



**RENEE COLTHARP, left, co-owner of the Empire Motel, and her sister, Sherrie Diver, put the new linens on one of the beds.**  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## MOTEL

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satellite television and free WIFI. Customers won't have to wait for hot water and they have installed new hot water heaters. We have gone "green" with the new water heaters and we plan to recycle cans and newspapers, Renee said.

Ted, with the help of Nicole Meyer has been replacing windows in the rooms, and, while they have all the windows, it takes time to replace them, he said. As they get the new window in, the trim receives a coat of white paint. The doors have brass knockers and peep holes as well as additional locks.

The motel has daily maid service which means changing sheets and towels daily.

King suites which include a hide-away-bed couch, chairs and television in one room along with a bedroom with a queen-sized bed and the bath, are available. These suites, Renee said, are nice for those staying longer. Some of these rooms also have a door opening into another room to accommodate larger groups or families.

In the future, they plan to add more king suites, continental breakfasts and to continue improving the rooms to offer more comfort for customers. They will also be decorating some of the rooms in "themes." For instance, there will be a hunting room, there is already a retro room and a K-State purple room.

"It will be fun for customers to be able to choose one of the theme rooms," Renee said.

"It all takes time and we are working as fast as we possibly can," Ted said.

Renee's sister, Sherrie Diver, will be living in the motel's apartment and will be able to help Ted

and Renee keep the motel open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We are borrowing Motel 6's saying, Ted said, "we will leave the light on for you!"

Ted has had 26 years of rental experience so is able to make repairs. Renee is a registered nurse and has had 6 years rental experience.

They noted that they had lots

of people offering to help them. Tony Vandike and Wil Wilburn had helped with the landscaping and mowing; Maria Solorzano, Tammy Frink and Peggy Morris had helped clean the rooms. There were several others, Renee said, and we could not have opened the motel as soon as we did if they had not helped.

Other activities include treasure hunts, horseshoe pitching, carousel rides on the maypole merry-go-round, ticket drawings for many great prizes donated by community businesses and individuals, and the presentation of the Maypole Awards.

One of the new activities this year is an open art show in the Country Schoolhouse Museum. Local artists, including students, will have some of their work on display for viewing. Artists include Bill Coe, Max, Neb.; Margie Chance, Yuma, Colo.; Charlie Mulligan, Meg Peterson, Haigler; Grace Powell, Parks; and others.

At 3:30 p.m. the Tumbleweed/Spook Parade for kids of all ages (including adults) will begin in front of the Country Schoolhouse Museum. People (costumed and plain), bicycles, tricycles, wagons, pull floats are all welcome, but no large motorized vehicles.

**Open house at Haigler Museums**

Throughout the afternoon of the Tumbleweed Festival, there is open house at both the com-

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pleted Haigler Country Schoolhouse 67 South Museum and the developing Haigler Cornerstone Museum.

The first Fall Tumbleweed Festival in 2008 was held as a fundraiser for the Country Schoolhouse Museum. This project was completed in October of 2010. Last year in 2011; the focus turned to fundraising for the beginning of the Haigler Cornerstone Museum—whose mission is to collect, preserve and display artifacts that reflect the history of Haigler—the "cornerstone" of Nebraska—and the surrounding farming and ranching community.

Visitors to the museums will notice new additions to the grounds, including one of the original Pioneer Ditch slip buckets; a horse-drawn ice cutter; walking plows; and the tower for a wooden wheeled windmill (to be completed in spring of 2013).

Many wonderful artifacts have been donated by the community, and are on display. Old bound copies of "The Haigler Newspaper," the original Haigler Telephone long-distance phone booth, cook stoves, cream separators, saddles, jugs, tools, the safe and

## FESTIVAL

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The community is invited to come see all the displays in the museums, and enjoy the activities of the Haigler Tumbleweed Festival. Anyone wishing to donate dollars and/or items for the museums may contact the Carlocks at 308-297-3226; email: carlock@bwtelcom.net, or mail: PO Box 144, Haigler, NE 69030. All donations are tax deductible through the Dundy County Community Foundation.

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## Idalia News

By Diana Pfeiler

### Pitch party

Sunday Nov. 4, 4 p.m. at the Homestead. After Prom will hold a pitch party. Contact any freshman or senior parent for your tickets.

### FCF

Thursday Oct. 18, 7 p.m. at St. John U.C.C. Our lesson is on bread making. Everyone is welcome.

### Can you help us?

The Grainery Restaurant in Idalia now has 12 historical area pictures with captions hanging on its walls. If you have additional information on places, names, date, or stories of these pictures, would you please let us know?

Please call Judy Shively, 354-7212, Betty Moellenberg, 354-7343, or Linda Cody, 719 346 7405.

These pictures were funded by the Small Steps Award as part of the Colorado Creative Industries grants.

Also courtesy of the Small Steps Award, a website of historical sites and pictures as well as a collection of museum-quality artifacts from the area will soon be available to you. Thank you to the community for the interest and support shown in this project, and watch for notice of further meetings and events.

### School news

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 4 p.m. - Volleyball at Flagler.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - Cookie dough delivery.

Saturday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. - Football at Hi-Plains.

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Tuesday, Oct. 16, 4 p.m. - Volleyball vs Limon.

Thursday, Oct. 18, - Picture retakes.

Friday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - Football vs North Park at Pawnee.

Sunday, Oct. 21 - 27, Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, No preschool.

5 p.m. - Volleyball Districts first round.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Bookmobile.

24-28, FFA National Convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

### St. John news

Wednesday Oct. 10, 1 p.m. - Women's Fellowship. All Idalia ladies welcome.

There are dishes that have been left at the church. Please stop by and pick them up.

## Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 49 at Sunday School. Rachel and Becky Thompson gave the special number. Lee Thompson, Howard Peaker and Ashley Hurlburt gave their birthday offerings. Sunday will be rolls and coffee and Phil Mitchell will be the morning speaker.

Donna Dodge spent Wednesday night with Violet Brown. They had gone to Fort Morgan during the day.

Chris Renzelman visited Harry

Ekberg Thursday.

Bonnie Osmus spent Thursday to Sunday in Windsor at Tempy Bowmans and got to watch some of the sporting events the children participated in.

Mary Allen is spending some time in Estes Park with Mary Ann Harwood and Norma Allen.

Carolyn Homm and Helen Meek visited Bessie Dent Friday morning. Eunice Weed visited in the afternoon.

## Local newspapers connect readers with communities

By U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers

We can get our national news on cable television, catch the weather on local broadcast stations, listen to talk radio on the AM or FM dial and follow our favorite blogs on the Internet, but where do we turn for local information that directly impacts our daily lives? More often than not it is community newspapers.

Technology has transformed how we gather information in the 21st Century. News cycles run 24/7, tablets and laptops are becoming smaller and smart phones keep getting smarter.

As a result most traditional large newspapers are struggling to stay alive - they are more and more frequently printing only two to three times a week, personnel and content are shrinking like never before, and more information is shifted to online editions.

Yet local community newspapers are thriving because they have persistently weathered the storm year in and year out to remain a fixture in our everyday lives. As our societies become more complex and diverse with growing numbers of ways to obtain information, the role of local newspapers in informing our communities becomes even more

significant. We count on them to regularly check in with the courts and police stations. They print announcements on births, deaths, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, church news, job openings, school information and service club endeavors.

They publish notices of local municipal meetings. They print tax increases, millage initiatives, notices of changes in laws and property rezoning - all issues that most directly affect our pocketbooks by determining how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent at the local level and how are local officials are representing us.

They help run the local economic engine and provide a marketplace for the community. They offer local small businesses with an effective and affordable means of connecting with local consumers. They print sales at the supermarket, coupons for discounts at local stores, real estate listings, and classifieds for everything from a used car to a neighbor's garage sale.

It's also personal. Communities feel a sense of ownership in their local newspaper, and the people that report the news are often our friends and neighbors down the

street.

News aggregating websites such as Drudge Report and the major news blogs are great at offering up major national and international news and analysis, but they simply do not provide the information on issues that impact us at the local level. It is especially true for the elderly and those with low incomes who often have less access to computers and transportation.

They normally only publish once a week, but community newspapers remain the one constant source of local information. In good times and in bad, they stay focused on us as a community.

Now more than ever, community newspapers are an important binding thread of our cities and towns.

Congressman Mike Rogers represents Michigan's Eighth Congressional District.



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-Pam Wolford  
Pictured (left) with her mother, Linda Linke

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