



Reuben John Schneider and Melissa Anne Crumrine

Couple to marry at Brewster church

Melissa Anne Crumrine of Brewster and Reuben John Schneider originally from Wiley, Colo., plan to marry Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Brewster Community Church.

The bride is the daughter of Willard and Marla Crumrine of Brewster. Her grandparents are Leroy and Joan Ziegler of Colby and Marion and Coleen Crumrine of Brewster.

She is a 2009 graduate of Brewster High School and a 2010 graduate of Colby Community College. She received a visual arts degree and

now works at Frontier Ag in Brewster.

The groom is the son of Michael and Judy Schneider of Wiley, Colo. He is the grandson of Jeff and Leah Otto of Novelty, Mo., and David and Florence Schneider of Hutchinson.

He graduated from Wiley High School in 2006 and in 2008 received an architectural drafting degree from Hutchinson Community College. He works for Stephen and Debra Bear in Brewster.

The couple plans to live on a farm south of Brewster.

Veterans' experiences now on internet site

The Kansas Historical Society has added several military-related items to its digital portal, Kansas Memory (kansasmemory.org).

Images of letters, diaries, photographs, and artifacts document all aspects of military history from pre-statehood on. A faceted browsing system on the left hand side of the homepage lets the user narrow results by selecting a thematic time period such as "World War II." Then the user then selects "Service" and a specific branch of the military from the listed options.

Information on more than 200 World War I soldiers has been uploaded to Kansas Memory. Following the war, the Kansas Historical Society and the American Legion undertook a project to gather information about Kansas soldiers who died while serving during the war. The project expanded to include all soldiers. Those who completed the information also submitted photographs, letters, and newspaper clippings. These items can be accessed on Kansas Memory by selecting "Manu-

script" and "World War I." One example is a letter written Dec. 2, 1918, by Albert Nelson, a member of the 353rd Infantry, 89th Division. The 353rd was an all-Kansas unit.

"I have been a happy boy since Nov. 11 but will not eat Xmas dinner in the U.S. this year but I can wait another year if I have to since the fighting has ceased.... Have crossed Belgium and are now in Luxemburg. Most of the people speak French and are glad to see us."

Also available on Kansas Memory is a collection of oral histories of World War II veterans. The transcripts of more than 500 interviews are now available on Kansas Memory.

Not all of the society's collections have been digitized. Other holdings are available to researchers at the Historical Society's State Archives, 6425 SW. Sixth Avenue in Topeka. Reference questions may be directed to reference@kshs.org or (785) 272-8681, ext. 117.

North Dakota farms go wheat

By Jonathan Knutson

Agweek

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Jeff Oberholtzer planted a little winter wheat in 2009 and none in 2010. This fall, the Mohall, N.D., farmer planted a lot.

Oberholtzer and his father, Jerry, who also farms, were able to plant only 7 percent of their farmland this spring because of wet fields.

"It's not something I'd wish on anyone," Jeff Oberholtzer says.

With so much of their land unplanted this spring, the Oberholtzers turned to winter wheat this fall in a big way.

"With all our PP (prevented planting) acres, winter wheat seemed to make sense," Jeff Oberholtzer says.

What happened on the Oberholtzers' farms may have oc-

curred, on a smaller scale, across the state.

Reports from elsewhere in North Dakota also indicate a significant increase in winter wheat acres, often in fields too wet to plant this spring. About a quarter of North Dakota's farmland went unplanted in the spring.

Last year, about 400,000 acres were planted to winter wheat in the state. This year, 600,000 acres may have gone to winter wheat, with the area from Bottineau County west north of North Dakota Highway 200 picking up most of the additional acres, says Blake Vander Vorst, senior agronomist with Ducks Limited.

His organization promotes winter wheat, including funding research into it. Fall seeding causes fewer disturbances for wildlife and improves nesting success.

It's time for trivia at library tonight

Tonight the Pioneer Memorial Library holds their annual Trivia Pursuit Night. Everyone will gather to start at 6:30 p.m. Bring your team and snacks so we can have loads of laughs and .!

Wednesday Patrick Toth helped us honor veterans by giving an inspirational and thoughtful review of the book, "What It Is Like to Go to War," by Karl Marlantes. We had lively discussions and questions from many in the audience. Once again, I came away wanting to read the item reviewed.

We are adding a number of non-fiction items. Have you seen the interviews of the man who completely lost his memory? Scott Bolzan slipped and hit his head. When waking he was horrified to find he remembered nothing. In fact, the cover of the book tells us that he "was diagnosed with one of the most severe cases of profound retrograde amnesia on record."

The book "My Life, Deleted: A Memoir," is now on our new book shelves, written by Scott and Joan Bolzan and Caitlin Rother. I love the part when his wife sheepishly realizes she has a chance to help create in her husband new or different ways of seeing and dealing with life. What would you do if you had such an opportunity?

A second profound book is "I Am in Here: The Journey of a Child with Autism Who Cannot Speak but Finds Her Voice," by Elizabeth M. Bonker and Virginia G. Breen. At 15 months old, Elizabeth began her descent into autism — the usual time is prior or just around 2 years old.

When this began, Elizabeth could not communicate through speech. However, her mom knew her daughter understood her through the movement and blinking of her eyes. It was then she promised her child they would get her out of this silence.

At 2 1/2 years old, Elizabeth was diagnosed as mentally retarded. Later she began to hunt and peck on a computer and soon learned to communicate through this device. Even though she struggles to type each letter, Elizabeth tests in the genius range.

This is true of many autistic children; many are savants with extreme abilities in one area. Elizabeth is profoundly gifted at literary expression. Her poems are beautiful. The story is written by her mom, along with poems and comments interspersed by Elizabeth. This is a must read for those searching for inspiration.

Historical group gathers to learn about national center

Regent Sharon Maurath, Oakley, of the Daughters of the American Revolution John Athey Chapter attended a special meeting on Saturday, Oct. 15, in Hays with the Courtney-Spalding Chapter as host. Also attending were members from the Russell, La Crosse and Larned chapters.

Kansas State Regent Mary Frisch, Prairie View, and the Northwest district director Sharon Foust, Minneapolis, were special guests of the meeting.

Frisch presented the program about the national headquarters



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

Another new book about courage is "One Call Away: Answering Life's Challenges with Unshakable Faith," by Brenda Warner and Jennifer Schuchmann. Brenda is fairly famous and her life challenges have been on display for many to see. This book helps to tell her story about poverty, betrayal and unexpected tragedy.

I have begun the task of reviewing our non-fiction section of the library. It is a huge job and will take some time to go through this part of our collection carefully. Sometimes gems in a library are hidden by too many items in a subject matter, so reviewing a section helps patrons find materials easier.

While doing this, we will be purchasing recently published materials in subject areas that need beefing up. Libraries serve a diverse population and this means a diverse taste in reading as well. We will be telling you about new items added in some areas due to this work.

This week we are adding "The Big Idea: How Breakthroughs of the Past Shape the Future," by National Geographic and Timothy Ferris; "How To Develop A Better Speaking Voice," by Marjorie Hellier; "The Well-Spoken Woman: Your Guide to Looking and Sounding Your Best," by Christine K. Jahnke; "Jeff Herman's Guide to Book Publishers, Editors, and Literary Agents 2011: Who They Are! What They Want! How to Win Them Over!," by Jeff Herman.

Also look for "Think You Know It All?: The Ultimate Interactive Quiz Book," by Dan Smith; "Reading the 21st Century: Books of the Decade, 2000-2009," by Stan Persky; "Books: A Living History," by Martyn Lyons; "Closure: The Rush to End Grief and What it Costs Us," by Nancy Berns; "How Do We Tell the Children?: A Step-by-Step Guide for Helping Children and Teens Cope When Someone Dies," by Dan Schaefer, Christine Lyons and David Peretz. There are too many new titles to list, so come check them out.

See you at the library!

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.58
Corn (bushel)	\$6.35
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.63
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Deaths

Wilbur Barnett

Wilbur Barnett, Colby, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Hays Medical Center.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Pi Gamma Club

Pi Gamma met Friday, Oct 28, at the Pat Criss home. Terry Starns was co-hostess.

Nine members and three guests were present. The collect was read and the meeting was led by President Susan Haines.

The minutes were read and the

secretary's report was given. The business meeting was also held. The meeting was closed with the flag salute.

Pat Criss presented the program on "Things You Need to Know." Pumpkin dessert and coffee were served.

Museum exhibits works of new-minted Kansan

During November and December, the Prairie Museum of Art and History will be showing an exhibit of photographs and paintings by Bonnie Stasser.

Hailing originally from the Great Lakes region, Bonnie has lived in northwest Kansas for several years and her artwork reflects the farm, ranch and landscape scenes typical of this region.

Though she has dabbled in other forms of art, at present her passions lie in photography and acrylics. Early influences include an aunt who was an oil painter; more recently she has mentored with internationally recognized photographer Sam Bass.

She currently has two photographs entered in the Vermont Darkroom Gallery "Down on the Farm" competition, and recently exhibited at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland.

In describing her style of work, Stasser writes, "I have found even when working with the photography, there are certain images that have a 'need' to be abstracts, others ask to be black and white. I guess you could call my 'style' of work Personal as it does not have

Dog who befriended elephant dies at Tennessee sanctuary

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A stray dog that developed an unlikely friendship with an Asian elephant at a sanctuary in Tennessee has died from a likely coyote attack, sanctuary officials said.

An animal odd couple, Bella, the dog, and Tarra, an 8,700 pound former performing elephant, were inseparable at the 2,200-acre sanctuary in Hohenwald and even inspired a children's book.

The Elephant Sanctuary said in

a statement Friday that Bella was found earlier this week near Tarra's barn suffering from injuries likely caused by a coyote. Sanctuary chief executive officer Rob Atkinson said he thinks the dog may have been attacked elsewhere on the grounds and Tarra brought the dog's body back to the barn.

The sanctuary was founded in 1995 as the nation's largest natural habitat for Asian and African elephants.

Dog blessing benefits pantry

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Blessings upon Stella and Kira and even Ruby the beagle, who sneaked a drink of holy water from the chalice.

The Blessing of the Dogs was celebrated in Covington with Father Matthew Young of St. Paul's

Episcopal Church officiating, according to the *Kentucky Enquirer* (http://bit.ly/qc3FQb).

Dogs — presumably of several denominations — were brought by their owners to Kenton Paw Park to be blessed and to benefit the church food pantry.

Happy 90th Birthday Maxine Jones

on November 7th

Share a memory by sending a birthday greeting to:

Good Samaritan Society
208 West 2nd Street
Goodland, Kansas 67735

An Old Fashioned
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