



Dustin and Kendra Pelton

## Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Kendra Gayle Anderson and Dustin Blaine Pelton were married Friday evening, May 25, 2007, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Pastor Keith Reuther and Pastor Roger Alford officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Gayle Anderson Carlson, Oberlin, and the late Dennis Anderson, and Lynn and Sue Pelton, Burdett. The bride's grandparents are Merlin and Bonnie Anderson, and Norma Anderson, all of Oberlin. Lelia Pelton, Burdett, is the bridegroom's grandmother. The bride's father and the couple's late grandparents, Gordon Anderson, Ross Pelton, and Elmer and Louise Woolsey were honored with white roses surrounding the unity candle.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her brothers, Jason and Clay Anderson. She chose a white satin gown with simple A-line silhouette. Layers of taffeta and satin decorated the sweetheart shaped bodice with an asymmetrical dropped waistline. Layers matching the bodice graced the hemline of the chapel-length train. Her bouquet was of roses and Gerber daisies in shades of red and orange with accents of purple.

Rena Unger, Manhattant, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kerri Olson, Hays; Jennie Anderson, Herndon; Katie Anderson, Lawrence; and Shanna Sommers, Baton Rouge, La. They wore deep purple knee-length dresses and carried bouquets similar to the bride's. The bride's personal attendant was Sarah Shaw, Wichita.

The bridegroom and his atten-

dants wore black tuxedos with purple or silver vests. Daniel Dykstra, Decorah, Iowa, served as best man. Groomsmen were Ben Stockebrand, Yates Center; Burke Pelton, Manhattan; Clay Anderson, Herndon; and Jason Anderson, Lawrence.

Sean Anderson, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer. Ushers were Aaron Pelton, Burdett; Tyler Hands, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ben Sommers, Baton Rouge.

Organist for the ceremony was Cheryl Metcalf, Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. Galen Pelton, Ulysses, were vocalists.

They sang "Parents Prayer" as the families were seated, and "When God Made You" as the couple lighted the unity candle. Bill Linin, Denver, read scripture.

Tara Votapka and Leah Marietta, Manhattan, were seated at the guest book.

A reception followed at the 4-H building in Atwood with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schmidt, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pelton, Burdett, as hosts. Serving the wedding cake were the couple's aunts, Carol Fink, Wamego; Darla Stevens, Wichita; Jolene McCoy, Ensign; Wilma Krier, Wyoming, Minn.; and Jami Pelton, Tulsa, Okla.

The bride is employed as a massage therapist by Illusions in Larned. The bridegroom is a graduate of Kansas State University and is employed on the family farm.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, they are living on a farm near Burdett.

## Hess reunion held in Salina

The Salina Holiday Inn was the scene of the June 30-July 1 weekend of a Hess family reunion for the descendants of the Joseph and Rosa (Kolsky) Hess family.

The event was coordinated by a granddaughter, Jan (Porter) Evans of Rose Hill, daughter of the late Charles J. and Valaria (Hess) Porter.

Those in attendance, in addition to Mrs. Evans, were Chuck Porter, Leawood; Bill and Chay (Porter) Moss, Las Vegas, Nev.; David Porter, Winona; Cecil (Bendon) Hess, Oberlin; Jean Ann (Hess) Confer, St. Francis; Steve and Chris Hess and Norah, Overland Park; Dan and Julie Hess and Carter, Salina; Natalie Machart, Clearwater, and Amey Machart, Mission; widow

and daughter of the late Bill Machart. Others attending were Dorothea (Moss) Lee and granddaughter, Dawnie Lee, Salina; and Peggy (Jorn) Williams, Jeffrey, Tiffany, Megan and Kiara, Lawrence.

In addition to a social time, the occasion also celebrated the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Moss, who were presented a gift from her brothers and sister.

A movie of early-day families and their get-togethers, taken by the late Daniel J. Hess, was prepared and shown by his son, Dan Hess. A letter was received from John R. Hess of Centennial, Colo., son of the late Arthur and Doris (Shannon) Hess. None of the family of the late Elmer and Helen (Hess) Tacha could attend.

## Oberlin grad succeeds as vocalist, songwriter

Donna Kump Tucker, who grew up in Oberlin, has become a successful singer in night clubs, as well as performing and producing concerts.

She began her career in Dallas as a jazz singer/pianist, also doing television commercials and voice-overs, and singing advertising jingles. She became a highly visible talent and spokesperson for the Southland Corp., otherwise known as 7-11, and traveled the U.S. and Canada performing concerts and narrating new 7-11 products.

A 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she is the daughter of Don and Jean Ann (Gaumer) Kump of Kingman. Arthur's, a popular jazz club in Dallas, was home to her and her trio, which included Pat Coil, jazz pianist and composer; Dan Grogan, bass; and Tim Grogan on drums. She said that was home to them for 11 years, five nights a week.

During those years in Dallas, she performed with the North Texas State University One O'clock Lab Band, the Dallas Jazz Orchestra and Woody Herman's Band. Over a period of six years she appeared on national telethons, including the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and as an opening act for Joan Rivers.

The big band became an important part of her work as she began performing and producing concerts. She still performs with big bands around the country and she said her library of big-band music was arranged mostly by the North Texas State University jazz department.

In 1999, she began a long-running contract with the Westin Tokyo in Japan and still spends several months a year there, performing six nights a week in the penthouse club, the Compass Rose.

Jazz studies have become an im-

portant component in her creativity, she says. After moving back to Kansas to be near family, she was hired by Friends University as an artist-in-residence to develop a vocal jazz ensemble. The success was overwhelming and well-known vocal jazz ensembles, including New York voices, praised the work of the students and gave credit to their director.

One of her passions is to give to students what she has collected over the years as a singer and musician.

"I truly believe that a student of jazz, whether it be instrumental or vocal, cannot learn unless they are exposed to those professionals out there 'doing it,'" she said. "The same is with the choral directors... too many vocal music education majors are not exposed to vocal jazz studies.

"That's the area I have so much reward in coaching. Throughout the year, I have calls from choral directors who I have met during summer camps. As a clinician, I emphasize to the teachers how important it is for they themselves to become a listener of jazz before they begin teaching the students.

"Life has been very good to me. I have a wonderful family, good health, and an array of friends from around the world who have encouraged me to continue on my path."

Larry Hattebeg from KAKE-TV said, "Donna Tucker — she is the master of 'personal jazz.' She makes us believe she is singing just to us and no one else. That's why audiences love to see her in concert. You believe she is there, by the fire, and the concert is only for one. When her fingers touch the ivory, her eyes close and the rest is magic. Donna Tucker is one of America's leading jazz stylists, whose intimate style turns music to poetry."



D. Tucker



Russell and Karyn James

## Jordan-James vows read in North Carolina

Karyn Jordan and Sgt. Russell James were married at noon on Saturday, July 7, 2007, in a private ceremony in Jacksonville, N.C.

Parents of the couple are Judy Jordan of Oberlin, and James and Terri James of Norcatour. Her grandparents are Eugene and Bette Wurm, Herndon, and the late Delores Wurm, and Wayne and Beverly Smith, Waverly.

His grandparents are Willa and Daryl Carlton, Hot Springs Village,

Ark.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is attending Kansas State University. She works at the Sears store in Jacksonville.

The bridegroom is serving in the Marine Corps special operations command, stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 2000 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Their address is 1714 Wine Press Court, Midway Park, N.C. 28544.

## Rotary hears park manager

Steve Mathes, manager of Prairie Dog State Park in Norton, presented the program at the June 26 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Ken Schultz, program chair.

Mr. Mathes, a 30-year veteran of the state park service, told about improvements that have been made at the park, along with the facilities and activities which are available during the summer. They include camping, fishing, boating, Fourth of July fireworks display, a Christmas lighting contest for campers in August, hiking and more.

He said that the Kansas Legislature reduced park fees, and that has helped to increase visitors to the park. The park offers hiking trails, a new shower building and two rental cabins with air conditioning and heat, which are booked for much of the summer. The cabins sleep eight to nine people. He said that reduced senior-citizen fees are available for Kansas residents 65 and older.

New Rotary officers who took

over their duties at the July 3 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club included Marilyn Noone, president; Jesse Carter, vice president; Rhonda May, secretary; Lynn Doeden, treasurer; and Doyle Brown, past president.

For the program, the new president gave the names of the new Rotary international officials, as well as those here, and presented information about the new Rotary International president, Wilfrid Wilkinson of Trenton, Ontario.

She also said that this year's theme, "Rotary Shares," emphasizes that the club will continue to support local projects and causes. She said she would like to increase the club's visibility in the community and pointed out some of the projects currently performed.

She would also like to spearhead a project to collect information and history of the local club and said she hopes to increase membership and develop a new club brochure.

Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood club, was a guest.

## Gallentines hold reunion

The 10th annual Gallentine family reunion was held with a barbecue at Plum Creek Ranch north of Clayton on the farm owned by Jerry and Shirley Gallentine of Rapid City, S.D., on Saturday evening.

Among those attending included: Kenneth and Pansy Price, Weldon and Merrice Brooks, Doris Fae Jackson, Norton; Matt, Amber, Tate and Cole Norman, Shellville, Ga.; Zac Farran, Kendra Smith, Kylee Sandbothe and Dustin Holley, Carthage, Mo.; Kim and Jim Bozzone, Suffield, Conn.; John and Patty Lloyd, Frank and Gar Brooks, Greeley, Colo.; Lynn and Sheryl Goodman, Scott City; Larry and Marcia Stapp, Holcomb; Jim and Dolores Gallentine, Johnstown, Colo.; Al and Becky Rohr, Colorado Springs; Chuck and Xandra Waggoner, Morland;

## Shower honors bride to be

Kari Stanley, who will be married Saturday, July 28, to Josh Williby, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, June 30, at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church. Hostesses were Cammie Dickinson and Erica Fortin.

Guests included Alice Stanley, Shayla Williby, Jacie and Jenna Fortin, Shirley Ward, Marie Berls, Regina Stanley, Jeannie May, Becky Vollertsen, Kaylene Thomas, Mardi and Sierra Lohofener,

Frank and Susan Hillebrand, Gene Gallentine, Lee and Lora Arnold, Mark Baker and family, Lois Wentz, Megan, Rebecca and Amy, Gail Brooks, Bill Brooks, John and Ann Gallentine, Clayton; Farrah Brooks, Phoenix, Ariz.; Janette, David, Justin and Jackie Gallentine, Hays; Eldean and Jan Griffith, Colby; Carol and Stan Miller, Norcatour; Jerry Gallentine Jr., Carrie, Tyler and Brooke, Greenwood, Neb.; Jerry and Shirley Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D.; and Dorothy and Bill Woods, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante Robertson, and Norman and Julie Gallentine, Oberlin; and Allen and Michael Ward.

Jenny, Mike, Raye and Drew Kasson, Fonda Farr, Amanda Farr, Deanna Castle, Linda and Joslyn Wade, and Marcia Lohofener, Oberlin; Jessica Stanley, Rosemary Gaede, Haley Vollertsen, Colby; Peggy Berls, Goodland; Tara Harding, Jennifer Thomas, Hays; JoAnn Shuler, Larned; Libby Fossum, Ness City; Mary Bradford, Olathe; Gwen Schroeder, Hugo, Colo.; and Stephanie Frankforter, Lincoln, Neb.

## Student wins sheriffs' award

Regan Badsky, a 2007 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the son of Sheriff Ken and Jan Badsky, has won the \$2,000 Sheriff Matthew Samuels scholarship from the Kansas Sheriffs Association.

The scholarship was established in the name of Sheriff Samuels after he was killed while trying to arrest a drug dealer in 2005. Eight other scholar-

ships will be awarded for \$1,000.


This is the 16th year the sheriffs' scholarship program has provided financial aid to qualified college students.

The recipient may major in or pursue any course or field of study they choose.


Mr. Badsky said he plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in education.



R. Badsky



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