



Nicholas and Kerrie Wahlmeier

Couple exchange vows at church in Leoville

Kerrie Beth Olson and Nicholas Jon Wahlmeier received the sacrament of marriage at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Father Henry Saw Lone and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Sharon Olson, Oberlin; and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Clayton. Grandparents of the bride are Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; and the late Ruben Feikert; Glenn and Eunice Martin, Oberlin; and the late Lowell Olson. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Stan and Ramona Shaw and Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings; and the late Lawrence Wahlmeier.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father to Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." She wore a strapless Maggie Sottero gown with jeweled bodice and corset closure. The gown's asymmetrical wrap waist was highlighted with a spray of beading. To accent her gown, she chose a fingertip Symphony veil with crystal beading. She carried a bouquet of pink gerber daisies with white pink tip roses.

Kristy Ostmeyer, Ellis, attended her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Elise Engelbert, Kansas City; Katie Small, Manhattan; Abby Ream, Kansas City; Rena Unger, Manhattan; and Kelsey Feyes, Bryan, Ohio. Candlelighters were Tawny Ochs, Manhattan; and Brandi Chandler, Wichita.

The bridal attendants wore strapless black satin tea-length dresses with a fuchsia colored sash and underlay. They carried three hot pink stemmed Gerber daisies decorated with jewels and wrapped with black ribbon.

The flower girl was Taylor Claussen, Manhattan, cousin of the bride. She wore an ankle-length

white satin dress with a fuchsia colored sash.

Adam Wahlmeier, Norton, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Grant Davidson, Hays; Brett McKenna, Clafin; Jerry Lahnanen, Colby; Brent Olson, Oberlin; and Jonathan Iman, Hays. The groomsmen also ushered for the wedding.

Ringbearers were Jace and Tyler Ostmeyer, Ellis, nephews of the bride.

Organist was Mary Jo Lohofener, Oberlin. Vocalists were Andrea Spanier, Oberlin; Dan Wahlmeier, Lenora; and Jim Billinger, Victoria.

Guest book attendant was Kendra Pelton, Burdett. Program and gift attendants were Amber Dunn, Overland Park; and Ashley Wright, Colby. The bride's personal attendant was her aunt, Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at The Gateway in Oberlin. The reception hosts were Ken and Candy Rauhut, Garden City; and Lawrence and Carol Carter, Dresden.

Reception assistants in the kitchen were Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Colleen Wagner, Sharon Springs; Cindy Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; and Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays. Serving the wedding cake and punch were Sharon Feikert, St. Francis; Kathy Feikert Bucklin; and Lance and Heidi Feikert, Bucklin. Don and Helen Juenemann, Selden, led the grand march.

The bride is teaching first grade in Ellis. The bridegroom is currently farming in the Jennings community.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they are living for the summer in Oberlin and will return to Ellis this fall.

Oberlin graduate awarded scholarship

Lacey Ream, an honor student at Mid-Plains Community College in McCook, received the 2009 scholarship awarded by the Solomon Valley Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees on Wednesday in Stockton.

The scholarship is only open to family of chapter members. Miss Ream, a 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is taking summer classes from Chadron State College and working as a part-time teacher at the McCook Community College Child Development Center.

In a letter of recommendation for Miss Ream, Tyler Esch, director of the center and an instructor of Family and Consumer Sciences for the college, said, "Lacey quickly became a positive influence on campus. She excels in her written and oral work, has strong skills in



Lacey Ream

working with young children and interacts positively with families and other staff, is flexible and has a strong work ethic, she cares for and is considerate of others, and is willing to try new things and learn from everyone. Because of this, she is able to be successful in a wide variety of activities."

She will receive an Associate of Arts degree from Mid-Plains at the end of the fall semester and plans to continue studies at Chadron to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in child and family studies. She plans to work towards family life, parenting and wellness certificates. Her ultimate career goal is to be a school counselor or psychologist.

She is the daughter of Terry and Peggy Ream, Oberlin, and granddaughter of Bob and Sharon Ream, Oberlin, and Mike and Bernita Gawith, Stockton.

Rotarians hear history

Program chairman for the July 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club was Assistant District Gov. Lee Gilliam, who said that the new Rotary International president for 2009-10 will be John Kenny of Grangemouth, Scotland.

He said that John Binder of Ellis, is the new district governor. The Oberlin Rotary Club will have Rhonda May as president; Lynn Doeden, vice president and secretary; and past president Jesse Carter, who will serve as treasurer.

He talked about the organization, saying it began in 1905 in Chicago with four businessmen deciding to start a club that would express business and work ethics and provide a service to causes in need.

Paul Harris was the founder of

Rotary, along with the other three businessmen. The name came from rotating the club meeting to a different member's business each week. The Rotary motto is, "Service Above Self."

Mr. Gilliam said there are more than 30,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide, with over 1.2 million members. It is an international humanitarian service organization. The club has been instrumental, along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in raising and matching money to eliminate polio around the world through the "Polio Plus" program.

Guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, Alex Sotorrie and Jordan Coburn.

Candidates sought

The Decatur County Farm Service Agency committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates for the local county committee election to be held this fall. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the county offices by close of business on Monday, Aug. 3.

"Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or any other producer in local administration area 2 to run for a seat on the committee," said Diane Barrett, executive director for the Decatur County Farm Service Agency. Area 2 is located in the Northeast nine townships in Decatur County.

County committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements. For example, the person must participate or cooperate in a

program administered by the agency, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

The locally elected committees are responsible for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers and ranchers and bring local expertise and knowledge to United States Department of Agriculture's daily delivery of programs and services.

"Eligible voters may circulate or sign nomination petitions for as many candidates as they choose, including themselves," said Mrs. Barrett. "Also, organizations representing minorities and women farmers or ranchers are encouraged to nominate candidates."

Nomination form FSA-669 is available at the FSA county office and online at www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp.

For details, contact the staff at (785)475-3131 or visit the office at 410 S. Buffalo Ave. in Oberlin.

Acreage deadline extended

The acreage reporting deadline for spring-seeded crops, Conservation Reserve Program acres and the Non-insurance Crop Disaster Assistance Program has been extended from Saturday, Aug. 1, to Friday, Aug. 14.

Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said this deadline also applies to prevented-planting and failed-acreage reports. Late-filing fees will apply after Aug. 14.

For disaster assistance purposes,

farmers are required to file an acreage report by Aug. 14, but no later than 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest, she said.

Aug. 14 also is the deadline to apply for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program. No late-filed applications will be accepted for these, Mrs. Barrett said.

Call the county office at (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment.

Boyd and Thelma Bainter celebrate 60 years!



Boyd and Thelma Bainter will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with their family at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Boyd Bainter and the former Thelma Rice were married July 30, 1949 at the Methodist church in Jennings.

Their children are David and Melinda Bainter, Manhattan, and Paula Bainter, Ellsworth.

Cards may be sent to them at: 3705 Trinity Drive, Apartment A, Hutchinson, Kansas 67502.



Andrew and Virginia Pike

Air Force doctors marry in Colorado

Dr. Virginia Underwood and Dr. Andrew Pike, both of Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan, were married Friday, May 1, 2009, at the Garden of the Gods Club in Colorado Springs.

Performing the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. Peter Blum. Parents of the couple are Wayne and Helen Underwood, retired military, and Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland.

Grandparents of the bridegroom are Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Oberlin, and Gladys Pike, Ashland.

The maid of honor was Dr. Necia McRee, San Antonio. The bride's attendants were Dr. Shannon Farag, Medford, N.J.; Julie Kim, Austin, Texas; Dr. Stephanie Wright, Alexandria, Va.; and Jennifer Hamel, Denver.

Flower girl was Grace Lee, Cleveland. Greeter was Gracelyn Krause, Princeton, Texas, niece of the bridegroom.

Best man was Major David Pike, Colorado Springs, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were

Wes Pike, Manhattan, brother of the bridegroom; John Underwood, Philadelphia, brother of the bride; Maj. Joe Sholtz, Las Vegas; and Dr. Jeff Dombroski, Houston.

Ringbearer was Marshall Pike and usher was Mitchell Pike, both of Colorado Springs, and both nephews of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held at the club.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences at Bethesda, Md. She completed a residency in family practice at David Grand Medical Center at Travis Air Base, Calif.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Ashland High School, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Georgetown University Medical School, Washington. He completed a residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

After a wedding trip to Fiji, they are living near Tokyo, where both are on active duty.

Celebrating 60 years!!



"Bus" and Carolyn Wurm

You are Invited to an OPEN HOUSE

3 - 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26th

at the Oberlin American Legion

Please - No gifts

New Arrival

James Tage Sullivan

Talyn Sullivan has a new baby brother, James Tage Sullivan, born June 16, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Their parents are Dustin and Katrina Sullivan, Colby. Grandparents are Karla and John Sullivan, Colby, and Darla and Terry Jones, Plainville. Great-grandparents are Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Oberlin; Betty and Dan Lawyer, Riverside, Calif.; and the late Catherine and LeRoy Sullivan.



J. Sullivan

Happy Anniversary

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandson of Loyd and Mary Waldo wish to honor them with a card shower for their 60th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. Please send congratulations to:

Loyd and Mary Waldo
117 S. Marks Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas 67749

Mimi (Gigi) and Poppo, we love you! Happy Anniversary!

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