



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER Steve Cathcart, right, is shown with his sons, Aaron, (center) and David (left). Both are associated with their father, a former Oberlin resident, in Cathcart Photography in Estes Park, Colo.

Oberlin native expands photography business

Steve Cathcart of Estes Park, Colo., a former Oberlin resident and 1962 graduate of Decatur Community High School, made headlines recently in a feature story in "Rangefinder," a magazine for professional photographers.

The story was called, "Cathcart Photography, One Hour Weddings."

Mr. Cathcart, 60, the driving force behind Cathcart Photography, was reared in Oberlin, the son of Joe and Gwen Cathcart. He said that his father was a photographer, although he died before he learned anything from him.

"I was more interested then in cars, motorcycles and girls," he recalled.

After moving to McCook, he was a police officer and wound up a captain in the fire department.

Because of his odd schedule, he said that he had 20 days a month off. Photography was his hobby, so one summer he decided to shoot a couple of weddings so he could buy a new camera.

He began his professional photography career on Feb. 29, 1972, and booked two weddings the same day. "Before that summer was over," he said, "I think I had done 12 weddings and it just snowballed from there."

In 1990, after years spent harboring a deep love for Colorado, he sold his studio in Nebraska and headed west.

"When my sons and I first moved out here, we stopped in Loveland for a year," he said. "Then I thought, I'm going to move up to Estes Park, just to see what it's like and to be able to say I've lived in the mountains. That was 12 years ago, and I've been up here ever since."

When he arrived in Estes Park, he said, it occurred to him that if he was going to survive as a wedding photographer, he had to do something to set himself apart from the seven already well established in the small town.

"I had to do something to get cash flow quickly," he said, "and I wanted to get into a different niche than the rest of our competition, so we started including the negatives in the wedding package along with the photographs. We'd send our film to the lab, they'd process it, and we'd put the proofs in a preview album and give it to the bride and groom with a written copyright release. This allowed the couple to make all the reprints their hearts desired."

They also tried something else to set them apart: charging for weddings by the hour, which has proved popular. He said he does most of his bookings over the phone because only 20 percent of his weddings come from Colorado.

He is assisted by his sons, Aaron and David. He said that most of their business comes from referrals from ministers, florists, wedding coordinators and other vendors.

When asked the one photographic philosophy that, more than any other, has helped his business grow and prosper, he said, "My dad used to say, and I don't know if he made it up or heard it somewhere and adopted it, that you have to click with the people before you click the shutter. As far as I'm concerned, he couldn't have been more right."

The Cathcarts offer a home study photography seminar on DVDs and video tapes. Cathcart Photography's website is www.cathcart-photo.com.

Club News

Daughters meet for lunch

The Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley for lunch on March 23.

Regent Judith Watkins conducted the meeting and read the president general's message. Irene Cressler gave the national defense regarding hospital ships. Roll call was answered by members and a guest, Marguerite Walz, by naming a fort in Kansas. Sharee Fromholtz of Colby was welcomed as a new member.

Christmas and Valentines for Vets was observed for veterans and the Cherokee nation. Cards were sent to Janet Hinthier and Gladys Rowley. Mrs. Cressler gave the lesson on Kansas forts, and Mrs. Watkins reported on the Marion Anderson stamp. The chaplain closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be at the Q Inn Restaurant in Quinter on April 28.

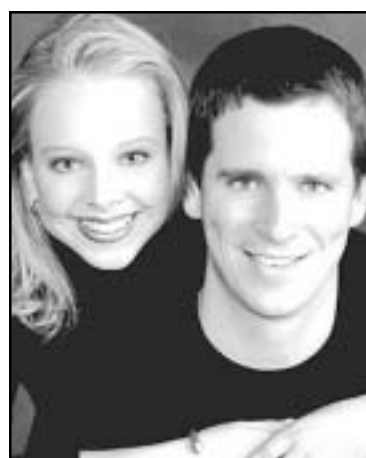
Couple plan May wedding

Sam McGee and Kristen Crofford of Houston plan to marry Nov. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Houston.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Cindy Crofford of Houston, and granddaughter of Beryldine Lynn, Amarillo, Texas, and the late Thomas Lynn, and Doris Crofford, also of Amarillo, and the late Curtis Crofford.

She is a 2002 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin and an event planner for Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Her fiancé is the son of Mike and Sharon McGee of Houston, originally of Norton. He is the grandson of David and Hilda McGee of



K. Crofford and S. McGee

Oberlin, and Dorothy Beach, Norton, and the late Lewis Beach.

He is a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University and earned a Master of Business Administration in 2001 from the University of Houston. He is a vice president for Wachovia Wealth Management in Houston.

They plan to live in Houston.

History tour planned for Kanona, Norcatour

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor a history tour to Kanona and Norcatour on Sunday, April 24, in cooperation with the Decatur County Museum and the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The group will leave from the Gateway parking lot at 2 p.m. The first stop will be at the town site of Kanona. Historian Ethel Johnson Taylor and others will talk about the town's history.

The second stop will be at Aufer Park on Main Street in Norcatour. Ron Temple, Frank Ward and oth-

ers will talk about the town.

The group will then go to the Norcatour Community Building, where there will be photographs and items of historical interest from both Kanona and Norcatour.

Refreshments will be provided by the Decatur County Museum and the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau. People with items they want to show should bring them and come prepared to talk.

For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

Newlyweds are honored

Marie McKisson hosted a surprise reception on Saturday afternoon to honor Max and Veanna Carman at their home.

Veanna Orr and Max Carman were married on March 20 and are making their home at 306 N. East Avenue.

Invited guests included Myrtle Waldo, Aleen Van Vleet, Coleen Rippe, Mae Guy, Norma Richards, Ruby Wennihan, Sharon Johnson, Dorothy Moore, Mary Lou Olson, Eileen Laird, Mary Noone, Louise Pollnow, Norma Frandsen, and June Vavroch.

Loan deadline is April 20

Businesses in some Kansas and Nebraska counties have until April 20 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The disaster loans are available for businesses which depend on farmers and ranchers who sustained crop losses due to hail, high winds,

tornadoes, excessive rain, and flooding from April 23-May 29, 2004. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for the loans.

Area counties in which businesses may apply include Decatur, Norton, Rawlins, Thomas, and Sheridan in Kansas and Red Willow and Furnas in Nebraska.

New Arrival

Trinity Cleon Gnad

Troy and Paula (Hrnchir) Gnad of Hays are the parents of a daughter, Trinity Cleon, born March 29, 2005, at 2:18 p.m. at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Ken and Jan Badsky, Oberlin; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; and Leroy and Mary Gnad, Hays. Great-grandmothers are Sylvia Wachendorfer, Selden, and Teresa Gnad, Hays.



Trinity Gnad

May wedding set by couple

Angie Johnson and Chris Claussen, both of Olathe, will exchange vows on May 6, at Rockbrook United Methodist Church in Omaha.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Ranell Johnson, Auburn, Neb.; Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, and the late Chuck Claussen.

The bride-elect, a 1994 graduate of Norfolk Senior High School in Norfolk, Neb., earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a master's degree in counseling psychology at the University of Kansas. She is employed by the University of Kansas Edwards Campus as the



C. Claussen and A. Johnson

director of recruitment.

Her fiancé, a 1995 graduate of Decatur Community High School, earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Baker University, and a master's degree in education from the University of Kansas. He is regional director of enrollment services for Westminster college in Fulton, Mo.

Former Jennings woman heads 'Ride for Recovery'

Toni Graham of Salina, formerly of Jennings, will be taking part in a "Ride for Recovery" bicycle trek across Kansas on May 14-15.

She said that she dreamed up the ride, a fund-raiser for the Central Kansas Foundation for Alcohol and Chemical Dependency, where she is a counselor.

The daughter of Bill and Ethlyn Tacha of Salina, she said that several area biking enthusiasts will join her in the 220-mile trek. It will start just south of Anthony and end at the Nebraska border.

Riders will be charged a registra-

tion fee and asked to collect pledges per mile. She said that even a rider who feels like they can ride just five miles can get pledges for that, and would be welcome to start the ride at any point. Being a rider herself, she said she's looking forward to "bringing something she likes so much into the workplace."

The fund raiser has been scheduled to coincide with the organization's 38th anniversary and the open house of its new outpatient and counseling facility on May 13. Money raised could help add 10 beds to the outpatient facility.

Disaster program sign-up begins

Sign-up for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2003/2004 crop disaster program has started at the Decatur County office of the Farm Service Agency.

Diane Barrett, county executive director, said under the program farmers can be reimbursed for qualifying crop production and quality losses for either 2003 or 2004 crops.

Payments will be issued for losses exceeding 35 percent of expected

production at 65 percent of the established price for crops that were covered by crop insurance; 65 percent of the established price for crops for which crop insurance was not available; and 60 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured but were not.

The closing date for sign-up will be set later. For details, call the county office at 475-3131.

Band to perform at Colby

The United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants will perform at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Colby Community Building.

The 65-member band and the 23-voice chorus will present selections including classics, popular favorites, folk music, theater and more. The concert is being sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association and the Colby Free Press.

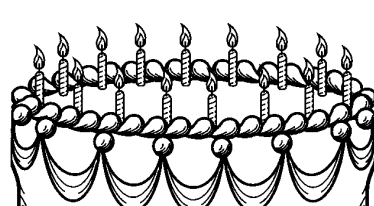
For free tickets, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Senior dance scheduled

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Annual Recognition Night will be held at the American Legion in Colby on Wednesday, April 20.

A dance from 7-9 p.m., open to all area senior citizens, will feature the Ramblin' Andy Family Band.

Tickets are available at the office, Box 803, Colby, Kan., 67701 or call (785) 462-6744. They may also be purchased at the door.



The Family of **Lucille Stackhouse**

Would like to invite Lucille's friends and relatives to her 90th Birthday Party on April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Whispering Pines in Norton, KS. If you can't attend please send her a birthday greeting at 113 Whispering Pines, Norton, KS 67654

Internet Tonight!

475-2206

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Sat., April 9th

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ~ Bridal Show

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*Lunch is free of charge w/ ticket purchase-proof!

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Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Can you freeze these foods?

Use fresh meats in supermarket wrappings and then frozen within a month or two.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends you add a second layer of wrapping for long-term storage. Overwrap with airtight heavy-duty freezer foil or freezer paper, or place the package inside a freezer bag.

While it's safe to freeze fresh meat or poultry in supermarket wrapping, this type of wrap lets air in. Overwrapping the package helps maintain quality and prevent "freezer burn."

Foods with freezer burn are safe to eat, though they may be dry in spots. Freezer burn causes grayish-brown leathery spots because air reaches the surface of the food. Cut these portions away either before or after cooking. Discard heavily freezer-burned foods for quality reasons.

While pasteurized milk can be frozen, it may separate or be slightly grainy when thawed. Frozen milk works best for cooking, but you may find it's still OK for drinking.

Freeze milk in plastic freezer containers or special freezer-proof glass jars. Leave some extra space at the top since milk expands during freezing. If packaged in a wide-mouth container, leave 1/2 inch head space

for pints and a full inch for quarts. If packaged in narrow-mouth containers (such as jars), leave 1 1/2 inch head space for either pints or quarts.

Plan to use frozen milk within a month. Thaw milk in the refrigerator. Stir well before using.

Hard or semi-hard cheese can be frozen if cut in half-pound to 1-pound blocks. Wrap in plastic, and then put cheese in freezer bags.

After freezing, cheese may become crumbly and mealy, but will retain its flavor. It works best for cooking.

Plan to use frozen cheese within four to six months. Thaw cheese in the refrigerator and use soon afterward.

The cheeses that freeze best are brick, Camembert, cheddar, Edam, mozzarella, muenster, Parmesan, provolone, Romano and Swiss. Blue cheeses are more prone to becoming crumbly, but they'll still taste good. Cream cheese and cottage cheese do not freeze well.

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Pancake & Sausage Feed

Thursday, April 7
5 p.m. located at the
Oberlin American
Legion Hall

Benefiting Memorial Hall Fund

Upcoming Lamb Fry - Friday, April 29 - 6 p.m.

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2005. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class

Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.

If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with:

Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.