

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
Elsie
Shanks



St. John
Sunday school for all ages is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.
The Daffodils for cancer research in the sanctuary were in memory of Irma Collins, Jan Wear and Priscilla Wilkinson.
March 21; OCWM offering.
Womens Fellowship News
There were seven ladies that attended sewing day Wednesday morning at St. John United Church of Christ and tied out one lap robe.
Womens Fellowship meeting was held in the afternoon with eleven members attending including Pastor Ralph Datema at 1 p.m. Janie Beckman presented the lesson "Raised without Religion and Psalms for the Heart."
Jerry Weisshaar, president opened the meeting with roll call "Why are you anxious for Spring?" Debbie Crites gave the treasurer's report and more tickets have been sold for the beautiful quilt which is on display at the Fabric Shop in Wray. A thank you was read from Alma Clark family for the funeral dinner served to all the relatives and friends which they ap-

preciated. Jerry told she had taken the old drapes from the Fellowship Hall to the Burlington Care Center which they appreciated. Elsie Shanks gave the card report of 4 get well cards and 2 special birthday cards sent. There were three cards signed at the meeting. They voted to use the plastic disposal communion cups for Palm Sunday and Easter to see how everyone liked them. The Sunday school will furnish the Palms for Palm Sunday. Birthday songs were sung for Sheryl Wudtke and Cherlyn Datema. The group closed singing "God be with you till we meet again." Janie Beckman, hostess served lemon delight dessert, coffee, iced tea, mints, candy, nuts and jelly beans. The table was centered with an ivy plant with a ceramic rabbit on each side.
Stag
Bonny Community Club hosted a stag Thursday night at Hale Hall with 97 men attending.
Club
Violet Knapp attended her Pinochle Club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Dorothy Tubbs at her home.

Student News
Katie M. Wieser, a student of Idalia High School has been included in the 2002-2003 edition of Who's Who among American High School students sports edition.
Morgan Community College student Diana Pfeiler of Idalia has been invited into membership in the Alpha Omieron Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society that promotes scholarship, develops leadership and service and cultivates fellowship among qualified students and alumni.
Academically to qualify for membership into Phi Theta Kappa, candidates must have completed 12 or more semester hours of associate degree work with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, further they must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
In addition to the academic standards, students must adhere to the school conduct code and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.
Local students included in the National Dean's list. Among the college students of Idalia are Laura Lee

Kleweno, daughter of Roger and Quenn Kleweno, student of Northeastern Junior College of Sterling and Angela S. Knodel, of Hastings College, daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel.
The National dean's list published by educational communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achievement college students.
Students are selected for the honor by college dean, registrar, or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of the class on the schools dean's list or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and they may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.
Idalia School Board News
President Kevin Reeves called the Fe. 18 meeting to order with all board members present.
Items approved included the agenda, the consent agenda, purchasing the storage unit for the ag department, accountability committee members and hiring Kathy Fonte to paint the old gym.
Discussion items included members of the poetry class asking permission to travel to Alaska in May and Joby Rittenhouse receive the

Boettcher Scholarship.
Administrator Gribben reported on the financing for the excursion, two student teachers that are currently teaching in the school, a new announcer's booth on the football field and receiving final grant payment for the chloing contact system.
Also approved were adding Kyle Bules to the certified substitute teaching list, hiring ESI aide, the first reading of fourteen policies and the second reading of nine policies. The next regular board meeting will be March 17, at 6:30 p.m.
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.
Chelsea Toledo of Parker was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of her aunt Sarah Beckman and enjoyed playing with Page.
Larry and Janie Beckman spent Thursday through Saturday at the girls state basketball tournament at

Pueblo. His mother, Anna Beth Beckman of Wray and granddaughter, Chelsea Toledo of Parker accompanied them. First place was won by Peetz.
Ruth Richards was a Sunday dinner guest of her grandson and family, Brad and Lindsey Richards and son, Tyson Andrew at Prairie Vista Restaurant and afternoon visitor.
Howard Paul had eye surgery Tuesday in Denver and returned home Wednesday with his wife, Cynthia.
Jerry Weisshaar visited her mother, Fern Summers at Burlington Care Center Tuesday.
Violet Knapp and Elsie Shanks were Sunday dinner guests of Virgil Lundvall at Prairie Vista Restaurant.
Mike and Phyllis Beecham and family of Pueblo West were Wednesday overnight till Saturday guests and visitors of her parents, Harlan and Shirley Boden. Sarah is wearing a walking cast on her foot.
Cherlyn Mollenberg Datema traveled to Fort Collins Tuesday to attend her grandson Nathan Marancelli ice hockey game. She was a guest of her daughter and family, Rick and Gayle Marancelli for the week. Ralph Datema joined them Friday till Sunday morning when they returned home. They celebrated Cheryln's birthday Thursday, March 11 while there.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 54 at Sunday school with Jacque Ekberg giving her birthday offering.
The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Judy Hart Wednesday. Doris Osmus will be hostess March 17. Please bring your cutters and mats.
Violet Brown had a very busy birthday with Gwen Shaver, Inez Kier, Julie Jacobs, Bill and Darlene Strangways, Tyson Brown and Luke Hull stopping by to wish her a happy birthday. Donna Dodge took her to Yuma for dinner and Diana Bowker took her out for pizza in the evening. Plus she had lots of phone calls.
Jacque Ekberg had a busy one too. Nelson Ekberg, Esther Hanson, Laurie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Willard took her to Canyon Coffee and Cafe for lunch Friday. That evening Vickie Hull took her out for supper.
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver met Mr. and Mrs. Stan Faulkender and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shaver from Ellis in St. Francis Saturday for dinner and vis-

iting.
Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador's dinner guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus, Dennie Salvador, Mr. and Mrs. Darren Salvador and family, Dana Pedersen and Dr. Lisa Salvador and Mason. Dana and Lisa's husbands were unable to come.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls attended the funeral for Duane Blessman in Yuma Saturday.
Doris Whomble attended the girls basketball game Friday at Limon with Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively. She was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. She and Judy had lunch in Wray Saturday.
Heather and Lindsey Jones are spending the week with the Kris Jones family.
Linda Ingo and Carol Chapman are spending some time with their mother, Beulah Ekberg while she is recovering in Room 120 at Hill Crest. Cards may reach her at the home or 21776 Co Rd KK, Wray, CO 80758.
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cutforth visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver, Mr.

and Mrs. Berl Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen several days this week.
Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Al Renzelman, Harry Ekberg, Linda Ingo, Carol Chapman and Jacque Ekberg had lunch at the Sandhillier.
Monday Jeri Rose and girls and Eunice Weed had supper with Sylvia Blessman.
Judy Shively and Beulah Soehner were Denver visitors Friday. Beulah also visited at the Shively's Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose.
Violet Brown called on Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield this past week.
Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield spent the weekend in Lincoln with Jeanne and Ron Jackson.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



Robert Fisher, grandson of Floy (Fisher) Ruggles returned last week from Romania, where he had spent three weeks with a missionary group.
Laura Pearl Wall attended the Boy Scout activity meeting in Wray Saturday morning as a guest of he grandfather, Blaine Lee of Yuma. His other guests that morning were: uncle, Dusty Wall and cousins, Sydney and Gracie Wall.
Deann Hunt and little daughter Megan of Junction City spent last week here in the home of her parents, Wayne and Linda Mahon, and also in the home of her grandmother, Lillian

Mahon.
Charlie and Myrna Mulligan prepared pizza and were supper guests Sunday evening in the home of he parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott.
Saturday dinner guests of Merry Lu and Bob Simmons included Amber Simmons of Loveland, Colo., Laurie, Randy, Laura and Madison Perila of Westminster, Colo.; Quentin Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall of Haigler.
Glenn Mahon and little daughter, Darian of Wray, Colo., were Saturday evening visitors in the home of his grandmother, Lillian Mahon.

Galena Webster took her parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott to Benkelman on Wednesday afternoon for doctor appointments. Following their appointments, they journeyed to McCook for the rest of the day.
Ed and Dawn Neville of Fleming, Colo., spent the weekend in Haigler.
Sunday callers in the LaVoine Collicott home were Galena Webster, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan, Grace Adams and Pastor Njenga Kariuki.

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