

ANNIVERSARY

Widegren

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Widegren of Greenwood will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 21.

Mr. Widegren and his wife, the former Jorja Langbeen, were married Feb. 21, 1976, in South Holland, Ill.

He is employed by Rolls Royce in Indianapolis.

She is employed by AIT Laboratories in Indianapolis.

They have two children, Kyle Widegren of Greenwood and Chad Widegren of Beech Grove.



WEDDINGS

Steven Koepke — Patsy Garrett

Patsy Garrett and Steven Koepke were married Sept. 24 at Grace United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Joey and Patsy Garrett of Franklin.

The bridegroom is the son of Rick and Joyce Koepke of Kokomo.

Kim Bradley was the maid of honor. Trish Lucas was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Craciunoiu, Hollie Pratt, Marta Walsh, Emily Doak and Krista Young. Junior bridesmaid was Kaitlynn Garrett. Flower girl was Meagan Matlock.

Mark Smith and Aaron Verbosky were the best men. Groomsmen were Kyle Plummer, George Demos, Mark Vaughan, Andy Lucas and James Wise. Junior groomsmen were Kasey Garrett. Ring bearer was Christian Miller. Ushers were Mark Shutta and David Freeman.

The bride graduated from Franklin Community High School and Franklin College. She is employed as vice president of national sales for Consolidated Graphics.

The bridegroom graduated from Tipton High School and Ball State University. He is employed as director of operations for Focus Receivables Management.

They are living in Atlanta.



Kyle Widegren — Becky Wheeler

Becky Wheeler and Kyle Widegren were married Aug. 6 at Newman Catholic Center in Charleston, Ill.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Kay Wheeler of Charleston, Ill.

The bridegroom is the son of Jay and Jorja Widegren of Greenwood.

Emily Alsup was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Rosie Pagliai, Amanda Kralik, Dana Perry and Brooke Grinestaff.

Aaron Halterman was the best man. Jay Widegren was the honorary best man. Groomsmen were Ryan Wampler, Andy Young, Chad Widegren and Mark Hill.

The bride graduated from Mount Zion High School in Mount Zion, Ill., in 2001 and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Eastern Illinois University in 2005. She is employed by St. Francis Hospital in the cardiac and vascular care center.

The bridegroom graduated from Center Grove High School in 2000 and received a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Eastern Illinois University. He is employed by the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott Hotel.

They are living in Greenwood.



NUPTIALS POLICY

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returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Photos also can be picked up at the Daily Journal if requested.

Announcements will be printed as space permits. Deadline for submitting information is noon Monday for publication the following Saturday. There is no charge for the publication of this information.

HOME HINTS

Daily Journal wire report

Elegant stone

Smooth, cool stone creates a look of elegance and tactility.

When used on a kitchen countertop, stone is both functional and decorative, melding toughness and dependability with sleek sophistication. On the floor, stone looks timeless and graceful and is virtually wear-proof.

Au naturel

Pay homage to natural style by filling your home with elements found in nature. Natural surfaces, such as wood floors, stained cabinets and stone counters, are musts. This color palette also creates the feeling of the great outdoors from inside a room.

The latest in environmentally friendly kitchens includes fast-growing bamboo, which makes great cutting boards and can be used for backsplashes and flooring.

Surprise help

Encourage kids to help with the housework by hiding small toy prizes or a quarter in clever places around the house, such as under cushions and behind knickknacks.

Before the cleaning begins, tell the kids how many prizes or coins you have hidden to motivate them to each find as many as possible.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Charissa Regich Chad Widegren

Jay and Jorja Widegren of Greenwood announce the engagement of their son, Chad Widegren of Beech Grove, to Charissa Regich of Beech Grove, daughter of Joe and Mary Regich of Indianapolis.

Miss Regich graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1997 and is employed as a project manager with BitterSweet Candles in Beech Grove.

The future bridegroom graduated from Leesville Road High School in North Carolina in 1997 and is employed by Associated Material and Handling in Indianapolis. The wedding is set for May 20 in Greenwood.



Kerry Emmert Jason Stahl

Barbara and Gordon Emmert of Greenwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Adele Emmert of Cicero, to Jason Christopher Stahl of Cicero, son of Laura and Jon Stahl of Seymour.

Miss Emmert graduated from Center Grove High School. She is employed by IBM Corp.

The future bridegroom graduated from Seymour High School and Butler University. He is a small business owner and a drummer for various bands in Indianapolis. The wedding is set for June 12 in Mackinac Island, Mich.



Leslie Kopko Chad Galer

George and Paula Kopko of Greenwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Ann Kopko of Glenview, Ill., to Chad David Galer of Glenview, Ill., son of David and Roberta Galer of Fennimore, Wis.

Miss Kopko graduated from Center Grove High School in 1998 and received a degree in agricultural/biological engineering from Purdue University in 2002. She is employed by Kraft Foods as an engineer.

The future bridegroom graduated from Fennimore High School in Fennimore, Wis., in 1996 and received a degree in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse. He is employed by Kraft Foods as a scientist.

The wedding is set for May 27 at Schram Memorial Museum in Glenview, Ill.



Sarah Higgins Ray Yeoman

Dennis and Denise Higgins of Whiteland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Higgins, to Ray Yeoman of Franklin, son of Raymond and Liz Yeoman of Rensselaer and Gary and Marsha Giramonti of South Haven, Miss.

Miss Higgins graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1999 and Franklin College in 2004. She is employed as a first-grade teacher at St. Monica Catholic School in Indianapolis.

The future bridegroom graduated from Rensselaer Central High School in 2000. He is employed by Indiana American Water Co.

The wedding is set for July 8 at Whiteland United Methodist Church.



Kerri Shepherd Kevin Delaney

Shannon and Margie Shepherd of Greenwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Shepherd of Carmel, to Kevin Delaney of Carmel, son of Judith Delaney of Fishers and the late Stephen Delaney.

Miss Shepherd graduated from Center Grove High School in 1999 and attended Ball State University. She is employed by Cardinal Health Systems in Muncie.

The future bridegroom graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 1995 and attended Ball State University. He is employed by MedTurn in Westfield.

The wedding is set for June 24 in Indianapolis.



How green do you want your yard in winter?

By LEE REICH
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's a prettier color in winter: brown or green? Green, of course!

And that's a good reason to blanket the ground with evergreen plants. Seas and islands of low growing greenery knit the scene together in informal and formal gardens.

The big three of evergreen groundcovers are vinca, pachysandra, and English ivy. But also consider other shapes and shades of green with which to paint the ground.

For instance, suppose you wanted a delicate evergreen groundcover for a garden usually enjoyed up close — bordering a doorway, for instance. Dainty

leaves would be the ticket, just what you would find on plants such as wintergreen, bearberry, partridgeberry, lingonberry and cranberry. They also all bear charming little flowers in spring and summer.

There's more: these plants also yield — as their names imply — berries. The berries look pretty against their green backdrops, and, unless eaten by animals, can persist all winter. If you want to grow something that you could eat as well, grow lingonberry, cranberry, or winterberry and munch on them yourself all winter.

Many evergreen groundcover plants, including some of those mentioned above, are native to the dappled shade of our eastern woodlands. These plants also like

soils that are acidic and rich in humus. Create these conditions by digging peat moss into the ground or individual planting holes, then keep the ground permanently mulched with organic materials such as shredded leaves, sawdust or wood chips.

Fertilize lightly or else you will burn the tender roots or encourage more aggressive competitor plants.

Some sites cry out for bold rather than dainty plants. Here you need greenery with larger leaves, oconee bells, for instance, a Southeast native with round, toothed leaves. Expect these leaves to redden in winter.

Some other plants with bolder leaves include European ginger and bugleweed, although either of these may lose their leaves

during a cold winter. Give these large-leaved evergreens the same humus-y, moist, acidic conditions specified for winterberry and company.

In full sun and dry soil, look for plants that are really evergray or everblue than evergreen. The waxy or woolly coverings on their leaves helps reduce water loss in winter. Lavender and santolina are two such plants.

Thymes are also adapted to these conditions. Caraway thyme has tiny, tiny leaves that stay pressed right against the ground; common thyme rises a half-foot or so above the ground.

In contrast to the shade-tolerating groundcovers mentioned earlier, these sun-lovers need well-drained soils with plenty of limestone to counteract acidity.

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