

Family

Doherty and Lobato plan wedding

Mike and LaRita Doherty, Lindsborg, and Joseph Sr. and Carol Lobato, Selden, announce the engagement of their children, Angela Nicole Doherty and John Frank Lobato.

The future bride graduated from Smoky Valley High School and Bethany College with a degree in social work. She is employed as a case-worker at Central Kansas Mental Health Center, Salina.

The prospective groom graduated from Golden Plains High School and Fort Hays State University with degrees in psychology and communications. He is employed as a case worker/case manager at Central Kansas Men-



Lobato and Doherty

tal Health Center, Salina, and as a juvenile intake and assessment worker at St. Francis Academy, Salina.

The wedding will take place Sept. 22, 2001, at Evangelical Covenant Church, Lindsborg.

Taylor's celebrate 60 years

The son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Lloyd and Dorothy Taylor request a card shower honoring their 60th wedding anniversary.

The former residents of northwest Kansas were married July 20, 1941, at the First Christian Church in Goodland. Both are retired teachers. Dorothy was a home economist and librarian. Lloyd taught music and was known for his outstanding marching bands.

The Taylors have one son, Curtis Taylor who lives in Peoria, Ariz. Granddaughter Rhonda Taylor lives in Tucson, Ariz., and is working on her



Lloyd and Dorothy Taylor

doctorate at the University of Arizona. Grandson Russell Taylor lives in Phoenix.

Friends are invited to send their congratulations to the Taylors at 1740 Judith Place, Escondido, Calif. 92026. The Taylors are also on line at lttayday@msn.com. The enjoyment of hearing from old friends on this special day will be the best gift of all.

Gee and Focke are engaged

Mike and Karen Curtin of Kansas City, Mo., and James and Sandy McLaughlin of Pawnee City, Neb., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Dawn Gee, to Scott Robert Focke, son of Charles and Ellen Focke of Ludell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Axtell High School and later attended Colby Community College where she obtained her Licensed Practical Nursing accreditation. Leslie is now employed at the Family Center for Health Care where she is the coding manager and nurse.

Her fiancé graduated from Atwood High School and attended the University of Kansas where he obtained a



Focke and Gee

masters of social work and also a masters of health services administration. Scott is also employed at the Family Center for Health Care where he is the clinic manager.

Their wedding is planned for Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood.

Eager mom jumps the gun making wedding plans

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been in a relationship with "Joe" for several years. His mother, "Roxie," is pushy and manipulative. I've seen her blow things out of proportion with other people.

Last night, thinking we had privacy, Joe and I talked about getting married. We were only bringing the subject up — we have no intention of marrying right now.

Today at work, Roxie called me and said she "overheard" Joe and me talking, and already had someone lined up to bake the wedding cake. She also knows the "perfect place" for our wedding reception — and she wants me to wear her wedding dress from 35 years ago. I was so shocked, all I could say was, "I'll talk it over with Joe."

Abby, how can I stop her from butting into our lives without starting a conflict?

WHAT TO SAY IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR WHAT TO SAY: You and Joe should thank his mother for her generosity and tell her that it was only a preliminary conversation, and that no wedding is yet being planned. Assure her that if things change, she'll be the first to know.



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

P.S. Instead of feeling defensive, you should be flattered. Her positive reaction indicates how much she approves of you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who is terrified of going back to public school because of the fear of getting shot. I recently heard on the news that the number of school shootings will increase.

I am being forced to make a decision about going back to public school or staying in home-school. Please help me make the right decision. Your opinion means a lot to me.

TERRIFIED TEEN, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR TERRIFIED TEEN: The problem with fear is that, unchecked, it feeds upon itself and magnifies. While the school shootings of the last few years have received much media attention, the

truth is that the vast majority of students in attendance are teens just like yourself — sane, studious and functional.

You will become completely housebound if you withdraw from society because you are afraid of some lunatic with a gun, because shootings also occur in markets, post offices, banks and on residential streets. Far better to face your fears by talking them out with a professional counselor than to remain in home-school because of a fear of being shot. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I have two wonderful children. I have been divorced from their father for several years. His current wife — who is expecting their second child — is the woman he had an affair with who broke up our marriage.

My problem is whenever I pick up or drop off the kids for visitation, my ex continues to make passes at me. I don't want his new wife to find out because I'm afraid it will cause friction and create more negative impact on my kids. I tell him to stop, but he is still a groping pig. How can I get him to quit?

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PINCHED IN POMONA

DEAR PINCHED: Your ex acts like he's convinced he's irresistible. You could remind him that when the two of you were divorced, he lost any right he ever had to touch you — but I doubt it will dissuade him. A more effective method of self-defense would be to stay out of arm's reach. (Example: inside the car with the windows more than halfway up.)

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Thursday, July 12: Admissions — Janet Campbell, Colby; Lois Carpenter, Colby; Dismissals — Florence Gilchrist, Colby; Wilma Voisin, Colby; Irene Hayes, Colby

Death

Fred B. Rikoff

Fred B. Rikoff, 90, died Thursday, July 12, 2001, at Via Christi Skill Care Unit, Wichita. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY, JULY 17

- 4-H modeling seminary, United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-noon
- Blood pressures, Brewster Senior Center, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Rotary, Student Union, noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
- Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.; ???, Shelly Melvin & Coleena Ryan
- Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Fibromyalgia Support Group, Logan County Hospital Activity Room, 7 p.m.
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
- Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Rebekahs, (2nd & 4th Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
- New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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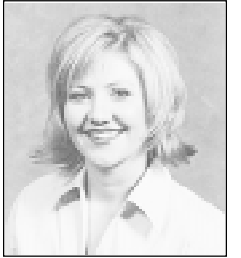


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