit from their grandsons, Mitchell and Matthew Collicott, and their mother, Melissa Rosenfelt, from McCook, Neb. Following the Christmas Eve candlelight church service at the Haigler United Methodist Church, the Collicott family gathered for the evening festivities. Oyster stew, chili soup, sandwiches and dessert trays and coffee were enjoyed. This was followed by the opening of gifts. An unexpected visit by Santa brought smiles to ev-

eryone, especially since the bag of gifts was left in an outside tree! Attending the holiday celebration were Myrna and Charlie Mulligan; Galena and Stan Webster; Darrell Webster and friend, Ashton Rueb of St. Francis; Daniela Webster of Iowa City, Iowa; and LaNeta Carlock.

**Death**  
Albert Zuege Sr. died on Saturday, Dec. 17. The funeral was held Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler. Callers on Sophia Zuege at her home on Dec. 26 were Pat Mills, St. Francis; Alfred and Jeannie Zuege and Zachary of South Dakota; Donnie Zuege and Stanley and Lois Zuege of Haigler. Albert Zuege, Jr. and his

wife Ginny, returned to their home in Imperial on Saturday, Dec. 24, having spent time here the previous week for the funeral of his father and some time with his mother for Christmas. Others visiting were Perry, Randy and Emily Garice from Rawlins Wyo.

The Village and homes within the Village are all aglow with lights and decorations everywhere one looks. These things always add to the Christmas festivities and enjoyment of the holiday season. Your correspondent would like to thank all who contribute to the news and happenings around our Village and wishes everyone a very Happy New Year filled with good health and happiness.

By Opal Collicott



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons of Beecher Island, hosted a Christmas party and supper on Dec. 22. Guests included Tonya Gallegos; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila, Laura, Madison and Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jerret, Maisel, Deana and Sadie; Pat Gallegos; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gallegos; Mrs. Walz; Quentin Simmons; Bud Gallegos; and Laura Pearl and Richard Wall.

Guests visiting in the Stanley and LaNeta Carlock home this past Christmas week were Gerald and Betty Myer; Jody Crouse and children, Alicia, Angela and Jared.

Sharon Raburn and her mother, Mae, invited LaNeta Carlock for afternoon tea on Christmas Eve.

A bountiful Christmas dinner of turkey, ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, salad and dessert was prepared and delivered on Christmas Day to the home of Grace Adams by Virgie Laflin, Eleanor Keller and Darlene Leard.

The family of Don and Joann Webster held their Christmas celebration in their home on Thursday, Dec. 22

The Richard Walls hosted the usual Christmas brunch on Sunday, Dec. 25. Attending were Robert and MerryLu Simmons; Randy Perila family; Alfred Zuege family; Sophia Zuege; Dwight Wall; Azure, Jessica and Lyndsay Wall; Zachary Zuege; Duane Wall family; Wendy Lee; Tonya Gallegos; Quentin Simmons; and the Dusty Wall family. The hoped-for sleigh ride was changed for a croquet in the yard. The Jay Flammang and Greg Kleins visited in the afternoon.

## Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 50 at Sunday School. It was the Christmas program. Next Sunday services will start at 9:30. There will be no classes and Jim Hodgson will be the morning speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen and Greg Allen and boys attended the 90th birthday party Saturday in honor of Mary's Mother, Bernice Shivley in Loveland. They also visited Ralph Shivley in the Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus helping Doris celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey were Sunday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Zuellner of Campbell, Neb. were Monday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mary Matske of Ellis, came Monday to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver to Fort Collins Tuesday where Rex had heart surgery. Mary returned home Friday and Rex is doing OK.

Ron Dickson was a Wednesday visitor of Harry Ekbert.

Nancy Peaker visited Nettie May

Welton Monday. June Yost and Violet Brown visited Nettie May Sunday afternoon.

Trevor and Garrett Hurlburt spent Friday evening with the Harvey Allens.

Visitors at the Bill Mansfields this past week were Gail Coonts, Mr. and Mrs. Arvie Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Monte Mansfield.

Josh and Laura Harwood were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen. Greg Allen and boys joined them going to Wray to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen.

Bob Oberg and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Palmlade from California visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Sunday to Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie joined them Sunday.

Marilyn Bruffett came Friday to spend some time with Harry Ekberg.

Violet Brown attended the School Christmas Concert Tuesday which Amanda Bowker had a part

Among those attending the graduation of Jessica Bond for Colorado State University Saturday in Fort Collins were Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin

Shively, Maranda and Todd and Lucy Eastin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons attended the recital Friday evening which Laura Perila was a part. They were overnight guests of Randy Perila.

Judy Shively and Carole Whomble spent Monday and Tuesday in Denver.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons attended the Haigler Christmas program, later visiting at the Richard Wall home. Mr. and Mrs. Royal Woods were also visitors.

Doris Whomble was a Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

## This is the Place

**Cheyenne County Development Corporation**  
Carol Redding, coordinator

How many different organizations are there in Cheyenne County?

I have a list that I'm sure is not complete, and I'm already up to 50. Many of these groups are service-oriented and want to do "good deeds" for the county, and maybe earn a few bucks along the way for future good deeds and projects.

How many organizations do you belong to? Do we know what each group does? Do we see the results?

With so many different organizations often trying to do similar

things, our efforts are fragmented and needs are not met, or we overlap and duplicate efforts.

Let's try something really different: Let's get a representative from each organization together to look at common goals and community needs. Then we can pool resources and be more effective. Communication among groups could help all of use be more successful.

Please call the Cheyenne County Development Corporation office, 107 W. Washington Street, St. Francis, and we'll talk about this more. I look forward to many positive discussions with you. People can also call at 785-332-3508.

## City of St. Francis adopts new ordinance

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**ORDINANCE NO. 532**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 301 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 428, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THIS CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 428 is hereby repealed and that Section 301 of Article 3, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS", shall be amended to read as follows:

15-301. ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS. The rates for electrical power sold by the City of St. Francis shall be as follows:

- (a) Commercial Rates, per meter:
  - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$8.00
  - (2) First 250 KWH @ 15 cents per KWH .....
  - (3) Excess of 250 KWH at 10.5 cents per KWH
- (b) Domestic/Residential Rates, per meter:
  - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$8.00
  - (2) 10.5 cents per KWH .....

(c) A charge of \$3 per month shall be added to the above and foregoing rates for all service provided for customers outside the city limits of St. Francis.

(d) Electric bills shall be rendered monthly as provided in Section 15-222.

This Section 15-301, as amended, shall take effect January 16, 2006, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor  
City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest:  
/s/ MARY P. LAMPE, City Clerk

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