



Ryan and Kelly Miller

Couple marries June 19

Kelly Dyan Maze and Ryan Gregory Miller were married on Saturday, June 19, 2010, in Falls City, Neb.

Parents of the bride are Charles and Betty Maze of Hiawatha. Her grandparents are Ben and Gerty Maze of Falls City, Neb.

The bridegroom's parents are Greg and Marie Miller of Dresden. His grandmother is Betty Miller, Colby.

The bride is a graduate of Hiawatha High School and graduated from Kansas State University, with a Bachelor of Science in 2007. She also graduated from Creighton University in 2008 with a Bachelor

of Science Degree in Nursing. She is employed at Methodist Hospital as well as working toward her Masters Degree in Gerontological Nursing through the University of Indianapolis in Indiana.

The bridegroom graduated from Jennings High School and from Kansas State University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication in 2007. He is employed as a Combine Product Specialist for Case IH and oversees the territories of Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

They are living in Indianapolis, Ind.

Fialas hold family reunion

Descendants of John and Mary Fiala, early settlers in Decatur County, gathered in Colorado Springs for a potluck on Saturday at the home of Clois Fiala.

Attending were the couple's grandchildren and spouses: Sonny and Cruz Mrstik, Fillmore, Calif.; Gaylen and Joyce Krizek, Pueblo, Colo., and Clois Fiala, wife of the late Clifford Fiala.

Great-grandchildren and spouses were Cliff Fiala Jr.; Jan and Dan Latham, Colorado Springs; Rita Carey, Westminster, Colo.; Philip

Carey, Ellicott, Colo.; Judy and Bert Dieck, Greeley, Colo.; Sondra Sanders, Camarillo, Calif., and Everett and Gayleen Loughlin, Pueblo.

Great-great-grandchildren included Jeremy and Lauren Sanders, Camarillo, Calif.; Trevor Dieck, Fountain, Colo., and Shelby, Katie and Kyle Loughlin, Pueblo.

Other guests were Joe Becker, Tonya and Cheyenne Forbes, Rocky and Chris Plante, and George and Charlene Jeffrey, Colorado Springs.

Vet presents Rotary program

Dr. Mark Olson presented a vocational talk about becoming a veterinarian for the July 27 program for the Oberlin Rotary Club when members met for lunch at The Gateway.

He said he grew up on a farm south of Herndon and had always enjoyed working with animals. He was encouraged by one of his teachers at Decatur Community High School to study veterinary medicine. He graduated in 1976 and gives his teachers and Principal Herschel Betts credit for giving him the desire, motivation and education to succeed. He graduated from the

College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University in 1982 and he and his wife, Barbara, chose to move back to Oberlin. He also told of his motorcycle accident in 1980 which should have taken his life, but he said, "It just wasn't my time."

He mentored veterinary students in Atwood and started a Norton Vet Clinic. He and his family have moved to Hoxie, where he will practice about one-third of the time with the other two-thirds in Oberlin, with the other two veterinarians, Dr. Travis Hissong and Dr. Trent Glick.

Many relatives and friends attend Frickey funeral service

Among out-of-town family and friends who attended memorial services for Dr. Phil Frickey on Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church were Mary Ann Bernard, Alex Frickey, Elizabeth Frickey, Alex Alott, Moraga, Calif.;

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bernard and Fred, Aspen, Colo.; Robert and Michele Scherzer, Rockport, Texas; Grant and Rachal Scherzer, Fort Worth; Roland, Ryan, Brynn and Ryland Rangel, San Antonio, Texas;

The Rev. Mark and Tonya Frickey, Jeff, Samantha and Jon, Copake, N.Y.; Ed Frickey, Wichita; Paul Nitsch, Charlotte, N.C.; Shelley Green, Longmont, Colo.; John and

Paula McClung, Mendota Heights, Minn.;

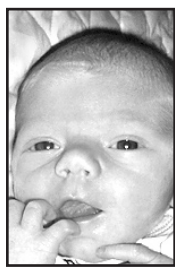
Carol Weibert, Manhattan; Gail Agrawal, former dean of the University of Kansas Law School and presently dean of the University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City; and Dr. Naurang Agrwal; the Hon. Steve Leben, Mission, judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals;

Harry Wigner, Overland Park; Dr. Cleve Trimble, Valentine, Neb.; Suzanne Larson, Wichita; Lynn Mockry, Lawrence; and three former students of Dr. Frickey at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, two now practicing in Denver and one in Washington.

New Arrivals

Jax Henry Ruf

A son, Jax Henry Ruf, was born to Ryan and Jamie Ruf of Quinter at the Gove County Medical Center at 9:54 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010. He weighed 6 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Sherri Ruf, Oberlin, and Calvin and Vicki Zimmerman, Alta Vista. Great-grandparents are Ed and Ruth Ruf, Wilsonville, Neb.; Hazel Zimmerman, Alta Vista; and Doris Herpich, Council Grove.



Jax Ruf

Benefit set at City Park on Monday

A benefit barbecue will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at City Park for Jason Thomas, 23, who was transferred from Wesley Medical Center in Wichita to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday. He is recuperating from injuries received in a traffic accident on July 20.

The event is being organized by a classmate, Sharee Dempewolf, and is sponsored by the Decatur Community High School Class of 2006.

All items needed for the benefit have been donated by Grafel Farms, 5K Farms, Prairie Land Electric, Shelli's Hair Design, Alice Stanley, the Decatur County Emergency Medical Service, Bob and Lynn Boyd, Fine Spirits and the Land-Mark Inn, said Miss Dempewolf.

Volunteers will be serving hamburgers, baked beans, chips and tea or water. They invite everyone to bring lawn chairs and help Jason with his medical expenses. The class expressed appreciation to everyone who is helping with the expenses. For details, call Miss Dempewolf at (785) 470-7068.

Jason is the son of Dennis and Kaylene Thomas of Oberlin.

Fair booth to benefit food bank

The Decatur County Food Pantry will get a little extra help this week during the Decatur County Fair when the McCook Walmart sponsors a food drive from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in the Commercial Building.

Bring canned or boxed food to this booth and get one ticket for each item. The ticket will be put into a drawing that will be held Friday night for a \$100 Walmart gift card. If anyone prefers to donate money, then for every \$1 they will get 2 tickets for the drawing.

"In the spirit of giving, come and enjoy the fair and help restock the food pantry, plus receive a ticket for a chance to win a \$100 gift card at Walmart," said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

Golden Plains sets enrollment

Golden Plains Schools will hold enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Elementary School in Selden and the Middle School in Rexford.

Enrollment fees and schedules can be found on the school web site at www.usd316.k12.ks.us. Just click on "enrollment information." Also on the site is a list of school supplies and the school calendars.

Students in grades 6-12 who will be participating in physical education or athletics need to get a physical evaluation from 5:30 to 7 p.m. next Wednesday at either the Colby Medical and Surgical Center or from 5 to 7 p.m. that day at the Family Center for Health Care. The physical form can be picked up at either school or can be printed from the enrollment page on the school web site.

For information, call the elementary school at (785) 386-4560 or the middle/high school at (785) 687-3265.

Stanley and Ramona Shaw of Jennings will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 13, 2010. They were united in marriage at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, KS. Their family is requesting a card shower in their honor.



Cards can reach them at:
335 N. Penn
Jennings, KS 67643



Children of the couple are Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion; Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Logan; Cindy and Danny Black, Carlsbad, NM; and Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, Clayton. They have eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



THE SCHRAMMEL train at the Decatur County Fairgrounds is sheltered from the sun under the new red depot, which was recently completed with memorials and other funds given in memory of Dale Votapka, who drove the train for many years. —Photo by Cynthia Haynes

Memorials add new depot for train

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Young and old alike will welcome the addition of a new red depot building finished this summer to shelter those waiting to board the Schrammel train on the Decatur County Fairgrounds.

The addition, complete with a weather vane on top and signs that say "Oberlin," was built with memorial money received following the death of Dale Votapka on Nov. 23, 2007, and was completed just in time to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the train.

Mr. Votapka's widow, Cheryl, said that Harry Schrammel, who donated money to buy the train, which was built in Strasburg, Colo., asked

her husband if he would take over not only driving the train but also the maintenance of the ride after he felt he was getting too old to do it.

"My husband spent many hours working to keep the ride in good shape," she recalled. "He often took his little tractor to the fairgrounds and mowed the area around the train, then did the maintenance throughout the year, which included fixing and replacing ties and gauging the rails."

"I asked (contractor) Kevin Brown and my nephew, Dan Votapka, to come up with a design for the new building, and they did."

"I also drove the train, as has my daughter, Luanne Rowilson (of Hays) and my son-in-law, Chris

Sluder (of Sabina, Ohio), along with LaMoine Wolfram and Doug Brown of Oberlin.

A plaque has been placed on the north side of the passenger ramp which says, "Built by family and friends in memory of Dale Votapka."

Although the cost came in above the amount of the memorials, Mrs. Votapka said she wanted to pay for the rest as a tribute to her husband. She said they both enjoyed stopping on their travels in their motor home to see train collections and miniature trains throughout the country.

Dan Votapka has replaced his uncle as the main driver, as well as doing maintenance for the train.

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People in Our Community

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An early birthday family gathering with lunch was held for Rita Garver on Sunday, July 25, at The Hickory Tree near Salina to honor her on her 80th birthday, which will be Aug. 10. Those present with Mrs. Rita Garver, Oberlin, were Bob and JoAnn Shuler, Larned; Don and Wanda Shuler, Belleville; Ron Shuler, Tammy and Bridget Schmidt, Jason and Lindsey Herndon, Maggie, Isaiah, Noah, Joel Shuler, Salina; and Daron and Paula Shuler and Sophia, Lawrence.

Relatives who attended funeral services for Ardieth Wayne on Thursday were Pat and Sheila Luadders, Rantoul, Crystin Luadders Overland Park; Natalie and Daniel Merica, Clay Center; Chris and Becky Luadders and girls, Hays; Linda and Bob Smith, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Don and Becky Rodakher, Auburn, Ala.; Gary and Cathy Praeuner, Battle Creek, Neb.; Dave and Barb Praeuner, Meadow Grove, Neb.; Sheryl Walters and Leah, Ames, Neb.; and Mike and Nadia Schoup, Kelsey and Lisa, McCook.

Billie Woodward, Manhattan, was a Friday overnight guest of Herschel and Jody Betts en route to Colorado Springs to visit friends.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore,

Ardis Roe and Norma Anderson. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Neil Marshall, Veanna Carman, Max Carman and Doris Fringer. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Neil Marshall and Max Carman. Bridge highs were won by Annette Miller, Dorothy Cochran, Dewaine Stapp and Sally Henningson.

—20% off all new fall clothing this week only at The Dresser.

Cheryl Votapka took Paulina Rossi and Olli Kirkkonummi of Finland and her grandson, Finn Huerter, to Lawrence to visit the Pam and Eric Huerter family. En route, they were joined by Rick Rowilson, of Hays for a visit to the Sternberg Museum.

Funeral services were held Friday

in Springfield, Mo., for Virginia Bucklinger, 87, who died on July 27. She was a sister of Walt Fortin. Those who attended were Jill McCorkle, McCook; and Walt, Jack, Jamie, Jason and Jay Fortin.

Ed Russ of WaKeeney has returned home from Wichita, where he had been taken to a Burn Center following an accident at his home. He was trying to start a pickup when it backfired, causing the can of gas in his hand to explode. He suffered burns to his face and one arm.

A neighborhood birthday party at the home of Jody Betts was Friday afternoon. Invited guests were Joy Russell, Kay Gaskill, Marilyn Puckett, Rita Garver, Pat Wright of Oakley, Pat Fringer, and Reta Barratt and granddaughter Riley of Hays.

Happy 25th Anniversary

August 10th
Dr. Gary and Sarah Fredrickson
From
Marcia Woods
David and Cheryl Woods
Daniel, Kim, Rebecca and Luke Woods
Susan, Leo, Katelyn and Sydney Siebert

You're invited to help
Nora Bearley
celebrate her 90th Birthday
Saturday, August 7, 2 - 4 p.m.
at the Golden Age Center.

Cards will reach her at:
211 S. Buffalo, Oberlin, KS 67749

The family of Rita Garver would like to honor her on her 80th Birthday on Tuesday, August 10, with a card shower.

Cards will reach her at:
405 N. Wilson
Oberlin, KS 67749

