

# Couple plans June wedding

Becky Streifel and Tyler Woolsey plan to be married Friday, June 9, at Minot, N.D.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Jane Streifel of Powers Lake, N.D., and Bob and Terri Woolsey of Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Powers Lake High School and the University of North Dakota, and has a graduate degree from Fort Hays State University. She is a licensed clinical psychologist at High Plains Mental Health in Hays. Her grandparents are Mary Keeling, Devils Lake, N.D., and Walter and Ann Streifel, Harvey, N.D.

Her fiance is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, Mid-Plains Technical College, and



B. Streifel, Tyler Woolsey

Fort Hays State, and is attending North Center Technical College in Hays. He works for Rides by Craig in Hays. His grandparents are Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin, and Helen Woolsey, Chappell, Neb., formerly of Oberlin.

# High Plains ArtFest opens next weekend

The High Plains ArtFest will begin on Friday, April 7, at The Gateway, featuring work of both adult artists and high school juniors and seniors.

Anyone who is interested in entering artwork should contact organizers Connie Grafel, Mary Henzel or Anna Shaw before Friday.

Each area school can bring five entries. Students and adults may also enter work individually. Adults need to pay a fee, but the schools have free entry.

Patrons attending the gala Friday night will vote on the People's

Choice Award. Michael Jilg, an art teacher at Fort Hays State University, will be the judge. Those placing first and second in each category will receive cash awards. Ribbons also will be given.

The eight categories include watercolor, acrylic, oils, pastels, photography, original handmade ceramics or sculpture, drawing or charcoal, graphics and mixed media.

The art will be open for public viewing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 9.

# Reserve program extended

The U.S. Farm Service Agency is conducting a Conservation Reserve Program extension program for farmers whose contracts expire Sept. 30, 2007.

Those eligible should have received a letter from the county office explaining their options under the re-enrollment and extension program.

Depending on their contract's Environmental Benefits Index, farmers will have an option to re-enroll their land in a new 10- to 15-

year CRP contract or extend their existing contract for five, four, three or two years.

Eligible farmers have until April 14 to accept the extension offer. For details, call the agency's county office in Oberlin at 475-3131.

There will be a general sign-up period from March 27 through April 14, but details have not been released. It will be for new land being offered and for land that is currently in the program but will expire this fall.

# Relay teams still needed

Teams are needed for the fifth annual American Cancer Society Relay of Life which will be held Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, at Smick Memorial Field at Decatur Community High School.

Teams can include 8 to 15 members. Children under the age of 16

need an adult sponsor at the Relay at all times.

Teams must be signed up by May 4. Anyone who wants to get a team together should call Tiffanie Farr at (785) 475-3123. For details, call Mrs. Farr or Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315.

# Library adds wireless Internet

The Oberlin City Library has added wireless Internet to their services, says Librarian Carol Smith.

She said that anyone who would like to bring in a laptop computer

can connect. She said they will continue to provide public Internet access with their own computer terminals, with printing available at 10 cents a page.

# Missionary doctor to speak

Dr. Lynn Fogleman, a former medical doctor in Oberlin, will speak at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. He is in the area for several days. His has a ministry in Red Bird, Ky.,

and serves as a medical missionary abroad. His most recent trip was to Maua, Kenya. A potluck supper will follow at 6 p.m. The public is welcome.

# Governor's vote overridden

Both the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives voted last week to override Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' veto of the National Rifle Association backed Right-to-Carry law, known as "The Personal and Family Protection Act."

"After 12 years, it took a collective, bipartisan effort to win this fight," the association's chief lobbyist, Chris W. Cox, declared. Kansas joins 46 other states who enjoy some form of Right-to-Carry."

The Senate voted 30-10 to override Gov. Sebelius' veto on March 21. Less than a day later, the House voted 91-33 to override.

"We want to recognize the stead-

fast support of several state leaders," Cox said. "Without their hard work, Kansas would still be deprived of this valuable law. Sen. Phil Journey, Rep. Candy Ruff and Rep. Gary Hayzlett worked tirelessly on this measure, and we thank them."

There are now just three states that do not allow any form of Right-to-Carry, Cox said: Nebraska, Illinois and Wisconsin.

"As always, we appreciate the commitment and participation of our members in Kansas for helping pass this legislation and helping override the governor's veto of this self-defense law," he said.

# Club News

## Club hears of ArtFest

Anna Shaw spoke at the March 21 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club about the workings of the High Plains ArtFest, held each year at The Gateway.

This year's event will begin in Oberlin on Friday, April 7, with an invitation-only gala. Art will be up for public viewing on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9.

Mrs. Shaw said that the competi-

tion is open to all adult and student artists. Prizes are awarded for outstanding pieces. The festival is considered by many to be an outstanding event for northwest Kansas, she said, adding that entries come from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. She was introduced by Dr. Gary Fredrickson.

# Oberlin grad featured in teacher's magazine

Kathryn George, a 1936 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a longtime teacher, was featured recently in a retired teacher's magazine, the "Retiree Report" of Colorado.

The former Kathryn Weyeneth, she is a niece of Ruth Laidig and a cousin of Glenva Nichols of Oberlin. Her parents were Clyde and Rita (Laidig) Weyeneth, and she was reared at Marion, Neb. After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, Colo., she was a special education teacher for many years and taught several years ago at Brush, Colo., with Lila Jennings of Jennings.

The story entitled, "Once a Teacher..." says that after nearly 55 years of teaching, she wasn't ready to stop working with children. She had worked with thousands of children across three states but still felt there was more she could do. Now in her second go-round as a retiree, she has found a way to satisfy her hunger to help.

She and a group of other retirees decided there was still plenty for them to do, both in and out of the classroom. In early 2005, they formed Blue Horizons, a non-profit organization which assesses the needs of youth and plans programs to meet them. Their goals include

planning activities for kids, tutoring students who need help, helping special needs students and supporting the Special Olympics.

Blue Horizons' causes are close to Kathryn's heart since she spent several years as a tutor and taught special education, which included setting up a special education center in Brush, Colo.

Part of her duties include filling in for teachers when they take time off to get special training.

"I go to schools and work at least one part of a day with kids who need special help," she said.

The story says she has demonstrated the same dedication to Blue Horizons that she did as an educator. She has taught everything from kindergarten to college, working in Kansas and Nebraska before moving to Brush as a first-grade teacher.

Both as a teacher and now as a retiree, she keeps herself active and advises other retirees to do the same.

"We just think we're going to quit," she said, "and then we wonder what to do next. But don't worry, something will come up and you'll wonder how you had time to work before. Don't go home and just sit down; look around and think of who you can help. If you're community minded, you'll find someone."

# Aging conference next month

"Full Circle... an Aging Expo" for residents in northwest Kansas will be offered for people 55 and up and their caregivers in Goodland on Thursday, April 27, and Osborne on Friday, April 28.

Presentations will include "Brain Blitz" by Donna Martinson, Geary County; "Identity Theft" by Dean Reynoldson, Kansas Department of Revenue; "Wellness and Aging" by Jeff Burnett, Fort Hays State University; "Take Steps to a Healthier You," by Mary Higgins, K-State nutrition specialist; "Talking to Each Other" by Charlotte Shoup Olsen, K-State; "What to Know About Prescription Drugs" by pharmacist Cesar Miller in Goodland and Dr. Barbara Brown in Osborne; and "Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Counseling," by Glenna Clingensmith, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Sessions will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude with a wrap-up at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for two

family members for registrations paid prior to April 19. The fee covers refreshments, a light supper and program materials.

Late registrations of \$20 per person and \$30 for two family members will be accepted, but the meal will not be guaranteed.

The Goodland conference will be at the First Christian Church, while Osborne's sessions will be at the Circle Inn.

Sponsors include Kansas State University Research and Extension, the Area Agency on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains and the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State.

For registration or details, contact any county extension office or the Northwest Area Extension Office at (785) 462-6281, visit [www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwao/Block2Food-NutritionSafety.htm](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwao/Block2Food-NutritionSafety.htm), or e-mail [twatts@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:twatts@oznet.ksu.edu).

# New Arrivals

## Antonio B. Kuhlman

Antonio Brice Kuhlman was born March 7, 2006, at the Decatur County Hospital at 1:52 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 9.3 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He has a brother, Jack Lee Farr. His parents are Chris Kuhlman and Windy Farr of Oberlin. Grandparents are Ervin and Florence Kuhlman, and Janet Anthony, Oberlin; Bruce and Melba Farr, Scott City; and Gary and Cathy Anthony, Norcat. Sam Farr of Oberlin is his great-grandfather.



A. Kuhlman

## Titus True Wassom Asher Trace Wassom

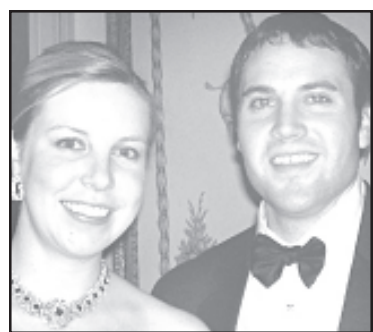
Matt and Mary (Kessinger) Wassom of Frankfort are the parents of twins, who were born March 8, 2006, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Titus True was born at 5:48 p.m., weighed 6 pounds, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Asher Trace was born at 6:15 p.m., weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. They were adopted by the Wassoms on March 9. They have a brother, Simeon, 17 months. Grandparents are Don and Karol Wassom, Chester, Neb., and Howard and Sharon Kessinger, Marysville, formerly of Oberlin. Zora Mae Messman, Chester, is their great-grandmother.

# Summer wedding planned

A June wedding is planned by Natalie Gail Newcom and Drew Michael Zalkin of New York.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Newcom of Denver, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zalkin of Charleston, S.C.

The bride-elect graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and is a specialist in Russian art at Charities, a New York auction house. She is the granddaughter of



N. Newcom and D. Michael

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Marcuson of Oberlin and Mrs. Elda Newcom of Garden City.

Her fiance also graduated from Trinity and is a senior financial analyst at Related Capital Co. in New York.

# Two-day workshop will explore agritourism

Marci Penner, author of the book "Explore Kansas" and founder of the Kansas Sampler Festival, will speak at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday during a two-day workshop and tour, "Northwest Kansas Rural Experience: AgriTourism Plus."

The meetings will be at the Sherman County 4-H Building, 417 N. Main Ave., in Goodland on Tuesday and next Wednesday. Planning partners for the event include Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, Kansas State University Research and Extension and area convention and visitors bureaus, economic development groups, conservation districts, chambers of commerce, the U.S. Natural Resource and Conservation Service, community foundations and others.

A bus will leave Goodland at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and arrive at the Kuhrt Ranch Hunting Lodge, 12 miles north of Edson. Bryce Cole of the Cole Family Farm Corn Maze, and Ken Klemm of Buffalo Guys will talk and lunch will be provided.

Following lunch, will be a bed and breakfast panel with information on alternative income, experience and regulations. The Flanders family will give a tour of the ranch.

At 3:45 p.m., the tour group will continue along Beaver Creek with a program on the history of the area. Dinner will be served that evening at the Aberdeen Steak House in Atwood, with a talk by Don Rowlison of the Cottonwood Ranch. The bus will then return to Goodland.

On April 5, registration will begin at 8 a.m. The second-day workshop will be at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. Workshop breakout sessions will include information on agritourism, business structure, business planning, liability, wildlife issues, habitat planning, historical registration and marketing. Lunch will be provided. The event will end at 2 p.m.

For details, call the Western Prairie office in Colby at (785) 462-2602.

# Math workshop set at Hays

A two-week mathematics academy workshop for 40 fourth-through eighth-grade teachers will be offered Monday to Friday, June 5-16, at Fort Hays State University.

Teachers will learn and practice effective mathematics teaching methods. Participants will receive materials for their classrooms and school buildings and a \$700 stipend.

Teachers will learn to improve math content and teaching methods by incorporating research-based strategies. Five follow-up days will be scheduled in the fall and spring next school year.

The academy, supported by a Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant from the Kansas Department of Education, will focus on middle school chemistry concepts.

Dr. Kathy Dale, assistant professor of educational administration and counseling; Dr. Paul Adams, professor of physics; and Keith Dreiling, instructor of mathematics and computer science, are assisting with the program.

Deadline to register is April 10. For details, contact Dr. Germaine Taggart at (785) 628-5847 or [gtaggart@fhsu.edu](mailto:gtaggart@fhsu.edu).

# Free dogwood trees offered

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during March in the foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped at the

right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the Foundation's monthly publication, and "The Tree Book," with information about planting and care.

Send a \$12 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by March 31, or join online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

Sappa Valley Youth Ranch is being reopened by King's Camp of Goddard, KS.

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