

On the Plains

Idalia News

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School News

On September 13, the Idalia junior high Lady Wolves had some very good luck as they hosted the Deer Trail Eagles for Homecoming. The lady Wolves were caught off guard in the first game and were easily defeated 15-3. The Wolves came out in the second game and defeated the Eagles 15-2. In the final game, both teams played well with the Wolves finally coming out the victor with the score of 15-12. Summer McDonald was high scorer. "We served much better this match- a great improvement over Monday's game." A very good turn out for Homecoming festivities with lots of graduates attending Friday with a dance at night, at halftime Lawrence Crites drove his antique Chevrolet onto the football field with the candidates. King candidates were Kyle Richards, Gage Soehner and Ben Krause. Queen candidates were Jackie Doddridge, Tonya Cure and Valerie Soehner. Last years Queen Angela Chamberlain crowned Tonya Cure as queen and she crowned Ben Krause as king. Idalia volleyball and football teams won their games.

As with the beginning of the new football and volleyball season for cheer leading has also commenced. The Idalia high school cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 school year include junior Valerie Reeves and Brooklynn Gregory and freshman Jacque Reeves, with Briar Carpenter once again their coach. Cheerleaders rarely get a break as is evident with these three, throughout the summer, Valerie and Jacque managed Idalia baseball concessions and brought the newest member (Jacque) up to date with cheers and such. Near the end of July, all three attended the spirit in the Valley cheer camp located in Kersey, Colo., and had an excellent and rewarding time taking home both spirit stick and superior trophy. New material was learned and the cheerleaders and their coach are quite excited about showing it to the community. Their first performance will be at half-time of the homecoming football game.

Changes in Idalia School

Idalia elementary will be adding something new this year in it's approach to reading with an emphasis on phonics using the interactive F.A.S.T. program and grouping by performance

for reading, students can expect an exciting and challenging beginning to their day. For the past two years this program has been tried with a few students and the reading and spelling results have been amazing. Workbook pages don't reach all children or create a way for the skills learned to be used in writing and reading, with this new approach, every student will have a better board to use during instruction. They're working through every exercise and the teacher can see who understands and who doesn't.

Homestead Memorial Foundation Project

The Homestead is a wonderful community facility where organizations and families can gather and celebrate. It's also home during the summer to many of our children who take playing baseball pretty seriously. Plans are in the works to begin improvements to Homestead and your support is needed. Phase 1 of the recreation project includes installing a sprinkler system on the ball field, bringing the infield into better condition with a new layer of clay and sand and putting in a 15' patio the length of the north side of the building. Some funds have already been raised toward this project. \$120 was donated to start the project off and \$2,500 has been added by the Yuma County commissioners. A GOCO mini-grant has been applied for and other fund raising activities will occur throughout the year. Phase II will be the installation of a lighting system which will allow games to be played even as the sun sets. Theron Shaffer and Ron Chamberlain are spearheading the lighting project and are anxious to get underway. The final stage, Phase III, will be the installation of permanent benches with pole shelters for each of the teams, an 8'x10' storage building, the purchase of 2 small sets of bleachers and adding a 8" section to the top of the outfield fences which will allow older teams to play on the field. If interested in helping Call Cyndie Weyerman 354-7466, Gary Moellenberg 354-7391 or Sherri Ramseier 354-7375 with your ideas.

Womens Fellowship News

St. John United Church of Christ Womens Fellowship meeting was held September 11 at St. John United Church of Christ fellowship hall with

12 members plus Pastor Ralph Datema. Jerry Weisshaar presented the lesson on "Labor Day" with discussion. Judy Weiser read a poem on "The Nation." A song was sang "I Love to Tell the Story." Joyce Helling opened the meeting with the secretary report by Janie Beckman, treasurers report by Debbie Crites. A thank you was read from Martha Weyerman family for the memorial gift. Roll call was the verse on the candy wrapper that each person read. Elsie Shanks reported on cards sent since the June meeting, 7 get well, 3 sympathy, 7 special birthday, 4 baby and 2 wedding cards. The members voted to not loan anything at the church. Pastor announced Northeast Association Conference meeting September 28 at Greeley. Anyone interested in going contact Pastor Ralph by September 18. He would like to have two vans full.

Clothing Exchange

A birthday song was sung for Joyce Helling's birthday, September 5. "True Hearted Whole Hearted" as the collection was taken. October leader will be Kathryn Zion and hostess Cherlyn Moellenberg. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jerry Weisshaar served chocolate dessert, iced tea and coffee with pretty napkins with a verse "There is a warm welcome here."

Wedding

Ruth Richards attended her granddaughter Jamie Adolf's wedding, Saturday to Spencer Johnson at the Lutheran Church in Wray with many attending.

St. John United Church of Christ News

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. with drawing for your grandchild for the year. Worship service is at 11 a.m. every Sunday till the summer months. Sermon was "The Gift of Difference" by Pastor Ralph. The church board is organizing as 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 any church member who is interested in joining this as hoc committee to notify any church board member. The fourth meeting is set for

Tuesday.

Cherlyn Moellenberg attended the Northwest Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference meeting on September 10 in Greeley. She also visited Ann Moellenberg who is in the hospital in Fort Collins and spent the night with Gayle, Rick and Nathan Maroncelli.

Ralph Datema and Cherlyn Moellenberg attended the annual conference and workshop on marriage and family counseling on September 13 in Arvada. The conference was sponsored by the Colorado Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Confirmation schedule, September 29, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Monday morning visitor of Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray and took her a lap robe made by St. John United Church of Christ fellowship members.

Delmar and Ida Loher and his sister, Patty Harmon all of Missouri arrived last Saturday to visit cousins, Pat and Harold Madsen at St. Francis. Clark and Mildred Rolow enjoyed lunch Tuesday and visiting with cousins at the Madsen home.

Clark and Mildred Rolow took tomatoes and the Wray paper Friday afternoon to Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray.

Chamberlain Construction is building a larger bedroom on the north side and a larger front room on to the Ted and Donna Mosier home to make more room for their family when they visit and grandchildren come to play.

The country trailer home in Idalia has been sold to Kent Mekelburg.

Darby Shanks was a Sunday dinner guest of Keith and Katie Weyerman and family and enjoyed visiting her friend, Lori Scheler, student of Denver Institute of Message Therapy at Colorado Springs, who was home to attend homecoming at Idalia school.

Tara Lengel of Colorado Springs was a weekend guest of her parents, Ron and Polly Lengel and attended homecoming.

Laura Ramseier, student of Colorado University of Colorado Springs was a weekend guest of her parents Mark and Sherri Ramseier and boys and attended homecoming festivities. Brian Lengel student of University

of Northern Colorado of Greeley was a weekend guest of his parents, Dennis and Laura Lengel and Kevin.

Craig and Linda Fairchild of Castle Rock, Colo., hosted a belated anniversary and birthday dinner for her parents, Edgar and Arnetta Lengel at their home with family members attending on Saturday.

Darby Shanks was a Saturday afternoon visitor of her grandmother, Elsie Shanks and supper guest and visited her father, Darrell and Rose Mary Shanks Saturday night.

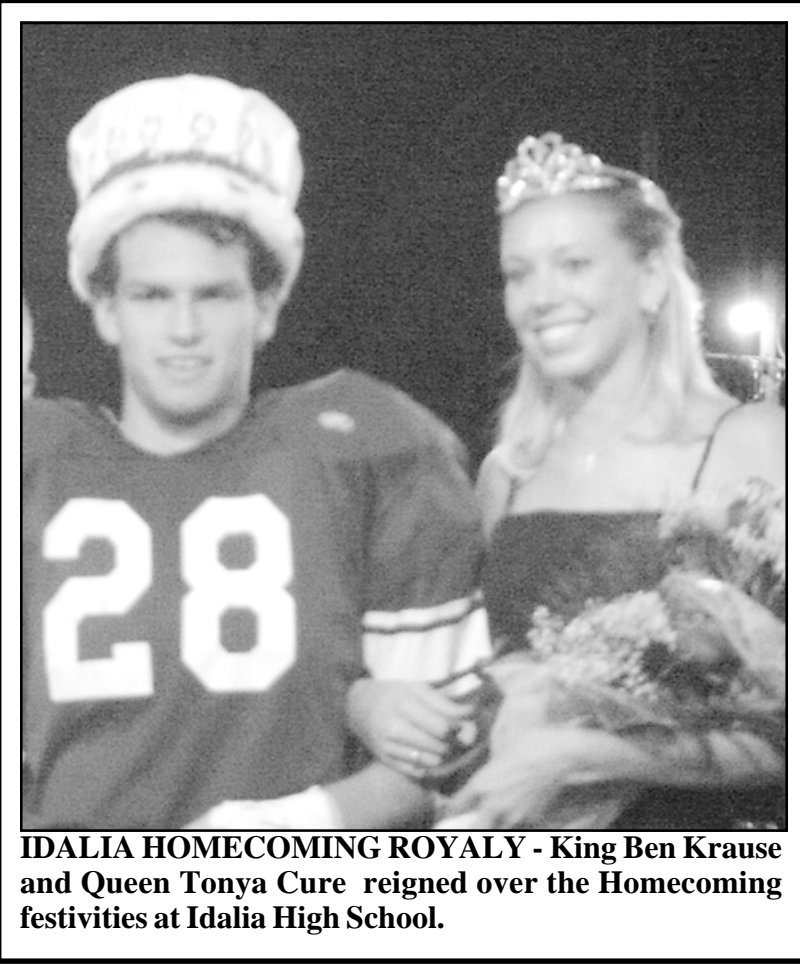
Jim and Marilyn Flick and Edith Hardin all of Tuscon, Ariz., were weekend guests of their sister-in-law, Evelyn Flick and they all attended Beecher Island weekend and they left Monday morning for home.

There weren't as many that attended Beecher Island over the weekend as usual, Bicentennial Family Commu-

nity Education Club did better than at their Saturday morning breakfast than last year. Idalia Lions club did not do as good at their Sunday morning breakfast.

Bicentennial Family Community Club of Idalia will meet Thursday night at St. John United Church of Christ at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to come.

Riley Shaffer celebrated his 80 birthday on Friday Sept. 13 by starting the day of being the VIP of the day and then he had his buddies Aston Weyerman, Trewit Furnish, Will Helling and Brandon Dutton spend the night. Then on Sunday, he celebrated with his mom, dad, brother Landon and sisters Reagan and Breann, grandparents Harold and Audrey Eisenbart, aunt Brenda Ramos and cousins Tiffany, Christian and Madisson Ramos all of Stratton. They all had lunch together at the home of the Shaffers along with a football cake and ice cream afterwards.



IDALIA HOMECOMING ROYALTY - King Ben Krause and Queen Tonya Cure reigned over the Homecoming festivities at Idalia High School.

Participate in an Upcoming Promotion in the Bird City Times

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4-H Tab

To be inserted in October.

This tab features a collection of articles celebrating 4-H Week and the 4-H Clubs in Cheyenne County.

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