



Russ Henry (left) and Jerry Whitmore married sisters Laura and Lila Butler on June 12, 1982, at the brides' parents' home in Goodland. The couples will celebrate their 25th anniversary Tuesday.

Couples to celebrate silver anniversary

Russ and Laura (Butler) Henry of Divide, Colo., and Jerry and Lila (Butler) Whitmore of St. Francis will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on June 12, 2007.

The Butler sisters married June 12, 1982, in a double wedding ceremony in the backyard garden of

their parents, Jerry and Lena Butler of Goodland.

After the wedding, Jerry and Lila lived briefly in Wichita before moving to Colorado Springs where they lived for 16 years. In 1999, they returned "home" to northwest Kansas. Jerry is a consultant with Hewlett Packard Computer Corpo-

ration. Lila also works for Hewlett Packard as a senior hardware support specialist. They have three children, Matt, 16; Logan, 13; and Sarah, 12.

Russ and Laura have made their home near Divide, Colo., where they own an electrical contracting business, Timberline Electric. They

have two children, MiKayla, 19, and Travis, 16.

The children would like to honor their parents with a card shower. Cards for Jerry and Lila may be mailed to 103 Cedar Street, St. Francis, Kan. 67756. Cards for Russ and Laura may be mailed to Box 172, Divide, Colo. 80814.

Do you hear what God says or what you want?

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38! Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins so you may be forgiven."

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he was curious and asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a Scripture at you."

"Scripture?!" replied the burglar.

"She said she had an ax and two 38s!"

Someone e-mailed that little story to me this week, and I had to laugh. I thought I would share it with you. That got me thinking about how we listen and how, if we aren't careful, we hear only what we want to hear. Not only that, sometimes we hear things the way we



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want to hear them. That is scary, and we all have instances in our life when we have been guilty of that haven't we? If you're not careful, that can cause a lot of pain and frustration.

Here is this robber and he is thinking, "I am busted. There is no way out of this deal, an ax and two 38's! I have met my match and I might as well surrender and take my punishment so I can live."

Proverbs 23:7 (New King James Version) tells us, "For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he."

What does your heart say to you? The reality is we all "listen to our heart," don't we? Unfortunately, too often, we believe everything it says about us or about our situation

this is how it has to be," on and on it goes and where it stops no one knows.

The exciting truth is that the attitude of your heart can be changed and it doesn't have to dictate your response to situations. Too often people let fear dictate their decisions, and the result is what I call the paralysis of analysis. I like the acrostic that is used for fear. It goes like this: false evidence appearing real. Too often we are moved by what we feel, by what we project the situation to be instead of what God says.

Let me leave you with some of God's perspective on living life in Christ. Philippians 4:13 says, "Whatever I have, wherever I am, I

can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am."

Mark 9:23: "All things are possible to him who believes."

John 16:33: "...in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Proverbs 3:5, 6: "He will direct your steps."

2 Timothy 1:7: "I have not given you a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline."

As we said down in Missouri, "sometimes you need to change your stink'n think'n!"

This week I challenge you to renew your mind in what God has to say about you. Enjoy being His kid, and if you don't yet know Him as your Lord and Savior, take that step of trusting Him with your life both now and for eternity.

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Grandparents attend graduation in Topeka

Brewster's city-wide garage sale was Saturday — lots of bargains I am sure.

Brian and Carolyn Somers and Marion and Colleen Crumrine, grandparents, attended the graduation for Christi Marie Somers on Saturday, May 12, in Topeka. Christi graduated with the honor of Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in communication with a legal emphasis. She plans on taking a year off from school to study for her entrance exams for law school.

Marjorie Westover has two new great-grandchildren. One was born May 17; his name is Dennis John Sayers and he weighed 9 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Tamra and John Sayers are the parents. He has an older sister Haley, and they live in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Born Thursday, May 24, was a girl for Dustin and Rhonda Westover. She was 8 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long. Her name is Harley Anne, and she has a



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brother Devin. They live in La Salle, Colo.

We want to send our prayers to J.R. Mc Daniel and Evelyn Trout Berry and prayers to all their families.

Brewster had a very nice service Memorial Day to honor those that have served our country. It makes you proud to be an American. Let's never forget what we stand for and what they died for.

Dear Self, Let me remember: The Father and I are one. God's plan for me is my salvation. I must be willing to forgive. I make the choice about who I am and Who I become. The time is now. What I can't do, God can do. I am my sister. Right where I am, the light of God, the power of God, the peace of God, and the love of God are too. I must always be grateful.

Love, God's gift to me.

Disasters on television cause children to worry

Television and news stories bring the experience of a disaster directly into our homes,

and when such an event is as close to home as the recent tornado that devastated Greensburg, the impact becomes more personal.

Even children who live far from the disaster will worry that the same thing could happen where they live and be particularly sensitive when storm clouds appear or when sirens are heard.

Children, as well as adults, have a hard time dealing with the things they see on television and what they hear others talk about. Parents may need to limit the time that young children are allowed in watching coverage of disaster-related events and also be prepared to encourage healthy discussion about what is shown.

For children who become anxious or upset, it would be a good idea to completely avoid watching the news reports.

When a local event or a national disaster occurs, children of any age may ask questions that even adults have difficulty answering. They may have difficulty processing the extent of destruction and the effect and will look to parents and other adults in their lives for reassurance.

Parents need to acknowledge



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those feelings, allow their children time to talk and let them know their reactions are normal. Children should be encouraged to be realistic, and parents should take a positive attitude. Adults need to help children understand that bad things can happen but that there are solutions and positive outcomes in even the worst situations.

If a child's fears continue beyond a reasonable length of time or they exhibit unusual behaviors, such as excessive worrying, depression, difficulty sleeping or persistent thoughts of doom, it may be time to seek additional help.

Parents should talk to their family doctor, minister, teachers, school counselor or a mental health professional for further information and assistance.

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Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

May 11 — 1:07 p.m., 1200 Cherry, Jeremy Cull driving a 1998 John Deer front loader and was backing and hit a gas meter. Vehicle was moved prior to officer's arrival.

6:38 p.m., 715 W. 11th, Loren Wesley Luther was driving a 1988 Ford and backing a trailer into a yard, misjudged his distance and hit the neighbors fence.

May 20 — 10:44 a.m., 1007 Texas, a 1995 Mercury driven by Michelle Gilliland-Wear was driving north and attempting to park in front of a parked 2005 Ford owned by Sabrina Erhart and hit the front end of the Ford.

2:30 p.m., 2160 Commerce, a 2007 Harley-Davidson owned by Jacob W. Stuber, was parked unintended in a yellow zone when a 2004 Chevrolet driven by Arthur A. Hain was making a right turn and hit the motorcycle pushing it over and causing damage.

Real Estate

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

Kevin L. Butts, Sheriff of Sherman County, to Bank of New York Trust Company, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, Toelkes Addition to the City of Goodland.

Ellen C. Williams and Timothy C. Pacello to Gary Schields and Korneila G. Schields, Lot 3, Block 6, Rosewood Addition to the City of

Goodland.

Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Inc. to Ken Eland, E/2 Sec. 5, T6S R38W less one-half mineral rights for 20 years.

Gregory W. Michael and Jennifer Lynn Michael of Thomas County to Dale Hudson and Jane C. Hudson of Rogers County, Okla., NW/4 Sec. 2, T9S R37W less one-half mineral right for 15 years.

David Fulton Anderson, Helen Celia Wilson Knoudele and Rita L. Williams, trustees of Wilson Farm Trust, to Tyson Livengood, S/2 Sec. 20, T9S R42W and Lots 3 and 4, Sec. 19, T9S R42W.

Soraya Vaughn Frank to Joshua D. Colby, Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 31, Rule's First Addition to the City of Kanorado.

Michael L. Fairbanks, trustee of Dorothy M. Fairbanks Revocable Trust to Sandy Vasquez, Lot 5, Block 4, Eastridge Addition No. 1 to the City of Goodland.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **June 8, 2003** — Eugene R. Smith, \$167 reinstated for speeding.

May 28, 2005 — Heather M. Betzel, \$96 reinstated for speeding. **April 29, 2006** — Christine M. Perry, \$120 for speeding.

Aug. 5 — Tobin M. Biolchini, dismissed for no liability insurance. **Oct. 15** — Isaac M. Brown, \$96 reinstated for speeding

Nov. 11 — Anthony D. Hopkins, \$126 reinstated for speeding.

Nov. 26, 2006 — Molly A. Noland, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

Jan. 28, 2007 — Joanne Stephens, \$165 for speeding.

Feb. 26 — Steven R. Moyer, \$261 for speeding.

March 4 — William D. Jones, \$210 reinstated for speeding.

March 5 — Manuel A. Arrellano Jr., \$120 for speeding.

Charles N. Starcher, \$174 for speeding.

March 8 — Eric L. Dunbar, \$216 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Felipe Olivas Montanez, \$126 for no driver's license.

March 17 — Robyn K. Johnson, \$144 for speeding.

March 18 — John J. Venemeyer, \$132 for speeding.

March 19 — Braulio A. Chapa, dismissed for speeding.

April 8 — Darin E. Allen, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

April 14 — Robert T. Peter, \$156 for speeding.

April 16 — Eric S. Gonsalves, \$144 for improper parking.

April 17 — James B. Davis, \$138 for speeding.

Kristofer L. Kollig, \$174 for speeding.

April 20 — James S. Carver, \$66 dismissed for unlawful acts with vehicles.

Lonnie G. Coon, \$138 for improper parking.

April 22 — Aaron D. Allison, \$126 for following another vehicle too closely.

Jeremy O. Cagle, \$144 for