



Rachel and William Linin

Wedding vows are exchanged

Rachel Elisabeth Sowers of Hot Springs, S.D., and William Maurice Linin of Goodland, were united in marriage on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Goodland United Methodist Church in Goodland. Officiating the ceremony were Reverends Matthew Lim and Dustin Petz.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Daniel Sowers. She wore an A-line white satin gown with a beaded bodice and chiffon overlay. With the continuation of family tradition, the bride also wore her great-grandmother's diamond engagement ring making this the 15th family wedding at which it was worn. She carried a bouquet of dark pink roses, Gerbera daisies, and white calla lilies.

The matron of honor was Jodie Lim, of Lakewood, Wash., and the maid of honor was Jenna

Georgeff of Hot Springs. Bridesmaids were Leah Kunnari of Hot Springs, and Aryn Sturgeon of Omaha, Neb. Flower girls were Eliana and Adrianna Sowers, nieces of the bride.

The best man was Thomas Romero of Broomfield, Colo. Groomsmen were Nathan Linin and Joel Linin, brothers of the groom, both of Goodland, and Craig Stockebrand, of Salina.

Ushers were Josh Sowers and Nathan Sowers, both of Bird City, and Jordan Sowers of Oklahoma City, brothers of the bride.

Personal attendant was Caitlyn Mosset of Hot Springs. Guest-book attendant was Sara Sowers, sister-in-law of the bride, of Bird City, and program attendant was Hannah (Sowers) Gomez, cousin of the bride, of Southland, Texas.

Pianist for the ceremony was Tiffany Glasco of Bird City. Vo-

cal music was provided by Bethany Bigler of Custer, S.D., and Brian and Janda Linin, cousin of groom, of Goodland.

Parents of the bride are Daniel and Lori Sowers of Bird City. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Raymond and Sharon Schlup and the late Lewis and Audrey Sowers.

Parents of the groom are Max and Brenda Linin of Goodland. The groom is the grandson of the late William and Esther Linin and the late Maurice and Joye Witten.

The groom holds a bachelor of science in Construction Science and Management from Kansas State University. The bride holds a degree in Christian Education from Cornerstone Bible Institute.

After a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple now makes their home in Goodland.

Couple announces plans for upcoming wedding

Sara Schultz and Larry Adams, both of Phoenix, Ariz., will be married April 21 at the Hacienda Estate in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Sara is the daughter of Eddy and Sherry Schultz, St. Francis. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1995 and from Fort Hays State University in 1999 where she earned an English degree.

Larry is the son of Paul Adams and Pat Ponder, both of Atlanta, Ga. In 1998, he graduated from Georgia Tech with a Mechanical Engineering degree.



Adams — Schultz



Lilah Doucette

First birthday celebrated

Lilah CarrieLee Doucette turned one on March 22. She is the daughter to Preacher Angelo Doucette, and April Elizabeth Frazier Doucette of Denver, Colo. Grandparents are Robert and Clara Frazier of Grand Island, Neb., and Raymond and Norma Martinez of Bird City. Lilah is going to welcome home a brother in May.

Cheyenne County health fair scheduled

The Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Departments will be sponsoring the Cheyenne County Spring Health Fair April 16 - 20 for men and women. The female exam includes a breast and pelvic exam with pap smear; the male exam will include a prostate check.

The lab work available includes: a chemistry panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) Hemoglobin A1C and PSA.

The fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance. The fee is also at a much reduced price for this health fair.

Lab draws

Lab draws in St. Francis will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16, 17 and 18, in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement. No appointment is needed.

from 7:00 am to 10:00 am daily

In Bird City, the lab draws will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday,

April 17 and 18, at the Bird City Clinic. Again, no appointment needed.

People having the draw should remember to fast for the chemistry panel lab test with nothing to drink or eat except water after midnight. Those taking medications may take them the morning of the draw and remember to drink plenty of water.

Those having exams should call the Cheyenne County Clinic, 785-332-2682, for an appointment. Exams are done by appointments only between April 18 and 20.

During the lab draws, there will be educational display booths available in the basement. Outside the clinic on Tuesday, April 17., the Lions Club will also have the State-wide Lions Club vision and hearing screening truck. People can have their vision, hearing and/or blood pressure checked.

For more information, contact Mila Bandel, RN, county health nurse, at 332-2381.

Across the County

Deadline Approaching for K-State Sheep and Goat Conference Registration

By Marty Fear



County Extension Agent

The Kansas State University Sheep and Goat Conference and trade show is planned for May 4-6 in Manhattan, with a registration deadline of April 15.

The conference focuses on animal selection, health, nutrition, management, reproduction, carcass quality, marketing, guardian animals, hand spinning and dairy goat production, according to Brian Faris, sheep and goat specialist with K-State Research and Extension. The trade show will feature products and services related to nutrition, health, fencing, and other topics important to producers.

Participants will have the opportunity to sample lamb and chevon products, as well as enjoy Call Hall ice cream for dessert.

Speaker information, a conference schedule, registration and vendor forms, and lodging information are available at: www.ksusheepandgoats.org. Questions may be directed to Faris at 785-

532-1255 or bfaris@ksu.edu or Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

Grazing during an extra early spring

Spring pastures are growing fast and early. Spring pastures ready to graze nearly a month earlier than usual is nice, but it also raises some questions about management and risks. For example, if you wait to turn animals out to pasture until close to your normal beginning date, chances are the grass will get so far ahead of your animals that it quickly will become stemmy and low quality.

However, if you start grazing today as you normally would when you begin, any cool-down in temperatures might slow grass growth so much that your pastures will run short way before summer even begins. So what should you do?

First, go ahead and start grazing early, but at a lower than normal

stocking rate. Try to match your stocking rate with the growth rate of the grass. It may be better to under stock early than over stock; you can add more animals later as growth begins to accumulate.

Since this early grass has quite high forage quality, use animals that can make use of better quality feed. And give them access to some hay to reduce scours and help them adjust to this new, green feed.

Also, rotationally graze through pastures very rapidly. Let animals top off the pasture as best they can to keep as many plants from forming seedstalks as possible. If it's too difficult to rotate animals rapidly through all your paddocks, put some animals in each paddock if possible or open the gates.

Finally, as grasses start to elongate, begin slowing rotational grazing to ration out remaining grass and to guarantee that plants get enough rest for regrowth.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Until next week - Marty

Earthworm populations become reduced by soil cultivation

Earthworm populations generally become reduced in cultivated agricultural fields, said Peter Tomlinson, K-State Research and Extension environmental quality specialist.

Several explanations for the decline and loss of earthworms have been proposed, he said.

"It could be that tillage implements cause physical injury to earthworms, resulting in mortality. Also, reductions in residue and soil organic matter associated with long-term tillage restrict the earthworms' food supplies," Mr. Tomlinson said.

"A change in soil temperature resulting from the loss of insulation provided by the vegetation could also be reducing earthworm populations. Another possibility is increased predation from birds when the soil is turned over."

It is likely a combination of these factors leads to reduced earthworm populations, the K-State agronomist said.

In studies comparing adjacent

cultivated and uncultivated soils, population reductions are wide-ranging, he said. In one five-year study, the population was reduced by 70 percent by tillage but in a different series of 25-year studies the population was only reduced between 11 and 16 percent, he said.

When tillage practices are reduced or eliminated as a result of conversion to a minimal or no-till system, earthworm populations generally begin to increase, Tomlinson said.

"Earthworms play an important

role in no-till systems as they redistribute organic matter. They are important in soil fertility, and their burrows play an important role in soil aeration and drainage," he concluded.



Handy Tips

- Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive.
- Sealed envelope - put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.
- Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
- For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish-washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. The mix won't re-freeze.

Help Wanted

A part-time/on-call RN Position is open at CHEYENNE MANOR. Candidate must be flexible, able to work 12 hour shifts, to fill in for vacations and other shifts as needed. Duties include supervision of 2-3 CNA's and nurse management for 21 residents. Competitive wages are offered as well as a shift differential when working the night shift. This position has the potential to turn into full time. Full time employees enjoy excellent benefits that include the employee's health insurance paid in full. The working environment at this 5 Star Nursing Facility is very warm and caring and you will be working with an excellent team of care givers. Call Doris to schedule an appointment 719-767-5602 or apply in person to Cheyenne Manor, 561 W 1st Street N, Hwy 385, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. EOE

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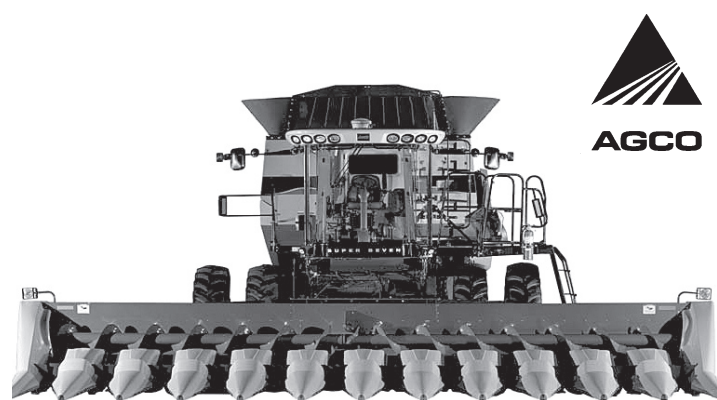
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