

Family

Harper and Kvasnicka engaged



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Jeff and Kris Harper of Winona announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindy Nicole, to Wyatt James Kvasnicka, son of Richard and Dianne Kvasnicka of Winona.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Triplains High School and is presently attending Colby Community College, working towards a Mid-management degree. Lindy is currently employed at Lady Taylor's in Colby.

Her fiancée graduated from Triplains High School and is currently working for his father, farming and ranching south, of Winona.

Their wedding is planned for July 28, 2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

Get-well cards requested for man Happenings

George Bray is in the hospital in Denver. He would appreciate cards. Send to **George Bray, ICU #18, Presbyterian/St. Luke, 1719 E. 19th Ave., Denver, Colo. 80218.**

The **Solomon Basin Advisory Committee** will meet on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in **Stockton** at the

Kansas Department of Agriculture/Division of Water Resources Field Office in Stockton. More information is available at the agency web site, www.kwo.org or contact Glen Kirk or e-mail gkirk@kwo.state.ks.us.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, MAY 29

- Rotary, Student Union, noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
- Vacation Bible School, Trinity Lutheran Church, 5:30-8 p.m. (May 29-June 1)
- Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.; Low Net; Christy Kern & Kristy McCarty
- Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
- Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Rebekahs, (2nd & 4th Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
- New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

- Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.
- TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)
- Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.
- Tobacco Quitters Support Group, CMC Cafeteria, 7-8 p.m.
- Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & AIAnon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Memorial Day was started to honor the patriotic dead

By **LOIS MYERS**
Colby Free Press

In 1865, Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, Seneca County, N.Y., mentioned at a social gathering that honor should be shown to the patriotic dead of the Civil War, by decorating their graves. In the spring of 1866, this subject again was brought up to General John B. Murray, Seneca County Clerk. General Murray embraced the idea and a committee was formed to plan a day devoted to honoring the Civil War dead.

Townpeople adopted the idea wholeheartedly. Wreaths, crosses and bouquets were made for each veteran's grave. On May 5, 1866, the village was decorated with flags at half-mast and draped with evergreen boughs and mourning black streamers. Civic societies joined the procession to the three existing cemeteries and were led by veterans marching to martial music. General John A. Logan, first Commander of the Grand Army of the Re-

public, issued the first official recognition of "Decoration Day," as it was then known, on May 5, 1868.

The first observance of Decoration Day was held May 30, 1868. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day. In May of 1966, the United States Government recognized Waterloo as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day." In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday of May every year. Prior

to 1971, the day was not observed by the whole nation, only by individual states.

The modern celebration of Memorial Day is similar to the original celebration, although we have expanded upon the original idea. Today, Memorial Day is a time when people come together to honor all who have died. It is still very much about honoring America's fallen soldiers, but in addition to this, Memorial Day is about

celebrating the memory of all people... all of our ancestors and forefathers who have been a part of the world we live in... who have paved the long road we are walking down... into the future. Memorial Day is a day to remember and thank all people who have left us the legacies we enjoy.

All names and dates taken from May 2001 issue of *The Voice*, official magazine of The Retired Enlisted Association.

Creativity inspired by dash of spirits

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter today about the lady who warned about drinking and cooking at the same time, because she fell asleep and almost burned the house down.

Ever since I was a child, my mother told me about how my great-grandfather, Charles Gabriel, would write hymns along with his good friend, Samuel Clemens. They would sit at the same table and share a bottle of gin between them while they created their celebrated masterpieces.

My mother received royalties from his saintly work until her death.

Today I do most of my creative work in the kitchen while drinking. I'm not driving. I usually have some beautiful music in the background, and never once have I "fallen asleep" like "Karen in Tampa" did. I enjoy every minute I spend in the kitchen, and so do those who join us at our dinner table.

Please don't give responsible drinkers a black eye. Just think what turn our American literature would have taken if we had removed that bottle of gin from Mark Twain's table 120 years ago!

ONE OF A LONG LINE OF DRINKERS

DEAR DRINKER: ... and Dashiell Hammett's and Dorothy Parker's and F. Scott Fitzgerald's, to name a celebrated few. Some of our gifted writers might have been "less



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

entertaining," but they would have lived longer.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the article about the Easter lily causing the

death of a cat, I thought I had better write to you.

Two years ago during our Easter dinner celebration, we moved our Easter lily to make room for some guests. We relocated it too close to our cockatiel, and after he nibbled some of the petals, we later found him dead.

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MARGARET IN TUCSON
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