

Wedding VOWS spoken

Tara Neitzel and John Simmonds were wed Sept. 1, 2007, at a late afternoon wedding on the shaded front steps of the former home of the bride's late great-grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Gulick in Goodland.

Guests were greeted by Heidi Rohweder as they signed the mat of a picture of the couple. They were then given a program fan and seated under a canopy of leafy shade by ushers Brad Ramsey, Blake Krien and John Moyer. Alex Ramsey was his grandmother's special escort.

The attendants were: matron of honor, Trish Neitzel Ramsey; bridesmaid, Rebecca Jaquay; best man, Specialist Kelly Ray Simmonds and groomsmen, Tadd Neitzel.

Ring "bear"ers were Colton and Cutter Neitzel and flower girls were Reagan Ramsey and Sarah Jaquay.

The bride, chauffeured by her brother Tim Neitzel, arrived in a restored 1931 Model A Ford owned by her grandfather, Glen Neitzel. Tara was met by her older brother, Todd Neitzel, who escorted her to her groom as strains of "Trumpet Voluntary" played by Pete Fitzgibbons drifted over the guests in the fall air.



Mr. and Mrs. John Simmonds

Tara wore a lightly-beaded, two-piece candlelight, halter-top gown. Her make-up was done by Jill Neitzel and her hair by Denise Andrist. Her silk bouquet was brimming with roses, tiger lilies, calla lilies, berries and fall leaves.

The men and boys all wore black single-breasted tuxedos.

The bridesmaids were attired in

black as well. The little flower girls wore matching short frocks of maroon and on their heads a fall halo adorned with long-maroon ribbons.

Colton and Cutter carried duplicate Beanie Bears.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Althea Lebow. Tracy and Cutter Neitzel sang "Over the Rainbow" and Tracy and Cutter, Annie Hengen and Althea sang "Seasons of Love."

The officiant of the service was Marcine Farmer.

Grandparents attending were Glen Neitzel, Fern Kellogg, great-grandmother of the groom and Patricia Simmonds, grandmother of the groom.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed greeting the new couple. Wine was served in the gorgeous garden setting by Kelsey Andrist and Brandon Nickels.

The couple left the site amidst falling leaves and journeyed to the dinner reception at the Elks Lodge in the Model A. Randy and Denise Andrist were hosts.

Parents of the couple are Karen Neitzel of St. Francis, the late Bill Neitzel, and Diane and Kelly Simmonds of McDonald.

The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and are now at home in Hays.

Couple wed in Goodland

Jill Susanne Sowers and Timothy Thomas Neitzel were married April 28, 2007, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. Father Norbet Diabal officiated.

Parents of the couple are Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland and Karen Neitzel of St. Francis.

Maid of honor was Lindsay Sowers. Bridesmaids were Ashley Hallagin, Adriel Alstrom, Cody Pettibone and Tara Neitzel.

Best man was Dustin Andrist and groomsmen were Tadd Neitzel, Todd Neitzel, Brett Petersen and Aaron Lindsten.

Flower girl was Reagan Ramsey and the ring bearer was Colton Neitzel.

The bride is a graduate of Goodland High School and a 2007 graduate of the Kansas University School of Pharmacy. She is a clinical pharmacist at Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

The groom is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2006 graduate of Kansas State University. He is employed at Hormel Foods in Fremont, Neb., as a production manager.

The couple is at home in Fremont.



Mr. and Mrs. Tim Neitzel

New season begins

Fall is here and it is time for the Western Plains Arts Association to begin their new series of programs.

Kicking off the season will be the Doug Talley Quartet, appearing at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Gateway in Oberlin. Admission is by the association's season ticket or at the door.

The highly acclaimed acoustic jazz ensemble from Kansas City will perform *Cole Porter Songbook* using saxophone, piano, bass and drums. In keeping with the hallmark of jazz, they have created their own sound with colorful harmony and strong rhythms, while maintaining the standards of jazz masters from the past.

Mr. Talley is a Selmer saxophone artist and clinician and has worked with numerous college and high school music programs, including

the University of Kansas and Kansas State University. He has performed throughout the Midwest as a jazz performer and educator.

Formed in 1995, past performances of the Doug Talley Quartet include the Charlie Christian Jazz Festival, Dallas Museum of Art and Jazz in the Woods.

Other members of the group are Wayne Hawkins, piano, one of Kansas City's most in-demand keyboard artists; Tim Brewer, bass, a gifted composer and performer, and Keith Kavanaugh, drum, a 1987 graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

This event is sponsored in part by the Kansas Touring Program of the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

80th birthday celebration enjoyed by many members of the family

On Saturday, Sept. 1, Bonnie Burr was honored on her 80th birthday by her family gathering for family pictures and then on to Tim and Robin's backyard for supper.

Those attending for supper were Terry and Liz Burr, Ryan, Lisa, Brandon, Katie and Dylan Burr, all of Wichita; Amy Burr of Nashville, Tenn.; T.J., Sarah and Riley Burr of Greeley, Colo.; Abby Burr of Denver; Troy and Cindy Burr of Bird City; Ryan and Natasha Culwell and Bailey Merklin of St. Francis; Shannon, Megan, Hunter and Alix Jo Wilson of Manhattan; Matt Wilson and fiancée Sara Kohake of McPherson and Manhattan; Ted, Ann, Forrest, Elsa Craig, Gregor, Guenie and Tucker Burr of Bird City; Delphia Burr, Kelly and Sheena Burr and grandchildren of Seibert, Colo.; Tyler and Kylie Chamberlain of Idalia, Colo.; Bill Reade of Benkelman, Neb.; Manette Henderson and Inez Bargo of St. Francis and hosts, Tim

and Robin Burr.

The evening was spent visiting and viewing a slide show of pictures put together by granddaughter, Abby.

On Sunday, after attending the Church of Christ Service and lunch together with family and church family, an open house was held with many friends and relatives attending.

Monday Tim and Robin brought lunch to Bonnie's and after a tour of Cindy's 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store, Terry, Liz, T.J., Sarah, Riley, Abby, Amy, Troy, Tim and Robin shared the meal together before heading to their homes and Bonnie heading to her chair napping while happily remembering the great weekend.

Card shower planned for 85th

Elvina Burnham will celebrate her 85th birthday on Oct. 9. Cards from her friends would be appreciated.

Address cards to her at 6930 East Girard, Denver, CO 80224.



Elvina Burnham

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