



Shane and Amanda Johnson

## Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Amanda Michelle Chambers became the bride of Shane Louis Johnson on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, in the historic church of Belmont, Nev., a small silver mining ghost town north of Las Vegas.

Father Ken Curtis, Tonopah, Nev., officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with white pillar candles, which honored several grandparents.

Parents of the couple are Kay Chambers, Oberlin; Dave Chambers, Culbertson, Neb.; and Tedd and Lila Johnson, Paxton, Neb. Guests were seated to "Romantic Guitar" by Chopin.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Andrew Chambers, to "Canon in D," played by an acoustic guitar.

The bride chose an ivory matte satin gown fashioned with a chapel-length train, wrapping overskirt which was lightly adorned with crystal beading and accented with gold embroidery. The back was laced with an old-fashioned satin cord.

Honorary matron of honor was Annie Castle, Hays, who was unable to attend. Mistie Fisher-Roberts, Olathe, was matron of honor. The bride and matron of honor carried colonial bouquets of burgundy, crimson and copper roses, designed and created by the bride.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with pearl cuff links, which was worn by the bride's grandfather, Hughie Pollnow, on his wedding day. Christian Roberts, Olathe, served as best man. The bride also designed the boutonnières for the bridegroom, best man and her brother, Andrew Chambers.

The bridal party rode to and from the church on the mountainside in a Belmont-Manhattan Stage Coach, pulled by a team of horses. A reception and dinner followed at the Belmont Bed and Breakfast

and Monitor Inn. The bridal table and guest tables were covered with white linen tablecloths which were scattered with fall leaves and centered with white candles in crystal holders and antique china.

The couple's serving table was decorated with fall leaves and white candles in crystal holders. It was centered with a two-tier cheese cake topped with fresh strawberries. The guests were served a braised beef point buffet-style supper with champagne and wine.

Champions for the wedding were Kay Chambers, Andrew Chambers, Luetta Pollnow, and Sam and Diana Steinmetz, Oberlin; Dave and Patti Chambers, Culbertson, Neb.; Tedd and Lila Johnson, Paxton, Neb.; Kate and Taye Schuff, Sutherland, Neb.; Jim and Bonnie Brothe, Stoney Point, N.Y.; Henri and Bertie Berg, Stan and Barb Galvin, and Paula and Tom Kniefl, Belmont, Nev., and Jim Marsh and friend, Senator Sandra Tiffany, Henderson, Nev.

A rehearsal barbecue was hosted by Tedd and Lila Johnson, and Tay and Kate Schuff, in Belmont. Music was provided by Jim Marsh, Henderson, Nev.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She attended Fort Hays State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interior Design. She is a graphic designer for the *Dodge City Daily Globe*.

The bridegroom graduated in 1996 from Paxton Consolidated Schools. He also attended Fort Hays State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is a sales associate for McGuire Chevrolet and Cadillac of Dodge City.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, they are at home at 1300 10th Ave., Dodge City, Kan., 67801.

around \$400, and will be very beneficial in the cost of the mats. There are several types of mats that will still be needed, and any individual, business or organization who would like to help may contact Mrs. Rouse at (785) 475-8987.

According to Robyn Rouse, instructor, the value of the gift is

## Club News

### Columbus Day observed

Monday Evening Club observed the Columbus Day holiday with a patriotic program when they met on Oct. 11 at the home of Jody Betts. Arian Arnold was co-hostess.

Members were attired in patriotic dress and answered roll call by telling of a politician they admired. Shirley Popp of Hoxie was a guest.

Guest speaker Joanne Emerick, who teaches history and government at Hoxie High School, presented a program on Vietnam and the lasting effect which it had on the military personnel stationed there; also their family members and the nation. The slide show on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial had been prepared by several of her students for entry in National History Day. It was shown at regional and state levels and selected for the national contest held in Washington, D.C.

She recommended the book, "Shrapnel in the Heart" by Laura

Palmer, a collection of letters and remembrances left at the Vietnam Memorial, which brings out the fact that the outcome of the war was not the fault of the men who fought there. She will be available to do informational programs on other topics researched in recent years after her retirement in 2005.

Plans were finalized to decorate a Christmas tree at the museum using bears donated by each member. They will later be given as gifts and they are to be brought to the November meeting in a gift bag.

Refreshments included ice cream served with pumpkin spice cookies, made from a recipe belonging to Teresa Heinz Kerry, and chocolate chip cookies made from a recipe from Laura Bush.

The club will meet on Nov. 8 for a tour of the book bindery in Selden.

### Gymnastics program given

Seventeen members of Pi Alpha Club met Oct. 11 at the Old Bohemian Hall, where Robyn Rouse, gymnastics teacher, was a guest.

She told of the purpose and goals of the Creative Movement Gymnastics organization, in which 49 students are presently enrolled. Six young gymnasts were present to demonstrate what they are learning. They were Dani Rouse, Kelsey May, Sierra Lohofener, Sammy Meitl, Lara Zodrow, Kayley May; also Kasey May, assistant. Purple leotards are their chosen apparel.

Following the program, Janette Votapka, hostess, read "A Beautiful Day" for devotions; also "Farmer's Comments About Words to Live By."

The club voted to pay for one weekly ad for the Sunflower Cinema; also a \$10 donation will be made to the gymnastics program. Eunice Martin won the hostess gift.

The Oct. 25 meeting will be at the home of Joan and Kristy Evans.

### Interfaith study given

Angie Wilson presented the program, "Interfaith Study," when nine members of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at The Gateway, due to muddy roads. She used different shapes of candles and vases to represent how all are different in size and culture background, but can blend together.

Hostesses were Coleen Rippe and Charissa Huff.

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## Scholarship deadline set

Commander Paul Corcoran of the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars said that the deadline for this year's Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition for high school students will be Monday, Nov. 1.

The contest is sponsored by the Herndon post and its auxiliary.

Area high school students can compete in the 58th annual rural essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington, and other awards.

Students begin by entering a 3-5

minute recorded tape or CD on the theme, "Celebrating our Veterans Service" to the post. Post winners advance to district competition, and nine district winners in Kansas compete at the state level, then the state winner will enjoy a four-day tour of Washington.

All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 National Scholarship, but any one could win the \$25,000 first-place award.

Students should call Mr. Corcoran at (785) 475-2465. For information, go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

## Adult band may be formed

There has been an interest shown in forming a band in the area for adults (18 and over) who have completed high school.

Tentative plans are to meet from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays at the Decatur Community High School band room in Oberlin.

All those in the area who may be

interested are asked to contact Neal Russell at (785) 475-3371 or leave a message on his answering machine, with their name, address, phone number and instrument. Musicians who play low brass and do not have an instrument may also contact Mr. Russell as there are a few available.

## New Arrival

### Harley Grace Rowilson

Dawn LaRue and Jeff Rowilson of Jennings are the parents of a daughter, Harley Grace Rowilson, born Oct. 17, 2004, at Decatur County Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 5.9 ounces and was 18 1/2

inches long. Grandparents are Tony and Marlene LaRue, Jennings; and Larry and Zoa Rowilson, Oakley. Great-grandparents are Ray and Virginia LaRue, Jennings. Among other great-grandparents are the late Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet.



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The Decatur County Health Department will be doing a Mini Health Fair, which will be the blood draws only, on October 25 and 26, 2004 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

You must be fasting for these tests.  
Will be taking appointments

For More Information Call  
The Decatur County Health  
Department at (785) 475-8118.



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October 24, 2004



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starting at 5 p.m.  
(Free will donations accepted)

Bazaar to follow at 7 p.m.

### COME JOIN THE FUN! 25TH ANNUAL

## SCAVENGER HUNT

October, 23rd 7:00 p.m.

MEET AT THE BANDSHELL

\$5 PER PERSON

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