

# Family

## Ostmeyer and Melvin married

Sara Louise Ostmeyer and Ryan David Melvin were married June 9, 2001, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Estes Park, Colo. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ostmeyer, Estes Park, and Roger and Mary Jane Melvin, both of Las Vegas, Nev. The bride is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Ostmeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ostmeyer of Colby. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Max Melvin, Colby, and Tom Hillery, Levant. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Melvin, Colby.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. Paul Garrett and music was provided by Dr. Martha S. Sandford, organist, and Davis Rath, soloist, a friend of the groom from Hoxie. Escorted by her father, the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Jeneria Bennett of Garden City served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Shelby Moses, Colby; Deborah Pruitt, cousin of the bride, Wilmington, N.C.; Nicole Gillan and Sandra Gillan, both of Fort Collins, Colo.

Attending the groom as best man was his brother Roger Melvin Jr., of Denver. Groomsmen were: Len Melvin, cousin of the groom, Hays; Michael Schwanke, Wichita; Davis Rath, Hoxie; Marcel Backus, Bill Davis and Lucien Laviolette, all of Las Vegas.

Serving as ushers were Josh Ostmeyer, brother of the bride of Estes



Ryan and Sara Melvin

Park, and the groom's cousin, Lucas Melvin, Colby. Matthew Marshall, cousin of the bride from Overland Park, was at the guest book.

Flower girls were Miah and Valerie Melvin, the groom's cousins from Colby.

Michael Heenan, uncle of the bride, Stockton, and Max Melvin, the groom's grandfather, Colby, were lecturers.

Out-of-state guests attended from

Kansas, Nevada, California, Massachusetts, Montana and North Carolina.

Following the ceremony a dinner and dance reception was held at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park.

The newlyweds traveled to Cancun, Mexico, for their honeymoon and are now living in Westminster, Colo.

The bride is a senior at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and the groom is employed by Pacific Supply, Denver.

## About Town

Cedar Bluffs Lake near Hays was the Labor Day weekend gathering site for the Jay Griffin family.

Those enjoying the weekend were: Janette and Kelly Clapp, McCook, Neb. and Dave Schissler, Oberlin; Janice and Leo Bjurstrom, Branda, Daniel, Ashley and Ryan, Leoti; Jerri Griffin, Hutchinson; JoAnn and Mark Linnell and Clinton, Goodard; Jeremy Clapp, North Platte, Neb.; Denny Clapp and Laura, Marshall and Kaycie, Atwood.

Those from Colby were Jim and Kacy Griffin and Kiana, Janell and Tara Griffin, Jeff and Jennifer and Nicole Griffin, Greg and Emily Griffin and Konnor, Mitch Griffin and Timmy Towey, Tasha and Rick Kooper, Katlin and Kacy, and Gene and Jay Griffin.

## 'Potato bar' set at Senior Progress Center

The annual "Potato Bar" fund-raiser will be held at the Senior Progress Center on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. The moneys raised by this event are used to help pay utilities for the center. Plan now to attend and enjoy baked potatoes with various toppings, cake, coffee/tea, and fellowship. A "free-will" donation will be taken at the door.

The nursing students from Colby Community College will be visiting the Senior Progress Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m.-noon. The students will be special guests at a "Break-

## Club News

**VFW AUXILIARY**  
VFW Auxiliary met Sept. 4 at the post home with Pres. Debra Koel presiding.

A potluck supper preceding the meeting was enjoyed by post members and spouses.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by patriotic instruction and flag salute. Roll was of officers was read by secretary. Correspondence was read including the president's message, general orders and excerpts from September mailing. A donation was allowed for the VFW Endowment Fund, and for the VFW booth at the state fair. A donation to the cemetery fund for the new arch over the gate was approved. A donation was approved for VFW cancer research in memory of Wilma Brockway.

## Marshall and Miller set date

Stanley and Dee Marshall, El Dorado, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Ann Marshall to Justin S. Miller.

He is the son of Fred and Marvia Miller, Colby.

The bride-elect is a graduate of El Dorado High School, and an English major at Fort Hays State University, Hays.

The prospective groom is a Colby High School graduate and received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Fort



Miller and Marshall

Hays State University, Hays. He is the fine art photography teacher at Dodge City High School.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 28, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in El Dorado.

## Happenings

fast Potluck,' at the center beginning at 8 a.m., and all area seniors are invited to attend. Bring your tableware and a breakfast item to share.

An afternoon volunteer is desperately needed at the Senior Progress Center, to answer the phone from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Call Deb at 462-2901 (before noon.)

Story time at Pioneer Memorial Li-

brary will start Sept. 11. There are still openings in all classes, for family night, toddlers, and preschool. Sign up at the library.

The Head Injury Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at LINK, 22401 Canterbury, Hays. all head/brain injury survivors, family members, and supporters are welcome. For more information, call Gia Scott at LINK, 1-800-569-5926.

## Bisexual husband says some secrets better kept

DEAR ABBY: I am intrigued by women who find phone numbers in their husband's pockets or wonder why they are out late. My advice: Unless you think you're in danger of losing your husband, leave well enough alone.

I have been a happily married man for more than 25 years. For the last 10 years, I have had a male lover who is also married. Neither of us intends to leave our families. What would my wife gain if she happened to stumble on this? She would destroy her life, my life, our kids' lives, my lover's life, his family's lives — and nothing would be gained.

**BISEXUAL IN NEW JERSEY**  
**DEAR "BP":** While we all know that some marriages are "arrangements," those kinds of relationships should be entered into with everyone's eyes wide open. Secrets of the kind you have described are not healthy for partnerships.

You ask what your wife would gain if she were to learn the truth? She would gain the ability to decide for herself if she wants to spend the rest of her life sharing her husband with another person, rather than having the decision made for her. Whether her answer is yes or no, she would be making an informed choice. She deserves the right to do so.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to thank my father-in-law for all of the lessons he's taught my husband:

Thank you for abandoning your girlfriend and newborn son 28 years ago. It has taught him to be a conscientious father to our children.

Thank you for leaving them in poverty. It taught him to work hard for the things he truly wants.

Thank you for never taking him fishing or hunting. It taught him to spend quality time with our daughters.

Thank you for returning to their lives when he was 17, only to cheat on his mother four years later. It has made our marriage stronger.

Thank you for visiting us three or four times in the past seven years. It taught him to appreciate his mother more.

Finally, thank you for never being a role model. It has taught my husband



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

to be a better man.

GRATEFUL WIFE IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR GRATEFUL WIFE:** Although the lessons your father-in-law taught your husband may have been inadvertent, it appears your mate took the negatives of his fragmented relationship with his father and turned them into positives. Your open letter demonstrates the lasting effect of examples we set by our behavior.

DEAR ABBY: My parents do not listen to anything I have to say. They think my problems are not as important as theirs. I try to tell them what's going on in my life, but they don't hear me. Because of this, I no longer tell my parents anything. I tell my best friend and her mother. My friend's mom listens to my problems and helps me handle them — no matter how small they are.

My parents do not know anything about me. They never will, until they decide to listen to what I have to say.

My advice to all parents is to LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN. It's not that hard. Your kids just might have important "secrets" you know nothing about because you didn't take the time to listen.

A TEEN NEEDING TO TALK IN OHIO

**DEAR TEEN:** Sociologists and psychologists have interviewed teenagers about their concerns, and a subject that is mentioned again and again is the fact that some parents

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## Community Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Rotary, Student Union, noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon  
Senior Progress Center Board, 3 p.m.  
First Year Webelos, Fire Station, 5:30 p.m.  
Second Year Webelos, LDS Church, 1145 S. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.  
Bear Cubs, United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.  
Wolf Cubs, United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.  
Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m. ???; Junelle Hills & Karen Molstad  
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860  
Family night story time, Pioneer Memorial Library, 7 p.m.  
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.

are too busy or preoccupied to listen. I have received many letters from other teen-agers that contain the same message as yours. They want parents who will listen and at least let them explain. Kids desperately need to be understood and to have parents who will stand beside them, not over them.

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

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