

On the Plains

Haigler News

By
Floy
Ruggles



Home visits

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Daneen Hilger from Edgerton and her sister, Yvonne Clemans from Burlington, Colo., met and came on together to visit their parents, Dale and Dode Faylor for a few days. They all attended church then visited with Dorothy Rathbun at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray.

On Monday Royce Clemons joined the group for dinner and to take Yvonne home. On their way home they went to the home of their daughter, Yvette Korbelik and family to celebrate their granddaughter's birthday.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, Daneen went to spend the afternoon and night with her niece,

Yvette and family then returned to her home on Thursday, Feb. 23

Ed Robinson joined the Faylor family for dinner on Thursday.

Also on Saturday, Feb. 18, the Faylor's received a phone call from Jeff Gish, a young man that had lived with the Faylor's when they had foster children in their home. Jeff and his wife live in Austin, Texas, where Jeff manages a Christian Radio Station. Dale and Dode had seen Jeff and Karen several years ago when they were back for Jeff's class reunion in St. Francis.

Dorothy Rathbun experienced a bout with pneumonia and a brief stay in the Wray Community Hospital. Thankfully she is recovering nicely back in her own room

at Hillcrest Care Center.

Death

Long time residents who knew Leon (Johnny) Douglass, son of Guy and Edith (McFarland) Douglass, were sorry to hear of his death on Feb. 16 in Golden Ours Convalescent Home at Grant, Neb. He was 76. The funeral was held Feb. 25 in Draucker Funeral Home at Ogallala. Internment, with military honors by the Nebraska National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team was in the Ash Hollow Cemetery.

Leon, better known by his school friends as Johnny, graduated from Haigler High School with the class of 1947. After attending McCook Community

College, he taught a country school southeast of Haigler. He then served in the army during the Korean Conflict. Some time after his marriage to Rita Noetzelmann at Lewellen, Neb., in 1951, he attended the University of Nebraska. In 1969 the family moved to Ogallala. The correspondent appreciates JoAnn Webster for sharing this information.

February birthday

On Friday, Feb. 24, Gerald and Betty had dinner at Haigler Cafe to celebrate Betty's birthday which was that day. Myrna Mulligan was a Friday evening guest at their home to wish Betty a happy birthday.

Home from college

David Hart, who is a student at

Chadron University at Chadron, Neb., was home for a short visit overnight Saturday, Feb. 25, returning to school on Sunday.

New Neighbor

Tim Steinbeck is a new occupant of the "Blue House" on east Noble Street. Tim's mother, Laura, has been a resident of Haigler for a few years. He is employed with Excell Drilling Company north of Wray, CO.

Smoker

Kenneth Potthoff wishes to remind everyone of the Smoker being planned for Saturday night, March 4, beginning at 6:30 P. M. at the American Legion building.

Letter to the correspondent

I received the following message from Russel Hoover and thought I would share it since it might be of interest to some of our readers. His address is included and some of you who do not already keep in touch with him may wish to contact him.

Floy Ruggles

I read in the Benkelman Post that you have taken over the responsibility of coordinating and reporting the Haigler News.

We look forward to receiving the paper and reading about the local people from the Dundy County area.

You are to be commended for stepping forward and assuming the task and we know that you will do a great job. We wish you the very best with your new assignment of keeping Haigler and the western Nebraska area abreast of what is happening with the great people in that part of our ever changing world.

We commend you for doing your part in the tradition that has been active for such a long time.

We also wish to express appreciation and a wonderful future for Opal and LaVoine as they learn to enjoy the fruits of life in their new home.

Russ/Char Hoover, 3105 Margi Way, Chiloquin, OR 97624; Home phone (541) 783-0922; Cell (707) 718-0303

Gerald and Betty visited with Opal and LaVoine Collicott and with Eunice Haskell, all at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall and Quentin Simmons were last Monday dinner guests in the Robert Simmons home. Quentin and Bob came to the Wall home on Wednesday to get an old car they had purchased.

Carol Flaming was a guest in the home of her parents, Richard and Laura Pearl Wall on Saturday morning. Wendy and Blaine Lee of Yuma and Dusty Wall were afternoon guests.

Shirley Gooder of Alda, Neb., sent a clipping from the Grand Island Independent newspaper telling of the death of Everett Watt. Mr. Watt, 81, had worked as a media specialist in Haigler several years ago.

Bob and MerryLu Simmons were Sunday dinner guests in the Richard Wall home. Greg, Heather and Loban Klein and Carol Flaming of Yuma came in the afternoon.

Louie Cox drove his father, Darrel Cox, to his medical appointment at the Veteran's Hospital in Denver Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Ray and Floy Ruggles visited Opal and LaVoine Collicott Thursday afternoon at Hillcrest Care Center.

Idalia News

By
Nancy
Helling



and an arrangement of fresh flowers. Hostesses served cake, nuts, mints, punch and coffee. Autumn and Kent Helling will be married March 25 in Burlington.

Basketball

The Idalia Wolves will be playing in the regional basketball tournament this weekend in Limon. The girls will play on Friday and the boys on Saturday.

Stephanie Thompson was a guest of her parents, Bill and Debbie Thompson, Tuesday through Friday. On Wednesday, she visited her grandparents, Eugene and Dorelene Doddridge of Kirk and was a lunch guest at The Ranch in Joes. Stephanie and Conet Perry returned to their home on Saturday.

St. John United Church of Christ

Sunday, Feb. 26 worship service opened with call to worship by Rev Patton. Special music was sung by Bill Carpenter. The Scripture was Mark 9:2-9. Rev. Patton gave his sermon titled *It is Good For Us To Be Here*.

There will be a prayer vigil on Ash Wednesday, March 1 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to begin Lent. A sign up sheet is available to all who would like to participate.

A congregational meeting will be held after church on March 5 to discuss the parsonage.

Pitch Party

The Idalia After Prom will be hosting one more pitch party on March 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the

Homestead Memorial Building in Idalia. Fifteen tables will be filled with card players competing for the status of the highly coveted "Top Pitch Players on the Eastern Plains". To reserve your seat call Sherri Ramsey, Michelle Cure, Laura Lengel, Gwenn Kleweno or Cyndie Weyerman. You'll be in the field soon enough, so take a break and enjoy playing some cards!

Bridal Shower

Autumn Terrell was honored at bridal shower Sunday afternoon at St. John's United Church of Christ. A large crowd watched as Autumn opened gifts assisted by her cousin Angie Mayhan and friend Jamie Imhof. The tables were decorated with blue cloths with lace overlays

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 40 at Sunday school. Mary J. Allen had the special number and Tyler Wade gave his birthday offering.

Mary Allen hosted the Beecher Island Helping Hand Club. Kristy Hulbert will be the hostess March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ingo of Ridgeway spent Wednesday to Saturday with Harry Ekberg and visited Beulah in Cedardale. It was too

cold for much of anything else.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls went to Fort Morgan for dinner Sunday for a late Valentine dinner.

Mrs. Mark Bowman and boys spent Wednesday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Judy Shively went with them Thursday to visit Doris Whomble.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser, Mr. and Mrs. George Lassen and Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Strangways enjoyed supper Tuesday in Yuma.

Larry Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Sunday afternoon and visited Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively and the Bowmans later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt attended a funeral in Delta Thursday morning. Trevor, Ashley and Garrett stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen.

Thursday Don Dye took Violet Brown out for lunch.

Gail Coonts visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls attended the FFA dinner and slave sale Saturday evening in Idalia.

Judy Shively and Zachery Bowman visited Doris Whomble Sunday evening.

Ryan Allen spent Thursday to Saturday at the Harvey Allens helping to do some painting.

Diana Bowker and Violet Brown enjoyed lunch out Friday.

Jason Dutton and Biley Long were overnight guests of Trevor and Ashley Hurlburt Friday night.

Monte Mansfield was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield one day last week.

Riley Brown had supper Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Public Notice

Road and bridge plans for county published

Published in the Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursday, March 2, 2006

Notice of Explanation

Cheyenne County, Kansas, intends to make improvements to the public road and bridge system. Improvements will consist of the replacement of a substandard bridge crossing Cherry Creek located .5 mile north and .5 mile west of St. Francis, Kansas. This project is needed to allow the municipality to meet the needs of the community for safe transportation. A portion of this project is located in the 100 year floodplain. The project cannot be undertaken in any other location because of the placement of the

existing bridge and the fact that the bridge must cross Cherry Creek. Therefore, there is not a practical alternative to the proposed project. The proposed project is designed to minimize adverse impacts and preserve the natural floodplain. Failure to provide these improvements would result in the County not meeting the community's need for safe transportation. A more detailed description of the project is available for citizen review by contacting the Cheyenne County Highway Department at the County Courthouse, 212 Washington, St. Francis, KS. Honorable Andy Beikman Chairman, Cheyenne County Commission

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Book Review

The Cat Who Dropped The Bombshell
By Lilian Jackson Braun

The residents of Pickax eagerly await the start of Pickax Now, a festival celebrating the 150th anniversary of the town's founding. In the midst of preparations for parades and performances, newspaper columnist James Quillan must make time to entertain Harvey Ledfield, an aspiring architect visiting from out of town.

Quill welcomes Harvey into his home to sketch, but strange occurrences seem to follow Harvey around. Why, for example, did the extraordinary Siamese Koko leap

Members participating at the State Conference in April will be Abby Peterson, Mallory Rose, Blake Cure, Scott Cure, Todd Shively, Andrea Knodel, Kevin Lengel, Tyler Manser, Lucas Devlin, Creighton Farness, Sarah Krause and Katri Rittenhouse.

from the balcony onto Harvey's head while he was drawing Quill's barn? and why have Harvey's aunt and uncle - residents of nearby Purple Point - not been seen in public since Harvey's arrival?

Soon, Koko's strange behavior is not the only sign of trouble in Pickax. A knitter with psychic powers predicts murder, and a woman makes a weekend trip to Pickax from California to leave a message for "Quill. It's up to Koko to help Quill piece the clues together.

In the 28th Cat Who mystery, Lilian Jackson Braun welcomes readers back into the world of Quill, Koko and Yum Yum.