



Alma and Robert Walter 65 years ago



The Walters today

Couple together 65 years

Robert and Alma Walter will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, with a family dinner at the restaurant at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

Their children are Merlyn and Vickie Walter and Linda and Edd Williams, all of Wray, Colo., and Nancy and Ed Turner of Phillipsburg. They have seven grandchil-

dren and six great-grandchildren. After 60 years of farming, the Walters are enjoying their retirement at Wheat Ridge Circle, Apt. 714, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Hornworms attack tomatoes, peppers

Hornworms are the largest larval insect commonly seen in the garden. Though usually seen on tomatoes, they can also attack eggplants, peppers and potatoes.

The larval stage of this insect is a 3 1/2- to 4-inch pale green caterpillar with 5 pairs of prolegs and a "horn" on the last segment.

The two most common hornworms are the tobacco hornworm (seven diagonal white stripes and, most commonly, a red horn) and the tomato hornworm ("V" shaped markings with a horn that is often black).

The adult of the tobacco hornworm is the Sphinx moth. The five-spotted hawk moth is the adult of the tomato hornworm. Both moths are stout-bodied, grayish insects with a wing spread of four to five inches.

The larva is the damaging stage and feeds on the leaves and stems



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of the tomato plant leaving behind dark green or black droppings. Though initially quite small with a body about the same size as its horn, these insects pass through four or five larval stages to reach full size in about a month.

The coloration of this larva causes it to blend in with its surroundings, and it is often difficult to see despite its size. It eventually will burrow into the soil to pupate. There are two generations a year.

This insect is parasitized by a number of insects. One of the most

common is a small braconid wasp. Larva that hatch from wasp eggs laid on the hornworm feed on the inside of the hornworm until the wasp is ready to pupate.

The cocoons appear as white projections protruding from the hornworm's body. If such projections are seen, leave the infested hornworms in the garden. The wasps will kill the hornworms when they emerge from the cocoons and will seek out other hornworms to parasitize.

Hand picking is an effective control in small gardens. Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) and other insecticides also may be used to control hornworms.

Plan in motion to limit children's access to tobacco

A new initiative is underway in Kansas, designed to limit children's access to cigarettes and other tobacco products.

"It's Everybody's Business" is a collaborative effort by several agencies and organizations, including Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services/Addiction Prevention Services, Kansas Department of Health and Environment/Tobacco Use Prevention Program, Kansas Department of Revenue/Alcoholic Beverage Control, Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Kansas Family Partnership and Regional Prevention Centers.

In the coming months, this coalition of organizations will be working hard to educate Kansas tobacco retailers about the consequences of selling tobacco products to minors.

We've established a number of free resources that retailers can use



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to educate their employees about Kansas law regulating tobacco sales that will help them comply with the law.

Onsite training programs for retail clerks and managers will be conducted by prevention specialists. Various print materials will be made available to retailers in their stores to deter illegal purchasing attempts and illegal sales.

Kansas ranks almost dead last in the nation for compliance with underage tobacco sales law. Through this aggressive initiative, it is our goal to achieve a

higher standard of compliance that will make our children healthier.

To see how you can help, go to www.its-everybodysbusiness.org. The web site includes links to take a one-hour on-line training or to schedule an onsite training, a printable poster that can be posted to remind employees to ask for I.D.s before selling tobacco, suggestions on what to tell customers and a quick way to calculate whether the customer is 18 or older.

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District Traffic

District Court reports no longer contain the person's age or hometown or how fast those with speeding tickets were going because of the court's change of computer program. The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

June 9 — Jonathan P. Hinchey \$120 for speeding.

June 10 — Raymond G. Wagner \$150 for speeding.

Robert H. Shank \$260 for no commercial license.

Sharon M. Dominguez \$138 for speeding.

June 11 — Amy S. Zumwalt-Davis \$168 for speeding.

Sarah E. Hallenbeck \$132 for improper parking.

June 12 — Maxwell B. Young \$270 for speeding.

Benjamin M. Askren \$107 for equipment of vehicles, unlawful acts.

Brian R. Light \$159 for speeding.

June 13 — Michael T. Wolkowitz \$144 for speeding.

James E. Ramsey \$117 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Natalee D. Alering \$159 for speeding.

June 14 — Mary E. Alaback \$144 for improper parking.

Donald L. Powers \$138 for speeding.

Robert B. Price \$144 for improper parking.

Sharon R. Pulver \$120 for speeding.

Norma C. Wagstaff \$150 for speeding.

Bradley M. Wikoff \$90 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

June 16 — Mark W. Jenkins \$120 for failure to stop or yield at sign.

June 17 — Dustin C. Teague \$138 for speeding.

June 20 — Brittany A. Craven \$435 for speeding.

July 22 — David Montes \$66 for speeding.

June 23 — Eric M. Saylor \$120 for speeding.

Edward S. Powell \$165 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Gary L. Ramseyer \$108 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

June 24 — Janet M. Duncan \$138 for speeding.

Patrick G. Anderson \$144 for speeding.

Reception celebrates marriage

Ben and Barbara (Young) Duell held a reception on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Heartland Christian School in Colby to mark their marriage on May 29 at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Following the reception, a picnic and swimming party were held at the home of Kirk and Holly Young in Colby.

Children of the couple attending were Mark and Katie Young and Sam, Houston; Kirk and Holly Young, Spencer, Taylor, Zach and Alex, Colby; Lisa and Kim Eccles, Edmond, Okla.

Doug and Kim Duell, Barrett, Tyrel and Courtney; Janette and Kraig Weaver, Joseph and Joslyn; Sharon and Sean Brenner, Taylor, Brooklyn, Alexis and Hunter, Burlington, Colo.; Fred and Sheila Duell, Eric and Annie, Hennessey, Okla.; Elise Pistor, Austin, Eric and Alexandra, Colleyville, Texas; Christine Nider and Suede, Windsor, Colo.

David Duell; Daniel and Karen Duell, Jesse and Caleb, Goodland; Marilyn and Roger Fischer, Sage,



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Sidney, Cody, Corey, Cade, Cole and Savannah, Hooker, Okla.; Lianne Nikkel, Garrett, Alison and Ashley, Littleton, Colo.; Jane and Weston McCary, Sadie, Arian and Casja, Loveland, Colo.; Lori Adams, Columbus, Ohio; Linda Beckley, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Sandi and Kevin Schrag, Ottumwa, Iowa; and Benjamin and Kristin Duell, Manhattan. Seventeen immediate family members were unable to attend.

Other relatives present included Ellie and Cotty Matal, Woodland, Calif.; Jana, Ward and Kristi Matal and Jeff McPhee, Sacramento, Calif.; Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka; Eugene and Annie Jeffus, Maxwellton, West Va.; Dick and Kay Kjelland, Columbia, Mo.; Ted and

Virginia Duell, Ellis; Eunice Samuelson, Frankfort; Rachel and Frank Purvis, Lawrence; Ruth and Don Trued, Lindsborg; Norman and Harriett Duell, Holyoke, Colo.; and Norma and Bob Gramzow, Goodland.

Attending from the Oberlin area were Kyle Mines, Herschel and Jody Betts, Buzz and Cynthia Matson, Loyd and Mary Waldo, Mildred Holmdahl, Joy Votapka, Steve and Barbara Brown, Janeil Jensen and granddaughters, Dorothy Alstrom, Gerry Neff, also Deb Stepper of Rexford, and former Oberlin residents, Elmo and Margaret Lund, Hays. Many friends also were present.

They are living at 1065 W. Cottonwood St. in Colby.

It's like looking for a needle in America

Want to go on a treasure hunt? Well look around, because there is a wooden needle hidden somewhere in this state. It could even be in Goodland.

Monica Iris Emig, a field editor for *Country* magazine, said a dark brown wooden needle, 12 inches long, half an inch in diameter, is hidden in a public park somewhere in the state.

"Somebody in the state of Kansas hid it," she said.

The needle is worth \$250 to the person who finds it and \$250 to a library or school in the finder's hometown.

A needle is hidden in every state across the country. One state has a "super" needle. That needle is still worth \$250 to the finder, but it

comes with a \$4,750 contribution to a library or school.

The magazine has been hiding the needles as a promotional campaign for years. Emig said she hid a needle here a few years ago. She said she can't look for the needle, or talk about her involvement, if any, in hiding it.

"I can't answer any questions," she said.

She did say the needle is wrapped in clear biodegradable shrink wrap. Inside the package is a note that says "Hay, you found it," along with instructions on how to collect the prize.

Organizers are encouraging people to pick up litter while they search parks for the needle.

The Kansas needle is hidden in an

easily accessible area, Emig said; it's not necessary to climb, dig or dismantle anything to find it.

Emig said she loves treasure hunts and if she wasn't involved, she would be out looking.

"I just think it's fun," she said. "I love it, anything to do with mysteries and treasure hunts. I think it'd be fun for kids, too."

Anyone who wants to go on this hunt can get a clue from the magazine. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Hay, Clue Me!, 5925 Country Lane, Greendale, WI 53129.

"I think the first thing to do is send for the first clue," Emig said.

Participants will get a map showing a 20-square-mile area where the needle is hidden.

Moving, starting new school cause children stress

For some children, the beginning of another school year also means starting classes in a new school because of a family move.

Moving to a new community can be especially hard on children, and even more so if accompanied by other significant changes, such as death, divorce or remarriage.

Not only does a child need to adjust to a new home and neighborhood, they also have to deal with a new school schedule and different classes. Even thinking about these changes can make some children feel anxious and stressed. In addition, making new friends and becoming part of a new peer group can be even more anxiety provoking.

As compared to older children, early elementary-age children may be even more hesitant to start a new school and more clinging to their parents. They are at a stage of development where they are just beginning to learn how to deal with au-



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thority figures other than their parents, so teachers, bus drivers, principals and other school staff can be intimidating.

Older children will be affected by a family move primarily because they have had to leave behind their familiar peer group and friends. But most do adapt to a different school and new friends within a short time.

Some children can become overwhelmed and even depressed when dealing with such a major change in their life. Parents need to be aware of this, allowing their children to talk about their feelings and working together in regards to how the whole family is doing.

Explain to the children why the

move is necessary, so they don't think they have done something bad to cause this to happen. Include children in ongoing discussions at

the level of their understanding.

Even when they may not like the final decision regarding a move, having some input helps them to better understand the reasons why and to be more accepting.

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