

Colby couple celebrate 60th

Kennie and Wanda Rogers, Colby, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept. 30.

Kenneth “Kennie” Rogers and Wanda Hannan were married Sept. 30, 1945 in Kensington, following the end of WWII. The couple have four children: Tom and wife, Marilyn, of Wichita; Jean of Lakewood, Colo.; Alana and husband, Dale Tubbs, Colby; and Tracy and wife, Robyn, Colby. They also have five grandchildren.



Kenneth and Wanda Rogers today and on their wedding day 60 years ago.



Kansas man spearheads project to save monarchs

LAWRENCE (AP) — University of Kansas professor Chip Taylor walks through the butterfly garden behind Foley Hall on West Campus, looking closely at the cosmos, parsley, purple coneflower and milkweed plants for signs of monarch larvae or pupae.

Nearby a female monarch feeds on an ageratum.

“This will be a good year for migration,” said Taylor, explaining the rain in August extended the blooming season of the flowers that produce the nectar attractive to monarch butterflies.

“What we see here really depends on the conditions in Texas,” he said.

“If it’s good there, then they migrate up here. Ten to 12 species come in from Texas and reestablish their population here.”

Taylor, director of Monarch Watch and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has started a national effort to create 10,000 “monarch waystations” over the next three years to help preserve the dwindling numbers of monarch butterflies in the United States.

“The idea is to get everyone who is interested in the monarch butterfly and those interested in gardening to create monarch habitats,” he said.

The waystation name harkens back to the 19th century, during the time of steam engines and the Pony Express.

“Steam engines needed stops to pick up water and coal,” Taylor said.

“The Pony Express riders needed stops to pick up food and fresh horses.

Family of early Colby residents hold reunion

Descendents of George and Anna Elizabeth Wheaton, early residents of Colby, held a reunion at the Quality Inn. Hosts and Hostesses for the event were Jim and Marj Brown and Jerry and Florene Messamore all of Colby.

Guests included: Bob and Betty Cox of Kingstom, Okla., and sons, David Cox of Haltom, Texas, and Roger Cox of Ft. Worth, Texas, and his son, Clint; Dr. Pete Williams and wife Barbara of Minot, N.D., with son and daughter, Peter and Annie; Mriana Williams of Wichita with sons, Jarrod and Gabe Casner; Kay and Chuck Wheaton of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; Rep. Shirley Hankins of Richland, WA, with grandson, Joseph; Jim and Ann Rogers of Cheney, Wash., with son and daughter-in-law, James and George Rogers of Spokane; Ted and Vicky Rychlik of Kansas City, Mo., with daughter and granddaughter Kathy and Katie Glendenning of Castle Rock, Colo.; Larry and Loretta Wheaton of Friendswood, Texas with sons and daughters-in-law, LeRoy and Eileen Wheaton of Santa Fe, Texas and Lenny and Joyce Wheaton of Livermore, Calif. with their daughter, Elizabeth Hower, also of Livermore; Jack and

Jenny Ashford of Longmont, Colo., Dick and Barbara Williams of N. Little Rock, Ark.; Duane Brown of Colby with daughter, Darci and daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and John Flynn and their children, Zach, Matthew and Michael; Linda Tubbs with fiancé, Jerry Pitner, and Linda’s daughter, Holly Lynn, with her husband, Jerry Lynn, and children Braiden, Brayclen, and Brielle; Edwin Trueblood of Norton.; Dixie Leddon of Las Vegas, Nev. with daughter, Susan Leddon of Henderson, Nev.

The Colby Alumni Reunion Three members of the Wheaton family group received High Flying Eagle awards at the Colby museum during the Colby Alumni Reunion in August. Rep. Shirley Hankins, Colby High School Class of 1950, received recognition for her work as a State Representative for the State of Washington; Dr. Pete Williams, of Colby High School Class of 1971, for his achievements in the field of Ophthalmology and Chuck Wheaton received recognition for his father, Lt. Col. Charles LeRoy Wheaton, Class of 1925, who was the highest ranking serviceman from Thomas County to die in WWII in 1945.

Three groups to sponsor one-day trip for seniors

Colby Community College, the Thomas County Council on Aging and the Senior Progress Center are sponsoring a one-day trip for senior citizens on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Larry and Deb Koon will accompany the group to Golden, Colo., where they will attend the melodrama Sweeney Todd: The Legend of the Barber Fiend of Fleet Street at the Heritage Square Music Hall.

Participants will pay \$30 for the meal and play. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the bus trip.

“We can accommodate 50 people on the bus,” said Larry Koon.

“We will take reservations first from Thomas County residents and then open the trip to residents from surrounding counties.”

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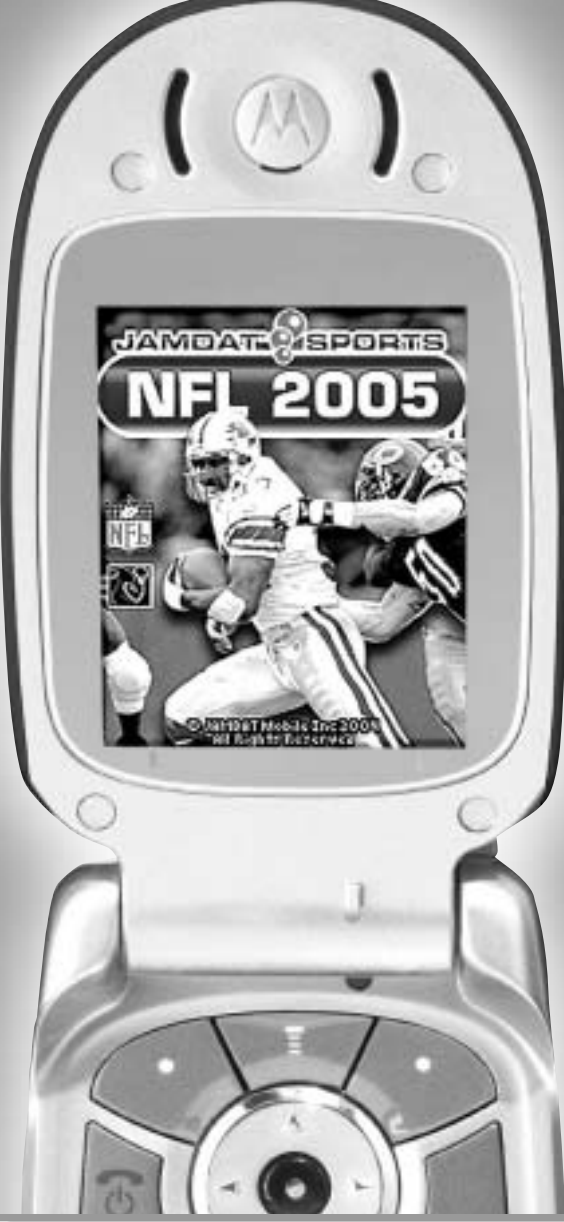
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