

# Couple plans October wedding

Malorie Wurm of Staplehurst, Neb., and Chad Gregory of Garrison, Neb., are engaged and plan to be married Saturday, Oct. 14, in Seward, Neb.

Parents of the couple are Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb., but formerly of Oberlin, and Kevin and Deb Gregory, Garrison, Neb.

Grandparents of the couple are Pat and Dennis Wurm, and Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin, and the late Richard Gamblin; and Bill and Pat Town, Omaha, and Lois Gregory, Lincoln, Neb., and the late Dr. Ralph Gregory.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of



Chad Gregory, Malorie Wurm

Seward High School and is employed at KV Vet Supply in David City, Neb.

Her fiance is a 1999 graduate of David City High School and is employed at Midland Supplies in Lincoln, Neb.

# Surprise party held

Laurene Van Otterloo was honored with a surprise birthday dinner on Saturday at the Golden Age Center. Hosts were her daughter, Carol Genthens, and step-son Larry Van Otterloo Sr.

Those present included: Marilyn Tophane and Bryan, Ron Bryan, Kassia and Emily, Rod and Kem Bryan, Brandon and Laura Bryan, Elden and Detta Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Tina Wesch, Verna Mae Anderson, Vic and Opal Bryan, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Rick and Sheri Van Otterloo, Sue Peyton, Leslie Ward, Marie Vacura, Elaine Bryan, Carolyn Miller, Jan Anthony, Joel Shaw and Pastor Doug Hasty.

# Anger class planned

A 14-week men's anger management/violence intervention and prevention class will begin at 8 p.m. on Monday through the office of Cora Berry, licensed professional counselor, of McCook.

The class covers topics, including sources of anger, identification of anger, healthy ways to deal with anger, power and control in relationships, stress management, emotions communications and domestic violence prevention. The class will be taught by Kathy Haas, who has 21 years of experience in teaching anger management.

For details or to make a referral, call Mrs. Berry at (308) 345-1429.

# Christian women to meet

Martha Fellure of Fort Collins, Colo., will talk about "Clearer Image" when the McCook Christian Women's Club meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at the Chief Poolside, 612 West B Street.

Ms. Fellure has lived throughout the United States, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Mike Milbauer will sing and play the keyboard.

For reservations, call Dollie at (308) 345-4011 or Rose at (308) 345-1191 by next Wednesday.

# Essay contest set by lodge

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas is sponsoring its 48th annual essay contest for Kansas public high school juniors and seniors. Topic is "How is trade with China affecting life in America?"

Winners of local contests will compete for state scholarships, good only at a state university, junior college or vocational-technical school.

A total of \$12,000 will be awarded in prizes. First-place winner will receive \$4,000; second place, \$3,000; third place, \$2,000; and fourth place, \$1,000. Four honorable mentions will receive \$500 each.

Essays, 500 words or less, must be submitted by Nov. 1. For details, call Harold Nichols of the Mountain Slope Masonic Lodge at (785) 475-2387.

# Book festival planned

The Kansas Book Festival will make its debut at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium in Wichita from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, says Oberlin librarian Carol Smith.

Created to showcase the state's literary talent, the free event will work around the theme "Celebrating Books, Art and Kansas Heritage." It is open to the public.

The festival will celebrate Kansas by exploring the books, arts, films and history of the state. Three stages will showcase continuous performances, readings and workshops.

# Good to the very last drop!



AFTER TAKING A SECOND LOOK, Teresa Diederich of Oberlin discovered a skunk running around in the southwest part of Oberlin recently with an A & W cup snugly covering his nose. She snapped his picture, but chose not to take any chances by giving the skunk a little help in removing it. Several motorists on south U.S. 83 said they swerved to miss the little varmint earlier that morning.

— Teresa Diederich photo

# Leitners gather for family reunion

Descendants of Lawrence and Theresia Leitner held their 57th reunion on Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Republican River Valley Event Center in McCook. Hosts were the Ed Leitner family.

Thirty-five family members attended, with four guests. After table grace by Scott Hodson, a covered dish noon meal was enjoyed. The 30th wedding anniversary of Kevin and Julie Schiessler was recognized and a gift was presented to them by Janet Nitschke. She also read the minutes from the previous year.

Royce Leitner was master of ceremony and reminisced on "Years gone by" mentioning several first generation families and recalling

experiences with them. Several family members also shared memories. Congratulations was extended to Jerald and Elaine Leitner on the birth of their great-granddaughter, making it the first girl born in their family in 18 years. Her name is Taly Nicole and her parents are Dustin and Katrina Sullivan of Colby. Several other new additions to the Leitner family were recorded.

Those present included Dale and Peggy Poore, Gary and Carolyn Leitner, Elmer Leitner, Pat McConville, Barney and Lola Leitner, DeLynna Schilz and Judy Hodson, McCook; Don and Nona Leitner, Boulder, Colo.; Bud and Janet Nitschke, Cambridge, Kan.;

Kevin, Julie, Chris and Haley Schiessler, Herndon;

Jerald and Elaine Leitner and Royce and Vicky Leitner, Oberlin; Lanny Leitner, North Platte, Neb.; Craig Grove, Arapahoe, Neb.; Jamie, Teresa, Katie and Jacob Hodson, Blue Hill, Neb.; Scott, Carol and Maleah Hodson, Jason, Vanessa and Taeya Berry, Kearney, Neb.; Corey Johnson, Belleville; Vivian and Marlon Berry, Imperial, Neb.; and Don and Connie Grove, Edison, Neb.

The next reunion will be hosted by the Louise Kelly family, Peggy and Dale Poore and Pat Hoehner and families.

# Reunion held at The Gateway

The 58th annual Wurm family reunion was held Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin with 69 members and friends signing the guest book.

A potluck dinner was served at noon following the prayer by Gene Fisher, son of Helene (Wurm) Fisher. Mrs. Fisher conducted the meeting which followed. The minutes were read by Jeanette Diederich, secretary. Mabel Zimmerman, 87, was the oldest member present, and Ashlyn Madron, 13 months, daughter of Lance and Lindsay Madron, was the youngest.

Those present by families included:

George Wurm family: Beverly and Gene Witt, Gary and Thelma Witt and Kelcie, Darel Witt, Steven and Michael, Jan Mowry and Terry, Bruce and Cindy Howe and Marc, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Lance and Lindsay Madron and Ashlyn, Ed Witt, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Ben and Shannon Richardson, Doyle and Julie Richardson and Tyler, Steve and Anita Hirsch, Jennifer and Joe, Dennis and Pat Wurm, Charlie and Sharon Wurm and Kiefer, and Chad

and Malorie Gregory and Savannah.

Lizzie Haas family: Eldon Haas. Matt Wurm family: Wayne and Helene Fisher, Gene and Claire Fisher and Lawrence, Bus and Carolyn Wurm, Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Rachel Wurm, Darrin and Joan Glading, Katie, Matt and Ben. Andy Wurm family: Mabel Zimmerman, Larry and Linda (Wurm) Gazda, Owen Wilson. Bill Wurm family: Eldred and Lorraine Wurm. John Wurm family: Arlo and Bonnie Wurm, Stanton and Rochelle Wurm, Alexandria and Victoria.

# Family reunion held in Jennings

The 12th annual family reunion of the descendants of Emery and Mary Moore Jennings was held at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on Sunday.

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Bill, Earl, Ira, Franklin, Marjorie, Maria, Pearl, and Lucy met for a potluck dinner. The afternoon was spent learning about the family history, looking at photos, visiting, and taking pictures.

Present were Bonnie Core, Tulsa, Okla.; Donna Stratman, Pueblo, Colo.; Glen and Pauline Eaton, Salina; Dennis Kathka, Danbury; Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook; Duane Kathka, North Platte, Neb.; Jody Skidmore and Christina, Aurora, Neb.; Nadean Stone, Jerry and Waunita Stoney, Jeremy Stoney, James and Delores Jennings, Oberlin; John and Agnes Urban, Wilma Kathka, Marvin Urban, Tresta and Rachel, Colby; Joyce Honeyman and Marion Baker, McCook; Tammy Musgrave and Ryan Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; Erin Musgrave, Chadron, Neb.; Eric Musgrave, Omaha; Crystal Hansen,

Columbus, Neb.; Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; and Eugene and Dona Mrstik, and Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings.

The reunion next year will be held

again at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings Sept. 2 with Lawrence and Lila Jennings as hosts.

# Couple honored on 50th

The family of Don and Gerry Neff of Oberlin helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the lake house of Tom and Chris Neff at Marion over Labor Day weekend.

Don Neff of Selden and Geraldine Miller of Dresden were married on Aug. 21, 1956, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. They made their home on a farm near Selden until moving to Oberlin in 1999.

A Hawaiian luau was enjoyed on Sunday and an anniversary cake,

baked by Jackie Schulte, was shared with neighbors on the way to the fireworks on the lake.

Those attending included Kevin and Christie Rasure, Goodland; Mark and Debbie Jennings, Wichita; Mike Neff and Jackie Schulte, Selden; Tom and Chris Neff, Marion; Jim and Tara Neff, Wamego; Kayla Rasure, and Mallory and Jordan Jennings, Wichita; Elliott Gillespie, Gardner; Aaron Gillespie and Tara Ward, Hays; and Darius and Elora Neff, Wamego.

# Shower honors two brides

A double bridal shower was held Saturday for cousins Stacie Gamblin of Rossville, and Malorie Wurm of Staplehurst, Neb., at the meeting room of the Decatur County Health Department.

Hostesses were Diana Gamblin, Connie Miller, and Tammi Engel. Stacie Gamblin will become the bride of Greg Coyle on Saturday, Nov. 25, and Malorie Wurm will marry Chad Gregory on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Those attending were Stacie Gamblin, Emily Coyle, Rossville;

Malorie Wurm, Savannah Gregory, Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Alvina Gamblin, Marilyn Gamblin, Diana Gamblin, Connie Miller, Pat Wurm, Jeanette Diederich, Anita Hirsch, Dianne Bremer, Karen Waterman, Leanna Bryan, Maria Sanden, Mandi and Madison Fick, Carol Witt, all of Oberlin; Penny Coyle, Pueblo, Colo.; Tammi Engel, Colby; Millie Matchett, Norcat; Delpha, Anna, Jaelyn and Juliann Sis, Atwood; and Charissa Huff, Lebanon, Neb.

# Adult classes offered in Colby

Friends University will offer a 13-month degree completion program for those who started college but never finished beginning in September at Colby Community College.

The organizational management and leadership program is an upper-level degree completion program designed for students with about half the credits needed for a college degree. The business-oriented curriculum explores functions of management, organizational research and behavior, interpersonal communications and human resource management.

The class will meet for 13 months on Thursday evenings. This format will make it possible for students to

continue working while attending classes, said Jon Cressler, director of outreach programs at Friends.

Students may qualify for the bachelor's program with around 62 hours of previous college work. Many students are eligible for up to 30 credit hours for prior learning experience, including training, job or practical experience in fields including real estate, the military, nursing, insurance, emergency services and banking.

For details, call Mr. Cressler at (800) 794-6945 extension 5697 or e-mail cressler@friends.edu.

# Community service planned

The Decatur County Ministerial Association will sponsor a community-wide combined church service with music at 10 a.m. at the bandshell in the Oberlin City Park on Sunday.

A potluck dinner will follow the hour-long service. Bring lawn chairs and a covered dish, meat, vegetable or dessert. Fun activities will follow.

Everyone is welcome.

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## New Arrival

**Koy Alan Smith**

Kirby and Joni Smith of Park City are the parents of a son, Koy Alan, born Aug. 15, 2006, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a big brother, Kacen, 20 months. Grandparents are John and Luanne Smith, Brookville, and Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings. Great-grandparents are Tom and Esther Likes, Salina; Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield; and Frank Bouts, Selden.

Harold "Bob" and Neoma (Kusy) Tacha, Jennings, Kansas will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 17, 2006. A reception in their honor will be held at the Jennings City Hall from 2-4 p.m. Hosts for the reception are their children, Roger Tacha and wife Peggy, Oakley and Royal Tacha and wife Gayle, Hoxie.

Grandchildren of the couple are Dustin Tacha, Hays, Ashley Brown and husband, Jeff, Park, and Garrett Tacha, Hoxie. Step Grandchildren are Hannah and Ethan Brown, Park.

"Bob" and Neoma were married September 14, 1946, at the Methodist Church in Jennings.

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