

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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Notice

Family Education Club of Idalia will host their husbands to a card party Sunday night, March 9 at Prairie Vista Restaurant at 6 p.m. Members are to bring fingerfood, drinks of coffee and punch will be provided by the hostesses.

Baptist Church News

Idalia Baptist Church congregation and Pastor Gary Fore invites you to join them. Sunday school is at 8:45 a.m. Worship service is at 4 p.m. Sunday evening. Tuesday evening Bible study is at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school and adult discussion is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Next week, March 2, will be communion. Bill Carpenter Sr. and Hannah Langendoerfer sang a duet Sunday with Betty J. Moellenberg accompanying them on the piano, which was enjoyed by the 35 members attending, not as many as usual as the roads were icy and slick due to the snow Saturday night. Confirmation class with Pastor

Ralph and Cheryl Datema took a trip Sunday, Feb. 23 at 12:30 p.m. to Burlington to learn about Emerson Baptism at First Christian Church DOC, and worship style at Evangelical Free and Ash Wednesday at St. Paul Church. They had supper at the Pizza Hut and returned back to church at 4 p.m.

March 5, Ash Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. with the confirmation class helping with the service. They need to be at the church at 5 p.m. This will be the March 9 meeting. Statement of Faith are due at this time. Sponsors will also be assigned. There will be a

light meal at 6:30 p.m. before Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

March 23, regular meeting at church 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Some of the women's fellowship members quilted on the beautiful quilt Wednesday at the church.

Family Community Education Club

Bicentennial Family Community Education Club of Idalia met Thursday night Feb. 20 at 7 p.m., at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall with thirteen members attending.

Sheryl Wudtke introduced Kevin

Helling and Denise Wieser who gave the program "Car Clinic," they gave everyone pamphlets "Is your car ready for Winter," "Get your vehicle ready" and "Communications is essential for good auto repairs" with questions and answers which was very educational.

Kathy Fonte, president opened the meeting with roll call "My first job." Secretary minutes were read by Roberta Moellenberg, treasurers report was read by Sheryl Wudtke, both were approved. Joyce Helling gave out District I member handbooks and also 2003 calendars to everyone. Kathy Wiley reported on Bags for Foster Children of Yuma County and she needs more things for bags. They could use good used clothing also.

Joyce Helling reported on District I Family Community Education meeting at Phillips County extension office building Feb. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Joyce passed out a copy to everyone.

Everyone that plans to attend State Conference in Creed, June 12-15, should register early. The theme is "Rainbow Round My Shoulders" will focus around Rainbow Bridge in Fort Morgan. Ideas are needed for wall hangings to be used as a Colorado money maker at the national meeting July 25-27 in Albuquerque, N.M.

They need clubs to sign up for committees. Sheets were passed around. It was suggested District I members wear rainbow colored T-shirts with Rainbow emblem for 2004 conference.

District I meeting will be hosted by Phillips County with Yuma County assisting. Theme will be "Opening Doors." Auction-I decorated mail box per club, use your imagination and will be held at Holyoke Christian Church September 24, date needs to be approved by state president. State mid-year meeting will be March 17-19 in Creed, Colo. Next district planning meeting will be April 23 at 2:30 p.m. following the Washington County achievement day in Akron.

Sheryl Wudtke won the scholarship basket. Joyce Helling will not be a contestant in North Star Award as she is a district officer. Refreshments of cherry cheese cake, coffee and iced tea were served in pretty Valentine plates with napkins by hostesses Kathy Wiley and Beverly Weyerman.

Pastor Ralph Datema and Cheryl were Wednesday morning visitors of Violet Knapp and Virgil Lundvall in Burlington. Later Violet attended friend, Leona Weedman's funeral at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a big crowd attending in their new church.

Violet Knapp attended the Pinochle Club party Wednesday at the home of Pat Weltz as a guest.

Kirk and Rhonda Dienes of Peyton, Colo., were Saturday and Sunday guests of Darrell and Rose Mary Shanks and her grandmother, Elsie Shanks.

Tom and Angela Toledo and daughter, Chelsea of Parker were weekend guests of her parents, Larry and Janie Beckman.

Harlan Boden was a Friday all day visitor of his wife Shirley Boden at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray and enjoyed dinner with her.

Delford Bowman died Thursday morning at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray after another stroke, funeral services were held Monday morning at the Methodist Church in Wray with a number attending. He farmed in the Idalia area for years so relatives and friends of this area attended the service.

Elden Flick of Fort Collins was a last Friday overnight guest of his mother, Evelyn Flick and left Saturday afternoon.

Clifford and Rulen Like were last Sunday afternoon visitors of his sister, Evelyn Flick.

Dale and Jean Nider of Burlington attended Aricharee/Idalia basketball game Friday night in Idalia in which their grandson, Tyson Ramseier played in the game. Idalia won over Aricharee.

The snow was beautiful that came down Saturday night which dropped the temperature. Sunday all day was cold with temperatures dropping down more on Sunday night. There was a skiff of snow Sunday night.

Haigler News

By
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Valentine's Day celebrations

Velma Neville, Gerald and Betty Myer and Grace Adams celebrated Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 by having supper at the Haigler Country club. Following the meal, they returned to the home of Gerald and Betty Myer to enjoy an evening of playing a game of Hearts. A special surprise of a Valentine's cherry cheesecake was delivered to them by their niece, LaNeta Carlock. A telephone call from Dawn Neville of Fleming, Colo., added to the festivities.

Valentine's Day gifts, homemade valentines and treats were exchanged and enjoyed by LaVoine and Opal Collicott and their three daughters, Galena Webster, Myrna Mulligan and LaNeta Carlock. The treats included a celebration ice cream pie from LaNeta; rib eye steaks and chocolates from Galena and salmon chowder, gingersnaps and banana nut muffins from Myrna.

Girl Scout Troop 598

Haigler Girl Scout Troop 598 met Feb. 11. They finished the last step of the Make-It, Eat-It badge by planting squash seeds.

Since President's Day was near, they discussed leadership. Then they all enjoyed doing a Valentine word find and making a wreath of hearts.

Sarah will bring snacks to the

next meeting on Feb. 25

Playground equipment

The soup supper sponsored by the Park Improvement Committee to raise funds for park playground equipment held on Feb. 16 was a great success. Over \$1,000 was donated, helping immensely toward the goal of placing some new equipment in the park this year.

Blue and Gold Banquet

The Boy Scout Blue and Gold Father-Son Banquet was held Feb. 16 at the Legion Hall in Benkelman. A telephone call later that evening to LaVoine and Opal Collicott from their grandsons, Matthew and Mitchell Collicott and their mother, Melissa, related the boys' special awards. Matthew won the Best on the Road to the Derby Cake Box Car Racing in Cub Scouts Division. His twin brother, Mitchell, won the most creative. The cakes were baked in two layers and decorated, one with clowns and one with the U.S. Flag. Other awards were first place in Soap Box Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout Division. The following day, Melissa and the twins had some of the cake brought by special delivery to the home of their Haigler grandparents to be enjoyed them and with other relatives.

Death

A write-up in the obituary column of the *McCook Gazette* told of the recent death of Vada Volfegroothuis, 88, at Rocky Mountain

Care, Bountiful, Utah. She was born near Bird City and lived in Stratton, Neb., where she graduated from high school. Vada taught school in the Woods-Havlik District, Sunny Slope, District 74, in Dundy County during 1936-37. She married Ed Groothuis in 1937. Ed died in 1991. There are three living children, seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her sister, Ruby Anderson, lives in Wauneta, Neb.

Laura Pearl Wall visited Helen and Royal Woods in Wray on Friday afternoon.

Pat Gardner of Wray took her mother, Florence Douglass's appointment at the Wray Community Hospital on Feb. 17.

Bob and Merry Lu Simmons and Quentin Simmons were afternoon callers on Feb. 15, in the home of her parents, Richard and Laura Pearl Wall, where they all enjoyed special anniversary cake and refreshments. The Simmons family had earlier had lunch in St. Francis to celebrate the 34th wedding anniversary of Bob and Merry Lu.

Grace Adams visited Feb. 14 in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott.

Deb, Paige and Sarah Stute attended the Wray-Yuma basketball game on Feb. 8 to watch the girls' cousins, Zane and Zehren Walker,

play basketball for Yuma. On Feb. 9, the Stute family had cake and ice cream at the Walker home to celebrate the birthdays of Sarah Stute and Dianna Walker.

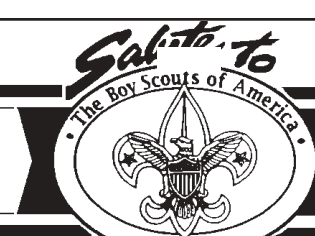
A surprise seventh birthday party for Sarah Stute was held Feb. 15 at Strikers' new mini-golf course in Benkelman. Attending were Ray and Debra Stute and Sarah's first-grade friends, Keely Confer, Aubrey Peckham, Natalie Kent and Angela Crouse. Becca Powell was unable to attend. They enjoyed cake and ice cream later at the home of Sarah's special friend, Freedia Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall took Heather, Greg and Logan Klein and Carol and Jay Flaming for dinner on Feb. 16, to the Pizza Hut in Yuma. The occasion was to celebrate Heather's successful surgery.

Anne Gatobu and baby son from Chapell, Neb., called on Sunday afternoon at the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Anne has been filling the pulpit for Reverend Njenga Karuiki once a month at the Haigler United Methodist Church. She informed the congregation on Sunday that March would be her last month for coming to Haigler.

Tara Freehling-Fanning visited in the Richard Wall home on Monday morning.

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What's Happening in February!

Monthly Events

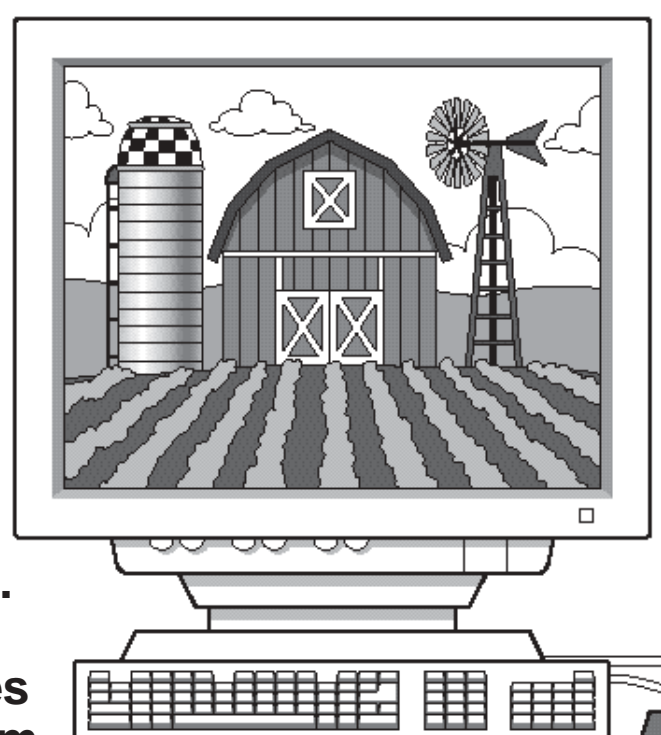
- American Heart Month www.americanheart.org
- Bake For Family Month www.homebaking.org
- National Birdfeeding Month www.birdfeeding.org
- National Caffeine Addiction Awareness Month www.soycoffee.com
- National Cherry Month www.cherrymkt.com
- National Children's Dental Health Month www.ada.org
- National Weddings Month www.BridalAssn.com
- National FFA Week (16-23) www.ffa.org

Coming in March:

- American Red Cross Month
- Irish Heritage Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Athletic Training Month
- National Pig Month
- National Women's History Month
- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- Save Your Vision Month

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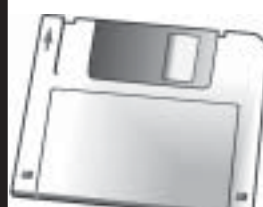
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