



Kristi and Brandon Dirks

Fortin-Dirks vows read in double-ring ceremony

Kristi Fortin of Oberlin and Brandon Dirks of Ludell were married on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Pastor Heidi Wiebe officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with bouquets of red and white daisies, mums and carnations and candelabra. The pews were marked with red satin and white tulle bows.

Parents of the couple are Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Oberlin; Dan Dirks, McCook; and Linda Dirks, Ludell. Grandparents of the bride are Don and Ardis Roe and June Fortin, and the late Keith Fortin. The bridegroom's grandparents are Art and Dixie Stock, and the late John and Vera Dirks.

Cheryl Metcalf, Danbury, was organist and played "Canon in D" for the processional and "Wedding March" for the recessional. Amy Carman, Dresden, and Angie Fortin, Sterling, cousins of the bride, were vocalists and sang, "Keeper of the Stars" and "I Cross My Heart."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a white satin strapless gown. The bodice was adorned with beaded appliques with front and back beading flowing down the front of the gown and encircled the chapel-length train. She wore a pearl tiara and carried a bouquet of red and white roses and carnations.

The bride's personal attendant was Donna Spresser, Atwood, aunt of the bride.

Matron of honor was Lynette Glendy, Callaway, Neb. Bridesmaids were Stacy Hurst, North Plate, Neb., sister of the bridegroom, and Erica Fortin, Oberlin, and Lori Fortin, Wamego, sisters-in-law of the bride; and Kenzie Abbey, Manhattan. They wore floor-length black strapless A-line gowns, trimmed in white, and carried red and white roses with pixie carnations.

Celianna Shobe and Jessie Fortin, niece of the bride, were flower girls.

Arizona gathering held

Thirty-two former and present Kansas residents attended the 15th annual Decatur County Day observance on Feb. 15 at the home of Max and Marlene Miller in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

They were assisted by Dole and JoAnn Anderson, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Rex and Billie Morton and Sam and Kathy Willcoxson.

Several guests entered a golf putting tournament. The rest of the day was spent visiting, reminiscing and enjoying a meal prepared by the committee.

Others present were Marie Aschwege, Perk Barnett, Don and Shirley Carlisle, Ron and Jodie Cox, Rex and Adeline Diehl, B.J. and Wilma Farrell, Don Hickert, Dwayne and

They wore short sleeve white organza dresses with black trim, tied with a big black bow in the back.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with white bow tie and white vest. His boutonniere was a red rose with baby's breath.

Jim Kopriva, Hesston, served as best man. Groomsmen were Nathan Greene, Jewell; Ryan Georg, LaCrosse; Ethan Walker, Hugoton; and Corey Fortin, Manhattan. Ushers were Kevin Fortin, Wamego; and Daren Fortin, Oberlin.

Evan Shobe, Oberlin, was ring-bearer.

Mrs. Fortin chose for her daughter's wedding a black velvet and satin floor-length dress. The bridegroom's mother wore a black two-piece floor-length suit with sheer sleeves.

A reception followed at The Gateway. Hosts were Larry and Peggy Roe, and Jerry and Carolyn Manning, uncles and aunts of the bride.

The bridal table was centered with a three-tiered cake with black ribbons and a Precious Moments bride and bridegroom on top. Judy Macha, Jill McCorkle, Jane Carlisle and Joyce Juenemann, aunts of the bride, served the cake.

Carrie Spresser and Melissa Manning, cousins of the bride, presided at the guest book. Keithen, Konner and Kennedy Fortin, cousins of the bride, distributed wheat bags.

The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and earned an Associate in Arts Degree in 2002 from Colby Community College. She is a pre-school teacher at God's Little Saint's Pre-School in Atwood.

Her husband graduated from Atwood High School. He attended Colby Community College and earned a Bachelor Degree in Animal Science at Kansas State University in 2002. He is a farmer and rancher.

After a honeymoon to Las Vegas, Nev., they are living on a farm at HCl Box 46, Gem, Kan., 67734.

Betty Jones, Cecelia Kotschwar, George and Clarice Meadows, Evelyn Miller, Loyd and Fern Moore, Marilyn Otter, Alice Taylor and Clarence Van Vleet.

The next gathering will be Feb. 21.

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Club News

Club tours Wright home

Monday Evening Club members and guests got to tour the only home in Nebraska designed by the famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright on March 14.

The prairie-style home, built on Norris Avenue in McCook about 1906-08 by Harvey and Eliza Sutton, has been restored by its present owners with a few changes to fit today's lifestyles.

Of particular interest are the windows, which wrap around the house on all sides, and the private veranda off the living room with its cantilevered roof. Light fix-

tures throughout the home are either originals or replicas made to match the originals. The landscaping was designed by a prairie-style landscape architect using plants popular in the early 1990s.

Following the tour, the group met at the Looking Glass for dinner.

The April 11 meeting will be at the home of Shirley Shields with Mary Ann Erickson as co-hostess. Angie Wilson will present a program on quilting.

Spring breakfast enjoyed

Pi Alpha Club met on March 19 for the annual spring breakfast at the Doris Sloan home. Tables were beautifully set with fresh flowers and Easter motifs.

She read, "Good Morning, God" for a devotional greeting. She and co-hostesses, Pat Wright and Eris Young, served a scrumptious breakfast.

A business meeting was held with 17 answering roll call. The

hostess gift, a multi-pink bow made by the hostess, was won by Joan Evans. Kristy Evans presented everyone with a colorful Easter card which she created individually for them.

Eileene Grose will host the April 11 meeting at Sappa Valley Manor and Cheryl Metcalf's piano students will present the program.

Couple plans April wedding

Teresa Joanne Ritter-Hartzog and Randal Alan Clydesdale, both of Norton, plan to be married April 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Norton.

Parents of the bride are Frieda Goetze, Oberlin, and Victor Ritter, Jennings. The bridegroom's parents are Robert and Sally Clydesdale, Edmond.

Grandparents of the bridegroom are Glenna and Lloyd Sproul, Edmond; Doris Clydesdale, Lenora, and the late Leonard Clydesdale.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Jennings High School and a 1993 graduate of Colby Community College with an associate's degree in accounting. She is a directory spe-



T. Hartzog and R. Clydesdale

cialist for Rural Telephone Service Co. in Lenora.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 1995 graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness. He is a dispatcher for Coomes Trucking in Phillipsburg.

Housing vouchers ending

Because of a cut in the federal budget for Housing Choice Vouchers, the Ellis County Housing Authority has reached its limit for rental assistance to low-income families in northwest Kansas.

The board has decided to close the waiting list to new applicants with over 200 families on the list and more applications coming in each week, the agency says.

Those on the list will be allowed to remain as long as they respond to occasional requests for updated information.

Farmers can get assistance

Decatur County farmers with pasture losses due to drought during 2003 may be eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program through the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

Diane Barrett, county executive director of the federal agency, said the program offers relief to stockmen who suffered grazing losses in 2003 due to drought, severe weather and related causes, and have limited resources.

The program also provides disaster assistance for farmers who suffered losses in 2004.

The closing is effective April 2. Applications not received by close of business at 5 p.m. on March 31 at the 2703 Hall Street office or post-marked March 31 for mail-in applications will be returned without action.

Unless there are additional cuts, this action should not affect families currently receiving assistance unless they wish to move to higher-cost areas.

For details, call Bill May, executive director, at (785) 625-5678.

Pre-contest recital Monday

A pre-contest recital will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the music wing at Decatur Community High School, featuring the solos and en-

sembles that will be performed on Saturday at the Regional Music Contest.

The public is invited.



Mary and Evan Jorn

Couple marry in Florida

Mary Dirks of Duncanville, Texas, and Evan Jorn of Tampa, Fla., were married on Feb. 18, in a private ceremony on a pontoon boat on the Hillsborough River at Tampa.

Officiating were the Rev. Warren Clark and the Rev. Vicki Walker. After a honeymoon in Vermont,

they are making their home at 610 East Fairmeadows Drive, Duncanville, Texas, 75116-2806.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Don and Glee Jorn and is a nephew of Cecil Hess, Mary Lou Olson and Marianna Bendon. He is a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Oberlin graduate named juvenile case manager

Bryan Miller, a 2001 graduate of Decatur Community High School, started working for Northwest Kansas Juvenile Service on March 7 as a case manager and intensive supervision program officer in Atwood.

In his new job, he will monitor youths placed on the Case Management program or the Juvenile Intensive Supervision program in the 15th Judicial District, which includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sher-

man, Thomas, Sheridan, Wallace and Logan counties. His office is at 416 Main in Atwood.

He earned a degree in criminal justice at Colby Community College in 2003 and has been working for the Atwood Police Department. He is junior high wrestling coach and also assists with the sport at Atwood High School.

His parents are Carolyn Miller of Oberlin and Jerry Miller of Gem.



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