



On the Plains

Idalia News

St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ welcomes everyone to come join them. Worship service is at 10 a.m.

Special music, "You'll Never Walk Alone," was by Bill Carpenter, accompanied by Sharilyn Mansfield on the organ and Betty J. Moellenberg on the digital piano. The sermon was, "Rest Points," by Reverend S. Datema with prayer following. Young peoples time was "The Good Samaritan" by Carol Jean Boden.

Communion was served with Bill Carpenter singing the Communion Song accompanied by Sharilyn Mansfield on the organ.

Please remember the family of Margaret Peters, also Raymond Helling, Larry Allen, military personnel and their families, and the nation.

Margaret E. Peters

Funeral services were held for Margaret E. Peters at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, Colo. She was born March 17, 1929, and died July 3, 2004. Pastor Richard Pierson officiated. Organist was Barbara Fisher with special music by the Calvary Lutheran Church Choir.

Escorts were: Jason Peters, Erich Schoenber, Curtis Peters, Justin Pfeiler, Ernie Baca and Jim Pfeiler. Honorary escorts were: Duane Menken, Paul Peters, Carl Antholz, Derek Peters, Ralph Peters and Sean Peters.

Interment was at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Trip

Howard and Cynthia Paul, Mathew and Jonathan recently enjoyed a four-day trip in California sightseeing.

Planting Your Yard

Joanne Jones, Colorado State University Extension Horticulturist, will return to the Millie Brandon Greenhouse at the Idalia school July 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is the fourth session on planning your yard using the Principles of Zeriscape to minimize time, maintenance and water and still have a yard you enjoy.

Ms. Jones will help make a personal plan for you and show you plants chosen by the Denver Botanical Gardens, Colorado State University, and the Colorado Green Industry as those best suited for this

dry area.

The next session will be Aug. 27 and last from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All sessions are free. There will be a drawing for a garden item. Please call Betty E. Moellenberg at (970) 354-7343 with any questions. Master Gardener may count toward education hours.

40th Class Reunion

Peggy Carpenter attended her 40th class reunion at Steamboat Springs on June 26 to 28. Twenty-six classmates enjoyed a barbecues and banquet at Fish Creek Falls with hayrides and lots of visiting.

Last weekend all of the Bill Carpenter family enjoyed a family reunion at Steamboat Springs. Bill, Renee, Faith and Hannah of Idalia, E.J., Briar and Aidan of Burlington, Tim of Boulder and Bill and Peggy from Idalia all drove to Steamboat Springs to enjoy the Dorr (Peggy's family) reunion. Many friends and neighbors joined them Saturday at noon.

Trip

Ralph and Cheryl Datema spent the week of July 4 in Springfield, Mo. They attended the Datema reunion which has not been held for 40 years.

They enjoyed driving in rain both on the drive there and back home. It was good to see all the green land again. They also enjoyed spending time in Branson.

4-H Citizenship

Each year Colorado 4-H members participate in the Citizenship-Washington Focus held at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

Members gain valuable insights into their responsibility as citizens and acquire skills and knowledge that help them relate to their role in society, the community, the nation and the world. Field trips to Capitol Hill, the White House, historical sites and government agencies provide opportunities to see federal government in action and to study American heritage. Discussion and seminar sessions emphasize current topics and methods of dealing with community problems through positive action.

During the month of March, all Colorado counties have the opportunity to select delegates between the ages of 15 and 18. Delegates must have demonstrated their interest in citizenship and leadership. The 2004 Citizenship - Washington

Focus was held June 27 through July 3.

Representing Yuma County of the Colorado delegation this year was Whitney Weyerman of Idalia and Amanda Wiltfang of Wray. Whitney is the daughter of Lynn and Phyllis Weyerman and Amanda is the daughter of Jason and Jody Wiltfang.

Education Conference

On June 10-13 the District I hosted the State and Community Education Conference in Fort Morgan at the Comfort Inn. District I includes Yuma, Washington, Morgan, Phillips and Kit Carson counties. The theme of the Conference was "Rainbow Around My Shoulder."

Those attending from Yuma County were Sheryl Wudtke, Joyce Helling, Peggy Weaver, Beckie Edens, Dee Wilson, Hazel Gardner and Jana Gallagos. There were 71 registered members from all over the state of Colorado.

Everyone had a good time meeting old friends again and enjoying the programs that were presented. Dinner was served Friday night on the Historical Rainbow Bridge. The Cottonwood Cloggers provided the entertainment and Lynn Deal from the Colorado Historical Society gave the history of the bridge. Dinner was catered by Maveric's County Grill as were all the other meals at the conference.

Birthdays

Richie, Jake and Cole Beckman motored to Denver last Monday and spent the day at Water World, in honor of Jake's 14th birthday. They ate dinner at the Texas Roadhouse.

Notice

There will be a going-away potluck honoring Pastor Ralph and Cheryl Datema, July 25, at St. John United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, following the church service.

Notice

Please pick up the dishes that you left after funerals before July 24 at the St. John United Church of Christ. They will be on the island in the kitchen. If not picked up, they will be given to charity.

Annual Free Barbecue

The Hale Fire and Rescue Department will be having their 5th annual Free Barbecue and Pie Auction at their fire hall on July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

By
Elsie
Shanks



Violet Knapp attended her pinocle club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Pat Walz at her home.

Violet Knapp and Virgil Lundvall attended bingo at Kanorado Thursday night at the senior citizen building.

Roxanne Pennington of Banger, Penn., is visiting her grandparents, Junior and Jerry Weisshaar until July 17 when her parents and son will join them for Jeff Rusher's wedding in Nebraska.

Pat and Harold Madsen of St. Francis were Sunday afternoon visitors of Clark and Mildred Rolow.

Violet Knapp and Elsie Shanks were Sunday dinner guests of Virgil Lundvall at the Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Mathew and Jonathan Paul are spending the summer with their grandparents in Denver. Their mother joins them after work and on Saturdays and Sundays.

Kristal and Kennedy Crites from Houston, were house guests of Terry and Deb Crites from July 2 through July 5. Guy and Trisha Coberly, Loveland, Colo., were

also guests of their parents from July 2 through July 4. Other visitors over the weekend were Bernice Zwegardt and Link Zwegardt from St. Francis, Lawrence and Brayden Hall of Colorado Springs and Marv and Bonnie Walters.

Anita Jimmis and daughter Donnita of Wray were Tuesday visitors of her mother, Evelyn Flick.

Billie and Hilda Stapel of Phillipsburg were weekend visitors of Raymond and Joyce Helling. They all attended the July 3 fireworks in Idalia. Kevin, Janessa and Kent joined them for Sunday dinner.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie



There were 55 in Sunday school with Megan Jones giving her birthday offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie took Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways out for lunch Tuesday to help Bill celebrate his birthday. Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Lassen took them out for supper to continue Bill's celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and family enjoyed lunch at Idalia Sunday to help Greg celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. Al Renzelman and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver were among the many attending the open house in honor of Vaudie Wiley's 80th birthday Saturday at Idalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen spent the weekend in Colorado Springs with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family. Ryan Allen and Shaylynn Sandridge from Texas met them there also.

Judy Shively, Doris and Carole Whomble spent last Monday night and Tuesday in Greeley with Nettie Riley.

Mrs. Tom Mudd and family of Farmington, Minn., returned home Sunday after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen. Larrys took them to catch the plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls were supper guests of Sylvia Blessman Saturday. Kinsey spent Friday and Saturday night with Mallory and Chynna Rose.

Ellen Mansfield met Jo Ellen Goodman in Greeley Thursday and had lunch with Brian Goodman and Jill Mansfield.

Amanda Bowker and Violet Brown made a business trip to St. Francis Tuesday.

Tim Cutforth had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver Saturday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and Berl Allen.

Harold Kamla had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schleppe at the Windmill in St. Francis. In the evening he had supper with Dr. and Mrs. Pat Stuart.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively were Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Bond of Fort Collins, Doris Whomble and Julie Strnad.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Jeurink and Ethan were ice cream and a cake guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg and Marilyn Bruffett Sunday afternoon.

Sylvia Blessman, Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madsen and Kinsey were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls.

Saturday Violet Brown and Geneva North enjoyed shopping and lunch in Yuma.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodman.

Paul Dent visited Bill Mansfield Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and Garrett were in Denver Monday to Wednesday last week. They enjoyed lunch one day with Mr. and Mrs. Todd Graf and family of Grand Junction. Todd has just recently returned home from Iraq. The Hurlburts and Grafs had been friends since the Hurlburts lived in Montrose.

Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls took Mrs. Bill Langendoerfer and Hannah to Stratton Wednesday for the girls to attend the volleyball camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley were callers Saturday at the Paul Dents.

Mrs. Robert Simmons visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall Sunday afternoon.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



Hannah and David from Greeley, Colo., Robert Cooper of Loveland, Colo.; Marc and Catherine Short, Shannon and Brandon of Falcon, Colo.

Gerald and Berry Myer visited Sunday evening in the home of his sister and husband, Opal and LaVoine Collicott. Other weekend visitors were Pastor Njenga Kariuki, Grace Adams, LaNeta Carlock, Galena Webster and Myrna and Charlie Mulligan.

Dwight Wall of Lewellen, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wall of North Platte, Neb., visited in the Richard and Laura Pearl Wall last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Haigler of Canton, Okla., came to Haigler, Neb., on July 9. They visited at the post office and later drove to the home of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall. They were interested in Haigler memorabilia. Mark is a trucker who had heard of the town and wanted to visit here. His wife, Jessica, accompanied him. It would be interesting to know if their ancestors were related to the founder of the town, Jake Haigler.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LaMoore spent from Wednesday to Saturday visiting the Albert Zueges and Richard Walls and other relatives and friends. Kim LaMoore is a granddaughter of the Zueges and Walls. They and Dick and Laura Pearl visited in the Robert and Merry Lu Simmons home on Friday afternoon. The Simmons' granddaughters, Laura and Madison Perila, were also visitors.

The Dusty Wall family and Kim and Eugene LaMoore were Friday evening visitors of Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

Leroy and Irene Stute of Westminster, Colo., spent the Fourth of July weekend with his mother, Mildred, and also with the Ray Stute family. They were here to attend the Stute reunion which was held in Benkelman over that weekend. Alysia and Levi Stute and

a friend of Alysia from Denver, Colo., spent Saturday night, July 3, with Mildred Stute.

Albert Zuege Jr. of Imperial, Neb., visited Wednesday, July 7, in the home of his parents, Albert and Sophia Zuege.

Bob and Sharon Francel from Boonville, Colo., spent Sunday, July 11, in the home of Albert and Sophia Zuege.

Yvonne and Clemans of Burlington, Colo., arrived at the Faylor Ranch on Monday, July 5, to help her parents, Dode and Dale Faylor, get a room ready at Hillcrest Care Center for Dode's mother, Dorothy Rathbun. On Tuesday, July 6, Dode and Dale Faylor and daughter, Yvonne Clemans, motored to North Platte, Neb., to move Dorothy Rathbun to Hillcrest Care Center in Wray. Dorothy has been with her daughter and husband, Shirley and Hank Ridgeway, for the past several months. Due to health reasons, it was necessary to make the move. Hank started chemotherapy treatments on July 10. On July 8, LeRoy and Virginia Rathbun came from Denver, Colo., to visit with LeRoy's mother, Dorothy, at the Hillcrest Care Center. LeRoy and Virginia had dinner on Saturday, July 10, with LeRoy's sister, Dode and Dale Faylor, at the Faylor's home. In the afternoon, the Rathbuns visited with LeRoy's mother at Hillcrest Care Center on their way back home to Denver, Colo. They could not stay long due to an appointment with a specialist in Denver on Monday, July 12. LeRoy has been having a lot of problems with his back for several months. Dode Faylor urges people to send cards and make visits with her mother, Dorothy Rathbun, whose address is Hillcrest Care Center, 360 Canyon Ridge Drive, Room 110, Wray, CO 80758.

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