



Tyler and Rebecca Woolsey

Wedding vows read in North Dakota church

Rebecca Ann Streifel and Tyler Robert Woolsey were married at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2006, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Minot, N.D. Officiating was Father Chris Walter.

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

The bride's grandparents are Mary Keeling, Devils Lake, N.D., and Walter and Ann Streifel, Harvey, N.D. The bridegroom's grandparents are Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin, and Helen Woolsey, Chappell, Neb.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a strapless rum-toned gown with a traditional train. Her gown was accented by detailed embroidery on the bodice and train. She wore a chapel-length veil with a diamond tiara and carried a bouquet of ivory roses and calla lilies.

Maids of honor were Kristin and

Leann Streifel, Fargo, N.D., sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carmen Kepka, Kansas City; Lynette Collins, Phoenix; Katie Kulzer, Washburn, N.D., and Renae Arnston, Stanley, N.D. They wore strapless antique gold gowns. Flower girl was Lexie Kulzer, Washburn, N.D.

Best man was Tucker Woolsey, Quinter. Groomsmen were Tanner Woolsey, Warner Robins, Ga.; Jarrod Schmoker, McCook; Alex Louderback, Kearney, Neb.; Brad Moore, Cedar Bluffs; and Brett Moore, Arlington, Va. The groomsmen wore black three-button suits with antique gold vests and ties.

Ringbearer was Trae Woolsey, Quinter. Brad Streifel was usher and he and the other men of the wedding party wore similar suits.

The reception, dinner, toasting and dance were held at the International Inn in Minot.

The couple will live in Hays.

Educators receive awards

Nancy Ellis, principal of the Hope Street Academy in Topeka, and daughter of Joy Votapka of Oberlin and the late Chuck Votapka, and a teacher with Oberlin ties, Penny Roberts, have received the Team Collaboration: Individual Education Program Award from Keys for Networking Inc.

The award is for excellence and

success in working with the family and other team members, building on family and team member strengths and monitoring services for a child with emotional or behavioral problems.

Ms. Ellis is a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Ms. Roberts' father, Archie Vernon of Hays, is a 1943 graduate.

Nomination deadline near

Farmers have until Tuesday, Aug. 1, to nominate candidates for an open seat on the U.S. Farm Service Agency's county committee.

"County committees play a vital role in the administration of federal farm programs," said Diane Barrett, executive director of the agency's Decatur County office. "I encourage all producers to make a difference by nominating eligible candidates to serve on this important committee."

County committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation and disaster programs, employing the county executive director and other agricultural issues, she said.

To be eligible, a candidate must participate in a program administered by agency, be eligible to vote in the election and live in the administrative area served by the seat they are seeking.

The seat open this year serves Area 2, covering the northeast part of the county. Mrs. Barrett said it is

held by Elden Long, who has served the maximum nine years and will be going off the panel. A list of eligibility requirements is posted on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/cocelig06.htm.

People may nominate themselves or others. All nominees must sign a form, which includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected, available at the county office on U.S. 83 or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3. The final day to return them to the county office is Dec. 4. Committee members take office Jan. 1.

The agency plans a meeting at 10 a.m. Monday, July 31, at the county office to discuss the election. Anyone with disabilities who needs help to attend or participate should call Mrs. Barrett at (785) 475-3131 or e-mail her at diane.barrett@ks.usda.gov by Friday, July 28.

Club News

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met July 12 for breakfast at the Frontier Restaurant with the following present: Bernie Fred, Bertha Schwisow, Phyllis Screen, Cecil Hess, Doris Sloan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Doris Fringer, Alice Shirley, Millie Lippelmann, Norma Richards, Eula Juene-mann, Marty Munson and Dorothy Jackson.

Mrs. Sloan gave devotions and those volunteering to work at the fair at the 4-H exhibit building Friday evening were Mrs. Rich-

ards, Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Van Otterloo.

A planned tour was then enjoyed by six participants who visited several antique stores on Penn Avenue, as well as the newly-remodeled facility of the Business Enhancement Center, where Glenva Nichols, chamber secretary, showed the group through the building.

There will be no meeting in August due to the fair, but meetings will resume in September.

PEO holds birthday party

Chapter BH, PEO Sisterhood entertained residents for the July birthday party at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center when they met there on July 13. Refreshments were served.

They gathered in the conference room for their meeting. A letter was read from a former Oberlin resident thanking the chapter for sponsoring her for an Education Loan Fund loan,

which was granted and will help her complete her education. This PEO project promotes education for women with low interest loans for those who meet the criteria. Pat Wright gave the final report on the PEO Kansas State Convention which she attended in Great Bend in June.

The next regular meeting will be a breakfast at the home of Marlene Moxter on Aug. 11.

Shower held at LandMark

Valisha Castle was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday afternoon at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. Hostesses were Shelby Brown, Calise Castle and Jennifer Monaco.

She will be married to Travis Raile at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Those present included Shelby

Brown, Deanna Castle, Doris Fringer, Calise Castle, Jennifer Monaco, Madison Monaco, Kariah Castle, Alana Castle, Tami Shaw, Janice Ganje, Anne Wasson, Jessica Bremer, Jody Merrill, Anita Ketterl, Amanda Grafel, Kay Raile, Kandee Raile, Kayla Weber, Kaitlynn Raile, Tayke Weber, Donita Baird, Gertie Zweygardt and Chris Walston.

Farmers can graze statewide

Conservation Reserve Program emergency haying and grazing has been expanded to allow farmers to buy hay or rent land in all counties in Kansas, the U.S. Farm Service Agency says.

Only farmers in 38 counties already approved, including Decatur, can use the program, the agency says.

Emergency haying started Sunday and extends through Sept. 11. At least half of each field or contiguous fields must be left unharmed for wildlife, Mr. Fuller said, and at least 25 percent left ungrazed. Livestock must be removed by Sept. 12 and hay must be removed from the field within 30 days. Emergency haying and grazing are not allowed on the same acreage.

Stockmen in the 38 eligible counties may buy hay or conduct emergency haying or grazing on land owned by participants in an expanded area in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska,

New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. A map is available at www.fsa.usda.gov.

State Director Bill Fuller said the agency had reduced the normal 25 percent payment reduction for haying or grazing to 10 percent. Participants in the expanded area may not hay or graze their land for their own use. Farmers willing to allow haying or grazing on their leased acreage by an eligible producer from an approved county must agree to a 10 percent reduction of their annual payment.

Participants must obtain a modified conservation plan and the Farm Service committee in their county. They will work with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If cover is destroyed, it must be re-established at the owner's expense.

For information, call the agency's county office at 475-3131.

Pond tour offered in Colby

The High Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will hold a pond tour from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, at eight Colby homes.

Sponsoring the tour is Barton Concrete. Tickets, \$5 each, are available at Barton Concrete, two miles south of I-70 on K-25. Maps will also be available.

Featured will be ponds of Brent

and Connie Menges, Bill and Bev Biel, Rod and Judy Taylor, Harvey and Charlie Metz, Lon Frahm, Russell and Stephanie Bowers, Jerry and Peggy Barton and Barton Concrete.

All proceeds will benefit the chorus. Refreshments will be provided and Barton Concrete will hold a drawing for prizes. For details, call (785) 462-6312 or 462-3004.

Urban benefit planned

A benefit featuring homemade ice cream and pie to raise money for Everett Urban will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 28, in the old bank drive-through north of Johnson Realty during the Beach Party in downtown Oberlin.

Proceeds will go to help with medical expenses Mr. Urban incurred when he was in the hospital in Oberlin and Kearney, Neb. The son of Terry Urban and Leslie Plotts,

he was injured in a firearms incident at his home.

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Couple plans fall wedding

Erica Suzanne Weber and Luke Aaron Hayden of Hutchinson plan to be married on Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Holy Cross Church in Hutchinson.

Parents of the bride are David and Cheri Weber of Oakley. Her grandparents are Herman and Caroline Jacobs of Dresden and Mrs. Katherine Weber. Mrs. Anne Reinert of Seguin is her great-grandmother. She is a graduate of Fort Hays State University.

Her fiance's parents are Michael and Benita Hayden of Hutchinson.



Luke Hayden, Erica Weber

His grandparents are Alice Esbaugh, Hutchinson, and John and Bernice Hayden, Stafford. He graduated from Buhler High School.

Couple honored on 21st

Don and Charlotte Meints celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary with a "Christmas in July" weekend with their family Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2.

The group enjoyed a steak fry at the Meints yard on Saturday evening, followed by fireworks. On Sunday, they had a barbecued dinner at the Golden Age Center after services at St. John's Lutheran Church. The family has gathered for the event the last 11 years.

Those present included Donna and Rod Carlson, Grand Island,

Neb.; Ryan Carlson, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Stan Meints, Fort Worth; Connie and Ted Stuckey, and Mike and Glenda Walinder, Lincoln, Neb.; Tami Simmonds, Gillette, Wyo.; Mark Walinder and his fiancée, Jenna Patterson, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Marcia and Tara Stecklein, Hutchinson; Michael and Angie Rittershaus, Joelle and Calista, and Beth Carlson and her fiance, Tim Francis, Omaha; Heather Harris and Garret McDougal, Oberlin; and Derek and Becky Muehlenkamp and Alexys, Stuttgart.

Golf volunteer gives program

Joe Stanley shared his experiences as a volunteer marshal at the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament in Hutchinson when members of the Oberlin Rotary Club met last Tuesday.

He said he met many of the golfers and felt the experience and excitement of the event was beyond belief. He worked the 17th hole; among his duties was marking the

driving distance of the golfers. He also moved spectators, helped control the crowd and asked for quiet when necessary. A training session in June prepared him for his duties, he said.

Guests were Megan Carter, Pam Wilson and Melissa Hasty. Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club was a visiting Rotarian.

Courtyard concert Monday

Decatur County Good Samaritan Center will hold its first "Concert in the Courtyard" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

Featured will be the Oberlin Area

Concert Band, under the direction of Neal Russell.

The public is invited. Bring your own lawn chair.

New Arrivals

Aidan Michael Elwood

Shane and Kim Elwood of Sterling are the parents of a son, Aidan Michael Elwood, born June 7, 2006, at the Hutchinson Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mike and Jacque Elwood, Oberlin; Larry and Diane Kramer, Junction City; and the late Shirley Kramer. Great-grandparents are Bea Willey, Arapahoe, Neb.; the late Dean Willey; and the late Neal and Norma Elwood.

A. Elwood

Oberlin; and the late Doug and Charlotte Macfee.

brothers, Gabriel, 6, and Kieren, 2, and one sister, Olivia, 4, to welcome her home.

Grandparents are Mike and Jacque Elwood, Oberlin; Don and Deb Macfee, Oberlin; and the late Nancy Macfee. Great-grandparents are Bea Willey, Arapahoe, Neb.; the late Dean Willey; the late Neal and Norma Elwood; and the late Doug and Charlotte Macfee.

E. Macfee

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