

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
Elsie
Shanks



Celebration

There was a very good crowd that attended the celebration of the new baseball field Tuesday night at Homestead Memorial Building with a wonderful supper of hamburgers, salads and desserts. They enjoyed the music of Highway 385 and showed pictures of all the times they worked on the field and the people that donated time and money for the project.

96th Birthday

Betty J. Moellenberg motored to Eads, Colo., Sunday to help her mother, Arla Durett celebrate her 96th birthday with four other daughters attending. All enjoyed visiting. They had a birthday party for their mother at the nursing home with 30 to 40 attending.

St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ welcomes everyone to come join them. No Sunday school till Sept. 14. Worship service is at 10 a.m. with children's story time.

Bill Carpenter Sr. sang a solo "The King is Coming" accompanied on the piano by Betty J. Moellenberg. The sermon was "Sand Sculptures" by Pastor Ralph Datema.

There was a board meeting on Sunday with bids for heating and air conditioning system discussed. They are also trying for a bid on the stucco. A lock has been installed on the sound system cabinet.

There will be a congregational meeting after church on Aug. 31 with the board presenting its recommendations of the heating and air conditioning system.

Birthday celebrated

Reagan Shaffer celebrated her

sixth birthday on Aug. 9 at the home of her parents, Theron and Kelly, with brothers Landon and Riley, sister Breann, grandparents Harold and Audrey Eisenhart of Stratton, uncle and aunt Rus and Jen Eisenhart and cousin Keanan of Granby. The family had a barbecue then she opened up gifts and ended with a Bratz cake made by Krista Rico and ice cream. Then on Aug. 13, Reagan celebrated with a birthday party at the Wray swimming pool with her little friends. They celebrated with a night filled with swimming and an ice cream cake.

Annual Retreat

June 29 the Idalia FFA officers traveled up to Poudre Canyon on their annual officers retreat. The purpose of this retreat is to plan the year and set goals that will keep their chapter strong. It was a very productive and fun retreat. The 2003-2004 Idalia FFA officers are Andrea Knodel, Candice Walkinshaw, Ashley Chamberlain, Whitney Weyerman, Trenton Terrell, Reed Parker, Maranda Shively, Chris Devlin and teacher Ms. Karspeck.

School Board Election

There will be an election November 4 to elect three new school board members. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for this election should contact the school office Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to pick up a petition. All petitions must be returned to the Idalia school no later than Aug. 29.

Trip

Kitty Jacobs and her mother, Geneva North motored to Watkins early Thursday morning where they joined her other daughter and hus-

band, Don and Janice Elrick and traveled to Arizona to the Blue Grass Festival in their motor home to enjoy Doug Elrick and his band of four men of Denver play music at the Blue Grass Festival. Doug and the men also sing as they play. Doug is a son of Don and Janice Elrick and grandson of Geneva North. It rained everyday they were there. Saturday and Sunday and got rained out Saturday afternoon. They motored home Monday and were overnight guests of Don and Janice Elrick. It rained from Pueblo to Denver and Watkins only got a sprinkle. Enroute home they ate dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant in Idalia then motored on to Wray Tuesday afternoon. They enjoyed the short trip and Blue Grass Festival. One band had a boy 10 years old that could really play the violin and was fantastic.

Surprise Birthday Party

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday night for Ralph Weyerman at Route 36 for family and friends. They really surprised Ralph. Linda Evans made the beautiful cake with tiny balloons on it.

Idalia Baptist Church News

The Idalia Baptist Church congregation and Pastor Gary Fore welcomes you to come join them. Sunday school is at 9 p.m. Worship service is at 4 p.m. Thursday evening at 4 p.m. is Bible study.

It's a Boy

Brad and Mindy Richards of Amarillo, Texas, are the proud parents of a boy born on Aug. 8, 2003. The little lad tipped the scales at 6 pounds and 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He was named Tyson Andrew. The grandparents are Dennis and Joyce Weaver of

Holyoke and Roger and Suzie Richards of Idalia. The great-grandparents are Glenn Weaver of Burlington and June Richard of Wray and Ruth Richards of Idalia.

Larry and Janie Beckman were weekend visitors and guests of their son and wife, Ryan and Ginny Beckman at Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Sally Parker did a lot of judging at the county fairs again this year. Violet Knapp attended the pinochle club party Wednesday afternoon at Autumn Park Building hosted by Gladys Farnsworth in Burlington.

Jonathan Paul celebrated his July 31 birthday in Denver with his grandparents. His parents, Howard and Cynthia Paul and brother, Matthew Paul attended.

Bruce and Patty Texter and grandson, Cody all of Eckley were Sunday evening visitors of her mother, Evelyn Flick.

Brian Harris, husband of Kristy Lengel Harris, is back from over seas and stationed in Georgia now.

Elsie Shanks was a Friday afternoon caller of Shirley Boden and took her an early birthday gift.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Thursday afternoon visitor of Shirley Boden.

Peggy Carpenter called on her aunt and uncle, Hattie and Berl Allen, one day this week at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray. They are doing well.

Libby Morris and friends, Willy Uhing, Marrie and Machael Margo

all of Chadron, Neb., were visitors and guests of Freeman and Diana Morris and Ross.

John and Kathi Boden and three girls of Smith Center, were last weekend guests and visitors of his parents, LaVerne and Carol Jean Boden.

Marilee Helling of Denver was a weekend visitor and guest of her mother, Lucille Helling. They all enjoyed dinner together with her aunt, Alma Helling Sunday at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Timothy Carpenter of Boulder was a Friday visitor of his parents, Bill and Peggy Carpenter to pick-up supplies before starting teaching.

Jack Jones of Fort Collins died Saturday after being seriously ill in the hospital with brain cancer and three surgeries. Services were held Wednesday.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



Trash pick up

There will be no trash pick-up for Village residents on Wednesday, Aug. 27, as Kevin will be on vacation that week.

On Aug. 8, Virginia Harford celebrated her 85th birthday. She and Don, along with Gail and Wanda Harford, had a birthday supper in the home of Karen Harford.

Elsie Applebey, a sister of LaVoine Collicott of Haigler, who had returned to her home in Culbertson on July 31, became a resident at the El Dorado Manor in Trenton on Monday, Aug. 11. For those wishing to send her greetings, her address is El Dorado Manor, Room 203, E Junction Highways 34 and 25, Trenton, NE 69044.

Wendy and Blaine Lee and the Richard Walls attended the Vernon Old Tyme Days on Saturday. Blaine came home with his great-grandparents and spent the weekend.

Deloris Zuege, Gary and Brooke Zuege and Jelynn Carman departed on Thursday, Aug. 14 and returned home on Sunday, Aug. 17 from a trip to Loveland and Longmont,

Colo. They visited in the homes of Deloris' sister, Almeda and Ron North in Longmont and her mother, Louise Bier, in Loveland. They also attended the Bier family picnic and enjoyed a scenic drive to the mountains before returning home on Sunday evening.

Opal and LaVoine Collicott were guests of Myrna and Charlie Mulligan on Sunday evening, Aug. 17, for a cookout of mahi-mahi and shrimp. Myrna and Charlie's son, Rich, had caught the fish in South Carolina and they had brought it back with them following their visit with Rich and his family in May.

Janice Shoemaker of Omaha visited on Friday morning and enjoyed a coffee break in the home of Grace Adams.

Myrna and Charlie Mulligan traveled to Greeley and Loveland on Friday and Saturday and also enjoyed Estes Park and a drive through the mountains.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Gerald and Betty Myer were house guest Velma Neville, Janice Shoemaker and Charles and Mary Pihlgren of Omaha. Charles and Mary, Janice and Betty attended the

Smith family annual reunion in Holyoke, Colo., on Saturday, Aug. 16. Janice had spent the past week here in the home of her cousin and husband, Betty and Gerald Myer. They will take Janice to McCook on Monday evening, where she will return by train to her home in Omaha. Velma Neville and sister, Grace Adams, will also accompany them to McCook, where all will have an evening meal together.

Christy Wall was called to Virginia on Thursday because of the serious illness of her grandmother. Dusty, Sydney and Gracie Wall were Sunday dinner guests in the Richard Wall home. Wendy and Blaine Lee and Dwight Wall were also dinner guests.

Carol Flaming, Heather and Logan Klein, Blaine Lee and MerryLu Simmons spent Thursday morning and were dinner guests in the home of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall. In the afternoon, the children went swimming in the Wray pool.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 68 at Sunday school with Regena McGill, the late Noel Ostrand's daughter, giving her birthday offering. Merilee Ostrander was the morning speaker.

There was a reception in honor of newlyweds, Jessica and Tyler Bond on Aug. 17 at Beecher.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and family hosted a party Saturday evening in honor of Mallory's birthday. Helping her celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Sylvia Blessman, Albert Reitz, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Langendoerfer and family and Darcy Sherlock.

Merry Lu Simmons, Quentin and Amber and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls were among the guests of Wendy Lee helping Blaine Lee celebrate his birthday Sunday.

The Ostrander family reunion was held at Beecher Friday evening until Sunday noon. Attending were Gladys Kinnaman, Paul Kinnaman, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. David Harwood and Laura Harwood, Norma Jo Allen, Dana Jo Lasnetske and children, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and boys, Marilee Ostrander, Regena McGill, Darlene Beggar, Ann Deus, Ann and Sarah and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burns.

Phil and Nancy Heath, Ken and Loni Davis and Scot and Sue Heath hosted the Ireland family reunion at Beecher Aug. 1 to Aug. 4 with 79 to 86 attending. They came from Washington, California, Montana, Illinois, Oklahoma and Colorado. They enjoyed a hayrack ride, barbecue at Bonny Dam, chuck wagon supper and Rocky Mountain oysters for some of the things.

Ron Dickson was able to return to Wray this week after spending some time in Greeley after heart surgery.

Tammy Cunningham was a house guest of Nettie May Welton Thursday to Sunday. She was with a group of six led by Dr. Steve Hollen, curator of Denver Museum of Natural History surveying the Arikaree River.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and family were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus. They all joined Dr. Lesa Salvador, husband, Bob and Mason of Girard and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Salvador at Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador for lunch Sunday.

June Richers is rejoicing at the birth of a great-grandson born to Brad and Mindy Richard on Aug. 8 at Amarillo, Texas.

Marilyn Bruffett came Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg. Ethan Jeurink spent Saturday afternoon with his

great-grandparents, Harry and Beulah Ekberg.

Bob Benson, Manley and Doris Chase, Clifford and Carolyn Homm, Paul and Bessie Dent and Riley Brown enjoyed breakfast at Idalia Wednesday. The Chases were on their way to a family reunion in Iowa.

Trudi and Katie Wieser had lunch Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver had lunch Monday with Violet Cranmer in St. Francis.

Norma Ekberg went to Fort Collins Wednesday to visit at the Kay Ekbergs. Stephen Imhof brought her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family in Windsor.

Julia Strnad spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family visited friends from Montrose in Denver last weekend. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and new baby Caleb before they came home.

Doris Whomble and Judy Shively visited Nettie Riley in the hospital in Greeley Tuesday and Wednesday. Rowe and Judy shively visited her Saturday. Last report she is doing well.

Laura and Madison Perila and Amber Simmons spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perilla spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fix visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Saturday afternoon.

Larry Allen and Kevin Reeves enjoyed a jam session at Rowe Shivelys one night this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood, Laura Harwood, Norma Jo Allen, Dana Jo Lasnetske and children and Ann Deus and twins were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador and Boni Osmus enjoyed lunch at the 4-H booth at the fairgrounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were visitors during the week.

Connie Ekberg spent the weekend with Jacque Ekberg and visited Nelson at Hill Crest Care Center.

Jacque Ekberg met Rhoda Renzelman and Lynette Harms in Yuma for lunch last Monday.

Karen Willard, Laurie Jones and Connie Ekberg went to Yuma Sunday for supper.

Sunday dinner guests of Jacque Ekberg were Connie Ekberg and Esther Hanson.

Darcy Sherlock was a Friday to Monday visitor at the Kenny Roses.

Enjoying the 60th Vernon school reunion Friday evening at the Sandhiller were Dwight and Maxine Wheatly of Cedar Ridge, Colo.; Colman and Iris Boyd of Ala.; Amy Eastin of Arizona; Darrell and Marty Stults, Al and Rhoda Renzelman of Haxtun; LaVern and Wilma Stults and Paul and Bessie Dent.

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