

On the Plains

Idalia News

By Elsie Shanks



tended. Geraldine Leyland and son, of Imperial, Neb. attended her sister's 80th Birthday party

Artist in Residence

Betsy Tobin is bringing her magic to Idalia grades preschool through 6th grades, Feb. 4-14. Betsy specializes in mask and puppet theatre. Betty began her training in theatre as she studied play writing at Dartmouth College in 1974. After graduation, Betsy apprenticed at the Seattle Puppetry Theatre. Betsy lived in France from 1981 to 1992 creating and touring original productions mixing acting, puppetry, shadows and mask theatre. The shows toured Europe in Theatres, Cultural Centers and in numerous festivals in France, England, Sweden, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Betty directed numerous productions by students as well as professional performing artists. When working with a group, Betsy helps the students communicate a message using her expertise and creative approach to make the work striking and personal. Betsy's performance have won awards and citations. Betsy has been awarded numerous grants in Europe and in the United States for the scripts, originality and quality of the work. Betsy

moved from France to Boulder in 1992 to found the Now or Never Theatre

There were five members that attended Sewing Day at St. John United Church of Christ Wednesday and enjoyed visiting. The members tied out one twin size quilt and two lap robes.

Marie Blankenship took the County Express bus to Greeley Tuesday and Thursday to check with specialists for her hand which is doing good. Larry and Janie Beckman were Sunday dinner guests of Richie and Sarah Beckman and family in honor of Cole's 9th birthday.

Donnita Jimmie of Wray spent the weekend visiting her grandmother Evelyn Flick.

Clark and Mildred Rolow visited Shirley Boden Friday afternoon at Hillcrest Care Center and Towers and other friends.

Elsie Shanks was a Sunday dinner guest of Greg Devlin and family at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Goose season is on and hunters were out over the weekend trying to get one or more.

Harold and Pat Madsen of St. Francis were Sunday afternoon visitors of her brother and wife, Clark and Mildred Rolow, enroute to the dance in Wray.

Thursday night at Hale Hall.

Wedding

Jennifer Gartrell, daughter of Mike and Sharon Gartrell was married to Rick Gardner of Idalia, son of Steve and Pat Gardner of Wray, at the Methodist Church in Burlington at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9th in a beautiful wedding with a number attending in spite of the snow and dirt blizzard. Bicentennial FCE Club of Idalia committee served the supper. They all enjoyed dancing afterwards at the Country Club. Rick and Jennifer Gardner will make their home east of Idalia on Highway 36.

80th Birthday

The family of Marie Weyerman hosted her 80th birthday party Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10 at the Homestead Memorial building in Idalia with a number attending. The guest registered as they came in.

The other table had an inflated horse with an assortment of cake cut on plates to pick up.

The other table had an inflated Valentine balloon with balloons with February colors and a cake that centered the table made by her granddaughter, Whitney Weyerman, which was decorated in white with lavender trim inscribed "Happy 80th Birthday." Punch, cake, coffee, nuts and mints were served by the family who at-

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

St. John Church of Christ News

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come and join them. Youth Fellowship will be at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Bill Carpenter Sr. and Robin Sneddon sang a duet "The Glorious is thy Name" sermon was "The Glory of the Lord."

Feb. 20, FCE meeting at 7 p.m. Program by Kathy Fonte. Roll call will be "Your favorite chocolate treat."

Feb. 24, Youth Fellowship basketball game at Idalia gym, youth against adults.

St. John Church of Christ

The Sunday school wants to remind the children and adults who are participating in the Church Pals (grandparents) to please remember each others "Special Days," the bond you create with each other is a special one. The group will exchange for new pals in September as part of the new Sunday school year.

Valentine Dinner

There were fifty that attended the Youth Fellowship Valentine fundraiser dinner Saturday night with the Ladies Barbershop quartet signing from St. Francis.

Stag

There were eighty-five men that attended Bonny Community Club stag

Wagon Wheel Bed and Breakfast

Haigler's newest business, The Wagon Wheel Bed and Breakfast, will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 229 Porter Ave.

Basketball camp game

There will be a basketball camp game Saturday at the Haigler Elementary gym. The youth want to attend Sky Ranch Lutheran Bible Camp this summer. Lutheran Brotherhood Branch 8771 will help provide matching funds.

There will also be a household shower for Dave Robbins at the basketball game. Items may also be left at the school during the week. Dave still needs small, everyday items to replace what was lost in the fire.

Ena Phipps to celebrate 90th birthday

The 90th birthday of Ena Phipps is on Wednesday, Feb. 20. The birthday will be celebrated a few days later on

Haigler News

Sunday morning, Feb. 24, following church services at the United Methodist Church during the fellowship time. Everyone is invited to attend. Church services are at 9 a.m. and fellowship time follows.

MerryLu Simmons drove to Cheyenne, Wyo., on Friday to meet Todd Simmons and friends Jesse, Shea and Dane who are visiting in the Simmons home this week. Todd is wearing a cumbersome body brace but is rapidly

recovering from his accident on Jan. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall visited in the Simmons home on Sunday.

Deb Wright of Benkelman called Sunday morning at the home of Velma Neville. Grace Adams visited in the afternoon.

Royal and Helen Woods, Dusty, Sydney and Gracie Wall were Saturday evening visitors in the Richard Wall home.

Marion and Florence Douglass enjoyed lunch on Thursday with Steve

and Pat Gardner in their home in Wray.

Helen Woods spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her daughter Marcia Gustin in Colby. Marcia is having a difficult time with earache trouble and is seeing a specialist.

Evening guests in the home of Roger Adams and his mother Grace on Friday were Velma Neville and Gerald and Betty Myer.

By Opal Collicott



Beecher Island News

Grant Brown spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent joined them for dinner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Inez Keir, Doris Whomble and Gwen Cranmer enjoyed lunch out Sunday.

Violet Brown, Donna Dodge and Robin and Diana Bowker spent Thursday in Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and Joseph were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

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

Kristy Hurlburt was a Wednesday caller at the Berl Allens. Peggy Carpenter called Friday and Mr. and Mrs.

Travis Allen and Joseph and Perry Allen visited Saturday.

Doris Whomble was a Friday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Harold Kamla watched the Super Bowl with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart and Violet Brown went for a drive Friday and had lunch in St. Francis.

Nick Wisdom visited Thursday with Norma Ekberg.

Judy Shively spent Wednesday and Thursday in Denver with Betty Moellenberg and her class.

By Bessie Dent



Junior high wrestlers continue to do well

This week the junior high Indian wrestlers had a 10-2 record against Oakley Feb. 4 and a 13-9 record against Oberlin Thursday night to have two more good outings.

Individual results: Mac Frewen won by default over Pieger, won by a 10-3 decision over Eicher; Jordan Gienger won by a fall over Moore; J.D. Hawkins won by an 11-2 major decision over Riechek; Darren Laffond lost by a fall to Samuelson; Dylan Loyd won by a fall over Ashbridge; Trevor Richard won by a fall over Baalman; Russell Rogers lost by a fall to Riechek; Gabe Smull won by a fall over Albers; Andy Waite won by a 9-8 decision over Finnell; Levi Weeden won by a fall over Kruse; Brennan Wilger won by a fall over Finnell.

Team statistics: St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record 10-2; pins 6-2; takedowns: 14-2; near

falls-two: 3-2; near falls-three: 13-4; reversals: 4-5; escapes: 1-2.

Team statistics: St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record 13-9; pins 13-6; takedowns 21-13; near fall-two: 7-3; near fall-three: 24-15; reversals 4-3; escapes 6-2.

Individual results: Matt Brown won by a fall over Bailey; Frewen lost by a fall to Fortin; Gienger won by a fall over Peters, Hawkins lost by a fall to Jueneman; Laffond lost by a 9-0 major decision to Richards; Loyd won by a fall over Black, won by a fall over McFee; A.J. McAtee won by a fall over Simmonson; Joel McAtee won by a fall over Jordan; Zachery Mills lost by a fall to Jordan; Heath Owens lost by a fall to Miller, lost by an 11-3 major decision to Warta; Adam Peter lost by a fall to Urban, won by a fall over Badsky; Smull won by a fall over Badsky, won by a fall over Marietta; Cody Sharp won by a fall over Helm, won by a fall over Cook, Waite lost by a fall to May; Weeden won by a fall over Gilliam, lost by a technical fall to Miller; Wilger won by a fall over Euhus.

vs Oakley Team statistics: St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record 10-2; pins 6-2; takedowns: 14-2; near

vs Oberlin Team statistics: St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record 13-9; pins 13-6; takedowns 21-13; near fall-two: 7-3; near fall-three: 24-15; reversals 4-3; escapes 6-2.

Individual results: Matt Brown won



Notice
Colorado Kids Ignore Drugs, Julie Weaver coordinator. Program by Dennis Follett B.E.A. will speak for a community presentation on the drug problems facing us today. Wednesday Feb. 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Yuma Community Center.

School news
The Writing Lab class turned in their six hundred words before Christmas break. The students had another six hundred words due last week. The students are busy writing grant proposals and finding more information on each of our subjects.

FFA
The Idalia FFA chapter will hold their annual member sale on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Idalia School gym and cafeteria. Supper will be served in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. The menu includes

rocky mountain oysters and /or chicken strips. At 7 p.m. auctioneer Denny Flock will sell thirty-four FFA members and several small groups.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. National FFA week. Tuesday, Feb. 18 FFA Barnyard.

Meeting

Don't forget to attend Homestead annual meeting at Homestead Memorial building, February 21 at 7 p.m. to elect board and officers.

Idalia Baptist Church News

Idalia Baptist Church congregation invites you to come and join them at Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening Bible study at 7 p.m. also

The Teller Room

A Unique Restaurant at the Historic Bank of Oberlin

Valentine's Day Dinner

Thursday Feb 14 - 6 - 8 p.m.

Sunday Brunch Buffet

February 17 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Swedish International Buffet

Tuesday Feb 26 - 6 - 8 p.m.

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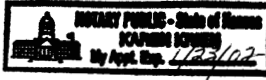
	Balance 2000	Expenditures	Receipts	Balance 2001
General	\$ 77,574.31	\$ 429,330.18	\$ 440,877.01	\$ 89,121.14
Library	4,366.07	26,521.98	26,521.98	4,366.07
Special Highways	52,195.24	12,897.36	45,071.85	84,369.73
Special Parks & Rec.	1,686.76	418.84	1,146.69	2,414.61
Utilities	561,200.82	1,307,806.65	1,365,412.44	618,806.61
Refuse	61,320.13	126,831.32	125,902.35	60,391.16
Capital Improvement	395,350.87	160,341.63	246,103.06	481,112.30
Equipment Reserve	52,132.77	124,800.00	120,846.68	48,179.45
Employ Benefits	35,780.75	189,880.44	206,790.85	52,691.16
Sewer	35,906.60	44,998.56	33,801.00	24,709.04
Water Users Fee	504.70	4,958.99	4,912.17	457.88
Sales Tax	3,226.08	41,870.30	41,386.31	2,742.09
Tenant Deposit	37,416.66	7,273.00	8,050.00	38,193.66
Theater	-	10,609.93	11,536.10	926.17
Housing Authority	120.26	17.93	23.70	126.03
NOW Accounts	53,396.07	58,666.83	41,590.15	36,319.39
Totals	\$ 1,372,188.09	\$ 2,547,223.94	\$ 2,719,972.34	\$ 1,544,926.49
Cash	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00
Petty Cash	1,000.00			1,000.00
1st National Bank	119,767.30			125,101.81
1st National Collections	70,202.52			76,945.36
Bankwest	564,118.27			724,779.32
	\$ 1,372,188.09			\$ 1,544,926.49

I, Connie J. Weems, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed Connie J. Weems CITY TREASURER, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY. Be it here remembered that on the 14 day of February 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned State and County, came Connie J. Weems, Treasurer of the City of St. Francis, Ks who is personally known to be the same person who executed the above instrument of writing therefor in acknowledgment of the same, I hereby set my seal.

Sharon Green
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 11/23/02



Deadlines !o!

Articles and Ads are due Monday at 5 p.m. for that weeks paper

