

On the Plains

Haigler News

By
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Wall family Christmas

The Christmas gathering of the Wall family was held in the Wray Hospital because Laura Pearl is still a patient due to a fall in November. Some family members came on Christmas Eve: Dwight Wall of Lewellen, Lyndsay and Cody Lashley of Palisade.

Those arriving for dinner on Christmas Day included Jay and Carol Flaming, Greg, Heather, Logan and Noel Klein and Wendy Lee, all of Yuma; Robert and Merry Lu Simmons, Betty Lee Green, Quentin and Tonya Simmons, all of Wray; Duane and LuAnn Wall, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Laurie, Randy, Laura, Madison and Spencer Perila, Westminster, Colo.; and Alan and Stella Hans, Seward.

The bountiful Christmas dinner was prepared by family members. Azure Wall of Lincoln and Jessica Wall of Bloomington, Ind., visited their grandmother on Wednesday.

Later visitors include Dwight Wall, Azure and Jessica Wall, Bob and Merry Lu Simmons; Randy, Laurie, Laura, Madison, and Spencer Perila; Royal and Helen Woods, Marcia Gustin; Al and Zackary Zuege; Quentin and Tonya Simmons, Carol and Jay Flaming; Heather, Logan, and Noel Klein; Wendy and Blaine Lee, Joyce Gibbs, Kathy Pflgraft, Dusty Wall, Tiffany Minton, Tom and Lois Sharp, Pastor Lana Fong, Myrna Mulligan, Jamie Johnson; Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall.

Laura Pearl does not know when she will be released from the hospital, but appreciates the mail and visits from the many friends and relatives.

Zuege family news

Stanley Dale Zuege was home for Christmas and a couple of days afterward with his parents, Lois and Stanley Zuege. He had been vacationing in Tahiti with a cousin and wife and some friends before flying into Denver, pick up a new vehicle and drive to Haigler before driving back to his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

On New Year's Day Stan and Lois spent the day with Diane and Larry Sax and family, of Hudson, Colo. Stan's sisters, Hazel with her family and Dorothy Walker with daughters, Eileen and Jeannie were also present.

One day last week Stan Zuege went to Wray to pick up Helen Phifer to bring her back to Haigler for a visit. They enjoyed dinner at the Haigler Cafe before Stan returned her to her home in Wray.

Barbara Neville of Denver has been visiting relatives and friends in Haigler this past week. She has been a guest of her cousin and husband, LaNeta and Stan Carlock, at the Haigler White House. Barbara has especially enjoyed all the Christmas/New Year's holiday decorations still shining throughout the Village. On Saturday, she visited with other cousins, Galena Webster and Myrna Mulligan; and aunts and uncle, Grace Adams and Betty and Gerald Myer. She also visited her uncle LaVoine Collicott at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray. Barbara and LaNeta will return to Denver later this week.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6, LaNeta Carlock hosted a New Year's tea party at the White House

for her cousin, Barbara Neville, of Denver. Others attending were Myrna Mulligan, Galena Webster, and the resident cat, "Junior." The cousins had grown up together in Haigler, and enjoyed reminiscing years past.

Saturday guests of Sophia Zuege were her son Albert, Jr. and Helen and Darin Brown.

Garry and Sharon Fisher, from Newberry Springs, Calif., were house guests of Ray and Floy Ruggles from the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 1 to Thursday morning, Mel and Norma Fisher dropped in Tuesday evening and all played dominoes - a traditional family holiday get together activity. Garry and Sharon arrived safely back home in California Friday evening - ahead of the storms.

Sherri Gregory update

Sherri Gregory writes: "I had a follow-up appointment with my surgeon today and he has released me to go back to work half days on Monday. He wanted to keep me off for another week, since I was still having pain and some other issues, such as being very tired and sleeping a lot. We talked him into letting me go back four hours a day and will have another appointment on Jan. 14. He was expecting it to take a month or so for full recovery... The doctor told me today that my gall bladder was very infected and even had gangrene involved...He also had to remove some scar tissue from some old surgeries and work around it while in there. Even with the pain and tiredness, I do feel better than before. Probably because I had been fighting infection for quite some time."

Haigler Water

"Rich Gregory tells a story about how the Haigler kids would hang around the water fountain and watch "tourists" stop to get a drink of water. They would have the best time seeing their expression when they tasted the "hard" water. He also told of a spring about a mile or so west of Haigler where the water

was piped out to the bank along the side of the highway where people would fill containers for drinking water.

"Wash day was always Monday. They would use strong lye soap and boil the whites, baby clothes and dish towels. The water would be heated in the kitchen on a coal range, which would keep the house

swelteringly hot in the summer and cozy in the winter on washdays. They would put a big pot of beans on the back burner and bake potatoes in the oven. Some lucky mamas would get washing machines with hand turned wringers."

Young wrestlers prepare for meet

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Pre-season practice sessions began on Thursday, Jan. 3, and the junior high wrestlers are preparing for their first competition, which takes place on Thursday, Jan. 17. The team will compete with Colby and Oberlin at Colby beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Seventh grade wrestlers, 15 strong, will be taking to the mats for St. Francis junior high for the first time. The team will also include 13 eighth graders.

Coaching the team again this year will be Steve Jenkins with Bruce Swihart as assistant coach.

The home action will begin on Thursday, Jan. 24 when St. Francis meets mat men from Quinter and Burlington.

Eighth grade: Jonathon Hilty, Martin Hnizdil, Nathan Lamb, David Leibbrandt, Ross Nicklos, Lucas Raile, Sam Reed, Joshua Robinson, Issac Schiltz, Matthew Tygart, Logan Whitmore, Brock Zwegardt and Ty Zwegardt.

Seventh grade: Lucas Carmichael, Dalton Davenport, Thomas Douthit, Jordan Easter, Zach Gienger, Casey Keller, William Lee, Michael Leibbrandt, Joseph McCormick, Anthony Meyer, Taylor O'Leary, Dylan Peter,

Keegan Sherlock, Dillion Straub and Dylan Volaver.

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 17: Colby, St. Francis, Oberlin at Colby;

Saturday, Jan. 19: Goodland tournament;

Thursday, Jan. 24: St. Francis, Quinter, Burlington at St. Francis;

Thursday, Jan. 31: St. Francis, Hoxie, Atwood at St. Francis;

Thursday, Feb. 7: Hoxie, there;

Thursday, Feb. 14: St. Francis, Oakley, Goodland at Goodland;

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Northwest Kansas League tournament at Hoxie.

Junior varsity boys lose to Hoxie

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The Indian junior varsity boys team pushed 15 point through the bucket in the final period of play but could not overcome the 11 point advantage Hoxie had going into the last quarter.

Sainty was 3-of-10 from three-point range and 12-of-38 from two-point range for a field goal shooting percentage of a little over 31 percent. At the free-throw line they hit 4-of-12 for 33.3 percent.

Garrett Figgins scored 16 points with seven field goals for 14 points and two free throws. Brendan Finley was 2-of-3 from beyond the arc and Tyler Lauer hit his only long shot of the evening.

Sainty had 42 rebounds which put them ahead of Hoxie who had only 23. Alex Long collected 14 of the boards.

Hoxie limited their turnover to less than the Indians which could

have been a factor in the outcome. SF 09 06 07 15 37 Ho 08 13 12 09 42 Scoring: Figgins 16, Finley 8, Alex Long 5, Lauer 3, Brett Lampe 2, Zach Zwegardt 2, Drew Zweg-

gardt 1. Rebounding: Long 14, D. Zwegardt 8, Figgins 7, Finley 4, Lauer 3, Brooks Hobrock 2, Cody Killingsworth 2, Z. Zwegardt 1, Lampe 2.

Ladies back in action

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The junior varsity girls basketball team was back in action Friday night when they played two quarters with Hoxie. The final score was Hoxie 33, St. Francis 23. The Sainty Ladies now have a 3-2 record.

Five players scored in the Hoxie game with Jodie Hilt having seven. At the free-throw line the team was 5-of-7 for 57 percent.

Sainty had nine rebounds for the evening with Christina Hilt, Aly Marin and Kaycee Williams each

having two. C. Hilt and Williams collected three steals apiece.

"The girls played with lots of energy and it's our job as a coach to direct that energy toward positive reactions," Coach Larry Flemming said. "Tonight I failed that task."

The team scored seven points in the first quarter and 16 in the second quarter for their total of 23 while Hoxie had 21 in the first quarter and 12 in the second for 33 points.

Scoring: J. Hilt 7, Sarah Trembly 6, Marin 4, C. Hilt 3, Williams 3.

Idalia News

Family Community Education

Family Community Education Club will meet Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. with the hostesses being Sheryl and Laura. Installation of officers and sign up for committees and refreshments for the year will take place.

School News

Basketball game with Lone Star will be at 3 p.m. Jan. 11, on Jan. 12 with Haxtun at 3 p.m. at Idalia.

There will be a blood drive between 2-6 p.m. at the school library on Jan. 11.

Idalia School has a staff meeting at 7:15 a.m. on Jan. 17.

St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ will hold its 2008 annual congregational meeting and potluck luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 13, follow-

ing the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Business will include committee reports, election of church committee members, and adoption of a 2008 budget. Members of St. John are urged to attend this important meeting.

St. John United Church of Christ will host a "5th Quarter" social for Idalia youth on Saturday, Jan. 12, following the end of the varsity boys basketball game. Youth are welcome to come enjoy food, games, movies and fellowship.

Elks Lodge

The Elks Lodge out of Wray had their Elks Basketball Hoop-Shoot at the www.yellowpages.com/info-LMS82285816/Buchanan-Middle-School>Buchanan Middle School Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. with lots of participants participating. Some of the

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stars where Brendon Dutton placing second in the 12-13 age group, and his brother Jason Dutton placing second also in his age group of 10-11 year old boys and Johnathan De Leon placing second in the 8-9 year boys age group. If by chance the first place winners would be unable to attend Districts in Sterling on Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. at the Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo., then they would be able to go and compete.

Public Notices — Official Notice of annual meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, January 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. CST. Reports will be presented by the Board of Directors and management, along with a review of the financial statements of our auditors. Members will elect two directors to serve on the Board. There will also be discussion on a by-law change recommended by the Board of Di-

rectors to consider the proposed Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and any other business that may legally come before the members.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST. The business meeting will follow at about 7:00 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will follow the meeting.

St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange
Board of Directors

Notice to creditors in Hixon Estate

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, January 10, January 17, and January 24, 2008. (2-4) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

PAULINE L. HIXON, Deceased

Case No: 2008-PR-02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 2, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Joseph Charles Hixon, a/k/a J. C. Hixon, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the

Last Will and Testament of Pauline L. Hixon, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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