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The 112th Beecher Island Reunion will get under way this year on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18.

People are urged to start the day off with a hearty breakfast served up by the Idalia Bicentennial FCE Club.

Gunsmoke will be in the air when the black-powder shoot gets underway. This is sponsored by the Idalia Gun Club and draws some of the finest shots from all around. Things get started around 9 a.m. and competition goes on through the day.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club will present a quilt show. Stop in and see some excellent handiwork and purchase tickets for a chance to win a quilt or other finely made items.

The Wray Lions Club will be serving concessions throughout the weekend.

There will be something for everyone Saturday afternoon. Games and races for all ages consists of horseshoe pitching, three-legged races, sack races, egg tossing, cow chip throwing, just to name a few. The final event is the "world famous" dry-land turtle races. Prizes will be awarded in all categories and age groups. Featured musical talents of the much loved and always popular Swinging Seniors can be heard Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening entertainment this year will be Wily Jim, The Original Swingabilly.

Jim makes his home in Santa Fe, N.M., and will be playing a selection of cowboy country western swing music.

Sunday

Sunday starts off with the Idalia Lions Club pancake breakfast. At 9:45 a flag raising ceremony with area Boy Scouts will take place.

Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. with Phil Mitchell delivering the message and Willie Sharp and A Few Good Men provide the music.

At 1 p.m., the afternoon program starts with The Denver Mandolin Orchestra. They are a large group playing a wide variety of music on different instruments of the mandolin family.

The featured history speaker this year is Paul Barkey. He will give a presentation on the life of Lt. Fred Beecher.

Activities wrap up with the drawing for the quilt and craft baskets by The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club.

Check ad in this week's issue of *The Herald* for more information on times and activities.

Haigler News

By
Floy
Fisher



On Thursday, August 25, Torre Jones and his wife Seelu, their daughter Ahnkeeta and Seelu's father Morty Vedula came for a weekend visit with Torre's mother, Karen Harford and Torre's Granddad, Don Harford. Torre left for Colorado Springs on Sunday and returned to their home in California on Tuesday.

Sunday dinner guests in the Robert and MerryLu Simmons home included Laurie and Randy Perila and children, Laura, Madison and Spencer, a friend Hailey from Westminster, CO, Quentin, Tonya and Taya Simmons, Dwight Wall and Laura Pearl Wall.

On Saturday of last week, Duane and LuAnn Wall came to visit Duane's mother, Laura Pearl Wall. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Murray visited Laura Pearl on Sunday of

last week.

Wendy and Blaine Lee from Thornton, CO. visited Laura Pearl Wall on Monday morning, Sept 5. They were also going to visit Betty Lee Green at Hillcrest in Wray and Jay Flamings in Yuma.

Sophia Zuege spent Thursday and Friday in Imperial visiting her family. She came home to Haigler Saturday morning.

Lois Zuege arrived home last Thursday after an almost three month visit with her son in Pagosa Springs. He had parked a trailer home in the lovely Last Resort RV Park just below his home near the river for her to stay in. Among the many places they visited were a trip to Santa Fe, N.M. one day and to Brighton, CO. for a mini family reunion on the 4th of July. Bruce and Val Woods and 3 children

came up to visit one day. She had a memorable time up where it was cooler while we were having the 90-100 degree weather here but she is also glad to be home again.

On Thursday morning, Garry and Sharon Fisher picked up his mother, Floy, on their way to St. Francis. Sharon and Floy took in the sack sale at the Thrift Store while Garry took care of some business.

Garry Fisher of Wray stopped by his mother, Floy Fisher's home on Friday on his way to St. Francis to deliver melons to two stores. He also stopped at the Family Grocery Store in Haigler to leave some melons.



HOSPITAL GUILD MEMBERS, Dolores Kincheloe, left, and Betty Louden, brought in \$100,000 in sales receipts and in return, Carl Crabel, Bella Market manager, gave them a check for \$1,000. The money was given to the hospital to help purchase a glidescope for babies.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

BUDGET

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Patton said that the county suffered about a \$10 million loss in valuations because of gas and oil prices and the fact that production was stopped. There has been an increase in production, he said, but it is almost 2-years in coming back from the state, adding that the state determines the amount of money the county gets.

They talked about land valuation. Terry Miller, clerk, pointed out that in a comparison of 26 counties similar to the size of Cheyenne County, that the county was the fourth lowest county in the taxes paid. As long as there are six counties in a drought, land values will remain low, Mr. Patton said.

That turned the conversation to sales taxes. Mr. Patton pointed to Mr. Neitzel and said if you buy something, he pays sales tax and if it is a car or pickup, he pays property tax. However, a farmer can buy a \$290,000 combine and he not only doesn't pay sales tax

but also is not charged property taxes.

"There are a lot of things that are not equal," Mr. Patton said.

Other discussion

The discussion then turned to recycling, a delinquent tax sale and the sheriff's department's Hummer. See related articles.

Budget approved

The discussion ended and the 2012 budget for the county was approved.

The annual budget is the biggest statement we make all year long," said Mr. Patton. "We tried to do what we thought was best - dollars come hard in this community."

OFFICER

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and work with Norton County Court Services to fulfill the provisions. He is also barred from contact or communication in any manner with the alleged assault victims and is prohibited from seeking further employment as a law enforcement officer.

While Sebelius and Walter reached an agreement before the case went to trial, the prosecutor admitted that the outcome wasn't

exactly what he had hoped.

"You can say you're never totally satisfied with the outcome, but I think this solution best serves the interest of justice," Sebelius said. "The defendant has the opportunity to better himself without suffering the full repercussions of what could come from taking the case to trial."

Dan Walter, Zwegyardt's attorney was not available to comment on the case Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you

It would take a full page ad to thank the entire town for all the care and support you all have given to my mom over the years. You were her life after my dad was gone and I could not be here as much as I would have liked. You all were her extended family and it was such a comfort to me to know she was in good hands.

A very special thanks to Mr. Madsen for just stopping in to check on her every day while she was still at home and looking after her home like it was his own. Thanks to Carol for calling every day to check on her. Thanks to Nina for being the best neighbor possible for over 50 years and Dorothy Orth's friendship way before that.

I so appreciate all the family and friends who came from near and far to give her a special "send off" she so would have enjoyed. Thank you to all of you for your contributions to the church & senior center. Both were very important in her life.

Shirley Cranmer Younts

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6. Russo of "Get Shorty"
7. Gibbons et al.
8. Puccini heroine
9. Language that gave us "banshee"
10. Look like a wolf
11. Bald
12. Cackler
13. Ross or Sargasso
14. Observer
15. Two of the racing Unsers
16. Green Mountain Boys leader
17. Will Rogers prop
18. Wet behind the ears
19. Fine horse
20. Practiced, as a trade
21. Doorbell-answerer's word
22. Be gaga over
23. Hertz, to Avis
24. Carnival stands
25. Telephone button
26. Biblical priest
27. Be contrite
28. Crammers' worries
29. Most fit
30. "___ Darlin'" (jazz standard)
31. Speak from memory
32. Lighter brand
33. Virginia's ___ Caverns
34. Former New York mayor Abe
35. Chuckleheads
36. Thumb-twiddling
37. Saharan
38. Civil rights activist Parks
39. Make-or-break time
40. Touch-tone 4
41. Turn tail

The Crossword Puzzle brought to you by:

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FOR RESPONDING TO OUR NEED

SO QUICKLY.

On Friday, August 26, 2011, the famed *California Zephyr* experienced a collision near Benkelman, Nebr. Law enforcement, emergency services, the public schools, private citizens and businesses responded swiftly and decisively, working with our employees to help those in need.

We would like to extend a sincere and official "Thank You" to all those individuals who helped us that morning and through the weekend.



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