



Gary and Kay Matheny

Vows read in McCook

Kay (Pollnow) Chambers of Oberlin and Gary Matheny of McCook were married on Wednesday, Feb. 14, in McCook.

The bride is the daughter of Luetta Pollnow of Oberlin and the late Hughie Pollnow. The bridegroom is the son of Freida Matheny of Oberlin and the late Cecil Matheny.

The couple have five children, Amanda and Shane Johnson, Dodge City; Andy Chambers, Oberlin; Sgt. Karen Matheny, who is currently

stationed in Iraq; Pvt. Paul and Christine Matheny, Junction City; and the late Sgt. Randy Matheny, who lost his life in Iraq on Feb. 4.

The bride is employed as a licensed practical nurse at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Her husband is employed with Van Diest in McCook.

The newlyweds are making their home north of Oberlin on the Pollnow family farm. A honeymoon is planned in the fall.

Agritourism workshop planned at The Gateway

Ben Allen, K-State Research and Extension agritourism planning specialist, will kick off the "Northwest Kansas Rural Experience: Agritourism Part 2" workshop at The Gateway next Wednesday.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will cater to those interested in beginning or presently involved in an agritourism business.

The workshop will include experts on liability and financing for business start-up. Richard Smalley, Kansas Department of Commerce marketing specialist, will provide an in-depth morning workshop on marketing.

The afternoon will include Darwin Strutt, F&M Insurance, who will speak on liability issues, and Harold Sulzman, Peoples State Bank, who will talk about financial considerations. The day will wrap up with a panel including three tourism business operators and the workshop speakers.

Among other presenters will be Bob Dixon, House of the Living Vine; Gary Anderson, the LandMark Inn; and Maureen Anderson, Sappa Creek Lodge.

Participants are invited to take a self-guided tour of the downtown area. Booth space for business advertisement is available. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop is sponsored by Oberlin Decatur Economic Development Corp., the LandMark Inn, K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Rawlins County Development Corp., the Colby Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development.

For registration and details, call the Thomas County Extension office at (785) 460-4582 or Western Prairie at (785) 462-2602.

KU to honor students

Fifty-three seniors from 15 area high schools will be honored by the University of Kansas Alumni and Endowment associations for their academic achievements at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Honor students include Karli Fredrickson, Aaron Helm, Nolan May, Kurt Olson and Kimberly Wessel, Decatur Community High School; Megan Juenemann and Stephanie Juenemann, Golden Plains High; and Jason Argabright, Simone Cahoj, Matthew Migchelbrink, Valerie Sis and Kendra Solko, Rawlins County High.

The students will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars. The program began in 1971 and honored its 100,000th student this year. Scholars rank in the top 10 per-

cent of their high school senior classes.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an "American Heritage Dictionary" in hardback and CD versions, presented by Sarah Blaney, Kansas Honors Program coordinator for the Alumni Association. Stuart Bell, dean of the School of Engineering, will speak to the students, parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the association; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of \$10 each. Reservations may be made with Kurt Vollertsen, coordinator for Decatur County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through donations to the Endowment Associations and proceeds from the Jayhawk License Plate program.

Band concert set Monday

The Oberlin Area Concert Band will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday at The Gateway. Neal Russell is director.

Members include Christie Morris and Rhonda May, flute; Kim Langness, Pam May, Cheryl Metcalf and Brooke McCorkle, clarinet; Joan Glading and Susan Nelson, alto sax;

Sara Langness, tenor sax; Robyn Rouse, bassoon; Lonnie Weyeneth, Joanne Wendelin, Chenaniah Langness, Donnie McCorkle, trumpet; Kathy Almquist, French horn; Ken Morris, trombone; Mary Lohofener, baritone; Robert Rouse, Paul Wood, bass; and Gary Anderson, Mike Ford, Joy Russell, percussion.

Calico Gals hold party

Calico Gals Club entertained with a St. Patrick's Day party on Wednesday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Opal Bryan and Margaret McEvoy were hostesses.

Others present were Mary Waldo, Lois Carlson, Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson, Phyllis Screen, Sandy Counter and Millie Lippelmann.

Guests were Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler and Jan Conway.

Hors d'oeuvres were served to residents, employees and club members from a lace-covered table.

The April 15 meeting will be at the home of Mary Waldo and Karmel Chambers will give a demonstration of May Kay products.

Program director speaks on domestic violence

Charlotte Linsner, program director of Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, spoke during a style revue and fashion show sponsored by the Decatur County Stand Against Violence, her group and the Dresser on Sunday afternoon at The Gateway.

The Stand Against Violence black memorial banner was displayed as a remembrance of women who lost their lives to domestic violence.

The task force is seeking new members, said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

Five tables with decorated place settings were prepared with the themes "The Vineyard" by Gary Anderson and Cathy Fraker of The LandMark Inn; "To a Wild Rose" by Cheryl Metcalf in memory of Dorothy Metcalf Corcoran; "The Three Stages of a Woman's Life," by Shirley Shields and Mary Ann Erickson for the Monday Evening Club, in memory of Hildegard Euhus and Neva Page Campbell;

and the Haughty Red Hatters with the theme, "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."

First-place award went to the Monday Evening Club, second to the Red Hatters and third to the LandMark Inn. Jenny Hirsch played background piano music.

Models for the fashion show were Cheryl Metcalf, Shirley Shields, Mrs. Strecker-Baseler, Ella Betts, Gina Montgomery, Jane Gilliam, Fern Jording, Kristi Smith, Judy Ostmeyer, Carol Morford and Glenva Nichols. Susan Nelson sang several songs, after which refreshments were served.

The afternoon was an awareness-raising event for Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, and for domestic violence, observed in October.

The northwest Kansas group serves the 18 counties from an office in Hays, with a satellite office in Colby. A toll free 24-hour crisis line is (800) 794-4624. For information, visit www.safekansas.com.

Couple plans May wedding

Kendra Anderson and Dustin Pelton plan to be married on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Parents of the couple are Gayle Anderson-Carlson, Oberlin, and the late Dennis Anderson, and Lynn and Sue Pelton, Burdett.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She received an Associate Degree in animal science from Barton County Community College and recently graduated from American Academy of Massage Therapy. She will be working as a massage therapist at Illusions in Larned.

Her fiancé graduated from Paw-



Kendra Anderson and Dustin Pelton

nee Heights High School in Rozel, and will graduate from Kansas State University in May with a degree in agriculture technology management. He will be joining the family farm in Burdett.

New Arrivals

Michaela Joan Wasson

Michaela Joan Wasson was born to Michael and Kelly Wasson at 4:35 p.m. on March 13, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Jim and Laurie Wasson, Oberlin, and Marty and Kimmi Lewis-Canterbury, Kim, Colo. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Dottie Lotker, Oberlin; Donald Wasson, Selden; Margaret Lewis, Branson, Colo.; and Gerald and Betty Clark, Fowler, Colo.



M. Wasson

Sangye Tenzin Jorj

Chris and Linsey Jorj are the parents of a son, Sangye Tenzin, born at 5:30 a.m. on March 19, 2007. He weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 22 inches long. He has a sister, Tejan. His grandfather is Evan Jorj of Lawrence, but formerly of Oberlin.



Sangye Jorj

Jenna Marie Fortin

Daren and Erica Fortin of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Jenna Marie Fortin, born March 13, 2007. She weighed 5 pounds, 6.9 ounces and was 17 inches long. She has a sister, Jacie Rose. Grandparents are Bob and Alice Stanley and Jerry and Jolene Fortin. Great-grandparents are June Fortin, Ardis Roe and Rex Schroeder.



Jenna Fortin

Ethan Edward Gilbert

Carrie Slaughter and Paul Gilbert of Goodland are the parents of a son, Ethan Edward Gilbert, born March 6, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 3/4 inches long. He has a brother, Landon Gilbert. Grandparents are Kim Babcock, Goodland, and Lori and Dane Rogers, Colby. Great-grandmothers are Mae Vaughn, Goodland, and Martha Fringer, Oberlin. Ethan was named for his great-grandfather, Max Edward Fringer, and great-great-grandfather, Edward Adams.

Benefit supper tonight at church

A benefit pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar, will help four junior high girls raise money to go to Covenant Heights Church Camp.

The girls are Amanda Marshall, Katie Glading, Samantha Anderson and Rhiannon Davies. A basket with gift certificates from area businesses

will be raffled during the evening. The church is south of the Decatur County Hospital. The public is invited.

Internet tonight
475-2206



David and Timmarie Sporn

Couple exchange vows in ceremony in Oberlin

Timmarie Walters and David Sporn of Oberlin were married on Saturday, March 17, 2007, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Janice and Randy Walters, and the bridegroom's parents are Tammie and Jim Sporn, all of Oberlin.

Grandparents of the couple are Marie McKisson, Oberlin, and the late Carol Ferguson and the late Martin McKisson; Richard and Connie Sporn, Louisville, Colo.; and Dean and Sarelda Meink, Tuscola, Texas.

The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her father, wore a two-piece bridal gown of tawny champagne. It featured an embroidered pearl and beaded corset-laced bodice with an embroidered pearl and beaded cascade skirt and train. She carried a bouquet of red roses and snow balls.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with a coordinating mignonette green vest, top hat and red rose boutonniere.

Autumn Spanenberg, Lyons, sister of the bridegroom, was matron

of honor. Laurene Barkley, Plano, Texas, cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. Alissa Sporn, daughter of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Jared Walters, Tulsa, Okla., brother of the bride, served as best man. Devin Konen, Little River, son of the bridegroom, served as junior bridegroom, and Aubrey Sporn, son of the bridegroom, was ringbearer. Ushers were Kim Kathka, Oberlin, cousin of the bride, and Lonnie Spangenberg, Lyons, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

Cheryl Metcalf was organist. Mika Walters, Tulsa, Okla., sister-in-law of the bride, was seated at the guest book. Jim Ferguson, Lauren Barkley and Alissa Sporn were gift attendants.

A reception followed with Jean Hafner, Oberlin; Carol Jean Barkley, Allen, Texas; Joyce Marston, Greeley, Colo.; and Janie Law, Abilene, aunts of the bride, serving at the reception table.

The bride is employed at Beauty Boutique in Oberlin and the bridegroom is an Oberlin City employee.

They are making their home at 308 S. Buffalo in Oberlin.

Museum makes plans for 49th annual meeting

The Decatur County Museum will hold its 49th annual meeting for members at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, at the Bohemian Hall.

Carolyn Burtis will give an historical presentation on Sappa Park, followed by a dessert bar. The museum will open next Tuesday for the 2007 season.

Sharleen Wurm is museum director and Liane Martin is co-director. Myrna Jones operates the gift shop.

Board members are: Dana Marintzer, president; Chris Koerperich, vice president; Barbara Dehlinger, secretary-treasurer; Judith LaBash, Tami Shaw, Joe Barron, Cheryl Votapka and Greg Fidele.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may call the museum at (785) 475-2712. Cost is \$10 for single membership and \$20 for family.

Sixth grader competes at State Spelling Bee

Elizabeth Nedland, who won the Decatur County Spelling Bee, went down in the third round on Saturday on the word piazza at the state contest in Topeka.

She joined other contestants from throughout Kansas at Washburn Rural High School for the competition. She easily spelled predicate in the first round and hogan in the sec-

ond. Her teachers are Sandy Ketterl and Carol Dixon.

Her parents, Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, went with her for the competition.



E. Nedland

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