

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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Read to Achieve Party
On March 3, Idalia gymnasium was filled with excited students from kindergarten through fifth, listening as Kathy Babb entertained them with her storytelling. Second and third graders, with their parents, then traveled to the library to celebrate the Read-To-Achieve reading program and Dr. Sues's birthday. The library was decorated with a cluster of colorful Dr. Sues balloons, red and white stove pipe hat cookies, gift bags and a large red table filled with various adventure books of various reading levels. Kendra Mann, Judy Soehner and Trudi Wieser informed the guests of the importance of reading aloud. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and chose two books to take home and keep. Peggy Carpenter, of Carpenter's Mini Mall donated the helium to fill the Dr. Sues balloons and Gwen Kleweno and Ms. Mann donated the fruit snacks for kindergarten through fifth grade students. The Idalia's elementary students

and some parents enjoyed a fun-filled, educational afternoon.
Writing Lab News
Seniors Joby Rittenhouse, Ryan Cure, Candice Walkinshaw, Neil Hutton, Mrs. Rossbach and Whitney Weyerman have been invited to present the work for "Gust of Dust." They will be presenting at the Colorado Language Arts Society's 2004 conference Saturday morning, March 13, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.
Mrs. Rossbach also received word last week that one of her manuscripts on "Gust of Dust" has been accepted for publication in the July 2004 issue of the English Journal.
Family Community Education Meeting
The Family Community Education meeting will be held at St. John Fellowship Hall Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Program will be presented by Dick Ruhga on Bonnie Dam. Roll call "What did you learn or re-

member about Bonny Dam. Guests are welcome to attend.
School News
Idalia girls lost their basketball game in regional tournament at Limon against Flagler Friday, 43-28.
Baseball season has started playing and will have their first game March 20 at 1 p.m. at Idalia against Revere.
Spring break is March 15-19.
Benefit for Trista Rice
Two year old Trista Rice has had a relapse in the prolonged battle with cancer. Free-will offering are being taken with the proceeds going to the Rice family. Trista is the daughter of Stacia and Leif Rice of Burlington and granddaughter of John and Mary Ann Harrel of Bethune. There will be a container in the back of the sanctuary at St. John United Church of Christ, if you would like to support the cause.
Birthday
Chelesea Toledo celebrated her 9th birthday Saturday with parents, Tom and Angie Toledo at their

home at Parker. Guests were grandparents Larry and Janie Beckman and her aunt, Sarah Beckman and family.
St. John United Church of Christ News
St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school for everyone is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. with communion Sunday.
March 14, Youth ski trip group meeting is at 6 p.m.
March 16-19, Youth ski trip March 24, Building Blocks is at 7 p.m.
Club
Violet Knapp attended her Pinochle Club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Amanda Jacobson at her home in Burlington.
State Parks
Colorado State Parks will host a town meeting series entitled "Have a Say in How You'll Play," the series of eighteen meetings is focused on gathering public input from all regions of Colorado and funneling that input into a long-range master plan. The local meeting is on March 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Old Town Museum, 420 S. 14th St., Burlington.

Chelesea Toledo of Parker is spending a few days this week visiting her grandparents, Larry and Janie Beckman while her school is on spring break.
Larry and Janie Beckman were Friday visitors and overnight guests of Amber and Joey Huber at Castle Rock.
Clay Blankenship was a Sunday dinner guest of Bill and Peggy Carpenter and spent the afternoon visiting them.
Travis and Irene Stevens of Last Chance were Thursday afternoon visitors of Marie Blankenship and Clay enroute to South Dakota to visit relatives.
Terry Souther is now working for Dale Brueggman of Wray driving a truck.
Stan Pratt is now working for the J.W. gas company out of Wray and doing construction work on the weekends.
Lucille Helling, Alma Helling and Elsie Shanks were Sunday dinner guests of Alan at Prairie Vista Restaurant. Virginia Flatt of

Burlington joined them to visit enroute to Hillcrest Towers at Wray to visit her husband.
Mr. Lincoln of Denver was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Clark and Mildred Rolow.
Darby Shanks was a Saturday visitor and helper of her grandmother, Elsie Shanks.
Elden Flick of Fort Collins was Friday night and Saturday visitor of his mother, Evelyn Flick Saturday morning they met Ralph and Althea Lebow at the Windmill Cafe in St. Francis for breakfast then spent most of the day visiting the Lebows at their home before leaving for home. Elden and Evelyn had supper at Route 36.
Richard Evans of Elizabeth was a weekend guest of his parents, Bill and Linda Evans.
Clark and Mildred Rolow were lunch guests of their daughter, Judy Taylor in Goodland Friday. Brad, Trella and Mikel Long and Phyllis Long and Nichole Travis of Pueblo joined them for birthday cake in honor of Judy's birthday. Phyllis Long returned home Friday for her medical check-up and returned back to Pueblo with her daughter Nichole for more therapy.

Haigler News

By
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Birthday celebrations
Thursday, March 4, was Gerald Myer's 80th birthday. Throughout the week, Gerald received the many cards from his card shower. His nieces, LaNeta Carlock and Myrna Mulligan, delivered birthday cakes and spent some coffee time with Gerald and his wife, Betty.
Gerald's three sisters also added to his celebrating. Opal Collicott baked a chocolate cake for his special day, Grace Adams played an evening of cards with him and Velma Neville mailed him a special card from Sterling, Colo. Bob Keating was also a guest during the week to help him celebrate.

Burlington, Colo., motored to North Platte on Saturday, March 6, to be with Dode's mother, Dorothy Rathbun, to celebrate her 93rd birthday at the home of Shirley and Duane Ridgeway. Dode had baked a German chocolate cake, which was always a favorite cake of Dorothy's.
For those who would like to send a belated card to Dorothy, mail will reach her at 1115 North Dewey Street, North Platte, NE 69101. Enroute home, the Faylor and Yvonne came by way of Ogallala to visit her cousin, Omer and Sandy Kelley.

form that all parents must sign.
The 4-H information trivia was: slogan, learn by doing; colors, green and white - green means springtime, youth and life, while white means high ideas and purity.
The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Meg and Michael will bring snacks.
Paige Stute, reporter

There were 46 at Sunday school with Jo Dickson giving the special number.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were Friday night and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Novak, Cade and Brittany to help Cade celebrate his fourth birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie and Bernie Oberg enjoyed pizza at the Pizza Hut and cake at Bernie's later to celebrate Katie's Feb. 25 birthday on Sunday.
Mrs. Matt Parmelee and boys were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus. Joining them for supper Friday and dinner Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob.
David and Mary Ann Harwood were weekend guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Larry Allen. Joining them for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and Teresa.
Saturday Violet Brown, Donna Dodge and Fran Crites attended the Women's Joy Fellowship in Fleming.
MerryLu Simmons met Laurie Perila and girls in Linden Friday for Laura and Madison to return home with MerryLu to spend a few days. MerryLu and the girls spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall.
June Richers and Suzy Richards went to Denver Wednesday.
Andrea Ingo and Melanie Hall and boys were here Thursday to Saturday and dinner Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg and other relatives.
Monte and Gary Mansfield vis-

ited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield this past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls visited Sylvia Blessman Sunday afternoon.
Doris Whomble was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and Violet Brown went to St. Francis Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Monday.
Mallory and Chynna Rose were Friday overnight guests of Cory and Brook Zuege.

World Day of Prayer
Forty women from seven Dundy County Churches met at Haigler United Methodist church on Friday, March 5, for World Day of Prayer services. Thelma Brenning from Culbertson also attended.
The program about Panama was prepared by Church Women United. Examples of pottery and flowers decorated the church. The guests were welcomed by President Laura Pearl Wall of Haigler Unit. Myrna Mulligan played piano and organ music and Carol Peterson was song leader. JoAnn Tafoya had made pottery keepsakes for everyone.
Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall downstairs.
Haigler Community 4-H Club
The Haigler Community 4-H Club met in the United Methodist Church basement on March 7 at 2 p.m. Alicia and Nicole had a fun game for the members.
Friday, March 12, is the deadline for entering the County 4-H Speech Contest which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 16 in the Benkelman Community Center.
On March 28, a meeting will be held in the Dundy County High School for the Citizen Washington Focus trip. April 1 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for all members and leaders to get enrollment sheets in. Remember to give or send Karen the green

Ann Richards, long-time friend of Karen Harford, spent the weekend of Feb. 21 with Karen. She attended the presentation on France in Benkelman with Karen and Virginia Harford on Saturday afternoon.
On Sunday, Feb. 29, Torre Jones of Colorado Springs, son of Karen Harford, arrived for a visit before his move to Sacramento, Calif. On Sunday evening, Don and Virginia Harford, Gail, Wanda, Natalie and Nicole Harford, had a potluck supper in Karen's home. Since Torre had lived in India for several months last year, he and Karen prepared several Indian recipes. Everyone had an enjoyable evening visiting and reminiscing. Natalie and Nicole spent much of Monday with Karen and Torre, playing games and watching movies.
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wall, Wendy and Blaine Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Wall and daughters, were Saturday visitors in the Richard Wall home. LuAnn, Wendy, Christy, Sydney and Gracie enjoyed a "girl party" with Laura Pearl while the guys attended the Legion Smoker in Haigler.
Grace Adams was a Sunday dinner guest in the home of Betty and Gerald Myer.
Marv Carlock and Mary Ann Rittenhouse of Laird, Colo., visited with Stanley and LaNeta Carlock on Sunday afternoon.

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