

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
Elsie
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School news
Idalia FFA had a good turn out Saturday night for their member sale.

Idalia played Woodlin Friday night at Woodlin and both the boys and girls won their games.

Family Community Education Meeting

The Feb. 19, meeting of the Idalia Family Community Education Club was held at the Sandhill Restaurant in Wray. Nine members and four guests enjoyed supper before touring Rural Ameritowns. Rural Ameritowns is for fourth through eighth grade students who learn about business and government through hands on experience. The tour was given by Susan Dickson was very informative.

Death
Teddy Yersin died Saturday night and was cremated. Burial service was held Thursday at Fairview Cemetery in Burlington.

St. John United 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. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Feb. 29, breakfast furnished at 9

a.m. Sausage, biscuits, gravy and fruit by Mission/Stewardship committee and Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield. Everyone is welcome

Club
Violet Knapp attended her pinocle club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Lois Stevens at Autumn Park in Burlington.

Correction
Jerry Weisshaar is president of Womens Fellowship instead of Jerry Crites as printed.

Trip
Ralph and Beverly Weyerman spent a few days traveling to New Mexico and returned recently.

80th Birthday
Ted and Donna Mosier and grandchildren, Faith and Hannah Carpenter motored to Denver Saturday morning to visit her parents, Chris and Bob Adler and attended her father Bob's 80th birthday open house with a number attending. They were Saturday overnight guests of their son and family, Eric and Jeannie Mosier, Ethan and Luke at Elizabeth, Colo. and returned home Sunday

Bonny Community Club hosted a Stag last Thursday night at Hale

Hall with 96 attending. They will host another Stag March 11.

Keith and Katie Weyerman and girls were last Sunday visitors of his mother, Marie Weyerman at Hillcrest in Wray.

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

Virgil Lundvall of Burlington and sister, Violet Knapp were Sunday dinner guests of Elsie Shanks after St. John United Church of Christ at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church was a Thursday afternoon visitor of Virgil and Violet Knapp. Ralph and Cheryl Datema were joined by his daughter, Julie Datema to celebrate Ralph's birthday dinner in Denver, Feb. 11.

Kaylene Helling of Colorado Springs was a weekend guest of her parents. Raymond and Joyce Helling and visitor of her brothers Kent Helling and Kevin Helling and friend Miss Pieper of Wray and other relatives and friends. They all attended St. John United Church of Christ Sunday morning and enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Marilee Helling of Denver was a

weekend guest of her mother, Lucille Helling and visited friends and relatives and attended St. John United Church of Christ worship service and enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Phyllis Long was released from Goodland Regional Medical Center Wednesday. Gary Long of Burlington took his mother to Colorado Springs Sunday morning where he met his sister and husband, Brett and Nichole Travis they took her mother to their home in Pueblo where she can take care of her. Phyllis will have more therapy.

Clark and Mildred Rolow visited their daughters Phyllis Long and

Judy Taylor Wednesday afternoon at Phyllis's home after she was released.

Kirk and Rhonda Deines of Peyton were Friday overnight guests and Saturday guests and visitors of her grandmother, Elsie Shanks and papered her kitchen, two walls. Also visiting was Darrell Shanks who brought a crock pot of food for dinner before he left for Burlington.

Clay Blankenship was a Sunday dinner guest of Bill and Peggy Carpenter after attending St. John

United Church of Christ and spent the afternoon visiting them. They enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Sarah Beckman granddaughter of Harlan and Shirley Boden underwent another foot surgery Thursday morning at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs and had her toe and another bone removed and went home Saturday, she will be on crutches for six weeks.

Doris Whomble of Wray was a Sunday visitor of her daughter, Judy Shively and they enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant and visited Geneva North and Kitty Jacobs of Wray and others.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 56 at Sunday school with Jessica Towns giving the special number and Tyler Wade gave his birthday offerings. Russell Young was the morning speaker and he and Jim Sharp gave a special musical program.

Thirty-six attended the Sweet Heart Banquet Sunday evening hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Towns. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all followed by a very fun program.

Kenneth Rose hosted a pizza supper in honor of Mary Lou Rose, Pam Zuege and Brookes' birthdays. Helping them celebrate were Gary Zuege and Cory, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose, Mallory and Chynna, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rose, Chris, Amber and Baylee and Deloris Zuege.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin went to Denver Sunday to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila on their sixth anniversary. They enjoyed dinner at the Cracker Barrel and back to the Perilas for cake. Laura and Madison also were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goodman are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Imyia Nichole, born February 7. Grandparents are Steve and Jo Goodman and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Goodman.

Sylvia and Duane Blessman were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Jacque Ekberg was a Sunday caller of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg.

Judy Shively and Doris Whomble were Wednesday overnight visitors of Nettie Riley. They report Nettie is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser.

Diana and Amanda Bowker and Ruth Bernhard were pizza guests of Violet Brown Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent called at the Ron Browns Sunday afternoon. Jo Ellen Goodman spent Friday and Saturday with Bill and Ellen Mansfield. Monte and Gail Mansfield visited Friday evening. Ellen returned home with her to see the new great-grandchild, Nichole. Ellen returned home with the Gary Mansfields Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively's Saturday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young of Springfield, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. The Youngs were overnight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hurlburt, Jeri Lynn Armstrong and Tatum of Johnson were weekend guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family and attended the Idalia ball games.

Beulah Soehner visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield spent a long weekend in Denver. Sherilyn attended classes Thursday and Friday. They spent the weekend with the Todd Novaks, visited the Brian Goodmans, Jill Mansfield and Ron Scot.

Diana Bowker and Violet Brown had lunch together Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively made a business trip to Boulder Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall took Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin to the Haigler Country Club for lunch Saturday in honor of the Simmons anniversary and Valentines.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Friday evening.

Violet Brown attended a bridal shower for Marilyn Boyes Wednesday.

Sunday dinner guests of the Rowe Shivelys were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sharp.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



Birthdays celebrated

Tom and Charlotte Myer of Wray, Colo., along with Grace Adams and Gerald and Betty Myer of Haigler, motored to Sterling, Colo., on Sunday, Feb. 22, to visit with Velma Neville at the Sterling Living Center. Enroute, they stopped to pick up Ed and Dawn Neville at Fleming, Colo., and all enjoyed dinner at the River City Grill in Sterling, compliments of Ed and Dawn Neville. Then, on to see and visit with Velma, where they all celebrated the birthdays of Betty Myer (Feb. 24); Gerald Myer (March 4) and Velma Neville (March 9), with ice cream, cake, coffee and iced tea and all had a wonderful visit. Opal Collicott was to have gone with the group, but had to remain home due to health problems.

60th anniversary

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Clyde and Lela Smith were pleasantly surprised at their home in St. Francis with a luncheon hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary of Feb. 14. They enjoyed the many anniversary cards they had received. The anniversary cake was baked by JoAnn Tafoya of Haigler. The Smiths were former residents of the Haigler community.

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 134 of the American Legion Auxiliary met on Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in The Golden Inn. The meeting was called to order by Pat Gardner, president. Roll call was answered by six members. Reports were given. The group is challenged to have at least 95 percent of

the membership goal by Mid-February. As of Dec. 2 there were 56 units with 100 percent of 2004 goals. The department president is offering a cash prize of \$25 to be presented to the five units having the highest percentage of gains between Jan. 31 and Feb. 13. This is a personal award by President Lynn Wilder, and no department or national funds will be used.

Memorial World War II dedication will be May 29 in Washington DC.

The National Creative Arts Festival is the culmination of a year-long competition. Each veteran works on their performance routine or art object during the year. The veterans hospitals have learned that real healing does not always mean taking care of just the physical needs of a patient. It requires treating the whole person.

Members appreciated that Veda made the bids for the Scottsbluff Veterans Home and Mildred getting them sent.

There was no further business so Pat gave the lesson on Americanism.

The next meeting will be March 9 at 1:30 p.m. in The Golden Inn. Roll call is to wear something green. The program will be Community service by Berneice Douglass.

Members had their valentine exchange and Pat surprised them by serving cupcakes, candy, coffee and tea, which was appreciated.

Rainbow Unit

Lillian Mahon was hostess when Rainbow Family, Community, Education Club met at her home on Feb. 20. Virginia Harford called the

meeting to order with the reading of the Collect.

Roll call was answered by telling a way that you can save time.

Lillian, health leader, read an article about reduced fats in the diet and told of the importance of humor for folk. Melba Harford read "Risks of Aging" and said to take time for the good things in life. Irene Day presented the interesting lesson about time management - "I Just Caught Up With yesterday! By Tomorrow, I Should Be Ready For Today!" Many good points on the use of time were stressed. It was decided that members didn't meet all the suggestions, but agreed that at their ages, they should not have to worry about saving time.

The hostess served refreshments that carried the February theme. Valentines on little crocheted dolls were table favors and the usual discussion of world affairs was enjoyed. Melba will host the March meeting and Virginia will present the lesson, "Choice or Change."

Red Hat Society

The initial gathering of "The Nitty Red Hatters of Haigler" was held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 19, at The Haigler Country Club. Ten eager ladies enjoyed coffee, conversation and information on the Red Hat Society and the official charter was established.

The next scheduled activity will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, April 25. Stay tuned for further items of interest from this new group.

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