

October wedding planned

Lori Vahling and Martin Kollman of Hays plan to be married on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the First United Methodist Church in Hays. They became engaged on the beaches of Cancun, Mexico.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jennings High School, Hutchinson Community College, and Fort Hays State University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design. She is employed as a graphic designer in Hays, and is the granddaughter of Alberta Ritter of Dresden, and Allie and Ruth Vahling of New Almelo.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stock-



Martin Kollman and Lori Vahling

ton High School and Fort Hays State University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Employed at Fort Hays State University, he is the grandson of Gerald Bretz of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Couple sets fall nuptials

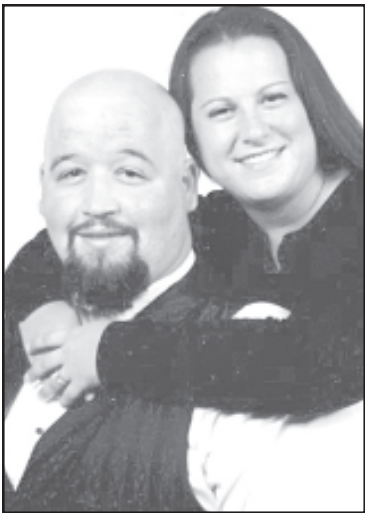
Wedding to be in Oberlin

Kristin Groneweg and Doug da Silva plan to marry on Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Lynn and Kristen Groneweg of rural Selden, and Wayne and Linda da Silva of Kallispell, Mont.

The bride-to-be works for Emphysis Medical Management as an account manager for the Outpatient Diagnostic Center in Enid, Okla.

Her fiancé is an oil field surveying foreman for Cleere Design in Enid.



Doug da Silva and Kristin Groneweg



LeRoy and Sharon Stevenson.

Couple exchange vows in afternoon ceremony

Sharon Mockry of Oberlin and LeRoy Stevenson of Moorhead, Minn., were married at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Assembly of God Church in McCook. Officiating was the Rev. Gregory Thee, Moorhead, nephew of the bride, and Eddie Wright, pastor of the McCook church.

Parents of the couple are Edwin and Doris Black, Oberlin, and the late Leola Black, and the late Melford and Dora Stevenson.

Amber Lorentz, Lincoln, Neb., great-niece of the bride, was pianist. She accompanied Ronda Pinkerman, Omaha, daughter of the bride, as she sang, "This is the Day," and Lyn Reynolds, Oberlin, nephew of the bride, who sang, "The Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin crepe gown fashioned with a fitted bodice and embroidered cape. She wore a pearl necklace, a gift from the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of roses. Her gown was made by Jeanine Reynolds, sister-in-law of the bride.

Mrs. Pinkerman was her mother's

matron of honor. Janice Johnson, Gardner, N.D., daughter of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. They wore long aqua fitted gowns and carried bouquets of pink roses.

Flower girls were Abby and Mia Rey Pinkerman, granddaughters of the bride. They wore pink satin dresses with net overlay, which were also made by Jeanine Reynolds.

Bob Stevenson, Eureka, Nev., served his father as best man. Another son, Jon Stevenson, Fargo, N.D., was groomsmen.

A reception followed at the church annex with Nancy Collins, McCook, in charge. The bride's cake was cut by Suzy Stevenson, daughter-in-law of the bridegroom, and Twila Scott, Wathena, cut the bridegroom's cake. The cakes were made by Karen Anderson, McCook. Leona Nelson and Lois Jane Beneda, McCook, also assisted with the serving. Jeanine Reynolds was seated at the guest book.

After a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, they are making their home on a farm at Route 3, Box 32, north of Oberlin.

Oberlin graduate takes over guard

Lt. Col. David Johnson, son of Beth Johnson of Norcatur, recently assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard. He is a half-brother of Cathy Clausen of Oberlin and is a 1986 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



Col. Johnson

The battalion is headquartered in Wichita with subordinate units in Dodge City, Garden City, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Kingman, Lenexa, Liberal, Newton, Paola and Pratt.

Lt. Col. Johnson began his military career in 1986 with the 287th Maintenance Battalion, Kansas National Guard in Norton. He was commissioned a second lieutenant with Kansas Officer Candidate School Class No. 33 in June of 1989. He was assigned as a Company Fire Support Officer with Detachment 2, and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 127th Field Artillery in support of Company D, 1st Battalion, 137th Infantry. He has commanded both Battery C and later Battery A, 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery.

He has also served as battalion fire direction officer, brigade fire support officer and training officer of 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, as well as Operations Officer for the 35th Infantry Division Artillery. He recently completed assignments as the National Guard Desk Officer,

Army Operations Center, Pentagon; Operation Iraqi Freedom Desk Officer, National Guard Bureau Deployments Branch and Executive Officer to the Deputy Director, Army National Guard.

He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic, Advanced and Pre-Command courses as well as the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in marketing and a Master's Degree in organizational leadership from Fort Hays State University.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Lt. Col. Johnson works as the Mobilization and Readiness Officer for Joint Forces Headquarters Kansas-Land Component, Kansas National Guard, during the week.

He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Lenexa with their daughters, Britany, Kaitlin and Zoie.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Clausen attended the change of command in Wichita on Aug. 13, then he received his promotion to lieutenant colonel on Aug. 29 in Topeka.

Jennings Lions help with eyeglass project

The Jennings Lions Club has been collecting used eye wear and recently turned in 133 pair of used eyeglasses, 15 lenses, 31 pair of sunglasses, 68 glasses cases, one frame, 22 hearing aids and four batteries to Dee Bodine of Hays, district eyeglass chairman.

Jerry Schuetz, a member of the Jennings club, met with 15 other members representing seven Lions clubs total at the Masonic Building in Hays to sort all of the donated eyewear collected over the past two years. Mr. Schuetz said that after nearly four hours they had sorted, marked and boxed a shipment of 4,464 pair of usable glasses; 85 pounds of lenses; 155 pounds of hard cases; 91 pounds of soft cases;

26 pounds of prescription sunglasses; 53 pounds of nonprescription sunglasses; 46 pounds of various parts; and 371 hearing aids.

The glasses were taken to Hutchinson, where prisoners determine the grade and prescription of each one, then bag them ready for shipment to third world countries, Mr. Schuetz said. Recently, they have sent shipments to Guatemala, China and Afghanistan.

The 371 hearing aids were given to Lion Elmer Lawver of Colby, who sent 36 to Dr. Hugh Thom in the Philippines, who works mostly with deaf children. The other 335 were sent to Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, which specializes in helping people with hearing problems.

Club News

District secretary visits

Hays District United Methodist Women secretary Coralee Thornburg of Utica visited the Sept. 6 meeting of the Oberlin group, held at the fellowship hall of the church.

Mrs. Thornburg opened the meeting with devotions, based on the fruits of the spirit as found in John 15. She explained that as the connecting link she represents both the Hays District and Kansas West conference. She told of upcoming events, including the Mission School at Camp Lakeside on Oct. 6 and 7 and the Hays District meeting to be held Oct. 21. Mis-

sion School study topics will be Shalom, India-Pakistan and Globalization.

Mary Waldo presented a program on the book, "Help Lord, I'm Having a Senior Moment." The book is on the UMW reading list and can also be found at the Oberlin City Library.

Luella Sloan and Doris Sloan were hostesses.

Melissa Hasty will be asked to report on the Methodist Education Tour at the Oct. 4 meeting. Hostesses will be Eileene Grose and Louise Pollnow. Eris Young will give devotions.

Women hear speaker

Sue Worcester of Hill City, the connecting link to the United Methodist Women, talked at the Sept. 6 meeting of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women when they met at the home of Angie Wilson.

She also led a game of UMW Jeopardy, giving answers about the women's group with members giving the questions.

Nine members were present and answered roll call with a verse from Proverbs. Rowena Cathcart had devotions and

prayer. The pledge was discussed and it was decided to leave it the same as last year.

The Kansas West Conference annual meeting will be held at Concordia on Sept. 29-30; Mini School of Missions, Oct. 6-7, and Hays District annual meeting in Hays, Oct. 21.

Mrs. Wilson, president, reported that the quilt is being quilted at Golden Age Center and members are encouraged to stop by to assist. Coleen Rippe was co-hostess.

Lutherans plan dinner

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Day will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, at St. John's Lutheran Church with a potluck dinner after the worship service. Members are to bring mites for missions for the game.

The fall workshop will be held at Norton on Saturday, Sept. 23. Members met at the church for breakfast on Sept. 1 with Peggy

Groneweg as hostess. She read a letter from the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford stating that many different groups use the center and 75 percent are repeat users. They requested donations.

Janice Cundiff had devotions and Pam May presented the program entitled, "There is Only One True God."

Reunion held at Selden

The family of William and Daisy (Dawson) Brainard gathered for their annual reunion at the new Selden Senior Center on Aug. 20. The family of Edith (Brainard) Carman, who had just celebrated her 102nd birthday, were hosts.

Those attending were Marjorie Konovalske and Jule Priest, Lenexa; Terry Brainard Budig, Lincoln, Neb.; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; Stuart and Bobbie Couse, Littleton, Colo.; Greg and Stephanie Ritter, Brittany, Angela, Jacob and Melissa, Dresden; Rhonda Miller,

Arden Mosier, Theda McKee and Edith Carman, Hoxie; Curtis, Shana and Carlynn Carman, Colby;

Jerry and Ruth Ridge, Donna, Rachel, Curtis and Jessica Wedel, Garden City; Helen and Steve Carman, Ellis and Gloria Walker, Donald Wasson, Selden; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Chris and Sherri Schmidt, LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Oberlin.

The Claude Brainard family will host the reunion in August 2007 at Selden.

Lombardo band to perform

The 36th season of the Western Plains Arts Association will open on Sunday when Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians perform at 3 p.m. at the Hoxie High School auditorium.

The band will play music featur-

ing the big-band style of ballroom dance music which has earned them international acclaim since 1919. Admission is by season ticket or \$15 for adults and \$8 for students at the door.

Membership drive begins

The membership drive for the McCook Concert Series began this week and runs through Friday, Sept. 29.

Concerts will include Montana Skies, cello and guitar, Tuesday, Oct. 17; Woods Tea Co., Monday, Nov. 13; Mary Louise Knutson Jazz Trio, Thursday, March 15; and Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum, Sunday,

April 15. All will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theater.

Family memberships are \$65; adults, \$30; and students, \$10. Send a check to McCook Concert Association, Box 585, McCook, Neb., 69001.

New Arrival

Treger James Dickinson

Treger James Dickinson was born at 10:41 a.m. on Aug. 18, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Brett and Cammi Dickinson, Hays. Grandparents are Doug and Shayla Williby and Wanda Dickinson, Oberlin, and the late James Dickinson. Great-grandmothers are Shirley Ward and Juanita Williby, both of Oberlin.



T. Dickinson

Neighbors to hold convention

Cindy Stewartson, a representative from the home office in Rock Island, Ill., will speak at the Decatur County Royal Neighbors of America Convention at The Gateway on Saturday.

Registration will be at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Other camps attending include Norcatur, Wilsonville, Rexford and McCook. Oracle Lois Lamb of Oberlin will preside.

Mayor Ken Shobe will welcome the delegates, with a response by the Wilsonville Camp. A memorial service is planned by the Norcatur Camp, followed by a business session, roll call and reports of camps. The Norcatur Camp will be in charge of a coin drill and the McCook camp will initiate new members. All five camps will provide the program.

Benefit set at New Almelo

A benefit dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center in New Almelo for Tonya and Dustin Juenemann of Lenora. An auction will follow.

Mrs. Juenemann found out she has cancer in May, and goes to Wichita for chemotherapy. Proceeds will help pay her travel and lodging expenses. The public is invited.

Family gathering held

The 54th annual Zwickle/Allacher reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Decatur Community High School cafeteria and junior high gymnasium. Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle and family were hosts, representing the Walter Zwickle family.

After an enjoyable lunch, prepared by Joyce Carlton of the Frontier Restaurant, time was spent catching up on events of the past year. Young family members spent time in the gym playing basketball, soccer and volleyball. Visiting was followed by a short business meeting to discuss next year's reunion which will be hosted by the Harry Zwickle family. The annual Zwickle auction to raise money for next year's reunion, with Larry Zwickle as auctioneer, followed.

Those attending included: Wayne, Phyllis and Amy Zwickle, Lora Zwickle, Oberlin; Tom Zwickle, McCook; Lori Zwickle Godbout, Zane and Taylor, Topeka;

Phyllis (Zwickle) Nicholson, Salina; Ron Zwickle, Norton; Tim and Renee, Avery and Elijah Miller, WaKeeney; Larry and Pat Zwickle, Hays; Debbie Fanders, Atwood; Viola Castens, Ludell; Mike and Kathy Schneider, Collyer; Golda Zwickle, Gary Zwickle, McCook; Diana Meissner, Culbertson; Bill and Barbara Rummel, Topeka; Patty Siegfried, Devam and Alex, Parker, Colo.; and Beckey and Albert Smith, Colorado Springs.

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