

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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Critical

Darrell and Rose Mary Shanks and Elsie Shanks returned home late Sunday night from Colorado Springs where they were called to Memorial Hospital for Elsie's daughter, Priscilla Wilkinson who was in intensive care and critical. Her blood pressure came up Sunday evening and we pray she will be okay soon. She was hospitalized Friday. The family was all called Saturday when she was critical. Darlene Pichette arrived Sunday at 1 p.m. by airplane from Ione, Wash.

Trip

Darby Shanks took her grandmother, Elsie Shanks to Colorado Springs Wednesday afternoon, March 5 to the home of Debbie Shackelford and son, Tanner and visited them and Priscilla Wilkinson who was also visiting. Darby left after they toured Tanner's room, toys and etc. Priscilla and Elsie Shanks met Loren Wilkison at a cafe for supper and Elsie was an overnight guest of them and accompanied them and Rhonda Dienes at Colorado Springs airport where Kirk works and left their car and they took Delta airplane to Utah then changed planes and went to Spokane, Wash., where Darlene Pichette met her mother and family. Enroute to her home they stopped at Mead, Wash., to visit Shawn Pichette

at the new fire station where he is a volunteer and he gave a tour of his room, new fire engines and all their new equipment plus the other fire engines which was enjoyed.

Shawn is also going to college for elementary education. They motored on to Ione, Wash., where Darlene lives and where they were guests for four days. Friday they toured the area and colville, Saturday they motored to Canada, Shawn joined them. They were checked at the border then they motored on to Nelson, Canada where they shopped for souvenirs and enjoyed dinner at Prestige Inn by the Koatey Lake. It snowed coming home. Sunday morning their was three inches of snow on the ground and cold. Rhonda and Priscilla built a snowman and Darlene helped decorate him. In the afternoon they toured Sullivan Lake and National Park, where they camp, fish, ski and boat in the summer time. They came through Melanie Falls where Darlene showed us a big house where she formerly lived, then they toured Ione, Wash., and came back. Edna Porter, mother-in-law, next door neighbor and friend, Joarin Perkins joined them for supper and visited. Then they played cards and went to bed.

Monday morning they motored to

Spokane where they took Delta airplane to Salt Lake, Utah. Again due to mechanical trouble they stayed in the airport for five hours where they ate supper, compliments of Delta and phone calls also. They got back to Colorado Springs late and tired. Kirk Dienes pick them up and took them to Loren's car where they all said good-bye and went home. Tuesday morning Darrell Shanks came to pick up his mother, Elsie Shanks, he visited his sister, Priscilla Wilkinson and friend, Arlene Hicks who had come to take Priscilla to doctor's clinic for her chemo treatment. Darrell and Elsie returned home.

Women's Fellowship Meeting

There were eight members plus Pastor Datema that attended the meeting, Wednesday afternoon, March 12 at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. with Janie Beckman presenting the lesson with some of the members reading scriptures out of the Bible. Sheryl Wudtke, president opened the business meeting with welcoming Shirley Boden back to our club. Roll call was "What do you do on St. Patrick's Day" Elsie Shanks gave a card report of two get well cards, one sympathy card and one special birthday card sent. A card was signed for Betty J. Moellenberg

who is home now but had surgery in Greeley last week. Cleaning day for church date was set for Tuesday, April 8. All on spring committee should come or get someone in their place. Treasurers report was read by Debbie Crites, and approved. No minutes were read. The bulletin board was discussed. It was voted on to buy six more table cloths like they already have. The members will buy corsages for confirmation class of five. The group discussed getting cloth to match the carpet and do the back of the pews. It was voted on to get some occasion cards to sell. Birthday songs were sung for Cherlyn Datema, Sheryl Wudtke and Shirley Boden (belated). They closed repeating the Lord's Prayer. A St. Patrick chocolate dessert on green plates and green napkins, nuts and mints, iced tea and coffee were served by hostess Janie Beckman.

Community Education

The Bicentennial Family Community Club held their annual card party Sunday evening March 9, hosting their husbands at the Prairie Vista Restaurant. Eleven couples enjoyed finger food and playing dizzy bridge. Hostesses for the event were Beverly Weyerman, Phyllis Weyerman, Elsie Shanks and Lois Lippert. Those winning high prizes were Dick Wudtke and Joyce Helling. Low prize winners were Sheryl Wudtke and Lynn Weyerman. A good time was had by all attending and the Soehners and Knodels flew home by car.

Birthdays

Saturday evening March 8, Raymond and Joyce Helling hosted a waffle supper in honor of Stephanie Helling March 10 birthday and Kevin Helling March 11 birthday. Those attending were Kaylene Helling and Janessa Pieper from Colorado Springs. Angie Vrame from Boulder, Edmund and Roberta Helling of Wray, Kenny and Nancy Helling and Will Helling, Leona Helling and Lucille Helling all of Idalia and Alma Helling.

Church of Christ

The youth sponsors held a informational meeting on Sunday evening for the youth and their parents to share final plans for their ski trip.

The ladies meet every Wednesday morning for quilting and making tied quilts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pastor Ralph Datema and Cherlyn and Carol Boden will sponsor ten youth on their annual ski trip. They will go to Winter Park on Wednesday, March 19, and return on Saturday.

Chemical Meeting

Stratton Equity Co-op of Idalia hosted a steak dinner and chemical meeting at Route 36, March 4, with 65 attending.

Idalia Vision Foundation

The Idalia Vision Foundation committee gave Lucille Rossbach \$4,000 for the Bread Loaf Teachers Fellowship. The first Idalia college graduate or former teacher from Idalia is eligible to receive this money or it can be divided among two eligible persons who need it to further their education.

The Idalia Vision Foundation will present Judy Soehner with \$340 for the Bicycle Rodeo. This is for helmets for Kindergarten through 5th grade and community pre-schoolers who want to attend.

The Idalia Vision Foundation presented Tim Gribben \$750 for materials to mail and purchase equipment to update and improve the Idalia school weight room.

Cyndie Weyerman received a check for \$12,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation. This is for Phase II (lights) for the Homestead Memorial Field Project.

Tom and Marie Mandis spent last week visiting his son and wife, Rick and Renee Mandis at Fort Collins.

Larry and Janie Beckman attended the state basketball game at Pueblo with Idalia girls competing for state championship. They didn't win but played a good game with Hi-Plains losing by a few points at the last. They played Eads Thursday afternoon and lost. Eads won first place, Idalia won over Dubuque. Idalia turned out good for the games and cheered well.

Edgar and Arnetta Lengel visited his sister, Ruth Richards one morning last week.

LaVerne and Carol Boden visited her father, Verne Collins last Satur-

day night who was not doing well at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Carol Boden reported that her father, Verne Collins is doing better at this writing.

Doug Collins of Alma, Neb., was a Saturday afternoon visitor of his father. Verne Collins,

Danny and Virginia Weiss of Bethune were Wednesday morning visitor of Ruth Richards.

A group of members of St. John United Church of Christ went to the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis last Sunday to share communion with Verne Collins.

Vonna and Larry Schertz, niece and nephew of Colby visited Verne Collins last Monday and fed him supper.

Ralph and Cherlyn kept their grandchildren, Katelyn and Casey Shaw from Friday until Sunday while Dana and Sonya were in Greeley with Dean Stalker. Jon and Eileen Moellenberg, Roland and Sophia of Evergreen were also weekend visitors. Dean Stalker died on Saturday night after spending over three months in the Greeley Hospital with complications following his automobile accident.

Larry and Janie Beckman took his mother, Anna Beth Beckman of Wray to Sterling last Thursday to watch her granddaughter, Stephanie Beckman play basketball and they won. They celebrated Anna Beth's 87th birthday and all went with Walt and Peggy Fahrrecht of Yuma, Randy and Loretta Beckman who also attended the ball game and went to eat at a restaurant.

Last Friday they motored to Fort Collins to visit Amber and Joey Huber and were overnight guests.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a last Monday afternoon visitor of Shirley Boden and Harlan.

The weekend of March 2, Larry and Janie Beckman attended granddaughter, Chelsea Toledo's 8th birthday and were weekend guests of her parents, Angela and Tom Toledo and Chelsea. They enjoyed ice cream and cake and ate dinner at a cafe and returned home on Monday.

Beecher Island News

By
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There were 51 at Sunday school with John Willard giving the special number and Jacque Ekberg giving her birthday offering.

Marla Rock hosted the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club March 3 and Darlene Strangways on March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively and Doris Whomble attended the 80th birthday open house party in honor of Nettie Riley in Greeley Saturday.

Violet Brown celebrated her birthday with several special events. Geneva North took her out for lunch Wednesday. Donna Dodge surprised her by taking Violet, Robin Dodge and Verna Lou Boyce out to Lucille Cobbs. Donna took refreshments. Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bowker and Amanda took her out for supper.

The Ekberg cousins' lunch was held in St. Francis Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Renzelman, Leynette Harms, Mr. and Mrs. Manson Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford

Homm, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chase and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Chase and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent, Norma Ekberg, Willie Klie and Earle Ekberg attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crossland who hosted dinner Saturday in honor of Jake Garton's first birthday. Jake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Garton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Benson and girls and Jean Brenner enjoyed dinner Sunday in Idalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons. They were joined for Sunday dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall and Quentin Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively visited Betty Moellenberg in the hospital in Greeley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chase and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Chase

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent enjoyed breakfast at Demi's Saturday.

Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were Saturday supper guests of Bill's.

Zackery and Austin Bowman were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall Saturday afternoon.

Visitors of Norma Ekberg were Nick Wisdom Monday and Clyde and Iris Gardner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and family were Thursday to Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus. They all went to Yuma Saturday and had pizza with Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador.

This week!



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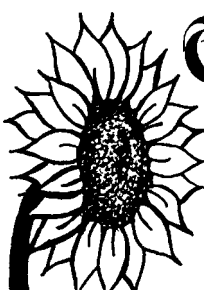
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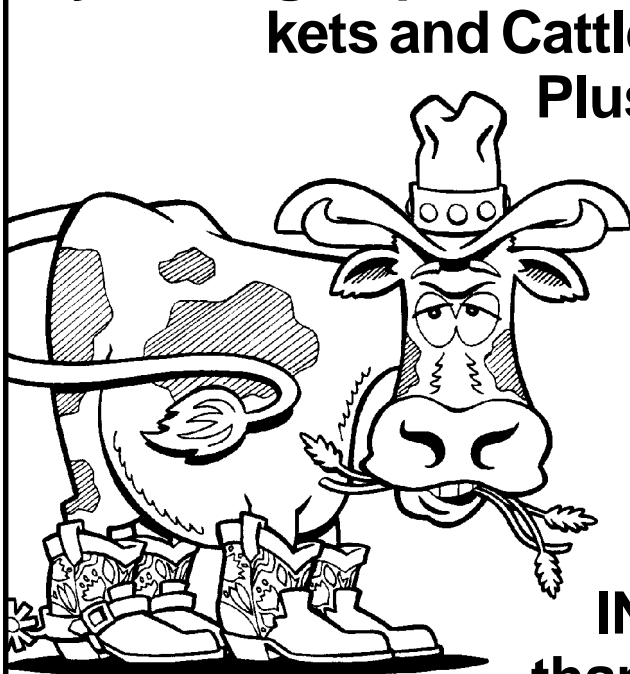
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