

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Teffani Zadeh and daughter Natalia of Chicago spent a few days with her parents, Keith and Helen Muirhead. Teffani met with her high school class for their 20th anniversary year celebration on Saturday, May 28. Tamala Schulze, Kallista and Kolten of Salina came Friday to spend the weekend with them.

Keith Muirhead left May 26 for a fishing trip in Alaska. He went to see a long-time friend, Jack Dennis, at Bohell, Wash., on his way. In Seattle, he met six others from Jackson, Wyo., to go to Gustavus, Alaska, for the seven-day fishing trip.

Doyle and Kay Brown were hosts of the 50th year class reunion of 1955. Class members present were: Dale and Karen Gaumer, Columbus, Ind.; Frank and Jane Kay (Wright) Brown, Salina; Terry and Peggy (Stackhouse) Highfill, LaCrosse; Shirley (Shimmick) Jennett, Denver; Creta (Carter) Nichols, St. Simons Island, Ga.; Jerry and Barbara Poage, Hill City, and the Browns.

Additional classmates attending who graduated elsewhere were Marcia (Petracek) and Richard Wiltfong, Norton; Arden and LaJean Flaska, San Diego, Calif.; Vergie (Wennihan) Wente, Hoxie; and Carol (Wennihan) Bell, California. Also present were Brian and Nicole Shimmick, Molly and Sam, of Colorado. Brian is the son of Frankie Shimmick, deceased member of the class.

Other visitors during the afternoon were Keith Carter, Colorado Springs; Bill and Janiece Dowell, Colby; Shelbi Jennett, daughter of Shirley (Shimmick) Jennett, Denver; Ethel (Johnson) Taylor, Hays; Eula Forjone, St. Locust Valley, N.Y.; June (Wennihan) McGatlin, Seattle, Wash.; Kenny Krizek and Marjorie Hartzog.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Mildred Tacha were Gary and Judy (Tacha) Vaughn, Westminster, Colo.; Tonie Owens and boys, Arkansas; and Tami Owen of the Kansas City area.

The Class of 1945 met at the schoolhouse Saturday afternoon, May 28. Present were Aneta (McLeod) McKay and husband Royal, Denver; Aleta (McLeod) Phelps and husband Dick, Salt Lake

City, Utah; Lucille (Carstens) Larcom, Denver; Galen Carper and wife Meme; Larry Mizer and wife Alice; Dona (Wiley) Mrstik and Eugene Mrstik.

Visitors last week of Galen and Meme Carper were Herb and Jean Leiber, and grandchildren Shannon and Austin Leiber, Boulder, Colo.; Mary Baylie, Colorado; and Nadine Chandler, Lakewood, Colo.

The Carter families gathered both Saturday and Sunday for a potluck dinner. The afternoons were spent playing games and visiting. Since the morning rain canceled the service at the cemetery on Monday, most family members went to the cemetery in the afternoon to decorate graves of family and friends.

Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, spent Memorial Day weekend at the home of her parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. On Saturday, Stan and Ramona attended the Selden alumni banquet. Stan is a member of the class of 1955 who were honored guests. On Sunday, Stan, Ramona, Colleen Wagoner and Mary Wahlmeier attended the Koerperich reunion at Selden which is held every five years. Colleen and Mary visited afterward at the home of their grandmother, Carol Shaw.

Supper guests Sunday of Stan and Ramona Shaw were Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Nick and Adam. The weekend of May 21, Stan and Ramona Shaw visited in Marion with Tom Neff, Chris Gillespie, Elliott and Aaron.

Joyce (Tacha) Ryan and husband Jerry were Saturday overnight guest of Vendla Tacha after attending the banquet at the schoolhouse. Monday dinner guests of Vendla were Donna Hampton and Karen Atkins, Wichita; Cheryl Roberts, Norton; and Warren and Lynn Tacha.

Memorial weekend guest of Mary Votapka and Tom were Rex and Ann Rowh, Cimarron; Jodi Inguanza, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher, Kalvesta; Step Rowh, Luke and Tim, Hastings, Minn.; Rollie and Jean Hallagin and Ashley, Goodland; Byron and Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park; and Frances Monteith, Stockton.

United Methodist Women met on June 1 at the church. Present were guests Coleen Rippe, Phyllis Metcalf, Faye Miller and Angie Wilson of Prairie Chapel Church; Grace Reeves, Alice Keiper, Marylin Mann and Kathy Aeillo of Almena and Creta (Carter) Nichols, St. Simons Island, Ga.; Jennings members Mildred Tacha, Rachel Carter, Julie Carter, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Kay Brown, Betty Krebs, Glen Krebs, Kathy Nauer and Louise Cressler. Mary Jane Swihart, Quinter, gave a very interesting presentation on "Serving the orphans of Romania." A salad luncheon was enjoyed at noon.

There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Entertainment is pending.

Alumni directories are for sale and are \$4 by mail. Contact Mary Votapka at (785) 678-2471.

Protect kids from poisoning

Vitamin supplements seem healthy, but they can be dangerous when in the wrong hands. Children watching parents or grandparents take the supplements may mimic the adults and do the same—or mistake them for candy and eat several. Either can be toxic.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that supplements containing iron are the No. 1 cause of fatal poisoning in children ages three and under.

Poison control centers report about one million telephone calls a year from adults seeking help with children who have swallowed potentially harmful substances. About 30 children under the age of 5 die from accidental poisoning each year.

Antidepressants also can be dangerous. Here are some tips for parents, grandparents or others with children in the household:

- Choose child-resistant packaging.
- Close containers promptly after each use, rather than setting aside an open container while answering the telephone or doorbell.
- Childproof your home. Lock vitamin and mineral supplements, medications and household products out of sight — and reach — of children.
- Post the poison control center number, (800) 222-1222.
- Time is everything. If you suspect that a child has consumed a hazardous substance, call the Poison Control Center immediately. The 800 number rings to a toxicologist who will ask the victim's age, weight, health conditions and details about the substance. For example, were pills swallowed? Were poisonous fumes inhaled or could



Home Time

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the poison have been absorbed through the skin?

- If a child is unconscious, having difficulty breathing or convulsions, follow first aid guidelines and call 911 immediately.
- Read labels and warnings when buying and using household products such as paint, paint thinner, glue, art supplies, insect repellent, and cleaning, lawn, garden and pet products.
- Try to choose the least toxic products you can find. Seemingly safe household products, like an extra bottle of windshield washer fluid, mouthwash or cologne, may look like a colorful beverage to a child. If mouthwash or cologne contains alcohol, a child who ingests it may suffer seizures, coma or death.
- Keep pills and hazardous substances in their original containers with identifying labels. Kitchens

and bathrooms typically offer the most potential hazards, but garages and utility rooms can be hazardous as well.

- Do homework before selecting house, landscape or garden plants. If ingested, a daffodil bulb may be toxic. Leaves and flowers of lily of the valley may cause an irregular heartbeat and pulse, digestive upset and mental confusion, and consuming the leaf blade of rhubarb can cause convulsions and coma, followed by death.

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