

# People in Our Community

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**MX RACING IS MORE** than just a summer pastime for brothers Korey (left) and Kolten Ware of Gettysburg, S.D. The two spend nearly every weekend of the summer participating in motocross races, and also enjoy arena racing during the winter months. They are grandsons of Maralyn Courange of Traer and the late Irvan Courange. — Brad Ware photo

## Brothers share love of motocross

Korey and Kolten Ware of Gettysburg, S.D., spend much of their time on their favorite sport, motocross racing.

The boys are grandsons of Maralyn Courange of Traer and the late Irvan Courange. Their father, Brad Ware, is a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

A story, written by Molly McRoberts in the *Potter County News* at Gettysburg, tells of the fun the brothers have in the sport:

"Taking a position in the front of the pack is essential, since the track slims down to accommodate only a few abreast, and the rider settles in for some open racing, trying to get through turns, down straights and over jumps faster than the closest competition."

It's hard work. But what a rush. Korey and Kolten Ware said they know that feeling. For the past several years, the brothers have spent a good part of their summers traveling across the state to race.

It all started when they went to a race in North Dakota with a friend's family.

"It was really cool," said Kolten, who started racing when he was 8. Now at age 12, he's hooked. "I liked it right away, and it's really fun."

His older brother, Korey, 15, first hit the track with the motor bike when he was 10, starting on a Honda 50cc and 80cc 4-stroke. Now he rides a Kawasaki KX 85cc racing bike in competition, while Kolten kicks it with a Kawasaki 65cc.

"It's a lot of fun, but it's tiring, too," said Korey. "You can't help but feel nervous before the gate drops to start the race, and the adrenaline rush is really intense."

But he says there is more to

motocross, or MX racing, than the rush.

"We do this about every weekend during the summer and now we've started doing indoor arena racing in the winter, so we see a lot of the same people at the races," he said. "We've met kids who race from all across the state, and some from North Dakota, Wyoming, and Canada."

"We all keep in touch on the Internet and swap racing stories."

Friendships developed through the common interest of racing has been a real upside to the sport, he said.

But it has some downsides, too. Wrecks are inevitable. When a crash damages the bike and the race can't be finished, the Wares say that's one of the worst things that can happen. And, as with any sport, there is the risk of injury. A little road rash and an occasional broken bone are just part of the game and give the riders a reason to work harder and do better the next time.

MX racing appeals to a wide range of riders, male and female. Racers can start as young as kindergarten and race well into their 40s, and there is even a professional division. While the Wares have collected a nice assortment of trophies for their rides, their main stimulus is fun.

"In a sport where the participants want more 'jumps' and 'whoops' and 'tabletops,' you know it has to be fun," laughed their mother, Kim Ware, using race lingo to describe the contour of the track.

She follows the sport along with their father, Brad, and big sister Kaylee, making MX racing a family event.

"We load up the camper and head

to the races almost every weekend during the summer," said Brad, with Kim adding, "It's almost a carnival atmosphere. We set up camp and grill and visit. It's fun for all of us."

A day of racing could include nearly 400 bikes, which brings a lot of people into the arena between riders, family, and fans. A typical race day starts around 7 a.m. when riders sign up, do a practice run on the track, and wait for their division races, or "motos," to start.

Korey and Kolten are registered with the South Dakota Motocross Association and race with the numbers 206 and 205, respectively. Protective gear includes full-coverage helmets, shatterproof eye wear, sturdy boots, pants, gloves, and shirts with full-length sleeves.

"There's virtually no expense to putting in a track, but the returns are phenomenal," said Brad. "We go to races in towns the same size as Gettysburg all across the state and it really brings a lot into the communities."

"Families come to town and usually spend a night, eat and tour a little during their down time. It's really a great opportunity to add to the local economy."

MX race courses are made of dirt with no artificial structural additions to the track.

Both Korey and Kolten think MX racing is something to get excited about and they're quick to share their enthusiasm for the sport.

"It's an exciting way to meet people, win some trophies, improve our riding skills, and have fun," Korey said. "It's a great way to spend a weekend."

Jerald and Elaine Leitner visited from July 12 to 24 with Leona Ward, Clara and Ken Payne, and Jim Hastings in Ponca City, Okla. All are winter friends of the Leitners in Texas. They met their granddaughter, Terri Rice and Jameson of Bluffton, S.C., at the home of Lyle and Arlene Pummer in Ozark, Mo. Justin Rice was at church camp in Branson, Mo. They also visited Jack and Paula Hunt, gate watchers at Perry Lake, at Ozawkie, then spent two days with Jeremy and Karen Bryant, Jason and Ethan in Manhattan.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka returned home Monday afternoon after traveling for the past two weeks. They had attended the Winnebago Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa. Dale was a member of the Kansas team which took second in the bean bag baseball competition. En route to the rally, they visited Janice and Gordon Lanning in Gilmore City, Iowa, and en route home they spent a few days with their daughter and family, Drs. Pam and Eric Huerter, Finnegan, Maxwell and Jack at Lawrence.

Kay Danburg, Natasha and Ciarra of Grand Island, Neb., visited from Friday to Sunday with her parents, Don and Alene Scott, and the Lee Don Scott family.

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Cheryl Gibson of Denver came Thursday to visit her parents, Charles and Donna Lincoln. They all went to Grand Island, Neb., to join her husband, Ken Gibson, who is an engineer and was checking on a new hospital there. He accompanied them home and the Gibsons spent the weekend at the Lincoln home.

Nancy Bosler is recuperating from surgery, which she underwent on Wednesday. She returned home on Monday. Mail will reach her at 5640 N. Anna, Fresno, Calif., 93710.

Jim and Judy Gaumer of Oberlin met Clayton and Amy Erickson and Isabelle in Salina on Saturday for lunch. The Gaumers also visited Boyd and Thelma Bainter of Hutchinson, Bill and Ethlyn Tacha in Salina, and Betty and Carl Fitzgerald of Glen Elder.

Annette Hanschild and Alena of 29 Palms, Calif., are visiting their mother and grandmother, Deanna Hanschild, and their great-grandmother, Norma Richards.

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Josh Fortin, a 2006 Decatur Community High School graduate, has accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in agriculture to attend Fort Hays State University for the 2006-2007 academic year. He is the son of Jay and Shelli Fortin of Oberlin and plans to major in agriculture.

Word has been received from Don Dale that his wife's aunt, Lorraine Love, has moved to a skilled nursing facility. Mail will reach her at Cloisters of Mission Hills, No. 3B, 3680 Reynard Way, San Diego, Calif., 92103. She is a 1935 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Carol Morford attended a Mary Kay Seminar in Dallas, from July 23 to 26. During the seminar, she was crowned Queen of Sales and Miss Go-Give in her unit by her sales director and daughter, Jade (Morford) Wunderly of Olathe. At the National Awards Night, she and nine other consultants received a Top Girlfriend trip to Kansas City to be held from Dec. 8 to 10 from her national director.

Erin Olsen, 15, of Marlboro, N.J., is spending two weeks with John and Connie Simonsson. The couple met her last summer while on a cruise in Maine and she said she would like to visit Kansas. The Simonssons also plan to take her to the Decatur County Fair. She flew into McCook on Thursday.

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Lyman Black returned home last Tuesday from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., where he was taken after suffering a heart attack on Aug. 19. His wife, Sharon, and their family were with him for the surgery.

Mrs. Billy Van Sickle and her son, Billy Fred and Judi Van Sickle, and two daughters of Osceola, Mo. came Saturday to visit relatives. They were overnight guests of Norma Richards. Additional guests for a barbecue that evening at her home were Vi Foster and Pat Hall of Jennings, and Gary and Marsha Richards, and Deanna Hanschild and Annette Hanschild and Alena.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Doris Gilbert, Max Carman, Kelva Dryden, Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman, and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko, Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Doris Miller, Floyd Edgett and Wilma May. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Barb Solko and Floyd Edgett. Bridge winners were Phyllis Lohofener, Ila Ray, Beth Sebaugh and Carol Shirley.

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Jerald and Elaine Leitner visited Thursday evening with Karla Sullivan and Jerad, and Dustin and Katrina Sullivan and Talyn at Colby.

Gus and Elsie Wolters enjoyed the wedding of Jessica Marks and Lance Stegman on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salina. Their granddaughter, Lacy Wolters, was maid of honor.

### Carnival Schedule ----- Volunteers are still needed! Call Vicky Ray at 475-3351 or Stop by Ray Jewelry

	Tuesday Aug 8	Wednesday Aug 9	Thursday Aug. 10	Friday Aug. 11	Saturday Aug. 12
Baseball Toss	Volunteer Needed Haag	P. Whetzel Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	P. Whetzel Volunteer Needed	D. Huff Taryn
Birthday Wheel	J. Diederich Volunteer Needed	A. Marshall M. Jones	M. Jones T. Shaughnessey	S. Wurm T. Ashley	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Break-A-Plate	V. Lippelmann Pratts	C. Simonsson Pratts	D. Pauls Hartzog/D. Olson	J. Stanley D. Olson	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Darts	Pam Simonsson Geishler/Stallman	P. Simonsson Jacque Anderson	Volunteer Needed Geishler/Stallman	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Duck Pond	Aquarius Club	L. Glaze Volunteer Needed	L. Glaze Roxie/Bernice	Good Samaritan	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Fishing Pond	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	T. Ashley Ila & Tillie	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	S. Stacy Good Samaritan	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Hi-Striker	Gun Club	Gun Club	Antique Club	Volunteer Needed R. Pauls	D. Horn Volunteer Needed
Kid Swings	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Stanley Hardware	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Lollipop Tree	M. Jones W. May	Modern Woodmen	S. Wurm C. Olson	M. Jones Good Samaritan	Solko Teresa S.
Moonwalk	Faith Lutheran Church	M. Jones L. Rippe	Volunteer Needed M. Jones	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Outhouse Alley	P. Roe R. & S Olson	Farmers Bank & Trust	The Bank	Shriners Shriners	R. S. Olson Volunteer Needed
Soda Can	PEO Club	DPW DPW	Faith Lutheran Church	Faith Lutheran Church	Shriners Shriners
Sinko	Alif Be Khe	Alif Be Khe	Decatur County Co-op	PI ALPHA	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Plinko	C&L Smith D. Moore	Parks/Sauvage Volunteer Needed	I. Ray/Ann Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Ric-O-Chet	Monday Evening Club	American Legion	Oberlin Knights	American Legion	American Legion
Kiddie Cars	Metcalf Ila & Mary	V. Lippelmann Volunteer Needed	H. Votapka Volunteer Needed	H. Votapka Volunteer Needed	J. Reichert Volunteer Needed

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