



Julie and Larry Lofland

Couple wed in May

Julie Michele Bishop and Larry Joseph Lofland, both of Athens, Tenn., married Saturday, May 24, 2003, at the Double Springs Baptist Church in Athens with the Rev. Todd Bishop, brother of the bride, and the Rev. Randy Harmon officiating.

Ed and Joyce Lofland of Goodland are the groom's parents, and Tommy and Linda Bishop of Athens are the bride's.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents in the double ring ceremony.

She wore a white satin gown with a sleeveless bodice with embroidery and beads accenting the neckline, hem and cathedral train and a two-tiered fingertip veil with rolled satin edging attached to the beaded headpiece.

She carried a classic bridal bouquet of yellow and white roses with exposed stems tied with a tulle bow. The bridesmaids carried exposed stem bouquets of yellow roses tied with a tulle bow.

April Bowman of Etowah, Tenn., best friend of the bride, was the maid of honor, and April Womack of Knoxville, Tenn., best friend of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Miller of Etowah, Tenn., best friend of the bride, and Erin Lynch of Cookeville, Tenn., cousin of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore long black and white satin gowns featuring a halter neckline.

Youth group gets grant for second year

The Motivation, Achievement, Success (M.A.S.) Youth Group applied and was awarded the Outreach to Ethnic and Minority Youth Tobacco-Free Grant for the second year in a row.

The Hispanic Advisory Board has been guiding all the planning and activities to meet all eight grant objectives and the goal, "Prevent Initiation and Promoting Quitting Among Youth."

The youth group's mission is "to enhance the quality of life for youth and their families and to promote positive youth development by preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse among youth."

As part of the project, the group sent out letters and surveys to local restaurants regarding their smoking policy. The objective is to provide as many smoke-free family dining establishments in our county as possible.

We have asked them to assist by filling out a questionnaire and sending it back in a stamped envelope provided, informing us whether or not they would be joining our effort.

We are applauding and recognizing those places that already enforce a smoke-free dining establish-

The groom's father was the best man, and the groom's brothers, Heath, Cody and Tysen Lofland of Goodland, were the groomsmen. They wore black tuxedos with gray vests and gray ties. The groom wore a black tuxedo with gray vest and black tie.

Eric McCamish, cousin of the bride, Jeff Lynch, cousin of the bride, and Darrin Miller, friend of the couple, were ushers and candle lighters; Shane Miller, son of Darrin and Crystal, was the ring bearer; and Meredith Bishop, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Joe Bryan, friend of the bride's family, was the organist; and Jessica Knox, cousin, and Joey Sasser, friend of the couple, were soloists.

Following the 2 p.m. ceremony, a reception was held on the church lawn. Lauren Wampler, Leah Leatherwood and Sarah Lewis, friends of the bride, were the servers.

The couple took a cruise to the Bahamas and are now at home in Etowah, Tenn.

The groom graduated from Goodland High School and served in the Marine Corps in logistics. He is a group leader at Deriso Manufacturing.

The bride graduated from McMinn Central high school, Tennessee Wesleyan College and Tennessee Technological University. She is a human resource specialist at Arch Chemicals.



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ment and are recommending them as a place to take the family out for a meal.

If restaurants are not currently smoke-free but would like to consider it, we are offering to provide technical assistance at no charge and also provide some media coverage for joining our efforts.

We understand that as a business they are always under pressure to keep all customers happy, smoking or nonsmoking. However, we ask to please consider what the Center for Disease Control says about second hand smoke:

Researchers have identified more than 4,000 chemical compounds in tobacco smoke. Of these, at least 43 cause cancer in humans and animals.

Each year, because of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, an estimated 3,000 nonsmoking Americans die of lung cancer.

sheriff of Smith County for 10 years.



Jackson

Before joining *The Star-News*, he worked at the *Colby Free Press* for about three months. He ran his father's painting business in Atwood for two years before that.

About his new job, Jackson said "It's fun; people are fun. I look forward to helping Bill Waggoner and Phyllis Hadley, our advertising representatives, improve the service to our business customers. "We want to work with the com-

How can you tell if a melon is ripe?

It is melon season in Kansas, and with the hot, dry weather, our melons are plentiful and have an excellent flavor.

Melons — muskmelon, honeydew or watermelon — do not ripen off the vine. For optimum sweetness and eating quality, they must be left on the vine until ripening is nearly complete.

As the name implies, muskmelon has a distinctive musky aroma, and those that are fully ripe release easily from the vine, leaving a clean, dish-shaped scar where the stem was attached.

The melon should have a pleas-



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ant, strong aroma unless it has been refrigerated. Make sure the fruit is firm and there are no soft spots. It should have a strong, pleasant aroma.

There are two types of muskmelon — one larger, netted and ribbed with a softer, juicier flesh, and one that is smaller, round and

netted but not ribbed, with a firmer, darker-orange flesh. Some people call the smaller ones cantaloupes by mistake.

Watermelons do not slip from the vine but should have a buttery-yellow color on the bottom of the fruit, the "belly" or ground spot. A ripe watermelon should lose its dull velvety surface and take on more of a shine.

There also may be some surface

roughness that is easily felt by rubbing your palm over the melon. Old-time watermelon growers called these "sugar bumps."

A honeydew is difficult to determine ripeness with because it does not develop an aroma like a muskmelon, and it doesn't change color or surface appearance like a watermelon.

A honeydew, however, will begin to soften slightly at the "flower-end" (end opposite the stem) of the fruit. Press that area with your thumbs to feel for a slight softness or give to the fruit.

Group to provide mentors during school year

The start of the school year is upon us, and Big Brothers Big Sisters are ready to help you out with a friend for your child.

Plans are being made to mentor within a site-based plan that will only take 30 minutes and one time a week from a dedicated volunteer. That small bit of time from someone who wants to make a difference can help a child's school year to be much more positive.

To illustrate how positive that time can be, let me share with you an editorial article from "Jubilee." David Carlson shared a story about his son writing him a Father's Day card. Carlson thought of several things he would appreciate that his son could have written.

What he wrote was profound and yet very simple: "My dad is special because he teaches me how to play baseball."

Carlson explained that he understood why his son would write what



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he did: "1. We spend a lot of time together when we play baseball; 2. He learns and can see himself improve; 3. We horse around and have fun."

Mr. Carlson sums it up well. Both he and his son can gauge how the relationship is positive, taking baby steps and spending quality time together.

With a mentoring program, a volunteer, according to Carlson, "can have enormously positive effects on children, on society. . . . a few hours a month can help set an at-risk child on the right path away from crime, toward responsible citizenship. . . . Teaching my boy how to

play baseball does not make me a good father. But it does make me someone special. And right now, that's what many thousands of kids across the country need, someone special — a mentor — to let them know that they are special too."

Carlson speaks from the heart, and I can speak from the heart also in dealing with my little boy. My wife and I look forward to Micah growing up and making a difference.

He has already made a difference in our lives, and what he can achieve in touching other people's lives is what it is all about. I've thought how I hope that he enjoys all the sports that I enjoyed growing up, remembering how I actually prayed that

my Little League game wouldn't be rained out.

Carlson could see how playing baseball with his child made such an impact, and in our society today, there are some kids who aren't praying that their baseball game isn't rained out but that someone, maybe a mentor, might make them feel special or just ask them to go do an activity that might not be a big thing to the volunteer but mean the world to the child.

"Jubilee" is a magazine that is affiliated with Prison Fellowship Ministries, and I believe a lot of prayers are probably being said for the children of those prisoners that are a whole lot more important than Little League.

If you want to make a difference in a young child's life after you think about what you dreamed about as a child, take a moment and check your schedule. Can you spare some time?

matters of record

Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in municipal court:

Ray L. Brigham, 17 of Goodland was cited for disobeying a stop sign Aug. 1.

Jessica Debellis, 17 of Goodland was cited for not having a driver's license on July, 23.

Esther L. Bailey, 20 of Goodland was cited for driving while under suspension July 23.

Jason Davis, 22 of Goodland was cited for illegal registration July 23.

Tommy D. Upchurch, 52 of Randlett, OK, was cited for improper parking on July 23.

Scott W. Frazier, 25 of Goodland was cited for driving while under the influence July 23.

Dinia Ledesma, 35 of Kanorado was cited for simple battery July 23.

Brandon D. Bolen, 20 of Good-

land was cited for driving under the influence July 23.

Real Estate

The following real estate transfers were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Tyson D. and Juli A. Shelley to Lake McCord Mellott and Carol J. Mellott Lot 6 and the S12 1/2' of Lot 7, Block 36, Academy Addition to the city of Goodland.

Douglas A. and Cheryl Peck to Samuel J. and Diane R. Zelfer Lot 8, Block 4, Eastridge Addition No.

1 to the city of Goodland.

J. Kendall and Jacque S. Cooper to Rusty and Wendy Fritz the N27' of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 6, Sharp's Addition to the city of Goodland.

James L. and Sharon K. Wisdom convey and warrant to Countrywide Home Loans Inc., Calabasas, Calif., Lots 1 and 2 and the N12 1/2' of Lot 3, Block 24, Second Addition to the city of Goodland.

Everett F. and Aileen G. Johnson to Sheryl Austin Lot 7 and the S10'

of Lot 8, Block 23, Beahm's Addition to the city of Goodland.

Shirley A. Cranston conveys and warrants to Wayne A. and Tommie J. Pierce all of grantor's interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 15, T10S, R37W.

Cranston Farms Inc. of Colby to Wayne A. and Tommie J. Pierce the NE/4 of Sec. 15, T10S, R37W; and all of the grantor's interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 15, T10S, R37W.

Arc Dealership Inc., a Colorado corporation, to Rick Billinger a tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 25, T8S, R40W.



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