

# Entertainers hope to win contest at fair

Contestants have been selected for the Colgate Country Showdown to be presented at 7 p.m. Friday in front of the grandstand at the Decatur County Fair. The free program is being sponsored by Coyote Country, which includes KIOD/KSWN radio stations of McCook.

Ten will compete for a chance to represent this area at the Kansas State final competition to be held during the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson in September.

Contestants include: Debbie Gosser and Roxanne Wade, WaKeeney; Derek Brett (Derek Judd

and Jill Hansen, McCook; Doreen Deines, Collyer; Harold G. Karr Sr., and Big Country (Harold Gene Karr Jr.), Indianola, Neb.; Larry Henderson, Norton; Bill Welch, Fort Leavenworth; and Stacy Smith, Wray, Colo. Alternates have been selected in the event that a contestant is unable to perform.

The Decatur County Fair Board has put up prize money for first, second and third places totaling \$175. Free Colgate Total toothpaste will be given out while supplies last. For details, contact Jesse Stevens at (308) 345-1981.

## Photography contest set

The International Library of Photography is sponsoring a contest for area photographers, particularly beginners. It is open to everyone and there is no entry fee.

A total of \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," said Christina Baylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure."

To enter, interested persons may send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People,

Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photos must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted, 8x10 inches or smaller). All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and title of the photo. They should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2617, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, Md., 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 31 or they may be submitted directly online at [www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com). The work of over 1.1 million amateur photographers may also be viewed at this website.

## Historical tour planned

The Santa Fe Resource Conservation and Development Council will sponsor an historical tour during its annual meeting scheduled for Aug. 24-26, at the Plaza Inn Hotel in Garden City.

The conference will begin on Sunday, Aug. 24, with a historical tour of the Point of Rocks area, a theatrical re-enactment of "Life on the

Santa Fe Trail," followed by a chuck wagon supper. Evening entertainment will include: "Partners of the Prairie," cowboy poets and balladeers, a fiddle player, and several speakers.

For information, call (620) 355-4091 or the agenda can be found at [www.santafetrailrcd.org](http://www.santafetrailrcd.org).

## Committee election set

The annual election for the Farm Service Agency county committee will be held in November, and farmers may start nominating candidates this month.

The committee is responsible for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by farmers in Decatur County. The committee gives local producers a say in how federal farm programs are implemented in the county, oversees the work of county executive director, acts in an advisory capacity to the farm loan manager and is accountable to the state committee.

In a change from previous elections, there is no required minimum number of nominees for the election. In the past, if fewer than four candidates were nominated by producers, the county committee was required to nominate additional candidates. Under the new rule, if no nominations are received, the county committee will nominate at least three candidates to complete the slate.

The agency is encouraging nomi-

nation of women and minority producers. Anyone of legal voting age who has an interest in farmland as an owner, operator/tenant or sharecropper, or is eligible to participate in any Farm Service Agency program, is an eligible voter. Any eligible voter may nominate candidates or be a candidate. Spouses of eligible voters may also vote and serve on the committee.

Nomination forms are available at the Farm Service Agency county office or on the Internet at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Eligible voters may circulate or sign nomination petitions for as many candidates as they choose. The nominee must sign the form and certify that he or she is willing to serve if elected. At least one eligible voter in the area holding the election must also sign nomination forms. Nomination forms must be returned to the county office by Friday, Sept. 5. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in the county in November and must be returned by Dec. 1.

## Vision program offered

For the second consecutive year, Vision USA will offer a year-round program that provides basic eye health and vision care services free to individuals and families who may not qualify for government aid or private health-care assistance.

Dr. Robert Stamm and Dr. Dirk Gray of the McCook Eye Clinic and

Lifetime Eyecare in Oberlin are volunteers for the program. They have been practicing in the McCook area for more than 50 years and have expanded their practice to Oberlin with Lifetime Eyecare.

For details, call (308) 345-5800, (800) 759-1344 or (785) 475-1200.

## Men's chorus to perform

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, under the direction of Ron Garber, will present a concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Colby High School.

This is the choir's 34th year of singing and the majority of the singers are from Kansas. The choir in-

cludes 120 men, who pay their own travel expenses in order to raise money for world relief efforts.

They have toured Europe, Canada and through much of the midwestern United States. For details, call (785) 462-3076.



Joshua and Tisha Tubbs

## Couple exchange vows in Centennial Park

Tisha Masoner and Joshua Tubbs, both of Oberlin, were married at the gazebo in Centennial Park in downtown Oberlin on Saturday, July 5.

Parents of the couple are Donna Masoner, Oberlin; Brad and Gloria Masoner, McCook; Wilbur and Janet Tubbs, Bentonville, Ark.; and Kenda and Dave Hickert, Hill City.

Honored guests were the bridegroom's grandparents, James and Ruby Tubbs, Goodland; and Martin and Betty McDowell, Iuka.

The bride wore a white A-line dress fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, and adorned with cultured pearls. She carried a bouquet of lil-

ies, and wore a necklace given to her by the bridegroom's grandmother, Ruby Tubbs.

Shannon Masoner, brother of the bride, and Jason Stephens, cousin of the bride, escorted her down the aisle. The bride's mother, Donna Masoner, and her daughter, Karlissa, were escorted by Mark Masoner, brother of the bride.

The newlyweds hosted a barbecue at their home following the ceremony.

The couple, along with their children, Karlissa and Jacob, are making their home in Oberlin.

## Monument dedication set

The new Kansas State Purple Heart Monument for the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be dedicated on Saturday in Emporia.

The ceremony is a kick-off for the Veterans Day 50th Anniversary and will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the All Veterans Memorial in Soden's Grove. The public is invited free of charge.

Emporia was selected last fall as the recipient of the monument because of its role in founding Veterans Day.

The Kansas State Monument is one of 50 donated to each state in the United States by the Purple Heart Service Foundation. Last summer,

the project was announced at the 2002 National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA, Inc., in Maine.

John Musgrave will be guest speaker. He served with the Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Maine Division in Quang Tri Province, Northern I Corps for over 11 months before being permanently disabled by his third wound. He is co-author of the book, "The Vietnam Years: 1000 Questions and Answers," with decorated Vietnam veteran and military historian Mike Clodfelter, published by Quinlan Press, Boston.

## Unit entertains with party

Hearth and Home Unit met on July 23 at the Good Samaritan Center to entertain with a birthday party for residents. They served donuts and gave those honored balloons. Bingo followed.

A business meeting was held. Members will watch the open class building during the Decatur County Fair from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday. The next meeting will be a picnic on Aug. 18.

## Ten free trees available

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during August.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

They will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6-12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Aug. 31 or join on-line at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## New air fare offered

Mesa Air Group of Hays is offering new, lower air fares from Hays to Kansas City.

Round-trip fares purchased 21 days in advance could be as low as \$138, a \$60 savings. Fourteen days prior to departure, a \$198 fare would be possible.

Mesa says it is introducing a "weekend walk up" fare of \$198

round-trip that requires no advance notice as long as seats are available. There will be a seven-day advanced purchase fare of \$248 and a three-day advanced purchase fare of \$298.

For details or schedules, contact Terry Urban, Hays Regional Airport Manager, (785) 628-7370, or JoLynn Ashmore, (785) 625-3311, or (800) 428-4322.

## Couple to marry in Colby

Jim and Kathleen Tubbs of Colby, and LaVerne and Theo Wiedeman of WaKeeney announce the engagement of their children, Sherri Lynn and Brent Matthew.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Colby High School and the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary/Middle Education. She works for the family farming business, Triple T Farms, Inc.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Trego Community High School and Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He serves as vice president of the Farm-



Sherri Tubbs and Brent Wiedeman

ers and Merchants Bank of Colby. He is a grandson of the late Ted and Bernice Wagner.

A Sept. 27 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

## Woman honored on retirement

Martha Nemeth, who retired recently as Oberlin City Clerk, was honored with a retirement party on July 19 at the home of her daughter, Mary and Tom Heald, Adam and Rachel, in Topeka. Other hosts were her son and family, Mike and Donna Nemeth, Tyler, Brittany and Rebekah, Nederland, Texas.

Others present included Patty Brown, Carol Brown, Kade and Kelly, and Dorothy Moore, Oberlin; Eric and Shelly Moore, Justine and Dylan, Ozawkie; Mike and Debbie Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth; Irene Georg, Warren and

Sonia Miller, Colorado Springs; Hal Nichols, Leawood; Dr. Deb Dees and Sarah, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Kathy Tuttle, Lawrence; Linda Starkey, Wichita; Mel and Dianne Bareiss, Overland Park; Al and Fleda Yost, Lawrence; Dr. Brad and Kymly Yost and Drake, Fairway; Bart and Georgette Yost and Taylor, Lawrence; Drs. Tim and Sandra Coke and Max, Wichita; Mark and Terry Heald, Roger and Connie Rake, Topeka; Winston and Kathy Georg, LaCrosse; Dr. Richard and Cindy Harlan, Bennington; and Dr. Luis Alvarez, Kansas City, Mo.

## Class enjoys birthday party

The Decatur Community High School Class of 1951 gathered on Friday at the LandMark Inn for a luncheon to celebrate those who are 70 (plus or minus) this year.

Those present included Kenneth and Mona (Euhus) Hoehner, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Ron and Joyce Cox, Chandler, Ariz.; Eugene Witt, Danbury, Neb.; Martin and Melba (Harris) Johnson, Westminster, Colo.; Janet (DeMay) Bamesberger, Indianola, Neb.; Donna (Mc-

Clure) Huff, Norcat; Mary Lou (Bendon) Olson, Herndon; Shirley (Unger) Gaede, San Antonio, Texas, and Oberlin; Max Carman, Eldon Huntley, Joy (Cathcart) Votapka, Joyce (Claar) Ploussard, Dorothy (Reith) Moore, Veanna (Van Vleet) Orr, Enid (Worcester) Anderson, Detta (Bryan) Anderson, Shirley (Euhus) Shields, Eloise (Anderson) Smith, and Lee Ploussard.

## Bridal shower held Saturday

Martina Matchett was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 26, at the home of Marvin and Millie Matchett in Norcat.

Those present were Alvina, Marilyn and Diana Gamblin, Jessica Gamblin, Mandi Fick, Leta Meitl, Wanda Dickinson, Bertha Matchett and Connie Miller, all of Oberlin;

Mary and Jenna Long, and Millie and Marci Matchett, Norcat.

Martina Matchett and Rafael Ruiz will be married on Saturday at the Norcat United Methodist Church. A wedding dance and reception will follow at the Norcat School for the public. It will feature new deejay, JAM Session.

## Hunter course planned

A hunter education course will be offered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Oberlin Ambulance Barn; from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Oberlin Gun Club, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the ambulance barn.

Anyone born after July 1, 1957,

must have a Hunter Education Certificate to hunt in Kansas. Students must attend, at minimum, a 10-hour course to receive the certificate.

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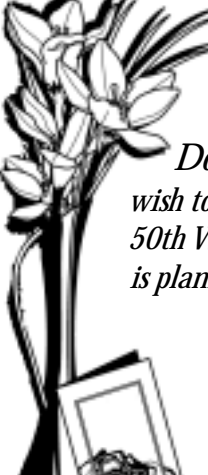
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*wish to announce the celebration of their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. A surprise card party is planned and well wishers are requested to send cards prior to August 8th to:*

*c/o Karen Sannella*  
*1475 S. Jasmine Way*  
*Denver, CO 80224*

*Please accept our thanks in advance for your kindness.*

**Lordy, Lordy....they made it to Forty!!**



**Happy 40th Anniversary Mom and Dad!!**  
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**Love You, The Kids & Grandkids**