

# OBITUARIES

## Carol Jean Woodmansee

March 17, 2012

Carol Jean Woodmansee, daughter of John and Marilyn Mann, passed away on March 17, 2012 at a Wichita hospital, at the age of 54, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Carol graduated from Northern Valley High School in 1975 and from Kansas State University in 1983.

She was united in marriage to Gene Woodmansee and to this union one daughter, C.J., was born.

Carol was a member of the Girl Scouts, first girl in F.F.A. at Northern Valley, Kayette member, band member, a coast-to-coast 18-wheel truck

driver for two years, Phillips County Treasurer for five years and a member of the Eagles Lodge where she served as President and Vice President. She was a C.N.A. and C.M.A through college, lay minister at Lyle United Methodist Church and Jill's Helping Hands until her health failed.

Survivors include one daughter, C.J.; her parents John and Marilyn Mann; two sisters, Cheryl and Mary Mann; and one brother Roger Mann.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gene Woodmansee.

A memorial service will be held on April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Almena United Methodist Church.

## Richard Snyder

April 1, 2012

Richard Snyder, 62, of Aurora, Colo. passed away on April 1, 2012.

He is survived by his three sons, Chad of Norton; Cody of Pukalani, Hawaii; and Tell of Aurora, Colo., and his beloved dog, Karma.

Richard served as Sheriff of Norton County from 1988-1992. He loved the freedom of traveling the open road and did so as a truck driver and overseas construction manager for the past 20 years.

Upon request, no services will be held.



## CLUB NEWS

By Julie Thompson

The meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held on April 2. Members met at the Calvert Mine where Plant Manager and Supervisor Ed Fowler provided an informative tour and program.

First, members visited the mining site just south of Calvert. Mr. Fowler explained that the silica sand is a volcanic material found underground in glacially deposited pockets. It was first discovered by some local residents who were digging post holes.

In this type of surface mining, large earth moving equipment is first used to remove the dirt and sand above the deposit. The silica is then separated and

transported to the processing plant just north of the highway in Calvert. This building has been located at the present site for more than 80 years.

While touring the plant, members saw how the silica is dried, screened and bagged. The product is then distributed via truck to the purchasers. The silica is no longer used in soaps and scouring powders because it is too abrasive for the new countertop materials. Some of the uses include a cement additive, oil absorber, cleaner for fur-bearing animals and some is popped using laser and can then be used to clean and purify cooking oils.

Following the tour, the group met at the Norton Christian Church. Co-hostesses Sally

Clydesdale, Susan Anthony and Joyce Lofgreen provided a delicious lunch. Terry Hillman also assisted with the serving.

President Alberta Slaby called the business meeting to order. The roll was taken with 17 members present. The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given. For business, club officers were discussed. The following slate of officers was elected: President-Alberta Slaby, Program Chair/Vice President-Joyce Morel, Secretary-Julie Thompson, Treasurer-Virginia Will and Parliamentarian-Joyce Lofgreen.

The next meeting will be May 7, and members plan to eat out. The meeting adjourned with the club collect.

## Wedding Announcement



Sandy Meyer of St. Francis and Andy Nielsen of Norton will be united in marriage on Saturday, April 28 at the Eagles Lodge. The wedding will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the reception will follow at 8:30 p.m.

## No quota for 2013 wheat crop

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that no marketing quota will be in effect for the 2013 wheat crop.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 authorizes a commodity program for only the 2008 through 2012 crops of wheat. Unless new farm legislation is enacted (or the current farm bill extended), any actions taken pertaining to the 2013 wheat crop must be done in accordance with "permanent law" provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (the 1938 Act), and the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, which are suspended through the 2012 crops. These permanent law provisions would authorize the imposition

of marketing quotas, acreage allotments, marketing certificates and parity price support programs for wheat. Since the 2008 farm bill only covers through the 2012 crop, the Secretary is required by the 1938 Act to announce whether or not a marketing quota will be in effect for the 2013 wheat crop prior to April 15.

The 1938 Act would require a marketing quota for the 2013 wheat crop if the total supply of the crop would likely be excessive without the quota, and would require the Secretary to decide not later than April 15 whether a quota is needed. Based on projected supply and demand, no quota is required.

## New reservation systems will go into effect for Kansas State Parks

On April 17 at 12:01 a.m., the new Outdoor Recreation Management System for camping and cabin reservations will take effect for all Kansas State Parks. This system will allow users to make reservations from their home computers and to check site availability. It will also increase the number of reservable sites at Prairie Dog State Park from 10 to 65.

The following sites will be in the system: Prairie Dog campground sites 1-40, A-L and Mushroom 1 and Mushroom 2, Shady Rest campground-Mushroom 5, Cottonwood campground-Mushrooms 6, 7, 8 and 9, Branded Cedar campground sites W1-W5. All non-designated sites and Shady Rest campground sites S1-S21 will remain first-come, first-served. The system's sites have been marked with new posts and permit holders.

Basically, if a red "R" is showing, the site is reserved and not available. For sites not reserved a one day or two day card will

be in the holder with instructions on how to occupy the site. In addition, all self-pays will become a one day permit with the patron needing to come to the office for a longer stay.

Reservations made online or by phone must be paid in full by credit card at the time of the reservation. Reservations made in person may be paid for with cash or credit card. To ensure a campsite during peak season, campers are encouraged to make reservations in advance of their trip. The reservation site is [www.KSOutdoors.com](http://www.KSOutdoors.com). Reservations can be made in person or by calling any Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism office. The Prairie Dog State Park office number is (785)877-2953.

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## Plant too early and pay the price

Kay Melia  
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No, I have not yet planted my potatoes!

There. I have again answered what seems to be THE gardening question of the day at my house or as I am downtown shopping or as I am just walking down the street. And when I inform people that I have not yet planted my potatoes, a rather quizzical look comes over their face, followed by a smile, and occasionally an outright belly laugh as if I am being less than honest about my actual gardening activities.

I will plant my potatoes early next week, barring a snowstorm or some other freak of nature. Seldom have I ever planted them before April 15, and despite the fact that this has been one of the warmest early springs of all time, I have not been lulled into doing a lot of things differently in the garden than I normally would do.

Why? Why would I not take advantage of the warmest March on record, and quickly drop all kinds of seeds in the ground and get a good early start on harvesting fresh vegetables? Because I am constantly aware that the last AVERAGE frost date in my backyard is May 6. And despite the magnificently warm temperatures, and the resulting warm soil temperatures, it is quite probable that my backyard will play witness to a frost or light freeze before the real growing season arrives.

I planted potatoes last year on April 16. After more than 2 weeks of lounging around underground, they began emerging on April 30, and

after they were all above ground, there came an early morning 33 degree reading, and the plants turned black. In another 10 days, they began growing again and proceeded to present me with a good crop in late summer. But according to my records, if I had planted those spuds in mid-March, they would have suffered THREE frosts or freezes before the true growing season, and chances are, yield would have suffered accordingly. That's just the way Mother Nature works. We plant too early and we pay the price. We begin to feel the warm breezes gently wafting across the neighborhood and we grab a packet of seeds and our rototiller and get to work. We get overly anxious. After all, we have an average of over 150 frost-free days around here, so we can be pretty sure the crop will mature before next fall's first frost, even if we wait until June to plant some of our seeds.

But yes, some vegetables must be planted early, else they will be harmed by the heat before maturity. My peas, spinach, lettuce, and radishes were planted on March 24, and even with a frost after they emerge, they can withstand it and thrive and produce a crop before it gets hot. But potatoes? With too many "burn-backs" early in the season, production will likely be seriously reduced.

It will be after the 1st of May before I plant the warm season crops like cucumbers, beans, sweet corn, okra or squash, as well as tomato and pepper transplants.

Will there be a frost or freeze yet this spring? I don't know, but history tells us that it will probably happen. We'll see.

## Registration now open for music camp

String players, band students and vocalists can experience a week of quality musical performances and training in classes and workshops from professional specialists Greg Fishman, jazz saxophonist, and Allen Vizzutti, trumpet player and his wife, pianist Laura Vizzutti at

the Fort Hays State University High Plains Music Camp, July 15-21.

For the first time, vocalists will be able to choose, opera, music theater or diction classes as well as sing in the choir.

Register online at [www.fhsu.edu/musiccampcamp](http://www.fhsu.edu/musiccampcamp).

The cost of the camp is \$495 for the full week. To participate as a day camper and not spend the night on campus, it is \$200. Noon meal cards are available for \$50 for day campers.

For more information, visit [www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp](http://www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp) or email [musiccamp@fhsu.edu](mailto:musiccamp@fhsu.edu).

## Barn tour set for Sunday in Oberlin area

A tour of barns in the Oberlin area will be held on Sunday, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

The tour group will leave the parking lot at the Oberlin Gateway at 2 p.m. and those attending are encouraged to car pool.

The tour will be primarily

west of Oberlin on the creek road and in the former St. John's Lutheran Church area. It should take about two hours and refreshments will be served.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults, and \$7 for students grades 1-12. A special family ticket is \$25.

For information call Ella

Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

## Kansas woman held hostage for 13 months to speak at Hill City


Gracia Burnham knows what it is like to have life spin out of control. While missionaries in the Philippines, Gracia and her husband, Martin, were kidnapped by terrorists and spent the next 13 months as hostages in the Philippine jungle. On June 7, 2002, nearly ten years ago, captivity ended for these two missionaries in a violent rescue that left Martin Burnham dead and Gracia wounded.

Their story of faith in the midst of terror and tragedy is known to millions. Gracia Burnham is the author of the New York Times' bestselling book, "In the Presence of My Enemies," author of the popular new book, "To Fly Again," and is the founder of the Martin & Gracia Foundation.

Members of the Hill City United Methodist Church, 118 N. Fourth Avenue in Hill City, invite area residents to join with them as they welcome Gracia for two presentations on Sunday, April 15. The southern

Kansas woman will speak first at the Hill City church's 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service and then again at 2:30 p.m. Both presentations will be in the church's sanctuary and each will cover different information.

There is no charge for admission, but a love offering will be accepted for Burnham and her efforts. Childcare will be available at both services, with a reception to follow the afternoon program.



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