

Idalia News

By
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St. John United Church of Christ
Last Sunday, Dec. 10, Pastor Wright was officially installed as minister at St. John's. Along with special music and hymns, Highway 385 played and the church choir sang. Guests were there from the Northeast Association and Rocky Mountain Conference United Church of Christ. Special guest was Reverend Sue Gardner. After the installation, supper was served in

the fellowship hall. Sunday School Christmas Eve practice will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

School Music Program

The Idalia School held their holiday music program last Thursday evening. After the large crowd was welcomed by director Sara Drohan, masters of ceremony Jacy Monasmith and Jonathan Castillo introduced the performers. The evening began with bell soloist Nallely Dominguez performing

"Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy. Then Marlin Olivias sang "Jingle Bells", accompanied by the second grade class. Mrs. Drohan and Summer McDonald sang a beautiful duet of "What Child is This", followed by the vocal selections from grades fifth and sixth. The sixth grade performed "Jingle Bell Rock" and the fifth grade sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". Up next was saxophone soloist Will Helling with " Let It

Snow", followed by vocal soloist Michelle Shafer performing "Mister Santa". The instrumental group of Marlin Olivias, Keila Gonzales and Mrs. Drohan performed "Silent Night", followed by the third and fourth grades singing "Silver Bells", "O Christmas Tree", "The 12 Days of Christmas", and "The Most Wonderful Day of the Year". Shawn Pratt entertained the crowd with "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" on banjo, followed by vocalist Michelle Shaffer with "Covenry Carol" and trumpet soloist Brenden Dutton with "Deck the Halls". The sixth grade girls sang "Winter Wonderland", followed by the Kindergarten class with "He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney", "9 Little Snowmen" and "Jingle Bells". Next was "O Come All Ye Faithful" performed by Summer McDonald and "Blue Christmas" by the eighth grade boys. Pianist Desirae McCaslin played "Good King Wenceslas", followed by Keila Gonzales with "The Four Seasons - Winter by Vivaldi" on flute. The first and second grades were the final performers with their vocals of "Now Sing We All Merri-ly", "Up On the Housetop", "I Saw Three Ships" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". As the audience sang, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", Santa Claus himself appeared in the gym to greet the children and hand out candy sacks.

Starlighter's 4-H

The December 4 meeting of the Idalia Starlighter's 4-H Club was called to order by President Creighton Farness. The club welcomed several new members. After the pledge of allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jonathan Paul. Luke Terrell read the treasurer's report. Historian Luke Hull showed the club scrapbook. The club discussed a holiday community service project. They decided to send games to Children's Hospital. A committee was formed to buy the items and get them to Denver before Christmas. After the meeting was adjourned, club members enjoyed refreshments furnished by the club officers. Then they enjoyed a holiday gift exchange. The next meeting will be Jan. 8, with refreshments by the Helling family.

FBLA Field Trip

On Tuesday, Nov 21, the Idalia and Liberty FBLA chapters trav-

eled to Denver for a scavenger hunt on the 16th Street Mall. There were a total of 36 students that went on the trip; 18 from each school. There were also 10 sponsors and 2 advisors that accompanied the FBLA members. The students were divided into 10 different groups, each consisting of both Liberty and Idalia members, and one sponsor. The sponsors were not allowed to help the students with the scavenger hunt; they were just there to make sure everything went accordingly. Some students were put into groups with people they hadn't previously met and they had to learn how to get along and make decisions that all could live with.

The bus parked at the Denver Pepsi Center and the students had the opportunity to ride the Denver Light Rail to Union Station. This was a great experience because many students had not had this opportunity before. After the students arrived at Union Station, they had access to the free 16th Street Mall buses, which they could catch at every corner. The teams scattered catching the buses and getting off at various corners searching for the answers to some sometimes very odd clues. The members practiced their leadership skills by assigning tasks for each of the members in their groups. They also used organizational skills to complete the scavenger hunt accurately and in the least amount of time knowing

that prizes were awaiting the top team. The students used the Denver information centers as an important resource to figure out the clues throughout the day.

Many of the FBLA members enjoyed dining at the Hard Rock Café, Paramount Café or ESPN Zone for lunch. They also enjoyed learning more about downtown Denver and seeing what the big city had to offer. The students and sponsors had a great time in Denver and look forward to having other joint outings.

Health Check

Denice Baucke RN and Marlene Miller will not be in Idalia during the month of December for health checks. They will be at the Prairie Vista Café the last Wednesday in January.

The Reverend Sue and Brian Gardner attended Pastor Chuck Wright's installation on Sunday and were overnight guests of Delmar and Roberta Moellenberg.

LaVerne and Carol Boden enjoyed Sunday afternoon at Rick and Deb Schorzman's in Wray. Deb hosted a Christmas open house for her genealogy friends.

Julie Morris spent Sunday lunch with her parents, Gary & Sherolyn Pittman, at the Good Samaritan Village in Saint Francis to celebrate Christmas with her grandmother, Clara Pittman. Good Samaritan Village had their annual Christmas party for the residents with a pot-luck dinner, singing Christmas carols and opening presents. A lot of people attended the celebration.

Haigler News

By
Floy
Ruggles



Christmas musical
Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas musical "The Flower of the Holy Night" at the United Methodist Church in Haigler on Sunday, Dec. 17, beginning at 5 p.m. The story celebrates the wonders of Jesus' birth in a retelling of the legend of the poinsettia.

Birthday dinner

Quentin and Tonya Simmons entertained at a family dinner at their home near Beecher Island on Dec. 9. Tonya had planned the sumptuous meal in honor of Quentin's 30th birthday. Guests included Dean and Sue Jarrett, Lew and Vickie True, Deana Jarret, Jana Gallegos, Robert and MerryLu Simmons, Laurie and Randy Perila and children, Laura, Madison and

Spencer, Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

Hospitalized

Richard Wall is a patient in the Wray Hospital as a result of a fall on Saturday evening at the soup supper.

Fiber optics work

Ricky Morris's crew is progressing from Harold Brunswick's property toward the railroad at Green Corner deploying the fiber optics cable to make better telephone service and high speed internet available to the rural area. The work in the village of Haigler is already basically in place. Ricky's crew operates a machine that can drill horizontally under crossings, streams etc. to pull the cables through. Randy Raile suggests that it might

be interesting to observe the process if you have not done it already. The drilling process requires the hauling of thousands of gallons of water a day.

Stan and Lois Zuege met their granddaughter, Rikki, at the airport last Sunday. Rikki will be staying with her grandparents for a while. Sophia Zuege stopped by the home one day last week to see Rikki.

Some recent posting to the Haigler Blogspot were stories and pictures of the history of the Huey Ranch, Glen and Rosie Himberg, Private Pat Smith in army uniform and early Homesteaders.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 82 at Sunday school. Kristy Hurlburt gave the special number and Nancy Peaker, Garrett Hurlburt and Jake Johnson gave their birthday offering.

Funeral services for Fern Allen were held Wednesday at Beecher.

Eric Johnson spent Saturday at the Pete Osmus home helping celebrate Owen Johnson's first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Perry Allen had dinner Sunday at Prairie Vista to celebrate Garrett Hurlburt's sixth birthday. They later went to Harvey's where he opened presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ingo in Ridgeway. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chapman joined

them for Thanksgiving. Harry's also visited in the Toby Hall home. They all returned home Tuesday.

Judy Shively took Doris Whomble out for lunch Thursday.

Phil Mitchell was a Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob joined them for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus had dinner in Denver Thursday with Matt Osmus and fiancée, Molly.

Perry Allen returned Thursday from spending Thanksgiving with Cheryl Allen in Atlanta, Ga. They also visited David and J.J. Allen and family in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family spent Sunday evening with Perry Allen to watch the football game.

Dillon Rose of Grand Junction

is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Mary Trembly and Violet Brown treated Rev. and Mrs. Bill Bard and Don Dye to lunch Sunday.

Jace Juhnke spent Friday night with Garrett Hurlburt. Breanna Royer was an overnight guest of Ashley Hurlburt Saturday.

Violet Brown visited Esther Scheler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were last week visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Don Dye visited Violet Brown Friday.

Riley Brown had supper Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

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FIRST BABY CONTEST

With the oncome of the
New Year comes the
new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Coming in January a bundle of businesses
ready to congratulate the new baby
and the parents!



**DON'T MISS
BRINGING IN 2007 WITH A
MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMERS IN
THE NEW YEAR'S
SUPPLEMENT.**



Winter Sports Special Section

COMING THIS JANUARY!

This supplement will feature
St. Francis and Bird City
Jr. High and High School
Basketball players, Wrestlers
and Cheerleaders!

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