

## Couple sets wedding for May 30

Karissa Call and Josh Hutfles of Elk City, Okla., plan to be married on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Elk City.

Parents of the couple are Harlan and Judy Call, Colby, and Ron and Dena Hutfles, Elk City.

A 2006 graduate of Colby High School, the bride-to-be graduated in 2006 from the Academy of Hair Design in Salina. She is a cosmetologist/nail technician at Country Hair in Elk City.

Her fiancé, a 2003 graduate of Colby High School, received a degree in automotive technology



Josh Hutfles and Karissa Call

from Wyotech, Laramie, Wyo. He works for Schlumberger Wireline in Elk City.

Grandparents of the bride are Charles and Donna Lincoln, Oberlin, and Kenneth and Carolyn Call, Colby. He is the grandson of Jerry and Darline Hutfles, Colby.

## Hoxie forms new Lions Club branch

After an interlude of eight years, Hoxie once again has a Lions Club to serve social and humanitarian needs.

Past District Governor Denny D. Smith of Ulysses said the Hoxie Hotrodders Branch Lions Club held an organizational meeting Sunday at Trisha's Steak House in Hoxie.

Lions dignitaries from Atwood, Goodland, Larned and Downs, led by District Gov. John Lee, of Kismet, facilitated the final steps of organizing the new club.

Lions from Atwood will serve as sponsors and Guiding Lions until the Hoxie club is fully chartered and functioning.

The first Hoxie club was chartered in 1929 with W.H. Clark as president and Howard C. Reed as secretary.

This club was disbanded in 1932 during the the Depression and Dust Bowl era.

The second Hoxie Lions Club was chartered in 1952 with George

H. Schuricht as president and Loren Mallory as secretary. After serving the town for 50 years, the club disbanded in 2001 after a gradual loss of active membership due primarily to aging.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest community service organization in the world, with 1.4 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 202 countries of the world.

The Hoxie Hotrodders will take their place among the more than 1,600 Lions members in 70 clubs of this district, which covers the entire western half of Kansas.

Area clubs include Goodland, St. Francis, McDonald, Colby, Gem, Brewster, Atwood, Oberlin, Rexford, Selden, Jennings, Norton, Logan, Hill City, Morland, Wa-Keeney, Utica, Grainfield, Dighton and Scott City.

For details call Larry Bieker, (785) 675-2139, or e-mail lsbieker@eaglecom.net.

## Poker tourney to benefit kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County is planning the largest Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament in Western Kansas to be held Sunday, April 5, at the Ellis County Fairgrounds.

Money raised from the event will provide mentors for children in need of a positive role model.

Registration begins at noon and play will start at 1 p.m. Over \$1,200 in cash prizes will be given away with the winner receiving \$599 and a championship bracelet valued at over \$300.

The final table will have nine players, with second place paying \$250, third paying \$150, fourth, \$100 and the remaining five final table players each receiving cash prizes.

There is a suggested donation of \$25 with \$2,000 in chips for each participant.

A consolation tournament will begin at 4 p.m. for players who have been eliminated prior to that time. Cash prizes will be paid according to number of players in the consolation round.

Concessions will be available with sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, candy and soft drinks.

To assure a seat at the tournament, pre-registrations will be accepted by calling Big Brothers Big Sisters at (785) 625-6672.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-to-one mentors for school-aged children in a school or community setting.

By providing positive role models, encouragement and guidance, these children develop positive attitudes are less likely to get into trouble, and improve their grades, thereby realizing their potential as adults.

## Woman is named top volunteer of year

Peg Smith of McCook has been recognized as Volunteer of the Year award by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, a statewide advocacy organization.

A former resident of Oberlin and a long-time volunteer working on behalf of victims of sexual and domestic violence, she received the award at the group's sixth annual Safe Home, Safe Streets gala in Topeka.

"We honor Peg for her many years of dedicated service," said Sandy Barnett, executive director. "Volunteers make it possible for our member programs to provide critical, 24-hour support to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Volunteers play a fundamental role in addressing the needs of victims throughout our state. It will take all of us to achieve safe homes and safe streets in Kansas."

Ms. Smith has been working to improve the lives of victims in northwest Kansas for 15 years. In 1996, she created the Decatur County Stand Against Violence task force in Oberlin, which continues to

provide help victims.

"Since 2001, she has served on the board for the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services organization in Hays," the group said. "She worked closely with the director to expand their staff from five to 14, and she has provided leadership while transforming their board from a hands-on to a governing role."

"Peg's volunteerism extends beyond state lines — she also serves as a board member for a domestic and sexual violence program in McCook."

"Volunteers fulfill an integral part of services provided by Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services," said Charlotte Linsner, executive director. "Peg's commitment to victims and our organization continues to reach above and beyond the call of duty."

The group's service area includes the 18 counties in northwest Kansas: Decatur, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Norton, Rawlins, Sherman, Wallace, Thomas, Logan, Gove, Graham, Trego, Phillips, Rooks, Ellis, Smith, Osborne and Russell.

## Rawlins County plans for third history book

Rawlins County residents met recently with representatives of Missouri publisher Bell Books, a firm which works with small towns to produce history books, and gave the company the green light to proceed with a third volume for Rawlins County.

The idea is not to repeat, but to complete the work already included in volumes I and II of the Rawlins County history.

The new book will emphasize the past 20 years, but organizers are seeking family histories which were not represented in the first two, both stories and photos.

All households, old and new families, and previous and present residents will be included free of charge. Each entry should include a

signed "submitted by" statement.

Best photos to include with stories are black-and-white or color originals. Copied photos are not desirable. Photos will be returned.

People are encouraged to write their own stories, but help will be provided. Information will be gathered throughout the summer months with a deadline for all material of Aug. 15. Forms will be available soon.

Books are expected to be available at the end of the year.

A committee on the history book project will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Atwood City Library. Volunteers are needed.

For questions or to pre-order, call Gertie Kastens at (785) 626-3111.

## Barbershoppers to perform

Realtime, the 2005 international champions of Barbershop, will be the featured quartet on Saturday when the Colby Area Barbershoppers present "Back to the Roots of Barbershop."

The concert, also featuring the High Plains Chorus, will be at the Frahm Theatre in the Colby

Community College Cultural Arts Center, with shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, \$10 each in advance or \$12 at the door, can be purchased from any member or by calling (800) 269-7059 or (785) 462-2474.

Will-call orders can be held at the ticket window.

## Foundation offers 10 trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a way for everyone to take part in celebrating the arrival of spring.

The foundation will send 10 white flowering dogwood trees to each person who joins the foundation during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with

enclosed planting instructions. Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the foundation's bimonthly publication, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by March 31, or join online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## Club News

### Calico Gals enjoy quilts

The Calico Gals met Thursday, March 19, at the home of Donna Kelley. The club collect and flag salute were repeated.

Members present were Detta Anderson, Marylu Brown, Betty Grout, Donna Kelley, Millie Lippelman, Shirley Shields, Phyllis Screen, Barbara Duell, and Jan Hackney. Roll call was showing a quilt that was special or a quilt pattern.

Jan Hackney gave a great program showing quilts and patterns she had created. They included an Alaskan landscape of Aurora Borealis in the background; a dog

designed with postage-stamp size pieces; a mountain and stream scene, and a sunflower quilt made of tiny pieces.

A card was signed for Verna Mae Anderson, who lives with her daughter, and Lois Carlson, who now lives at the Good Samaritan Center. Marylu Brown won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, at the home of Barbara Duell in Colby.

Lunch will be at a Chinese restaurant and a tour of the Colby Museum is planned.

### Chapter provides meal

The Oberlin Chapter of Royal Neighbors of America prepared and took a meal to Nadeane and Charlie Haag, which included a tater tot casserole, three-bean salad, fruit salad, brownies and rolls. Participants were Lois

Lamb, Phyllis Screen, Edna Mott, Nadean Stoney and Audra Duncan.

The chapter also took old newspapers and rags to the McCook Humane Society to be used in caring for the animals.

### Rotarians entertain guests

Oberlin Rotary Club members welcomed spouses and guests at Rotary Appreciation Night last Tuesday at The Gateway.

Amy Carman, vocalist and guitarist, sang several numbers, including some she had written.

President Jesse Carter told the group that Rotarian Ralph Unger had been selected as Rotarian of

the Year.

Guests included Jody Betts, Linda Hollowell, Jane Gilliam, Norma Unger, Kay Brown, Sarah Fredrickson, Christie Morris, Megan Carter, Becky Vollertsen, Barbara Mullen, Lynn Doeden, Sharon Addleman, Regina Stanley, Cynthia Matson, Mary Jo Lohofener and Katrina Gilley.

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## New Arrivals

### Brycen James Ketterl

Todd and Sandy Ketterl of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Brycen James Ketterl, born at 2:11 a.m. March 3, 2009, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Makadyn, to welcome him home. His grandparents are Roger and Barb Powell, Beaver City, Neb., and Vernon and Kari Ketterl, Herndon. Great-grandparents are Jim and Jan Frey, Beaver City, and Joleen Strutt, Morland.



B. Ketterl

### Gage Robert Williby

Josh and Kari Williby of Hays are the parents of a son, Gage Robert Williby, born Feb. 26, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Alice Stanley and Doug and Shayla Williby, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Juanita Williby, Shirley Ward and Rex Schroeder, all of Oberlin.



G. Williby

### DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS, Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Social Hour at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$15.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund. Social hour and music to follow.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with

Spouse or Guest	Class	Year to be seated with

Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name and year you wish to be seated with. Deadline for reservations is May 9, 2009.

## Back By Popular Demand

**Schmick's Market**  
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Saturday, April 4  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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