

Haigler News

By
Floy
Ruggles



Harford family reunion
On June 15, Sean Mayo, along with his wife, Sarah and their children, Barrett and Gwen, arrived to visit his mother, Karen Harford. Sean attended his 15-year high school reunion in Wray, Colo. On Friday the 20th, another of Karen's sons, Torre Jones and his wife, Seelu, arrived. Sunday was a day of celebration as Don Harford was honored at the Haigler Methodist Church for having been a member of that church for 75 years. Virginia Harford has been a member for 74 years and Melba Harford for 62

years. A noon potluck dinner was held at Karen's where 36 relatives and friends met. The birthdays of Brad Harford and Connor Preston were also celebrated. It was a good time for reminiscing about the "good old days," meeting cousins never met and catching up on family and community news. Torre and Seelu left Sunday for Colorado Springs to visit other family, then on to their home in Newark, Calif. Sean and Sarah and family left Monday for their home in Dayton, Ohio.

Deloris Zuege was pleasantly surprised with a visit from Dwight and

Leah Brewer Saturday afternoon, June 21. Dwight and Leah have largely retired from their obligations in Tucson, Ariz, and are calling St. Francis home now - again; although they will still be returning to Tucson for the cold, winter months.

Lois Zuege spend the weekend of the 21st, from Thursday to Sunday, with grandson Jeremy at his home in Firestone. Jeremy had been quite ill with a high fever for several days.

Duane Wall of Cheyenne visited Laura Pearl Wall on June 21. Wendy and Blaine Lee of Yuma

visited their grandmother on Tuesday of last week. The Perila family - Randy, Laura, Laurie, Madison and Spencer came on Saturday. Soon after they left, Dusty, Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall came for a brief visit. Carol and Jay Flaming, Heather, Logan and Noel Klein came on Sunday afternoon to visit Laura Pearl. Royal and Helen Woods came in the late afternoon.

Pastor Lana Fong of Haigler United Methodist Church was honored by a fellowship dinner following the morning worship service on June 29. The church is observing its 120 years of service in the community. The congregation is reluctant to lose Pastor Lana who is being sent to Curtis, Neb, but members wish her God's blessing in her new pastorate. Her sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Terry Barker of Littleton, Colo., were visitors on Sunday.

Yvonne and Royce Clemans and Anthony spent Saturday, the 28th, with Yvonne's parents, Dale and Dode Faylor.

On Thursday Floy Ruggles rode with Garry and Sharon to St. Francis and on to Goodland to do some shopping.

Ron and Jan Welch from Danbury, Neb., and Garry and Sharon Fisher visited Floy Ruggles in her home Saturday afternoon. Sharna and Richard Richardson stopped by Sunday afternoon.

Saturday morning, Floy Ruggles attended a district meeting that included the four Seven Day Adventist Churches of southwest Nebraska: Goodland, McCook, Oberlin and St Francis. Kim Zweygardt, of St. Francis was invited to give one of her dramatic presentations about the Women of the Bible. She chose to dramatize the Woman at the Well. This very talented woman tells her own "faith story" in the book she authored "Remarkable Women of Faith!". Another special feature was the Heartland Harmony trio, an excellent singing group also from the St. Francis community. Pastor Mike Larson and wife Daniela ministered to those attending in sermon and congregational singing. A potluck in the park was enjoyed after the services.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 41 at Sunday school. Howard Peaker gave the special number.

Bill and Darlene Strangways were Friday visitors to wish Nettie May Welton a belated happy birthday.

Father's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent and Dwain and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Taya Simmons spent Saturday night with grandparents, Bob and MerryLu Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons had breakfast with them Sunday morning.

Jake and Noah Johnson spent Sunday night with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Renzelman visited Harry Ekberg Friday evening.

Mallory and Chynna Rose and Kinsey Madsen spent several days

last week with Sylvia Madsen in Yuma.

Judy Shively took Jamie and Justin Kennedy to Denver last Monday to take the plane back home to Alabama after spending some time with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield helped Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson and twins move from Kearney, Neb., to Windsor, Colo., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reingardt of Fort Collins were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ekberg visited Pete Allen Tuesday.

Violet Brown, Diana Bowker and Judy Hart enjoyed lunch out Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways visited Betty Lassen and son, Dale Lassen in Yuma Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goodman and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodman over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kensey enjoyed supper out Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and boys and Ben Jones were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively, Zack and Austin Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons visited Laura Pearl Wall Sunday afternoon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent this past week have been Jacque and Nelson Ekberg on Tuesday, June Yost and Rose Wagner on Wednesday, Joyce and Riley Brown on Thursday and Bill and Ellen Mansfield on Friday. They appreciate the visits and welcome additional visits.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya brought pizza Tuesday to enjoy with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Welton were weekend guests of Nettie May Welton and attended the alumni reunion.

The Smith family reunion brunch was held Sunday, June 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Idalia News

By
Angela De Leon

Reunions
A family reunion for the Like-Williams and Flick-Pfeiler families will be held on Saturday, July 12 at the Homestead Memorial Building. For more information, call 970-354-7248.

St. Johns News
Men's Bible Study is held weekly from 7 to 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays at St. Johns Church. All men are welcome.

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Hale's free barbeque will be

held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. Whole hog pork and beef, beans, drinks and ice cream will be served as well as a best pie contest. For more information, call 970-354-7495.

The Poker Run will be held Sunday, July 20. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the ride will begin at 2 p.m. All motorcycles, trikes, hot rods and vintage cars are welcome. A registration fee is required. Please contact Deb Crites at 970-354-7233 for more information.

People across nation gather for conference

People from across the nation gathered in Oklahoma City June 10 through June 13 for the annual conference of the Association of Free Lutheran congregations. The conference was a time for spiritual renewal, fellowship and discussing the business of the association. Three hundred twenty-seven people registered for the conference.

Prior to the start of the conference, pastors and their wives were invited to a "Rekindling the Fire" event sponsored by the Commission on Evangelism. Teaching was shared on small groups evangelism and a banquet was served in the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda. Also prior to the start of the conference the women of the Women's Missionary Federation met on June 10 for worship, teaching and fellowship.

The conference opened at First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City with a time of worship. Special music was shared, congregational singing was enjoyed, a message was brought by Pastor David Skordahl and Holy Communion was served.

During the business sessions of the conference, discussion was held about the work of the Budget Analysis Committee. The conference approved a resolution to change the manner in which undesignated gifts to the association are distributed. Those gifts will now be distributed one-third to the Coordinating Committee, one-third to the Missions Corporation and one-third to the Schools Corporation. Those three corporations will determine how the funds will be distributed among the ministries with which they are involved.

The conference approved a

resolution to encourage the hiring of a director of development. The Coordinating Committee is to develop a plan for the funding and filling of the position.

After the June 11 Mission Festival service, a reception was held to express appreciation to Pastor Dan and Debbie Giles for their 23-years of service as association missionaries to Mexico. After the June 12 worship service, Jerry Nelson was honored at a reception. He recently resigned after 17 years of service as director of music at the association schools.

During the discussion of Home Missions, a report was made regarding the gift the Lutheran Missions Society made during the past year to the association's Home Missions. The fits includes two church buildings, two parsonages, an airplane, a hangar and a radio station, all located in Naknek and South Naknek, Alaska.

The conference business sessions were chaired by the association's president, Pastor Elden Nelson. Pastor Michael Brandt was reelected vice president and Pastor Brian Davidson was reelected secretary of the association.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the conference were held at Oklahoma City's St. Luke United Methodist Church. The evening worship services were held at the host congregation First Lutheran of Oklahoma City. Faith Lutheran of Durant, Okla., also assisted in hosting the conference. The 2009 conference is planned for Fergus Falls, Minn.

The association's headquarters in is Plymouth, Minn.



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