



Jennifer Rae Buhl and Steven Todd Tschetter

Couple to marry in Garden City rite

Jennifer Rae Buhl, formerly of Colby, and Steven Todd Tschetter, both of Garden City, plan to marry Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the Finney County Court House.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Anna Buhl of Colby and Bobbi Buhl of Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is a 2001 graduate of Colby High School and received an online associate degree in business management

from Ashworth University of Georgia in February 2012 and is working towards a bachelor's degree in business management from Ashworth.

The groom is the son of Ron and Connie Tschetter of Freeman, S.D.

He is a 1997 graduate of Freeman Academy and is self employed as an equipment operator in Garden City.

The couple plans to remain in Garden City.

Congratulations to varied winners as spring events begin gearing up

It's spring and things are buzzing! I have a congratulations, program finale, program beginning and a knowledge at noon program to share with you.

Congratulations to Carl and Pat Ziegelmeier for being named 2011 Master Farmer Master Farm Homemaker. This is a great honor. We have been very fortunate to have couples from Thomas County chosen the past three years. In 2009, Richard and Kathy Calliham were chosen and in 2010 it was Mike and Jeanene Brown. These couples are chosen because of their dedication to their families, their communities and agriculture production.

Thomas County Melt Down came to an end March 13. The participants had some great results. The teams lost a combined 382 pounds and 232 inches over the seven weeks.

The first place team was "Making a Change" whose members were Julie Barnes, Ashley Barnes, Tami Brown, Danita Comfort, Deann Shields and Kelsey Shields. In second place was "Team 8" with members Angela Zimmerman, Chad Zimmerman, Paul Bailey, Marilyn Bailey, Brooks Wederski and Emily Wederski.

These teams earned the prizes of Ashley's Dance Zumba sessions and Movement Connection day passes respectively.

The top two individuals were, first place Chad Zimmerman winning a \$50 gift certificate to the Sports Shoppe and second place



Diann Gerstner

• Knowledge for Life

Carolyn May winning a \$25 gift certificate to the Sports Shoppe. Congratulations to all Melt Down participants and a big thank you to the businesses who supported this program.

Walk Kansas is off and walking. Walk Kansas - Thomas County started this past Sunday with 56 teams - 336 people - walking and exercising for better health. As the temperatures increase and hopefully the wind decreases, there will be a lot of people out walking the area, enjoying the sunshine and the camaraderie of fellow walkers.

All team members will be striving for a minimum of 150 minutes of exercise each week and to increase their fruit and vegetable intake. The grand finale to celebrate team success will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the 4-H building.

Last but not least, Monday at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room, I will be holding another *Knowledge at Noon*, "Social Networking - Connecting to Generation Next" presented by Melinda Daily, Sunflower

District agent. From noon to 1 p.m. Melinda will discuss the different types of social media and how it can be used to connect with family and friends. Then at 1 p.m. participants can choose to stay and try their hand at navigating some of the social media options.

The target audience for this lesson is Digital Immigrants. What? If you were born before 1960 you are considered a Digital Immigrant because you didn't grow up with computers and the social media such as Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn and others.

As Digital Immigrants we may prefer face to face conversation and the printed word, but if we want to connect with younger generations we need to learn this new way of communication. By becoming more comfortable with Internet communication, including social networking sites, you can learn how to stay in touch with friends and other family members.

Studies have also found that individuals suffering from chronic conditions were more likely to use social networking websites to blog or join discussions about living with chronic illness. This contact helped those users feel better about dealing with their condition. Mark your calendar and plan to attend; bring your lunch if you like.

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met last Wednesday at the Post home with Anita Thiel presiding. Following roll call, the meeting opened with prayer, patriotic instructions and the flag salute. Prayer was offered for prisoner of war and missing in action personnel, hospitalized veterans and women veterans.

Minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence included Gen-

eral Orders, the president's message and a thank you from a local resident. Invitations were received to the 75th anniversary celebration of the WaKeeney post and to a memorial service at the Wichita post for a Gold Star mother.

The legislative chairman read a letter about a memorial for women pilots.

Used greeting cards had been picked up at the library for St. Jude hospital.

The hospital chairman reported a box of vendor coupons sent to a military base in Turkey.

In the membership report, \$175 was received for cancer luminaries and \$70 for the cancer quilt drawing at the convention.

Publicity reported the item on the February meeting in the *Colby Free Press*.

There will be an election to fill the vacated junior vice president office at the April meeting.

A monetary donation was allowed for the WASP memorial for women pilots.

The flag was draped per ritual in memorial of Helen Hagler.

National home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with ritual prayer.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the post home.

Public television plans annual signature auction

Smoky Hills Public Television's longest running and largest fund raiser, the Signature Auction, is scheduled for live broadcast from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

The 100 art pieces have been donated by artists across the state and include paintings, photography, jewelry, sculptures and more. They are available for viewing at www.smokyhillstv.org.

"We are very grateful for the artists who donated their works ... Each year we are in awe of the artist talent and impressed by the variety of pieces that we receive," said Smoky Hills special events

coordinator Tricia Flax.

Viewers can vote for their favorite piece of art and the artist will receive the "People's Choice Award." Votes can be submitted by e-mail to auction@shptv.org or by mail to Box 9, Bunker Hill, Kan., 67626. Visit www.smokyhillstv.org to view all 100 pieces as well as detailed voting instructions. The winner will be announced online and on-air during the auction.

The station is a non-profit organization that provides programming and services for central and western Kansas. For information, call (800) 337-4788 or visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Kody Garonn Huff, 24, Sterling, Colo., Sept. 20, possession of controlled substance, felony theft, possession of precursor material/intent to manufacture, aggravated motor vehicle theft, Colby Police Department, released March 6 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Karlee Shenise Wilson, 21, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 2, possession of drug paraphernalia, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution, distribution of a narcotic drug, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released March 7 on probation.
- Jason Randall Davis, 30, Colby, Feb. 2, aggravated sexual battery, battery, criminal restraint; Colby Police, released March 8 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Albert Gene Williams, 22, Colby, Feb. 16, aggravated sexual battery, criminal restraint, Thomas County Sheriff, released Thursday on \$50,000 appearance bond.
- Casey Andrew Sporing, 20, Lawrence, Feb. 21, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear (Logan County Sheriff's Office), failure to ap-

pear/no proof of insurance, Thomas County Sheriff, released March 8 on probation.

- Adam Donald Cline, 19, Colby, Feb. 23, bond violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services, released March 7 on probation.
- Gregory Wayne Hopkins, 28, Derby, Feb. 29, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, using communication facility to arrange sale or purchase, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released March 2 on \$1,000 appearance bond.
- Richard J. Bachman Jr., 30, Goodland, March 2, probation violation, Colby Police/Sherman County Sheriff's Office, released same day to other agency.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.31
Corn (bushel)	\$6.27
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.06

Corrections

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Drunk returns stolen bicycle

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) - A Colorado man whose bike was stolen says he bears no grudges against a remorseful person who returned it with a handwritten note of apology that was signed "Drunk."

Aspen resident Jay Maytin says he's just happy to be back on his Trek.

The Pitkin County Sheriff's Office says the bike was left near the sheriff's office and police department with a note that said: "Sorry. I stole this bike. I rode it home. Please give it back - Drunk."

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PAUL SCHIFERL

Parents:
John & Becky Schiferl

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Paul, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for March 2012.

Paul's school and community activities include Scholars Bowl, International Club, Cosmic Crayon, Young Humanitarians, CHS Ambassadors, Basketball, Golf, Cross Country, Eagle Talon Newspaper Staff, Genesis Food Bank, Blood Drives, Recycling program with NHS, Drive One 4UR School, Captain of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling Team, Landscape Project at Mountain States Children's Home, Painted homes and completed yard maintenance for elderly in Colby through youth group, tutored 1st grade student twice weekly for six months, painted playground equipment with Thomas County Leadership Group, Carnival Ride Volunteer at Thomas County Fair, Landscape Project at the Senior Progress Center, Weekly maintenance of church lawn, and monthly nursing home visitations.

Paul's special honors include National Honor Society, Leadership Thomas County Participant, Page in the Kansas State House of Representatives for the late Jim Morrison, Co-Editor in Chief of Eagle Talon Newspaper, and selected to attend the Engineering & Science Summer Institute at K-State.

Paul's planned course of study is Mechanical Engineering at Kansas State University.

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