

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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Wedding
Justin and Talita Hardwick of Vernon have spent over a month in Recife, Brazil. John and Mary Ellen Hardwick of Vernon, Steve Allison and Laura Randels of Wray and Ed and Virginia Shea of Sterling joined them the first part of December for almost a months stay. The trip was

made to renew wedding vows of Justin and Talita. The group enjoyed not only the wedding and getting acquainted with Talita's family but a harbor tour, a visit to two smaller villages, one of which specialized in the production of pottery and figurines. They were able to see the process from the beginning to

the final firing. They drove through the countryside for a barbecue at Talita's folks country home seeing lots of sugar cane growing along the way. There was a tour of a church over 400 years old and a tour of Fort Orange built by the Dutch and later taken over by the Portuguese. They all enjoyed their time on the beach,

the warm climate and the good food.

Flight for Life

Phyllis Long was taken for Life Wednesday morning from Goodland Hospital to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs where she is paralyzed on the left side. At this writing on Thursday she is doing better and can move her fingers and walk with help Thursday. Phyllis is the daughter of Clark and Mildred Rolow. Her address is Phyllis Long, c/o Penrose Hospital, Rm. 420, bed 2, Colorado Springs, Co. 80917

Family Community Education Meeting

Bicentennial Family Community Education Club was held Thursday night, Jan. 22 at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall with nine members and three guests attending.

The meeting was called to order by vice president, Priscilla Lindsey. Roll call was an old recipe or a handy hint. Hostesses were Janice Souther and Beverly Weyerman who served cinnamon rolls, cookies, nuts and mints with coffee or tea. The club plans to tour Rural Ameritowns for the Feb. 19 meeting and have supper at the Sandhill in Wray. A committee is doing a food commodity distribution on Friday, Jan. 30 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Vision Building. For those that qualify. Beverly Weyerman won the scholarship basket brought by Joyce Helling.

Church of Christ News

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 a.m. and Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. Communion will be served.

Feb. 15, Valentine dinner at 6:30 with entertainment.

Church board organized as follows: Howard Paul, president; Wayne Weyerman, vice president; Bill Langendoerfer, secretary; Kevin Helling, treasurer; Deb Crites, director; Chester Wieser Jr., director. Pastor Ralph plans to be out of town for a conference on Jan. 27-29. Church board meeting is Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Judy Taylor and Phyllis Long visited their parents, Clark and Mildred Rolow last Monday.

Violet Knapp attended her Pinochle Club Wednesday afternoon

Sunday dinner guest of her daughter and husband, Sharilyn and Gary Mansfield at Prairie Vista Restaurant after attending St. John United Church of Christ and had a good visit with them.

Larry and Janie Beckman were Friday night visitors of their son and family, Rob and Marcy Beckman, Tyler and Kristin at Atwood and overnight guests and helped Rob put up a new garage on his place close to his home.

Anita Jimmis of Wray was a Tuesday afternoon visitor of her mother, Evelyn Flick, they went to Prairie Vista Restaurant for lunch.

Darin, Ruthie and Ryan Brown of Wray and friend from Eckley were Thursday visitors of Evelyn Flick.

Alma Clark passed away Saturday morning at the home of her daughter and husband, Karen and Jeff Schiroe at Vail. Funeral services were held at St. John United Church of Christ Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Theresa Knapp and granddaughter of Canon City spent four days as a visitor and guest of Virginia Lengel.

Haigler News

By
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Birthday celebrations

A family gathering was held at the Richard Wall home on Jan. 25, in honor of Richard's 84th birthday. Twenty-two members came, bringing food for a festive birthday dinner. Attending were MerryLu and Robert Simmons, Laurie, Randy, Laura and Madison Perila; Amber Simmons, Duane and LuAnn Wall, Wendy and Blaine Lee, Quentin Simmons, Carol and Jay Flaming, Heather, Greg and Logan Klein, Dusty, Sydney and Gracie Wall, Royal and Helen Woods. Having seven great-grandchildren present for the occasion made the day especially enjoyable for Richard and Laura Pearl.

A birthday celebration was held for relatives on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25 in the home of Grace Adams in honor of her 82nd birthday. Present to enjoy cake, ice cream, gifts, games of bingo (with LaVoine taking the first prize) and laughter with the birthday honoree were LaVoine and Opal Collicott; Gerald and Betty Myer, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster. The three sisters, LaNeta, Myrna and Galena, delivered several birthday readings to their aunt, and after LaNeta had read "What A Life," Grace decided that having another birthday was a joy and there was still much more to look forward to in future years.

Funeral service

Funeral services were held for Mildred (Millie) Bragg on Monday, Jan. 26, at the Haigler United Methodist Church, with arrangements by Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home of Wray. Millie, who had been a resident at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Wray and a previous long-time resident of the Haigler area, died on Friday, Jan., 23, 2004, at the age of 92. The Reverend Terry Douglass from Yuma officiated at the service and Dale Faylor sang "One Day At A Time" and "In The Garden." Accompanied by Carol Peterson. Escorts were Levi Kramer, Beau Kramer, Sam Kramer, Shawn Gallegos, Chad Lieurance and Ron Akey. Honorary Escorts were Max Odell, Glenn Workman and Gene Anderson. Interment was held at the Haigler Cemetery.

Rainbow Unit

The Rainbow Family Community Education Club was hosted by Virginia Harford on Jan. 15. All members were present and Karen Harford was a guest. The programs and hostesses for the next year were decided. Roll call was to name a favorite apple. Lillian Mahon read "The Secret to Health Aging." Always an interesting topic! Melba Harford presented the lesson about apples. There are 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States and 61 percent of them are eaten as fresh fruit. A column of jokes was read for the reading portion of the meeting. Virginia gave a memory test and she and Karen served a delicious dessert. Lillian will host the February meeting and Irene Day will give the lesson "Understanding Others." Members can't wait.

Haigler Girl Scout Troop 598

Girl Scout Troop 598 met on Jan. 20. Sarah brought snacks. The first graders were in charge of the flag. Roll call was answered with something nice that each girl had done that day.

Fall peanut sales were discussed and Cammi was awarded a T-shirt for top peanut sales. Cookie sales were also discussed and individual and troop goals were set. Plans were made for a movie party and a swimming party. Also, the girls made posters to support our military troops. The next meeting is Feb. 17. Cammi will be in charge of snacks.

The Haigler Girl Scout Troop 5948 is collecting items to send to our military troops. Suggested items are individually-wrapped jerky; seeds, nuts; lip balm, razors; small shampoo and conditioners; soap; pens, tablets; used paperback books; magazines, etc. If you have any items that you would like to donate to this service project, please contact Jody Crouse at 297-3613.

Extended trip news

Loyd Douglass and daughter, Tess, made their annual trip from Columbia, Calif., to Haigler, Neb., in November for their steers. This year they came alone. Lorenzo "Doug" Douglass and wife, Charla; Norma (Douglass) Nelson, husband Gary and girls, Bethany and Sara, joined them here. They all spent Thanksgiving in Haigler with their mother, Veda Douglass. Doug and Charla returned to their home

in Leoti on that Friday. Gary and Sara returned home to Lincoln on Saturday following Thanksgiving. On Monday, Norma and Bethany drove to Chadron, Neb., where Bethany has entered the Job Corps. Norma then drove to her home in Lincoln on Tuesday.

On that Monday in November, Loyd and Tess began driving to their California home, pulling a trailer loaded with Black Angus steers. Yes, if those who know them can believe it, Tess is old enough to drive, now being 18! Veda Douglass accompanied them on their trip home. When Loyd, Donna and Tess moved to Columbia, they purchased a plot of three acres, which had an old double-wide on it. There they lived until they could start building a new home. After discarding the double-wide, they fixed up that plot for brother Roger's camper, when his fire season is over. During fire season, they take the camper to the station camp and Deb goes with him. With this set-up, Veda could visit with both families and make snap plans to be together, making it very convenient for Veda.

So you may ask what Veda did on this trip that was so much fun!? She advises that she fed cows, sewed pajamas and quilt blocks, cross-stitched; washed clothes; ironed shirts and pants, and went along everywhere anyone was going that wasn't their place of employment, except for Tess—she is a teen!!

During the Christmas season, the families went to Hemlet, Calif., and spent the night with Glen Douglass. Glen is a brother to Loyd and Lawrence Douglass. On Friday, Jan. 16, Roger, Deb and Veda left Columbia and drove to Lakewood, Colo., where they visited Roger's children and grandchildren, Jessi, Jesse and Janessa and Josh, Jenny and Donovan. The babies were such a joy and enjoyed so very much! On Monday evening, Jan., 19, Roger and Deb brought Veda on home to Haigler, where everything was just as it was when she and left it behind in November. Roger and Deb left on Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, to return to their home in Columbia.

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