

# Idalia News

By  
Nancy  
Helling



**Church of Christ**  
There were two worship services on Christmas Eve at St. John's. The morning service was a family worship time that included a portion of the children's program and the chancel choir.

Scripture was Luke 2:1-7, 8-20. Bill Carpenter and Renee Carpenter sang "O Holy Night". Pastor Wright spoke about the tradition of the Christmas candy sacks and played a tape recording of Alma Helling who described her memories of Christmas as a child.

A large crowd gathered at St. John's in the evening for the traditional Children's Christmas Program. Camren Morris and Alex Weyerman welcomed the crowd, which included many out

of town guests. Raymond and Joyce Helling lit the Advent Candle before the program began. Special performances during the program included "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" sung by Renee Carpenter and

Summer McDonald; "What Child is This?" sung by Summer McDonald and Sara Drohan; and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by the chancel choir. Brenden Dutton, Will Helling and Sterling McDonald played "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "Silent Night" on their instruments. Faith Carpenter and Eddy Dull thanked the crowd for coming. Others participating in the program were Ted Mosier as the grandfather, Hannah Carpenter as the granddaughter, Brett Dutton as the voice of God, Sydney Weyerman, Stephanie Helling, Jason Dutton, Eric Drohan, and Clara Munoz as angels, Jonathan Deleon as Joseph and Chelby Dull as Mary. Betty E. Moellenberg directed, assisted by Laura Lengel. Pianist was Sara Drohan. Candy sacks were distributed after refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Blood Drive on Friday, Jan. 12 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Idalia School Library. For more information or to schedule a donation, please contact Sheryl Wudtke at 354-7270. Participating donors will receive a Bonfils 12-month wall calendar in appreciation of their donation. Mark your calendar to save a life by making a blood donation this holiday season. Blood donations can decline up to 20 percent during the winter months due to holiday events and travel as well as adverse winter conditions. However, the need for blood remains constant.

Trudy and Roger Wieser and Katie hosted Christmas dinner at their home. Guests were Chester Wieser, Joyce Wieser and Nita Osbourne.

Reed Parker arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas Holiday with his family, Brett and Sally Parker and Robbie Rae. He returned to Ft. Collins on Tuesday to continue work until classes start at Colorado State University on Jan. 16.

Congratulations to Reed Parker as his winning picture from the 2006 Jr. Angus Photography Contest will be used as the cover on the Colorado Angus Association 2007 directory. Reed also has his 2004 winning picture (Wyatt Long swing in his tire swing) from the Jr. Angus Photography Contest published in the American Angus Association 2006 Annual Report which came out in December.

Sally Parker enjoyed being snowed in at her parents, Ward and Vaudie Wiley, in Burlington during the recent storm. One afternoon Darlene and Randy Boden brought Royce and JoAnn Wiley over to play cards and enjoy coffee and holiday treats. Sally also helped her parents prepare for the holidays with baking and other "elf" duties while snow kept falling and wind kept howling! Sally was able to return home to Brett and Robbie Rae on Friday.

Robbie Parker and Andrea Knodel spent Christmas night at the Ward Wiley home and enjoyed keeping Emily and Jenna Kerbs company at Grandpa and Grandma's.

Sally Parker treated Trish Lengel, Mary Baker, Andrea Knodel, Robbie Parker, Jenna and Emily Kerbs at the Main Cup on Tuesday morning before the Kerbs returned home to Fruita. Andrea Knodel returned home with Sally while Robbie stayed in Burlington to visit more with Dave and Mary Baker and Matthes and help her grandparents with after holiday chores. Robbie returned home Wednesday.

# Haigler News

By  
Floy  
Ruggles



Haigler businesses and residents have been heavily involved in shoveling out driveways and parking areas, and gradually returning to normal activities. It was a picturesque scene fit for a Christmas card any direction one could look. No complaints have been heard as to the moisture contained in the rare heavy snowfall.

Dick Wall has been a patient in the Greeley Hospital for several days. He will be returning soon to the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray to recuperate further.

**United Methodist Women**  
The Dec. 8 meeting of the Haigler United Methodist Women was held in the church basement. Seven members were in attendance. President Sally Leinen called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. and all present recited the Purpose. Laura Pearl

Wall gave the meditation from Psalm 139:7-10 and read an article on prayer and dependence on God's guiding hand. Roll call, "what brings you peace at Christmas," was answered by all present. Joys and concerns brought up including prayers for Virginia Harford's recovery. A Corsage for Mission was presented to Deb Bush for her December anniversary and for presenting the lesson without her friendship partner.

A report of the Nov. 3 meeting was given and Sally presented the treasurer's report. Members shared correspondence of thank you notes from Domestic Violence in McCook and Wesley House for donations; a thank you from Val Woods in connection with the Teacher Appreciation Day; and a letter from the Sarah Ann Hester

Home in Benkelman indicating the Haigler United Methodist Women's month for bingo and the birthday party is June. The Response report, "Bible Women", was given by Sally. Phyllis volunteered to give the report in January.

Phyllis reported on the bazaar and dinner held on Dec. 2 and indicated that it was a good one. She also expressed appreciation for all the help. Phyllis would like to place an order for tea towels for next year's bazaar with Laura Pearl Wall making a motion, seconded by Melba Harford which carried unanimously.

Several in the group volunteered to do popcorn for the Sunday School Christmas Program held on Dec. 17.

Since the last meeting, there have been 32 calls made and 25 notes and

cards sent.

The meeting closed with all reading "A Christmas Reminder". Deb Bush presented the program, "Let There Be Peace On Earth". The social time followed, with all enjoying a variety of goodies to eat.

**Haigler Golden Inn news**  
The board of The Golden Inn held the monthly meeting on Dec. 12 with all members present. It was decided that there would be no lunch served at The Golden Inn on Dec. 26, or Jan. 2. The group will have their regular monthly potluck luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 9. They would love to have more people join them, so make plans to do so throughout this coming new year.

# Beecher Island News

By  
Bessie  
Dent



There were 87 at Sunday school. Laurie Jones had the special number. Rowe Shively, Heather Jones and Owen Johnson gave their birthday offerings. Judy Shively had Bible study at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen took Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively to St. Francis Saturday for dinner to help Rowe celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones hosted a birthday dinner Sunday for Heather's 16th birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones of Yuma, Jacque Ekberg, Mr. and

Mrs. John Willard and family and Jordan Helling.

Boni Osmus spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family to attend the party for Addie's sixth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively and Carole Whomble attended the Christmas dinner at Hillcrest Care Center Sunday with Doris Whomble and Pete Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways attended the Zuellner family Christmas dinner in Campbell, Neb., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and

family and Perry Allen had lunch Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen. Ashley stayed to help her grandma in the afternoon.

Patty Kinnear of Denver spent Thursday and Friday with Nettie May Welton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family. Bob and Randy attended the hockey game Friday evening. They all went to the Disney on Ice show on Saturday.

Tuesday Violet Brown and Fran Crites were Yuma visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Kier of

Littleton were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart and Violet Brown were Saturday visitors in Sterling.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons attended the graduation party for Kevin Clark in Greeley Saturday.

Judy Shively and Beulah Soehner took Doris Whomble out for a drive Friday to see the pretty Christmas lights around town.

Reverend and Mrs. Harold Jackson and Violet Brown were Sunday afternoon visitors of Nettie May Welton.

Phil Mitchell was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Scott in Greeley.

Paxton Waitman was a Friday overnight guest of Trevor Hurlburt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons spent Monday in Greeley with Laura Pearl Wall while Richard Wall was having surgery.

Tuesday Merry Lu Simmons met Dwain and Laura Pearl Wall in Otis for lunch. Laura Pearl returned home with Merry Lu to her home in Haigler. Report is that Richard is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman and family spent Sunday night until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Due to the storm they had an extended visit.

Tuesday Judy Shively, Kim Bowman and Austin, Carole Whomble and Doris Whomble went out to lunch.

Hope all were able to stay warm during the vicious storm this past week.

## CLOSES

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ers and residents.  
Mrs. Woodcox reported a total of 7 inches of snow. Howard Clark, who lives northwest of St. Francis, had 12.5 inches. The wind had blown some and there were drifts measuring at least 4-foot deep in some areas.

Temperatures didn't warm up much over the weekend and were still cold on Christmas Day. By Wednesday, temperatures had warmed to around 40 degrees which felt like a heat wave. Much of the snow melted but, it was the "calm before the storm" as the National

Weather Service reports a major storm is developing over the western part of the U.S. The storm has the potential of producing heavy snowfall over northeastern and north central Colorado Thursday and Friday. Snow is also possible in western Kansas starting Thursday. Strong winds are possible which could produce widespread blowing and drifting snow. The National Weather Service predicts the storm could continue into the weekend.

On Wednesday, the Kansas Department of Transportation advised motorists across Kansas to be aware of the winter storm and it could af-

fect travel in parts of Kansas beginning Thursday.

"It may be necessary to close Kansas roads because of adverse conditions in Colorado or because of no vacant hotel rooms for motorists to seek shelter, as well as for blizzard conditions in our state," said Chriss McDiffett, Kansas Department of Transportation engineer. "The Department of Transportation and the Kansas Highway Patrol work together monitoring adverse road conditions in Kansas and surrounding states to help the traveling public."

Be prepared before traveling and find out the latest Kansas weather-related road conditions by calling 511 from anywhere in Kansas, or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. The same information is available at www.ksdot.org -click on "Road Conditions" under the 511 logo. State and regional maps can be seen with written information available by clicking on Text Reports.

For Colorado road condition information, call 303-639-1111 or go to the web site, www.cotrip.org.

## COYOTE

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The Midwest teams are made up of the more experienced hunters while the Sportsman division is the novice hunters.

New this year will be the name change of the Midwest class

"The Midwest class will now be called the Predator Extreme class, named after Predator Extreme Magazine," Mr. Rueb said. "The magazine is the number one publication for predator hunting."

He said that the Predator Extreme Magazine executives wanted to get more involved with the event. Renaming the Midwest team to Predator Extreme was adopted.

The Sportsman's Warehouse sponsors the Sportsman's team, a division which is designed to complement the Midwest Coyote Calling Event.

"It has no skill level requirements and is open to any and all callers," he said.

The event has a lower entry fee and thus a lower payback return than the Midwest event."

"This class is intended to help promote the sport of coyote calling and get more hunters introduced to the popular sport of predator calling," he said.

### Entries/prizes

There is an entry fee of \$200 per team for the Predator Extreme class and \$40 for the Sportsman Warehouse class. There is a 100-percent payback of all entry fees. On top of the payback, there are numerous prizes.

"Because it is the 10th year anniversary, we are expecting nicer trophies and prizes," Mr. Rueb said. "It will be a bigger and more elaborate contest than in year's past."

Last year, participants received approximately \$30,000 in prizes. This year, Mr. Rueb is expecting at least \$35,000 in prizes.

Mr. Rueb said there are a couple of film crews planning to cover

FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event in St. Francis. He said one of the film crews may be entering the contest and filming during the two days.

"We are getting a lot of national coverage," he said, adding that coyote calling is growing by leaps and bounds and people are wanting to know more about it.

## BABY

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bottles of champagne from Burr Liquor, a spinal adjustment for Mommy and baby plus a tube of Biofreeze from Poling Chiropractic and Family Health Center, a \$25 gift certificate from Hilltop General Store, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The first baby of the year will also received a special quilt from the Prairie Piecemaker Quilt Guild, Goodland. Bonnie McQuillen, member, said the Guild is making baby quilts for both the first babies born in Cheyenne and Sherman counties. Mrs. McQuillen will leave the quilt at *The St. Francis Herald*.

The parents of the new baby will need to pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2007 will be born.

### 2006 First Baby of the Year

At around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, Damon Rickard, Bird City resident, called from Denver to tell *The Herald* staff that he and his wife Billie were the parents of twin girls. The twins were born at 1:09 and 1:22 p.m. mountain time. Their twin brothers welcomed them home.



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