



Curtis and Carrie Walters

Couple ties knot

Curtis Lee Walters and Carrie Jane Luchene were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2003, in the historic Odd Fellows Chapel in Cañon City, Colo.

Chaplin Dave Grooters, a friend of the couple, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Karen and Lee Walters, former Goodland residents, are the groom's parents. Jane Luchene of Yuma, Ariz., is the bride's mother, and Larry Luchene of Shelby, Ind., is her father.

Edna Harris of Goodland and the late Martin and Ruth Ann Felzien of Kanorado are the groom's grandparents. The bride's are Ruby Latta and the late Buford Luchene of Shelby, Ind., and Beverly and the late Craig Holloway of Sioux City, Iowa.

Before the wedding, a luncheon was held for family and friends at the groom's parents' home. It was hosted by long-time family friends Eileen and Jim Krayca of Goodland.

Leasa Cuevas of Valparaiso, Ind., was the matron of honor, and her daughter Sarah was the flower girl. Conrad Walters, brother of the

groom, was best man.

Mark Felzien, an uncle of the groom, was the usher. Guest book attendant was Bernadette Labuda of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dinner were held at Merlino's Belvedere.

Out-of-town guests were Mark and Bobbie Felzien of Kanorado; Clint and Lana Felzien of Brewster; Trent Felzien and Angie Mosburg of Manhattan; Jane Luchene of Yuma, Ariz.; Joetta Hearing, Jody Gardner and Bev Holloway, all of Iowa.

Ruby and Ernie Latta, Orlette Vega and Vivian and Larry Luchene, all of Indiana; and Conrad and Tracy Walters, Kayla, Scott and Tracy Eldred, Tracy and Allen Rexford, Richard and LaTrisha Petrisiono, John and Karen Fontecchio, Brad Kincade, Eric Steinbach, DeDe Hatchett, Cindy and David Grooters and John and Lisa O'Rourke, all of Colorado.

The groom is an electrical supervisor for the U.S. Department of Justice, and the bride works for Johnny's Heating and Plumbing. They are living in Cañon City.

Pancakes and sausages fill stomachs, coffer



Elaine Freiburger (far right) and Jeri Nelson served pancakes and sausage during the all-you-can-eat breakfast Saturday morning sponsored by the Goodland Chapter Order of the Eastern Star held in the Masonic building.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Shelter tries to save starved pup

I received a call from a fellow member of the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter board to meet her Monday because a puppy had been found in the country and brought in to the city pound.

When I got there, what I saw absolutely broke my heart. There sat an 8-to-10-week-old mixed-breed puppy that was so emaciated his bones were protruding.

He didn't even have the energy to try and eat. We immediately took him to Dr. Gary Smith, and he began giving intravenous fluids and ran some tests to determine everything that might be wrong with the little fellow.

Wednesday, the puppy was still hanging onto life by a thread, and the Animal Shelter had assumed the responsibility to do the best we can to save it. Unfortunately, the little guy didn't make it and died Saturday.

What makes us different from other shelters is our purpose to be there to help animals when they so desperately need it.

We are all volunteers and do this because we love animals, not because it is a job. It is our passion.

We have been criticized for going above and beyond despite our limited budget. But when we have to stop doing what we have based our existence on, and solely concern ourselves with money when we are looking into the eyes of this dumped, abandoned and starved little puppy, we might as well quit.



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Don't get me wrong. We are a thrifty bunch and work our tails off to raise the money needed to keep going, and we have very tough decisions to make around every corner. But we will only settle for being a shelter you can all be proud of. When you see situations like this

on a weekly basis, you become very protective of the animals placed for adoption. We are strict and, unfortunately, often offend people who do not qualify for adoptions.

Some folks think just because they want a certain dog, we are obliged to adopt it to them. That is not the case. Most reputable shelters have adoption criteria to meet and adoption contracts to sign.

The people who so generously support us expect us to do the best we can to find a good home for every animal that comes into our care.

Our goals include educating the public about being responsible owners, helping the animals in need, promoting spaying and neutering and holding abusers accountable.

Holding abusers accountable, such as the party responsible for the puppy I have told you about, is the biggest challenge of all. It is very hard for law enforcement to prove and prosecute this kind of case.

But until we, as citizens, demand more accountability, we will continue to allow this kind of abuse to take place. Please help us stop the suffering.



A puppy, found abandoned and starved, was taken to the city pound Monday, March 22, and died Saturday.

Photo by Leslie Knitig/animal control officer

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