

Norton couple planning July wedding

Together with their parents, Asa Stiles and Diane Becker reveal their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Diane is the daughter of Paul and Linda Becker, Lenora, and the granddaughter of Bernice Becker, Norton, and Eugene and Miriam Sansom, Edmond. She is a 2002 graduate of Jennings High School and a 2007 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in Political Science. She is the director of Norton City/ County Economic Development.

Asa is the son of Rose Korf, Hanston. He is a 2000 graduate of Hanston High School and a 2004 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Asa works for the City of Norton.



Asa Stiles and Diane Becker

The couple will wed in a July 11 ceremony at St. Fedelis Catholic Church, Victoria.



Mr. and Mrs. Beckman (left) and Mr. and Mrs. LeBeau in 1959.

Ice cream memories

"Hippity hop to the ice cream shop!" I sing merrily as I skip along between Mama and Daddy. It is a lovely summer Sunday afternoon, fresh from yesterday's rain. The sanded street is soft, an occasional puddle barring our path. As we come to each one Mama grabs one elbow and Daddy the other and they swing me up and over, causing me to laugh with delight. My brother Roger scuffs along near us, sometimes behind, sometimes ahead, staying just close enough so Daddy will buy him an ice cream cone, but not so close that he appears to actually be with us.

"Mom, can't you make her stop that bellowing?" he complains as I sing on. "People are looking out their windows at us..." We are next to the Wainwright house so I wave at their big bay window but I don't see anyone waving back. Roger rolls his eyes and hurries off further ahead of us. He's fourteen and Mama says boys act funny when they're that age. He does tell me jokes sometimes and once in awhile he plays games with me if no one else is around to see. Most of the time he tells me I'm a pest. I wonder what a pest is?

Now we are passing the park with swings, a slide and merry-go-round. Daddy says we can't stop, though, because we don't want to get to the ice cream store too late and find it locked. I wonder what happens to the ice cream at night? If they just leave it there maybe we could get in and eat it all up. I suggest this really good idea to Daddy but he says that would be dishonest and I'd get a tummy ache. I wonder what dishonest is and why it makes your tummy ache? While I'm thinking that over I realize I am forgetting to sing. Up ahead Roger heaves a sigh of relief so I start again.

There it is! I can see the big red Meadowgold sign out front. We look cautiously right and left before we cross Pomeroy Avenue, the main street, where cars pass by. Roger told me only rich people have cars so I watch for cars to see what rich people look like. So far they look pretty much like us, which is another thing to think about. Daddy opens the door and holds it for Mama and me. Roger hangs back so he can come in alone like he just came all by himself.

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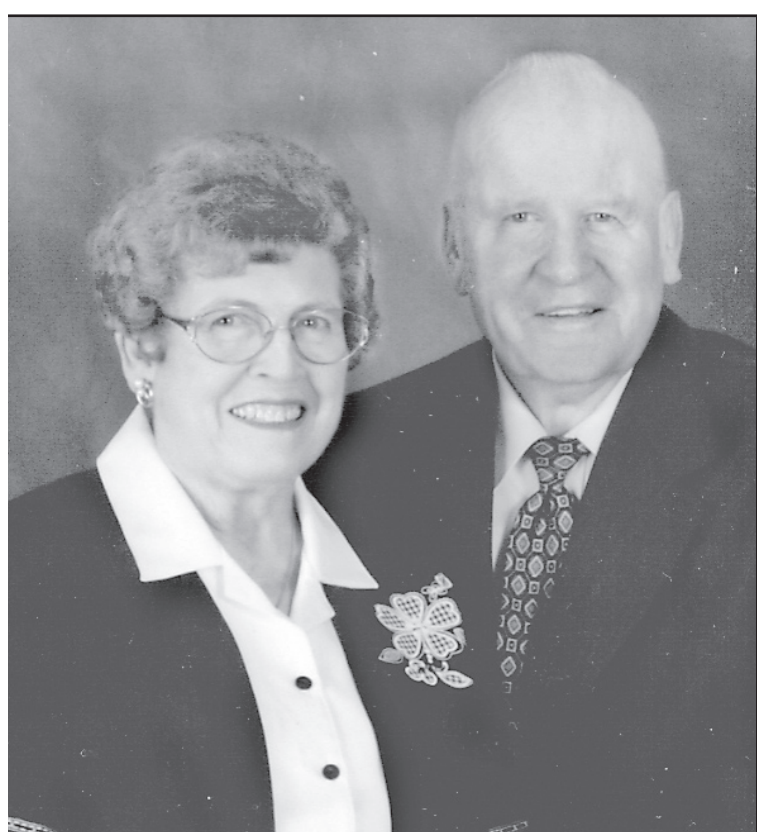
Child of the '40s

Liza Deines



counter at me. "What'll it be, Liza Beth?" she says. "Chocolate chip, chocolate reuel or just plain chocolate?" She knows I always have chocolate. I choose chocolate reuel in a dish, Mama orders an orange sherbet and Roger gets his favorite, a strawberry cone. We sit in chairs with table arms that curve around and hug you. I dig right in with my flat wooden spoon. Here comes Daddy with his double dip Rainbow cone. They make Rainbow with the leftovers from the bottoms of all the ice cream containers mixed into one. He orders it every time and every time he tells me you get two dips for the same price as one, more for your money with a taste of everything. It looks pretty with all the colors but you have to eat pineapple sherbet and chocolate and butter brickle mixed with bits of strawberry and peppermint crunchies.

The sun is almost down as we start home. Too full to sing, I just ask questions all the way home. Mama and Daddy answer most of them and I'll bet if I knew the right questions to ask I could learn everything. Into a yellow pool we step as the first street light turns on. I wonder who turns the street lights on? Now the windows of the houses are yellow, too, as lamps click on and I wonder what everyone is doing inside. So many things to wonder about. But one thing I know for sure. Nothing is nicer than Sunday with Mama and Daddy and ice cream. And Roger.



Iva and Calvin Beckman



Kay and Walter LeBeau

Double golden anniversary to be celebrated

June 7 will be the 50th anniversary for two Norton County couples. Iva (Hall) and Calvin Beckman, along with Kay (Hall) and Walter LeBeau were united

in a double wedding ceremony on June 7, 1959 at the Congregational Church in Lenora. Their children and grandchildren would like friends and fam-

ily to help celebrate their Golden Anniversary with a card shower. Cards to Calvin and Iva Beckman at 2210 DD Road, Lenora, Kan. 67654.

Cards to Walter and Kay LeBeau at 1108 N. Wabash, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Family garden a teaching opportunity for kids

Changes in the economic climate are, in part, being credited with driving increasing interest in home gardening and, particularly, in growing food. Gardening is a family-friendly activity and, a prime time for parents to help children learn about food and how it is grown, healthy living and eating, money management - and the environment.

Gardening alongside parents and siblings also can help a child develop new appreciation for the family. While working together, a child may think: "I didn't know my Mom (or Dad) knew how to do that."

Younger children like to play in the dirt, so inviting a child to tag along when visiting a local nursery or spring garden section at a home, hardware or grocery store may be all that it takes to spark the beginning of a lifelong interest in gardening. Invite, rather than push.

Tips for parents or future gardeners:

- Preface the shopping trip by walking around the yard to scout out a garden location.
- No yard? Consider container gardening on a patio or deck.
- Choose a garden location that

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



will get six to eight hours of sunlight during the summer.

- Start small, perhaps with a 10 x 10-foot plot or one or more containers.

- Choose a few early season vegetables, such as lettuce, onions or peas, that typically grow fast and will allow children to see results quickly.

- Follow early vegetables with summer favorites, such as peppers, tomatoes or squash that offer opportunities for children to count tomatoes or sneak a peek to see how quickly squash grow.

- Supplement family favorites (tomatoes, beans, etc.) with one or two new varieties. An heirloom pink or purple tomato or bright orange pepper can intrigue children.

- Match garden tasks to a child's age. A younger child will be able to help plant larger seeds; a child

in the lower grades may be able to read seed packages and mark rows; and a middle school child may enjoy keeping a garden notebook or journal and recording varieties, planting dates and weather conditions. All will be likely to enjoy watering, harvesting home-grown vegetables and summer-fresh flowers, and sharing them with family, friends and neighbors.

- Rotate garden tasks to hold a child's interest.

- Provide each child with his or her own tool to nurture a sense of ownership. In choosing the tools, parents will want to consider their child's age and maturity. A small, rounded trowel can be a good choice for a grade school child, while a set of colorful pint-sized gloves may please a younger child. Buy a child-friendly tool, rather than child's tool set, which often is not made to last. Shopping for tools at yard and garage sales can yield tools for a reasonable price. Choose tools with safety in mind and teach the child how to clean the tool and store it after each use. When properly cared for, garden tools will last many seasons.

As the summer progresses,

a child's interest in the garden can wane, particularly when it becomes a chore, however, if a parent heads out to the garden, a child may quickly follow. Make it fun. On warm days, allowing children to stay up a little later to water as the temperature cools will make the garden a popular place; encouraging a child to choose home-grown fruits and vegetables for lunch or dinner also can help nurture their sense of accomplishment and self-esteem.

To stretch the gardening season without expanding garden space, re-plant with late summer crops such as melons, squash and pumpkins or decorative gourds after harvesting early season crops.

(If you have questions, please feel free to contact twwatts@ksu.edu, or phone (785) 443-3663.)

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