

Family

Walker and McAfee married

Elisabeth Jeanne Walker and Jason Garrett McAfee were married June 9, 2001, at Groveland Christian Church near McPherson. Parents of the couple are Boyd and Sharon Walker, Colby, Jeff McAfee, Silver Lake, and Connie McAfee, Garden City.

Pastor Rich McLean, Wichita, performed the ceremony. Serving communion to the couple was Pastor Phil Radatz, Galva.

Ushers were Ethan Walker, Colby, brother of the bride and Barry Baskette, Denver, cousin of the groom. Guest book attendant was Rachael Walker, Garden Valley, Texas, sister of the bride. Pianist was Kathleen Pool, Colby. Soloist was Kristie Walker, San Antonio, Texas, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony a reception brunch was held on the church lawn.

The newlyweds traveled to Santa Fe and Taos, N.M., for their honeymoon and are now at home in Liberal. The bride is children's librarian at Liberal Memorial Library and the groom is a teacher and coach at South Middle School.



Elisabeth and Jason McAfee

Mother-in-law driving couple out of home

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Ruth," who is 80, my husband, "Clarence" (50ish), and I (40ish) all live in the same house. Ruth's husband died before Clarence and I were married. She sold her home and Clarence sold his so they could buy a house together.

My mother-in-law is a wonderful lady. However, she is a complainer. She becomes agitated over petty things. She also doesn't like for Clarence to criticize anything. (His style is more a commentary than criticism.) I don't think Ruth realizes how much complaining she does.

Even though we've repeatedly asked her not to, Ruth "sorts" through our mail and throws out important letters and catalogs she feels we don't need. (She has an obsession with frugality.)

Clarence is even more upset about her behavior than I am. He says if things don't change, he and I will be forced to move. What do you think we should do?

FRACTURED FAMILY IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRACTURED: If this is relatively new behavior, Ruth may need a physical and mental exam to determine if she's experiencing dementia. However, if this is the way she normally acts, you and your husband are going to have to have it out



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

with her — and Clarence is going to have to tell his mother that if things don't change, the two of you will be moving. In the meantime, arrange to have all of your mail delivered to a post office box and don't give Ruth a key.

DEAR ABBY: It has been 15 years since our young son David asked us, while riding in the back seat of our car, "How do babies get into mommies' tummies?" My husband immediately said to me, "Honey, since you told our girls all about it before, you can tell David, too."

I retorted: "You're right. But they are girls. I'm sure it would be better for you — his dad — to tell our son." With that, his dad asked, "David, are you sure you want to know now?" David said, "Yes, Dad."

My husband then went into detail. I sat frozen, seat belt-bound, as the car and his words drove forward. When the lecture was finished, my husband said, "That's it, son."

Our 7-year-old boy began laughing so hard that we couldn't help laughing with him. When we finally settled down and could talk, we asked David what was so funny? Still chuckling, he replied, "OK, Dad. Now tell me the

TRUTH."

LINDA BRESSLER, TAMPA
DEAR LINDA: Sometimes truth may seem stranger than fiction, but your husband was right to answer your son's question fully and completely when he asked.

DEAR ABBY: I really enjoyed the response Patti Fairchild Barteo told you about in regard to sneezing: "Gesundheit" the first time, and "Gesundheit squared" when the sneezing continued.

It reminded me of a similar saying in the German immigrant community where I grew up near Strawberry Point, Iowa. After a person sneezed and was wished "Gesundheit" (health), the person who sneezed might reply, "Besser wie krankheit," which means, "Better than sickness!" Gesundheit to you, Abby.

PASTOR OTTO ZWANZIGER (RET.), CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR PASTOR ZWANZIGER: God bless you, too!

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Stewart and Olson engaged

Randi Halperin-Olson and Richard Olson announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy J.C. Olson, to Rebecca Stewart, daughter of Kathy Stewart of Sturgis, S.D. and the late Richard Stewart.

Rebecca is a graduate of Sturgis Brown High School and received her bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene from University of South Dakota. She is currently working towards being licensed in dental hygiene.

Jeremy is a Colby High School graduate and received his bachelor



Olson and Stewart

of fine arts degree in Theatre Technology and Design from University of South Dakota. He is currently attending Southern Illinois University working towards a master of fine arts degree in Theatre Technology and Design.

A June wedding is planned for the couple in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Veterans advice

Q. I heard that VA is creating special centers for Parkinson's disease. When will one open up here?

A. Between 20,000 and 40,000 veterans with Parkinson's disease are treated each year at VA medical centers, including local facilities. Veterans don't have to go to a national Parkinson's center to receive quality care.

The new centers do many things besides care for patients. Their mission includes research and the education of health-care workers. VA has no plans to create additional Parkinson's disease centers.

The special centers for Parkinson's disease are in Houston, Philadelphia, Portland (Ore.), Richmond (Va.), San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Veterans with Parkinson's disease — in fact, all veterans — can enroll in VA's healthcare system. Those who don't

have a medical problem that is officially ruled "service connected" may have to pay a copayment.

Q. I've heard several times that World War II veterans are dying at the rate of about 1,000 a day. Is this true?

A. VA projects about 414,000 deaths among our World War II veterans this year, for a daily rate of about 1,135. At the start of the year, VA estimated the number of World War II veterans at 5,032,591.

The number of deaths per year among World War II veterans is projected to decline slightly for at least the next five years, although it will stay above the 1,000-per-day mark.

For further information about VA financial payments, call 1-800-427-1000. For information about VA health care, call 1-877-222-8387, or visit VA's web-page at <www.va.gov>.

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Boy Scouts selling popcorn

Boy Scout popcorn sales are underway. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are taking orders for a variety of popcorn, popped or unpopped, candied or plain. Anyone not contacted may call Pam Sager, 462-7361.

The Girl Scout Craft Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Colby Community Building. Doors will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Colby Girl Scouts will be doing *Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat* from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, it will be Oct. 28. The girls will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Genesis Food Bank. Donors are asked to put the food on their porch in a bag marked "Girl Scouts." The United Methodist Youth group will be assisting with pickup. For more information contact Jo Frahm, 462-2082.

American Legion National Commander Ric Santos of Maryland have coffee at the Colby post, 1850 W. 4th, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct.

Happenings

16, as part of his tour of the Sunflower State.

Karen Blakeslee, an Extension association with Kansas State University, will present *From Acorns to Zucchini... What does the Consumer know?* at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room. The presentation will give participants a glimpse of actual questions received from consumers, and answers to the question. Topics range from food safety, food preservation, food preparation and more. The public is invited. The program is free and open to the public.

Golden Buckle Square Dancers are having a silent auction at their dance on Oct. 13. Steve Bailey of Holdrege, Neb., is the caller. The dance will be at the Colby Community Building at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Rotary, Student Union, noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
- Senior Progress Center board, Senior Progress Center, 3 p.m.
- First Year Webelos, Fire Station, 5:30 p.m.
- Second Year Webelos, LDS Church, 1145 S. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
- Bear Cubs, United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Wolf Cubs, United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.
- Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
- Family night story time, Pioneer Memorial Library, 7 p.m.
- 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.

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