



Ben and Kelsey Rhodes

## Couple exchange vows at First Christian Church

Kelsey Spresser and Ben Rhodes were married on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Hoxie. Officiating was Pastor Lane Purcell.

Parents of the couple are Dennis and Shawn Spresser, and Jeff and Sheila Rhodes.

Music was provided for the ceremony by the Christner Family string quartet of McCook. Vocalists were Shelly Nordyke, Westcliffe, Colo., aunt of the bride; and Bruce Sanders, Arapahoe, Neb., friend of the couple.

The bride wore a two-piece wedding gown which featured a scalloped neckline and waistline edged with fully embellished embroidery and beading. The bodice was strapless and frosted with floral appliques. The separate multi-layered circular tulle skirt featured matching embroidery around the full hemline and the chapel-length train, as well as elaborate scattered beading. Her attire was completed with diamond tiara and sequin-trimmed veil.

Maid of honor was Courtney Albers, friend of the bride, and her attendants were Katelyn Spresser, sister of the bride; Abbie Miller, friend of the bride, and Nickie Rhodes, sister of the bridegroom. They wore two-piece eggplant floor-length gowns.

The flower girls were Lilly and Macy Schamberger, daughters of Mark and Lanae Schamberger, friends of the bride. Lilly wore a tea-length, white tulle gown, fashioned with pearls and sequins, matching the bride's. Macy wore an eggplant satin dress, with ornate stitching and beading.

Best man was Chris McKenna, friend of the bridegroom; and groomsmen were Ryan Miller, Russell Miller and Ben Bird, friends of the bridegroom. The bridegroom and his attendants wore black tuxedos, accented with silver vests and ties.

Ringbearer was Kade Spresser, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Dusty Spresser, cousin of the bride; Adam Sabatka, friend of the bride; and Jarod Foster and Dave Givens, friends of the bridegroom.

Candlelighters were Kendra Spresser, sister of the bride; and Ivonn Vargas, friend of the bride.

Wedding guests enjoyed a supper, reception and dance at the Leoville Parish Center in Leoville.

After a honeymoon trip to the Sangre De Cristo Mountains, they are at home in La Grange, Wyo., where they attend Frontier School of the Bible.

## Club News

### Calico Gals observe 60th

Fourteen members of the Calico Gals met for a luncheon on Oct. 20 at the LandMark Inn to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the club.

Roll call included memories of past meetings and reminiscing.

Three charter members, Lora Zwickle, Bette Hackney Grout,

and Opal Bryan, were presented with gifts. Another charter member, Goldie Anderson, of Caldwell, Idaho, was unable to attend.

The next meeting will be a potluck dinner at noon at the United Church on Nov. 17 with husbands as guests.

### Royal Neighbors entertain

Oberlin Royal Neighbors Vanity Fair Camp entertained on Saturday at Cedar Living Center in observance of "Make a Difference Day."

Members Edna Mott, Nadean Stoney and Lois Lamb took dozens to residents and their guests and all enjoyed a social afternoon.

## Vows read in Tulsa

Mika Walker and Jared Walters were married on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Kirkland Chapel at Camp Roughridge, in Tulsa, Okla.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Pat Walker; Randy Walters and Janice Walters.

A reception and dance followed at the Hampton Inn.

After a honeymoon to Cancun they are making their home at 1406 S. Trenton in Tulsa.

Those attending the wedding from Oberlin were Randy Walters, Janice Walters, Timmarie Walters, Jim Ferguson, and Marie Mc-



Mika and Jared Walters

Kisson; also Michael Hunt, Mesa, Ariz.

## Vows said in Oklahoma

In a candlelight ceremony at dusk on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Christ the Redeemer Church in Tulsa, Okla., Kara Anne Davison became the bride of Clinton Howard. Officiating was the Rev. John Raddatz.

Parents of the couple are Dale and Cheryl (McKay) Davison, Tulsa, Okla., and Jimmy Howard and Kittie Williston, Idabel, Okla.

Escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white gown flowing into a train which cascaded down the back, and a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of pastel roses.

Kendra Davison, Allen, Texas; and Keely Davison, Houston, Texas, were bridesmaids for their sister. Other attendants were Jodi Baker, Tulsa; Amy Calmus, Fayetteville, Ark.; Aimee Laney, and Sara Pirnak, Tulsa. They wore black tea-length gowns accented with pink and carried bouquets of pastel roses. A bouquet was placed on the altar for the late Amber Rogers, friend of the bride, who was the victim of a bank robbery.

Flower girls were Sarah Brewster, Atlanta, Ga., cousin of the bride; and Hannah Moriarty, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Best man was the bridegroom's father, Jimmy Howard; and Jason



Kara Anne Howard

Busher and Chat Williams, Norman, Okla.; Zap Carr, Atlanta, Ga.; and Michael Davis, Idabel, Okla.

Ushers were Jason Brewster, Atlanta, Ga.; Chris Balthrop, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; and Richie Blewitt, Clay Balthrop, nephew of the bridegroom, was ringbearer.

Grandmothers attending included Phyllis McKay, Jenks, Okla.; Laverne Willis and Ona Smith, Idabel, Okla.

A reception followed at the Five Oaks Lodge in Tulsa.

The bride received her Doctorate Degree in Pharmacy from Oklahoma University. She is employed in a private clinic in Norman, Okla.

The bridegroom received his Masters Degree in Personal Fitness and is self-employed in Norman.

They are making their home in Norman, Okla.

## Christian programs set

Jon and Helen Jenkins will be the ministers for the "Heartland Restoration" conference to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, and at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Lunch will be available on Saturday.

The couple has been married over 30 years and their three sons are also Bible College graduates and are in full-time ministry positions. They are ordained with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and live in Troutman, N.C.

They were pastors for 25 years and resigned from their church in Tampa, Fla., in 1996, to pursue God's calling to the church at large.

They work with the League of Ministers and Churches and area sponsors are Redeeming Love Church in Hoxie and Courts of Praise of Atwood. There is no admission charge.

For details, contact Bishop W.G. Romine II at (785) 675-9926, or the Rev. Kent Morgan, (785) 626-3705.

## Senator coming to Colby

Sen. Sam Brownback will talk with voters at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Hank's Cafe, 118 E. 17th Street in Goodland, and at 8:45 a.m. at the Quality Inn in Colby, 1940 S. Range.

The senator will be sharing his thoughts on jobs, security and values and will answer questions.

For information, go to [www.brownback.com](http://www.brownback.com) or call (785) 271-8600.



Michelle and Ryan Wolf

## Olson-Wolf vows read at Lutheran Church

Michele M. Olson and Ryan D. Wolf were married on Saturday, July 31, 2004, in Christ Lutheran Church at Lincoln, Neb. The Rev. S.T. Williams Jr. officiated.

Parents of the couple are Lowell and Shelley Olson, Brule, Neb.; Rod and Barb Wolf, Ogallala, Neb.; and Douglas and Patricia Brown, Oberlin.

Honored guests were the couple's grandparents, Carol Olson, Brule, Neb.; Larry and Fay Gallentine, Ogallala, Neb.; Art and Dolores Oelkers, Elwood, Neb.; and Howard Wolf, Gilbert, Ariz.

Jayne Eichner, Hays, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were English Brodbeck, Florence, Ala.; Jamie Guenin and Jessica Svoboda, both of Omaha; and Ashley Wolf, Scottsdale, Ariz., sister of the bridegroom.

Joel List, Hays, and Jake List, Memphis, Tenn., served as best men. Groomsmen were Jeremy Smith, Wellington, Colo.; Brandon Cain, Northglenn, Colo.; and Shane Tilson, Elwood, Neb., cousin of the bridegroom.

Ushers were Matt Tilson, Elwood, Neb., and Andy Weekly, Hickman, Neb., cousins of the

bridegroom; and Chris Laflan, Kansas City, cousin of the bride.

Skyler Brown, Oberlin, sister of the bridegroom, and Emma Weekly, Hickman, Neb., cousin of the bridegroom, were flower girls.

Candlelighters were Kimberly Hanson, Hickman, Neb.; and Matt Tilson, Elwood, Neb., cousins of the bridegroom.

Soloist was Corrin Weekly, Hickman, Neb., cousin of the bridegroom.

Programs were handed out by McKenna Oelkers, Kearney, Neb.; and Laura Dunlap, Omaha, cousins of the bridegroom; and Amber Gallentine, Ogallala, Neb.; cousin of the bride. Jessica and Jennifer Thompson, Loveland, Colo., cousins of the bride, were seated at the guest book.

Hosts for the evening were Jackie and Doug Hanson, Hickman, Neb., aunt and uncle of the bridegroom; Gwen and Terry Johnson, Maria and Kim Eichner, and Mindy Brodbeck, all of Ogallala, Neb.

A reception followed at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln.

After a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, they are at home in Springfield, Ill.

## Halloween piano recital held

Piano students of Cheryl Metcalf presented a Halloween recital on Sunday at The Gateway.

Those performing included Britta Noren, Jessica Fredrickson, Nolan Henningson, Jenny Hirsch, Taylor Macfee, Hunter Nedland, Chris Anderson, Miki Dorshorst, Heather Glodt, Zach May, Madison Monaco, Samantha Anderson, Molly

Jansonius, Joe Hirsch, Kariah Castle, Hannah May, Kelsey Mordecai, Caleb Koerperich, Gabe Anderson, Sarah Marcuson, Elizabeth Nedland, Kyle Breth, Jessica Bremer, David Noren, Michael Noren, Jacob Helm, Morgan Jansonius, and Cheyanne Soderlund. Ryan May and Mary Olson were unable to attend.

## Veterans Day program set

Oberlin Elementary School students will present a Veterans Day program in the gymnasium at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11.

The program will honor all veter-

ans and recognize their service to our country. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

For questions, call the school office at (785) 475-2122.

## Photographs on display

The black-and-white photographs of wildlife photographer Clyde Butcher are on display at the Dane G. Hansen Museum until Nov. 14.

Mr. Butcher's large-format photographs explore his personal relationship with the environment, chronicling some of America's most beautiful and complex ecosystems. His photographs range in size from 36x46 inches to 7x8 feet.

He has been honored with Florida's Artist Hall of Fame Award, chosen as Person of the Week by ABC television, has received the Heartland Community Service Award for his work in educating the

people of Florida about the beauty of their state; and has been honored by the Sierra Club with their Ansel Adams Award.

The show is part of a 12-city national tour developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Arts Services.

Museum hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. The museum is handicapped accessible and there is no admission fee. See the museum's website at [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

## High school art contest planned

Area high school students could win a \$10,000 art scholarship through the Patriotic Art contest, according to Monica Solko of Herndon, president of the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Students may enter art work on paper or canvas, no smaller than 8x10 inches and no larger than 18x24, not including mat. The work must have a patriotic theme.

Post winners advance to state level. The state winner receives a

\$200 U.S. Savings Bond and advances to the national contest, where they have a chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship. Local prizes will be plaques.

Deadline for entries to the Herndon auxiliary is April 1. Interested students and teachers should call Karen Bruning, patriotic art chairman, at (785) 322-5634. For details, go to [www.ladiesauxvfw.com/Patriotic%20Art%20Criteria.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.com/Patriotic%20Art%20Criteria.html).

## New Arrival

### Emma Abigail Wenger

Eric and Sunny Wenger of Norman, Okla., are the parents of a daughter, Emma Abigail, born Sept. 26, 2004. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. She

has a sister, Kate. Paternal grandparents are Evan and Cathy Wenger, Denton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Fern Wenger, and Phyll and Connie Cramer, Oberlin.

**A Nostalgic Christmas in Council Grove**

Council Grove Chamber of Commerce  
212 W. Main St.  
620-767-5413

This Holiday Season we invite you to stroll our friendly sidewalks, discover our unique shops, and enjoy a quaint shopping experience.

Council Grove Christmas Calendar of Events

**Candlelight Charm • Saturday, Nov. 6** (6 to 9 pm)  
Welcome the season with this local evening tradition. Candlelit stores glow as shoppers stroll about town. Carriage rides, strolling musicians and Dickens characters give that magical touch.

**Holiday Open House • Sunday, Nov. 7** (Noon to 4 pm)  
Stores will be open Sunday afternoons to show off their newest and best.

**Home for the Holidays • Nov. 26, 27, 28**  
Friendly merchants are eager to help you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Small town service & convenience make shopping a pleasure.

**Stocking Stuffer Specials • Dec. 11 & 12**  
Each store offers great prices and personal service to help shoppers stuff those stockings!

Happy  
18th  
Birthday!

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
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## RE-ELECT

### Ken Badsky

Decatur Co. Sheriff

- ✓ Associate Degree - Criminal Justice
- ✓ 23 years *Actual* experience
- ✓ 2000+ Hrs. Continuing Education
- ✓ Deep roots in Decatur County; DCHS Graduate
- ✓ Involved in many supportive levels in our community
- ✓ Concerned about the safety and well being for all of Decatur County

Your vote does make a difference  
I ask you for your support.

Paid for by Ken Badsky