

January vows set by couple

Kathryn Grace Orr, La Mirada, Calif., and 2nd Lt. Jacob Mason Leichter, Clayton, are planning to be married Jan. 15 in La Mirada, Calif.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orr of La Mirada; Dennis Leichter of Clayton, and Elizabeth Jones of Anderson, Alaska.

Lieutenant Leichter is the grandson of Vene and Phyllis Leichter of Denver.

Miss Orr is a 2002 graduate of Biola University in La Mirada where she received a bachelor of arts in piano and a bachelor of music performance in French horn.

Lt. Leichter is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School



K. Orr and J. Leichter

and a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He earned a bachelor of science in military history.

Miss Orr is a private music teacher.

Lt. Leichter recently transferred from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., where he will be stationed for four years.

Couple plans October vows

Mindy Rogers and Eric Fleckenstein plan to be married on Oct. 2 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rogers of Selden, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fleckenstein of Jennings.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Golden Plains High School in Rexford. She is completing her degree at Fort Hays State University with a major in biology and secondary education.

Her fiancé graduated from Prairie Heights High School at Jennings in 1996. He is employed by D & L Trucking, Inc., and has a custom harvesting business.



E. Fleckenstein and M. Rogers

Disaster counties named

Decatur County is among 10 counties in Kansas which were declared primary agricultural disaster areas by the Secretary of Agriculture because of hail, high winds, tornadoes, excessive rain and flooding that occurred April 23-May 29.

The county was also declared an agricultural disaster area because of freezing conditions that occurred on April 7-May 15 and drought that occurred from Jan. 1 and continuing.

The designation was made on Aug. 20, making all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility

requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. The agency will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. The agency also has a variety of programs available, in addition, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity, as well as Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

For details, contact the county Farm Service Agency office, 475-3131.

Conservation sign-up begins

Sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program, the country's largest conservation program on private lands with a current enrollment of 34.8 million acres, began Monday and will run through Sept. 24.

The program protects cropland from erosion and preserves the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, the program safeguards surface water and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams, many of which are used for drinking water. Land enrolled in the federal program is devoted to re-

source-conserving vegetative cover, making the program a major contributor to more abundant wildlife in many parts of the country.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorized Conservation Reserve Program enrollment up to 39.2 million acres. Since there is a limit, landowners are encouraged to work with their Farm Service Agency office to maximize the environmental benefits the program offers.

For details, contact the Decatur County Farm Service Agency office at 475-3131.

Girl Staters to speak at Legion

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary will kick off the new year with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Kelly Olson and Liz Boyd will

report on their trip to Girls State following the meal. A short business meeting will follow. All members are urged to attend and dues will be accepted.

Photo exhibition at Logan

The Dane G. Hansen Museum will present "Visions for the Next Millennium, Wilderness Photography — Focus on Preservation," large format photographs by Clyde Butcher from Sept. 17 through Nov. 14.

Mr. Butcher's large format black and white photographs explore his personal relationship with the environment. The photographs chronicle some of America's most beautiful and complex ecosystems and draw the viewer into a relationship with nature.

He was honored recently with Florida's Artist Hall of Fame Award and chosen as Person of the Week on the ABC Peter Jennings evening news program. He has received the Heartland Community Service Award for his work in educating the people of Florida about the beauty of their state.

Museum hours are from 9-12 and 1-4, Monday through Friday; 9-12 and 1-5 Saturday, and Sunday and holidays, 1-5 p.m. There is no admission fee. For details, contact Lee Favre, director, at (785) 689-4846.

Maverick 4-H club meets

By JESSICA DELLERE

We had a great outcome in our fair exhibits. In our club, we have many entries that are eligible to go to state fair. We also had many blues and few reds. Everyone worked hard to get the ribbons.

The Maverick 4-H Club had a tremendous amount of supporters, which includes Tri-State Livestock of McCook; Dellere Farms; Farmers Bank and Trust; Decatur County Feed Yard; Farm Credit Union; Market Data Analysis; Raye's Grocery; Pauls Funeral Home; Hansen-Mueller; the Washboard; Oberlin Livestock; John's Realty; May Family Farms; High Plains Veterinary Service; Brad Marcuson, and Fredrickson Insurance.

The Maverick 4-H Cub would like to give a special thanks to those who supported them and other 4-H clubs.

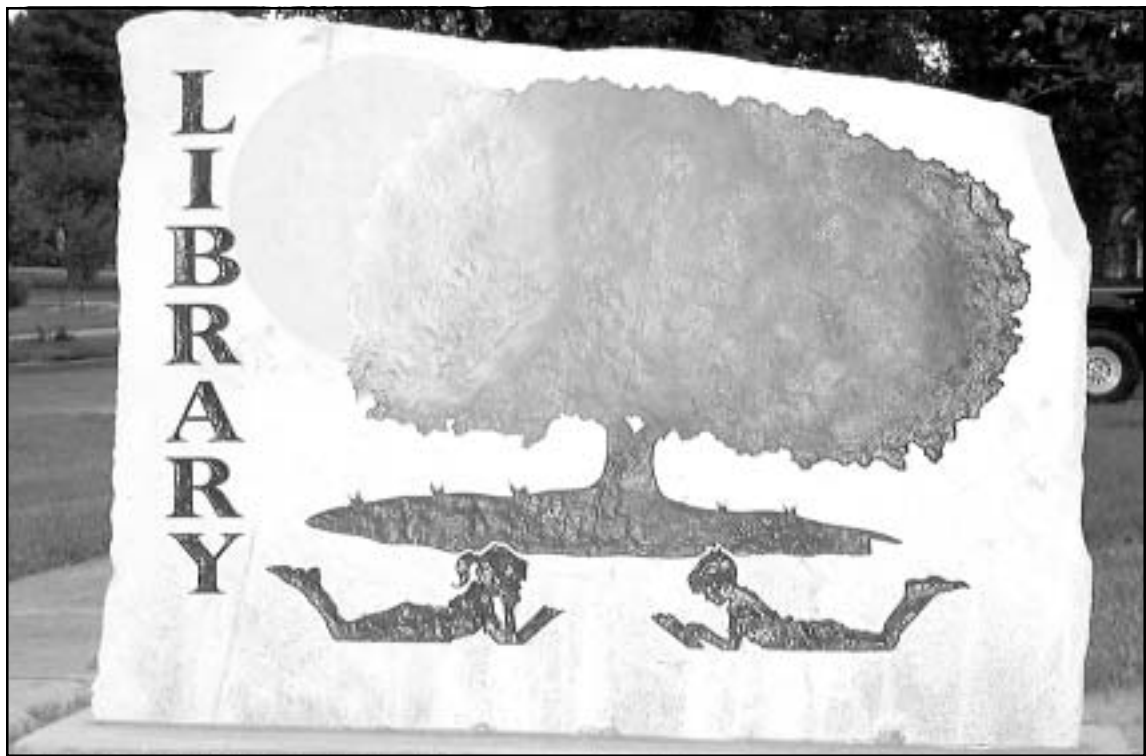
New Arrivals

Amie Lynne Cheney

Amanda Kay Cheney has a new sister, Amie Lynne Cheney, born Aug. 16 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Matt and Lyn Cheney, Rexford. Grandparents are Gary and Kay Cheney, Rexford; and Kathy Hertel, Bird City. Grace Cheney, Rexford, is her great-grandmother, and her great-great-grandmother is Fanny Peacock, Atwood.

Jayla Rose Rush

Clay and Jessica Rush of Colby are the parents of a daughter, Jayla Rose Rush, born Aug. 20 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. She has a brother, Jaren, 2. Grandparents are Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings; and Neal and Jolene Rush, Brewster. Great-grandparents are Frank Bouts, Selden; Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield; Rosie McKee, Colby; and Roland Rush, Levant.



A NEW SIGN has been installed at the Oberlin City Library. The sign, made by Sticks and Stones of Plainville, was built using gifts from the estates of Elizabeth Schrammel and Herman Schmahl, said Librarian Carol Smith.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Aglow sets west area fall retreat

Aglow International Kansas West Area Fall Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25, at the Country Kitchen, 2303 Vine Street, in Hays.

Featured speaker will be Marlene Henderson, a native of Kansas. She has over 20 years of experience in the communications industry, including public relations, media relations, marketing, writing for television, radio and newspapers. She has directed an inner city ministry for women in drug rehabilitation, providing education and counseling for women and children, and also

has had a television career producing and anchoring a nationally syndicated television news program for the Family Channel based in Virginia.

She recently resigned from pastoring a Kansas church for almost 10 years and is now focusing on mission work through "Brand New Images," a national and international program for at-risk women and girls, which she founded in 1991. She has also authored five books.

Registration will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday with the evening session to begin at 7 p.m. The Sat-

urday schedule includes: registration from 8-9 a.m.; morning session, 9 a.m. to noon; luncheon, noon to 1 p.m.; and afternoon session from 1-3 p.m.

Interested persons may send \$25 to Aglow, c/o Theresa Stoddard, 1003 DN. Jordan, Liberal, Kan., 67901, phone (620) 624-8025. Makes checks payable to Aglow. Registrations are due by Sept. 15. After this date, the fee is \$30. For details, contact Marlene Wasinger at (785) 625-5358.

Fiction novel nominated for prize

Colby writer Keith Coplin's novel, "Crofton's Fire," has been entered into competition for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for 2004.

Neil Nyren, senior vice president and editor-in-chief at G.P. Putnam and Sons, says Putnam is sponsoring the novel, released in January, in the competition.

Dr. Coplin has been an English instructor for many years at Colby Community College. His articles, short stories and poems have earned him several awards. "Crofton's Fire," his first novel, received favor-

able reviews from critics.

"Dr. Coplin's nomination for a Pulitzer prize by his publisher is a great testament to his talents," said Colby Community College President Mikel Ary. "He has spent a lifetime learning and crafting his abilities as a writer.

"His publisher honors him with this nomination just as Dr. Coplin does the college by being on our staff. I wish him well in the competition."

The Pulitzer Prize was established by New York publishing

magnate Joseph Pulitzer in 1904. Previous winners in the fiction category include William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee.

Asked about his chances of winning, Coplin said, "'Crofton's Fire' is a good book. I've got as good a chance as anyone else."

The novel is available in the Campus Bookstore in the Student Union on the Colby campus from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Too much couch time zaps energy

Weary students may want to head for the couch when they have some down time, but those soft cushions could zap their energy even more.

Regular physical activity makes people feel healthier and more energetic, not less. But this isn't intuitive, and parents often need to help kids make the connection. It can be challenging, but once kids get it, they're more likely to enjoy being active. Participating in activities together is one of the best ways to encourage family fitness without a boot-camp mentality.

Take your kids and their friends to a skating rink or a golf course, or organize a basketball game in the driveway or at a neighborhood court. Parents give their children the best kind of support when they do things with them.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Here are some more tips from researchers at the Children's Nutrition Research Center of the Baylor College of Medicine to help families get and stay moving:

- Buddy up. Ask a child to be your morning or afternoon "walking buddy." Walking is more fun and can be a special "together time" for parent and child. Families could participate in a Walk Kansas program as a team. Watch your newspapers to see when the next walking program comes along this fall.
- Focus on fun. Any activity that gets the family up and moving is worthwhile, whether it's a trip to the

zoo or dancing in the kitchen.

• Be creative. When walking, toss a Frisbee, bounce a ball back and forth, sing songs, or take turns telling tales that make each other laugh.

• Set goals. Buy inexpensive pedometers and have everyone tally their steps for a week. Challenge them to increase their steps by 10 percent each week.

• Track results. Post a chart on the refrigerator to track progress, such as steps per week or the number of days/hours spent doing some physical activity.

Family activities make positive family memories.




Come help Kurt celebrate his **50th** birthday on Wed. at Ward Drug Store.





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Happy 80th Birthday to Karolyn Muirhead

The family of Karolyn Muirhead wishes to honor her with an Open House for her 80th Birthday on Sunday, Sept. 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 223 S. Buffalo, Oberlin, KS.

No gifts please, your presence is all that is wished for.



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