



Alex Jon and Dawn Rachele Louderback

## Couple exchange vows in September ceremony

Dawn Rachele Walker became the bride of Alex Jon Louderback in a single-ring ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Officiating was the Rev. Doug Hasty.

Parents of the couple are Bill Walker, Kearney, Neb.; Rae Walker, Minden, Neb.; and Dean and Ardith Louderback, Oberlin.

The church aisle was decorated with white ribbon and ivy garland accented with white pew bows and baby's breath. A doily, made by the bride's mother, covered the guest book table. There were also a dozen white roses in memory of the couple's grandparents.

Elleigh Walker, Oberlin, daughter of the bride, was vocalist. She sang, "Inside Your Heaven" by Carrie Underwood.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a couture taffeta wedding dress, designed by Alfred Angelo. It was fashioned with a corset-type bodice. The drop waist design and bodice were trimmed with claret silk embellished with rhinestones, sequins and crystals. The corset was laced with matching claret silk and accented with many types of gems. The front A-line skirt was fashioned with a pick-up design floating to the back. Each pick-up on the skirt and cathedral train had embellishments of lace and gems. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white stephanotis on a white doily holder, handmade by the bride's mother.

Kathy Walker, Omaha, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Elleigh Walker, Oberlin, daughter of the bride; Timaree Hansen, Kearney, Neb.; Rachel Woollen, Holdrege, Neb.; Holly Gallentine, Oberlin, sister of the bridegroom; and Peggy Pratt, Oberlin. They wore black chiffon dresses by Christina Wu. A side wrap detail embellished with matching crystals, rhinestones and sequins accented the chiffon over satin A-line dresses. They carried nosegay bouquets with a variety of jewel-toned flowers accented with

loops of claret ribbon. The bride's personal attendant was Shelby Hackney, Oberlin.

Asia Tegels, Omaha, niece of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. She wore a claret taffeta pick-up skirt dress by Alfred Angelo. The sweetheart neckline dress had pickups accented with pearls, sequins and crystals. She carried a nosegay bouquet of white roses.

Amaya Tegels, Omaha, niece of the bride; Aspen Gallentine, Oberlin, niece of the bridegroom; and Parker O'Toole, McCook, niece of the bridegroom, were flower girls. Amaya and Aspen wore white satin dresses with chiffon overlay accented with a black bow. Parker wore a white satin dress accented with little black bows.

Jarrod Schmoker, McCook, served as best man. Sam O'Toole, McCook, and Kerry Louderback, Imperial, Neb., brothers of the bridegroom; Tyler Woolsey, Hays; Gage Soderlund, Hugoton, nephew of the bridegroom; and Dallas Walker, Kearney, Neb., brother of the bride, were groomsmen. They wore black tuxedos with black shirts, claret vests and black and claret striped neckties. Wyatt Wendelin, Lindsborg; Micah King, Kearney, Neb.; and Chris Walker, Kearney, Neb., brother of the bride, were ushers.

Peyton O'Toole, McCook, nephew of the bridegroom, was ringbearer. Junior groomsmen was K.J. Tegels, Omaha, nephew of the bride.

A reception followed at The Gateway. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers in fall jewel tones. The table decorations were jewel-toned fresh roses in glass vases.

Sheri Goff, Melissa Hatfield and Bernice Legleiter, cousins of the bride, served the wedding cake. Samantha Samuelson, Kearney, Neb., was seated at the guest book.

They are making their home in Oberlin.

## Club News

### Women welcome guests

Members of the Decatur Professional Women answered roll call by naming one fun thing they did this past summer when they met on Sept. 12 at The Gateway for lunch.

New officers are Dori Pauls, president, and Nora Urban, secretary-treasurer. The club decided to decorate a tree at the museum again this year.

Mrs. Pauls presented the program, talking about her thoughts for the club this year. Her theme will be "Think Pink." She presented members with pink bracelets which say, "Every Woman Counts."

The club met on Oct. 10 at The Gateway in Oberlin. President Pauls conducted the meeting and introduced guests Shelby Jeffrey, Desiree Vilar, Melissa Hasty and Amber Mason, Decatur Community High School seniors; Dr. Shannon Addleman and Anna Mixson from Fair Chiropractic; Linda Schroer, Decatur County engineer's office;

Linda Manning, Decatur County Emergency Medical Services; Jo Henderson, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce; Carolyn Miller, 180 House; Shanna Long, United

Agra Products; Margee Wilson, Cedar Living Center; and Judy Scott and Barbara Mullen. There were 15 members present.

The club heard that Pat Glenn is home after being hospitalized in Wichita. Pam Wilson reported a new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson, and Jan Badsky has a new grandson, born to her daughter Paula and her husband.

The program was by the DCHS Singers, directed by Susan Nelson and accompanied by member Mary Jo Lohofener. The club voted to give \$50 to the Singers.

The president reminded members that next week is National Business Week and suggested a couple of websites to visit. She also mentioned that Nov. 15-19 will be Education Week. Patti Skubal gave an update on the Poker Run.

The club decided to sponsor the March birthday party at the Good Samaritan Center. Connie Grafel reported that the Christmas Homes Tour will be on Sunday, Dec. 9. The meeting closed with the collect.

The next meeting will be at noon Wednesday, Nov. 14, at The Gateway.

### Girls stater give program

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Oct. 10 at the Legion for a potluck supper. Lois Lamb led the group in prayer before the meal.

The delegates who attended Girls State this summer gave a report telling of the interesting speakers, gaining new friends and lots of fun. They included Heather Glodt, Rebecca Helm, Jessica Bremer and Kayla Zodrow. There were three girls present who are interested in attending next year. The unit feels this is a great opportunity for girls to really see how government works and hopes to

continue sponsoring them.

President Angela Corcoran conducted the business meeting and read portions of district letters. Mrs. Corcoran, Carol Allen, Carol Morford and Phyllis Metcalf will make sheet cakes for the membership supper on Oct. 13. A pancake feed is planned on Nov. 11 following the flag retiring ceremony with the Legion, Sons of Legion and auxiliary working together.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the post. All members are urged to attend and get involved.

### Women enjoy brunch

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Cheryl Metcalf on Oct. 3 for a brunch and meeting.

President Angie Wilson opened the meeting, followed by devotions by Ethel Railsback. She read a poem from the book "Rejoice," and the Bible verse, Psalm 36:12. Seven members answered roll call with a Bible verse on giving. It was reported that Mini School was held Oct. 4-6 at Camp Lakeside and the district meeting will be at Norton on Saturday, Oct.

20. A wedding shower is planned for Richard and Sara Huff at the church Sunday evening, Oct. 21.

Angie Wilson gave an interesting program for the pledge service.

The worship table was decorated with a cross and three candles, representing the past, present and future.

The next meeting will be at the home of Patti Uehlin. Charissa Huff will give a program on the world thank offering.

### Pi Alpha plans party

Pi Alpha Club members were guests at the home of Virginia Spratling for their Oct. 8 meeting with Doris Sloan assisting. Mrs. Spratling gave a humorous reading about old age for devotions.

Judy Davis was introduced as guest speaker and gave a very interesting program as she demonstrated the art of handling and arranging fresh flowers. Using fresh carnations, argonias, purple statice and greenery, she created a beautiful flower basket.

The donation for the guest speaker will go to the high school speech department. A discussion

was held about the Christmas tree decorating at the museum to be done from Nov. 6 through Nov. 17. Pat Wright and Gerri Neff will head the committee.

The club will entertain at the Cedar Living Center on Oct. 17 for the October birthdays and pie will be served. Janette Votapka received the hostess gift.

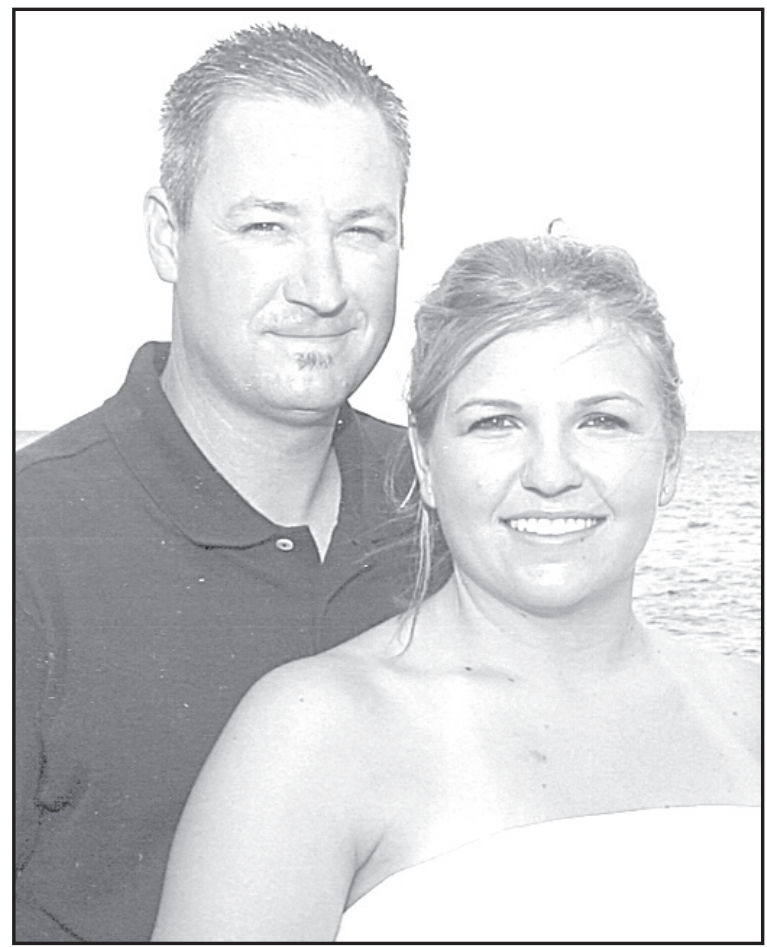
The next meeting will be at the home of Rosella Meitl with Elaine Bryan as co-hostess. A basket will be passed for donations for the Christmas Angel Tree project.

### Club hears book report

Karen Metcalf gave a report on the book, "The Great Silent Grandmother's Gathering," which was written by her friend, Sharon Medhe of Ashland, Ore., when 11 members of Zeta Nu Club met on Oct. 11 at the home of Marian Fraker. Erlene Schroer was co-hostess. Charlotte Meints

won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the home of Joy Votapka. Mrs. Meints will have the program and donations will be collected for veterans and the Angel Tree projects.



Derek and Angela Riner

## Vows read in Jamaican double-ring ceremony

Angela Ayers and Derek Riner of Oberlin were married on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, on a gazebo overlooking the ocean. Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was Orlanzo Wright.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Becky Ayers, Oberlin, and Mary Ellen Riner, Protection, and the late Richard Riner.

Holly Lincoln of Wamego was matron of honor for her sister.

Kyle Riner of Protection served his brother as best man.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Decatur Community High School and attended Colby Community College and North Central Technical College, where she earned a

dental hygiene degree in 2006. She is a dental hygienist for Dr. Richard Loftus in Oakley.

The bridegroom graduated from Protection High School in 1989. He attended Fort Hays State University and Kansas City Community College, where he received a degree in mortuary science. He is funeral director at Pauls Funeral Home.

They are making their home in Oberlin.

Relatives who attended the wedding included Regan and Jenna Riner, Wichita, daughters of the groom; Mary Ellen Riner, and Kyle and Diana Riner, Protection; Holly and Travis Lincoln, Wamego; and Larry and Becky Ayers, Oberlin.

## McCarty family opens new dairy at Bird City

The new dairy near Bird City is up and running. Cows began arriving recently and the milking has started, says Karen Krien, editor of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

The operation, two miles east of Bird City, is owned by Tom and Judy McCarty and their sons, Clay, Ken and Mike. They also own a dairy at Rexford. Mike and his family will be managing the Bird City farm.

The dairy brings 20 jobs to the county and farmers will be selling the operation about 6,000 tons of alfalfa each year, the family said. It also should increase Bird City's population and help the Cheylin Schools, as well as surrounding communities.

The dairy has close to 2,000 cows and eventually will have 3,200, Mrs. Krien said. The 920-foot "free stall" barn will hold up to 2,000 cows and two dirt-floored holding pens will

hold the others.

The milking parlor, equipped to handle 60 cows at a time, will run 24 hours a day, said Mike McCarty. Two 6,400-gallon stainless steel tanks will hold milk and a special-needs building north of the main buildings will house veterinary work.

The dairy also has a commodity barn to store corn and feed, a shop for equipment repairs and a scale.

Mr. McCarty and his wife Amy have moved to Bird City with their two children. He said that he and his brothers are fourth-generation farmers.

They came to Rexford from Pennsylvania seven years ago. He said the country and milking business there are much the same as Cheyenne County, except for the increasing urban development back east.

## Rock-a-thon set for Nov. 2 at Good Samaritan Center

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center plans to hold its third annual Rock-a-thon on Friday, Nov. 2.

Fourteen residents will set their chairs to rocking to raise money for their annual service project. This year, the money will help several charities in Decatur County.

Residents who plan to rock include Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Opal Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Edla Olson, Doris

Marintzer, David McGee, Doris Miller, Dorothy Pryor, Amy Rehm, Thelma Spiers, Elaine Thomas and Lora Zwickel. Relief rockers are Hubert Mumm and Lucy Schissler.

The goal is to raise \$100 for each rocker, or \$1,400. Anyone who would like to support the effort should contact Lisa Paulson or Anita Hirsch at the center. Sponsor sheets are available throughout the community and at area churches.

## New Arrival

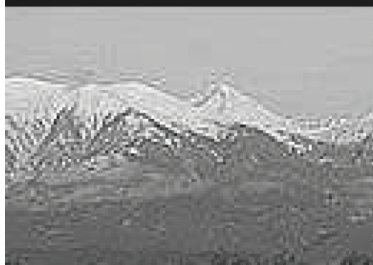


C. Puckett

### Clayton Joseph Puckett

Brody and Danna Puckett of Chico, Calif., are the parents of a son, Clayton Joseph, born Sept. 19, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are David Unger, McCook, and Paul and Diana Trout, Caldwell, Idaho. Great-grandparents are Glen and Darlene Baughman, Oberlin, and Jerome Portz, Longmont, Colo.

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