

Couple exchange wedding vows during a fall ceremony

Kari Nichole Gienger and Nathaniel Ryan Toon were married on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007. The double-ring ceremony was at the St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays with Reverend Daryl Olmstead as the officiant.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Joan Gienger of St. Francis. The groom is the son of Sheila and Jack Toon of Larned and Kent and Tammy Jantz of Lawrence.

Organ selections played by Deb Klaus of Hays included "Spirit of Praise," "Canon in D," "The Lord is Kind and Merciful," "Hymne" and "Trumpet Tune."

Cecilia Rziha of Wichita was the vocalist for "The Lord is Kind and Merciful."

The bride was escorted by her father, Tony Gienger. Sister, Jody Gienger attended as maid of honor.

Eric Cookson of Greeley, Colo., uncle of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Richard Bell and Mark Bell, both of Coffeyville, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Hays American Legion.

Dian Wullenschneider and Marie Banowetz were the cake servers, and Karen Bell, presided at the punch table. All are aunts of the bride.

Tonya Gienger, aunt of the bride, and Katie McDanel, cousin



Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Toon

of the bride, were at the guest book.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of St Francis Community High School and received a degree in business administration in 2006 from Fort Hays State University. She is a customer care representative at National Electronics Warranty (N.E.W) in Hays.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Cambridge High School and attended Fort Hays State University. He is a program specialist at National Electronics Warranty.

Following a honeymoon trip to Ireland, the couple is at home in Hays.



WALT ROESENER VISITS about his past with his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Jackie (to the right) and Cathy Loop, Village Activities Director.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Resident of the month honored

By Karen Krien

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Walter Roesener is the Good Samaritan Village Resident of the Month.

Mr. Roesener was born July 5, 1913, in Burr, Neb. The son of John and Caroline Roesener (his birth mother, Amelia, died in childbirth in 1922), he grew up with brothers, August, Elmer, Arnold, Paul and half-brother Arlie; and sister, Hester.

He moved with his family to McDonald when he was 13. They milked cows, fed hogs and farmed with a team of horses. Later, they had a tractor.

Walter liked playing baseball but said he didn't like school. He remembered some of his teachers but couldn't remember their names. Like it or not, he did go to school through the eighth grade.

Walter's wife, Ida, was doing housecleaning for Clarence and Minnie Busse when they met. In August 1953, they were married in Auburn, Neb. They lived north of McDonald where they farmed and raised their two children, Mark and Kathleen. Ida died in 1998.

They had four grandchildren, Colton, Gage, Ryan and Cory.

He said that when he was younger, the thing that made the most impression on him was being on his own and making the farm work like a farm should.

Walter talked about driving the



Ada and Walt on their wedding day

1925 John Deere tractor.

"It was exciting," he said.

For years, he and Mark worked the farm and Walter liked to drive the tractors. Mark's wife Jacky said that when they got the last big tractor, she thought her father-in-law wouldn't want to drive it. However, when he did, he didn't want to let anyone else drive it.

Walter just chuckled!

When he retired from the farm, he moved to Bird City. He became a resident at the Village in 2006.

Today, Walter says he likes to "joy ride" and visit with people.

His advice to young people is to be honest, work hard and do the best you can!!

Beecher Island News



By Bessie Dent

There were 49 at Sunday school. Chad Towns gave the special number and Jeff Hurlburt gave his birthday offering.

Friday Mary Allen, Kristy Hurlburt and Jessica Mertens went to Stoneham to attend a bridal shower in honor of Jessica. They were overnight guests of Danelle Mertens at New Raymer. Saturday, Harvey and Perry Allen joined them for the day and to celebrate Jessica's birthday.

The Kenny Roses attended the Idalia Prom. Mallory was crowned Prom Queen.

Enjoying a weekend in Denver together were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield, Monte Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mehl, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman Mr. and Mrs. Mike Goodman, Alex and Megan, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goodman, Ima and Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Novak, Cade and Brittany, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Scott, Dennis and Dawson Brenner, Vickie and Lindsey Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dye and Violet Brown enjoyed dinner out

Sunday then returned to the Brown home to visit in the afternoon.

Judy Shively, Mary J. Allen and Carol Boden attended the play in Wray Saturday.

Sadie Lowder and Lorena Kiser visited Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver and Lila McCoy this Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus, Gracie Trast, Nettie Jane Sheldon, Vi and Gary Bevlin, Eldon and Edie Fisher, John and Caryn Osmus and Jacob and Judy Shively went out for dinner Sunday.

Jeri Rose and Dallas Madsen took Sylvia Madsen to Fort Collins Friday for surgery. All returned home Saturday.

Kristy Allen had lunch Wednesday with Kellie Kite and to get acquainted with the new baby, Brigette.

Judy Shively was among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zion

Tuesday.

Ashley Hurlburt spent Friday and Friday night with Lisa Dorhan. Garrett spent Friday with Caleb Wingfield. Logan Schaffner was a guest of Trever while their mother attended a shower for Jessica Mertens.

Jay and Carol Flaming hosted a pizza and cake party Sunday in honor of Laura Pearl Wall's 85th birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Klein and family, Wendy and Blaine Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Brain Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Wall and family.

Dustin Monroe was an overnight guest at the Kenny Rose home Friday.



Hickert - Schippers

Couple to say vows

Tim Hickert and Becky Schippers are planning a July 4 wedding at the Thomas More Prep-Marian High Chapel in Hays.

Becky is the daughter of Lynn and Karla Davignon of Ellis and the late Mike Schippers.

She is a graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High of Hays and a graduate of Kansas State University. Becky teaches math at Junction City High School.

Tim is the son of Marge Hickert of the Hester Home, Benkelman, Neb., and the late Jim Hickert.

He is a graduate of Cheylin High School of Bird City and a graduate of Kansas State University. Tim is a math teacher at Junction City High School.

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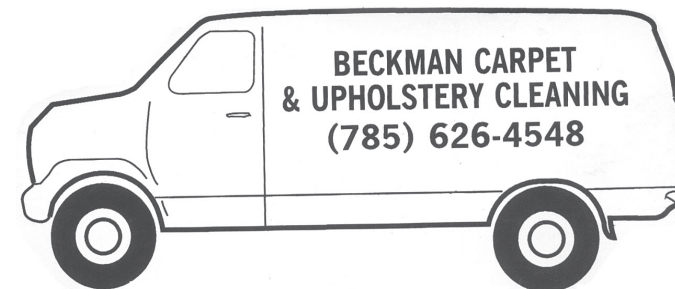


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