



On the Plains

Idalia News

By Elsie Shanks



Idalia Baptist Church News
Worship service at 8:45 a.m. Sunday evening Bible study at 4 p.m. Thursday evening Bible study at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. John United Church of Christ News
St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to join them. Worship service is at 10 a.m. with communion. Bill Carpenter Sr. sang a solo accompanied by Betty J. Moellenberg on the piano.

A group went to Wray and St. Francis to give communion Sunday afternoon in the rest homes.

The church board is organizing a temporary by-laws revisions committee which will begin the task of updating and revising the by-laws and putting into writing procedures and policies. All church board members will serve on this committee. The board asks church member who is interested in joining this ad hoc committee, to notify any church member, the first meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 13 at 8 p.m.

There will be new assignments this year for church pals grandparents, please let Judy Langendoerfer or Cynthia Paul know if you would like to participate again this year.

Gordon Mandis suffered a heart attack Wednesday at Route 36 where he works

and was taken by ambulance to North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley and returned home Sunday. Tom and Marie Mandis, parents went to Greeley to be with their son, Gordon.

Rob and Marcy Beckman, Tyler and Kristin of Fort Lupton were weekend guests of his parents, Larry and Janie Beckman.

Janie Beckman spent Friday overnight with her daughter, Amber Beckman at Fort Collins and they both attended the beautiful wedding of Trisha Crites to Guy Coberly of Longmont at the park in Greeley Saturday at 6 p.m. with a number attending.

Amber Beckman will be teaching junior high at Kersey, Colo. this year.

FFA members and 4-H members and leaders were busy taking their entries to Yuma County Fair at Yuma Sunday where they were judged Monday.

Kitty and Geneva North of Wray attended St. John United Church of Christ worship service Sunday morning and enjoyed lunch at Prairie Vista Restaurant and visited Elsie Shanks and cousin, Inez Bennett of Goodland then they motored to Burlington to visit their relatives. Sunday evening they all attended the Blue Grass Concert of Denver at the fairgrounds in which Genevas grandson, Doug Elrick played in the Christian Concert.

Gary and Brenda O'Brien of Oklahoma arrived Thursday to visit Violet

Knapp for awhile. Virgil Lundvall and Olean Branson of Burlington enjoyed supper with them Saturday evening.

Kiley Christenson, Pacey and McKenzie of Bakersfield Calif., and sister, Kimberly Boden of Palisade, Ill., were last Tuesday overnight guests and visitors of their grandfather, Harlan Boden. They had been at Palisade visiting their mother, Karen Boden and other relatives in Illinois. Enroute to California they stopped at Presbyterian/St. Lukes Hospital in Denver and visited their grandmother, Shirley Boden. Shirley had never seen her granddaughter McKenzie before and was happy they stopped to visit her. Kody Boden of Illinois has spent the summer helping his father, Michael Boden and visiting him and his wife, Carol Boden and Kiley's husband Adam Christianson who also works for Michael.

Terry Summers fell off the roof while helping Stan Pratt put a new roof on the Dave Moellenberg home. Terry broke his wrist in several places and won't be able to do anymore construction work for awhile.

Melanie Pratt is driving the water truck for the gas companies east of Idalia.

Kitty Jacobs and family and her mother, Geneva North all of Wray attended the grave side service for Richard Jacobs at Yuma Cemetery Saturday morning at Yuma, then back to Wray for a barbecue for Wray Days.

Darby Shanks took her grandmother, Elsie Shanks out for dinner Tuesday, July 30 to celebrate her 82nd birthday at the Mexican Cafe in Burlington, then shopped, rested, read and played rackoo. Inez Bennett, cousin, of Goodland was a Saturday dinner guest of Elsie Shanks then they motored to Wray to attend the 40th wedding anniversary of cousins, Ken and Judy Walker at the Christian Church. The tables were covered with white lace tablecloths with vases of red roses and candles. The beautiful cake was decorated with white frosting with hearts and red roses on top and also on second layer of cake. The white cake was on top and the bottom layer was chocolate made by Nadine Happanastall of Wray and was delicious. They served punch, nuts, and mints to everyone too, with a guessing program in the afternoon. They also attended the barbecue afterwards with roast beef, lots of salads, chips and relish plate at the home of cousin, Anna Reed's home. Judy's mother's home with a number attending, with punch and ice tea served and cake. Believe it or not enroute home they ran into rain that left puddles on the black top but didn't get a drop in Idalia, when they got home it was hot and dry. Inez was a Saturday overnight guest of Elsie Shanks and they attended St. John United Church and viewed the remodeling in fellowship hall, enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant and toured Idalia and

the new building at Bonnie Dam and relatives homes and she left for home after a good visit Sunday evening.

Kevin and Kent Helling have moved into their trailer they purchased recently off 385 highway, road 11.

Judy Soehner spent a week with her mother, Lenore of Englewood Colo., who had major surgery at Rose Medical Center in Denver and will be a patient in the hospital for a while yet.

Teachers that are new will start August

26 for in-service. August 27 the other teachers will have in-service, Idalia school for children will start September 3. Amy Rusher of Ordway will be student teaching helping Judy Soehner this year at Idalia. However she will not start teaching till the end of September.

Angela Knodel won champion in construction, modeling, knitting construction, champion in senior division on her lovely gown she modeled at the 4-H club east of Idalia.

Mike and Phyllis Beecham of West Pueblo were last weekend guests of her father, Harlan Boden and visitors too.

Haigler News

By Opal Collicott



Harford family reunion

Forty relatives and friends gathered at the home of Tom and Virginia Harford north of Benkelman on Saturday, Aug. 4 for the annual Harford reunion.

The occasion was celebrated with a barbecue and a beautiful birthday cake honoring the birthdays of Gail Harford, Linda Jones and Virginia Harford.

Douglass reunion

The annual Douglass reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 11 at the city building in Wray. A carry-in dinner will be had at noon.

Blaine Lee celebrates seventh birthday

Airplanes and boats set the theme when Blaine Lee celebrated his seventh birthday on Sunday, Aug. 4. His parents, Wendy and Jeff, served dinner to several friends and relatives at their home at the fish hatchery. One airplane flew over the parked cars and the remote controlled the boat sailing in a pond which attracted lots of attention from the guests.

United Methodist Women

The Haigler United Methodist Women met in the church parlors at 2 p.m. Aug. 2. Laura Pearl Wall, president, called the meeting to order with all repeating the Purpose and singing the theme song for United Women.

Florence Daniels gave the devotions. Roll call, "Things we are thankful for" was answered by 11 members. Reports were given with the mission report being given by Phyllis Clark.

The Reading Program was discussed. Blaine Lee was a guest and he

sang a song for the members, "Standing on the Promise." Virginia Harford and Lillie White received a corsage for missions for their birthdays. Cards were signed to be sent to Lillie White and Deb White. Twenty-nine calls were made in July.

Marilyn Bannister was program leader and Eunice Haskell was hosted during the social hour.

The next meeting is Sept. 6 with Virginia Harford as leader and Melba Harford as hostess.

Florence Douglass and grandson Mike were Wray visitors on Monday. Mike visited his mother Gayle White and Florence had lunch in the home of her daughter Pat and Steve Gardner.

Blaine Lee spent from Thursday to Saturday visiting his great-grandparents Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

Don Harford visited Friday afternoon at the home of LaVoine Collicott. Thursday afternoon and evening visitors were Gerald Myer, Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo., and Stan and Galena Webster. Frequent callers during the week were Myra and Charlie Mulligan, Galena Webster, LaNeta Carlock and Grace Adams.

Melissa Rosenfelt and twins Mitchell and Matthew of Benkelman were Sunday evening visitors in the home of Stan and Galena Webster. They were also visitors at the home of Lavoine and Opal Collicott.

Beecher Island News

There were 73 at Sunday school with Inez Kier and Ken Willard giving their birthday offering. Mike Pollard was the morning speaker.

Harold Kamla was among the guests helping Bud Stuart celebrate his 80th birthday Friday evening at the Windmill Restaurant in St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Renzelman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg.

Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reitz in Yuma.

Zackery Bowman spent Tuesday to Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Austin Bowman joined them for the weekend.

Mike Pollard came Wednesday to

spent a few days with the Nelson Ekbergs. His family returned home with him Tuesday. Lisa Ekberg returned home this Tuesday also. Connie Ekberg returned home Sunday. The girls had been here to help their parents move.

Suzu Richards and Darla and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Richards visited June Richers Friday. Jennifer and Rick Gardner were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood spent Wednesday to Saturday evening in the area visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and their son Josh.

Mrs. Todd Novak, Brittany and Cade, Mrs. Ron Jackson and Jill Mansfield spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs.

Berl Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and Joey, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family and Perry Allen.

Nick Wisdom visited Norma Ekberg Wednesday and Saturday Mrs. Clint Wisdom, Crystal, Faith and Krisandra were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus attended the Salvador reunion in Yuma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Jennifer Novak, Brittany and Cade, Jeanne Jackson, Jill Mansfield, Jean Brenner and Monte Mansfield were visitors at the Bill Mansfields this past week.

Margaret Peters visited Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively Wednesday evening. Don and Kay McDermit from Colo-



rado Springs visited Violet Brown last Monday.

Norma Ekberg visited Susie Shively Thursday.

Bonnie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent were among the group at Longmont Saturday at attend the cousin's breakfast. The Dents also visited at the Manley Chase's and Otis Murray's in Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schall hosted a barbecue Sunday evening for Jean Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Jill, Jennifer Novak, Brittany and Cade, Jeanne Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lewis, Porter and Payton.

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