



Kenton and Carol Olliff

## Couple marries in Hays

Carol Solko and Kenton Olliff were married on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays.

The Rev. Shelly Holle and Pastor Roger Miller officiated.

Parents of the couple are Monica Solko, Herndon, and the late Clarence Solko, and Shirley and Darel Olliff, Phillipsburg.

Matron of honor was Pat Marris, sister of the bride. Honor attendants were Judy Solko, sister of the bride, and Sydnie Olliff, daughter of the bridegroom.

Best man was Thomas Olliff, son of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Gary Olliff, brother of the bridegroom, and Darel Olliff, father of the bridegroom.

Guests were seated by Brett Marris, Bryce Marris and Rodney Solko, nephews of the bride.

Flower girls were Timberly and Teather Solko, twin nieces of the bride. Ring bearer was Patrick Kraft, godson of the bride.

Candlelighters were Breanne

Marris and Greg Solko, niece and nephew of the bride. Programs were handed out by Riley and Zach Solko, great-nephews of the bride.

A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Schenk Building.

The bride is a graduate of Fort Hays State University where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. She is employed by Fort Hays State University as Director of International and Disability Student Services.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Fort Hays State University with bachelor's and master's degrees, and Capella University with a Doctorate in human services with an emphasis in counseling.

He is employed by Fort Hays State University as director of the Kelly Center, and is a private practice counselor at Turning Point Professional Counseling Services in Hays.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, they are making their home in Hays.

## Piano students perform

Britta Noren, a piano student of Cheryl Metcalf, received a I rating at District IV auditions of the Kansas Music Teachers Association Oct. 14 at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Her performance in Plan C qualified her to compete in the State Honors Auditions on Nov. 11 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Other students of Mrs. Metcalf who performed in the same plan were Jessica Bremer and Jacob Helm.

Mrs. Metcalf, president of District IV, said 10 teachers entered 26 students in the auditions. Adjudicators were Karole Erikson, Great Bend, piano; Matt Means, Fort Hays

State University, strings; and Dr. Kristin Pisano, Fort Hays State, woodwinds.

Compositions chosen for the audition must come from contrasting periods of music literature, she said. Students entered in Plan B performed three pieces from memory while students in Plan C performed two pieces from memory. Plan D offers students an opportunity to perform but they do not qualify for state auditions.

The association comprises teachers from colleges and independent studios in Kansas. It is affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, the oldest organized music group in the U.S.

## Signing classes begin Nov. 2

Sign language classes, in the language of the deaf, will start the first week in November in Oberlin.

Instructor will be Julie Cunningham, who has a Bachelor of Arts in sign language communications.

There will be two classes. The first will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, starting Nov. 2, at the Decatur County ambulance barn. The second, at the United Church of Oberlin, is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays beginning Nov.

6.

Fee is \$20 for the four-week course. Participants may buy the books, "Joy of Signing" and "Signing Made Easy."

For details or to enroll call (785) 475-3829 and leave a message. There is a 12-student limit in each class. Fees for classes at the ambulance barn will be donated to teaching material for the Decatur County Ambulance Service.

## Church sets special service

The Oberlin United Methodist Church will hold a fun service of worship and praise music at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

This is a fifth Sunday special event, sponsored by the church for everyone in the community.

It will be a short, informal service

with local music talent leading the worship.

Persons of any age with instrumental or vocal talent who would like to take part, are asked to call Charles Haag, chairman, at (785) 475-8967. Coffee and cookies will be served following the service.

## Calico Gals make decorations

Calico Gals met on Oct. 18 at the home of Shirley Shields and completed decorations for the Christmas tree at the museum.

It was decided to give a donation for bows for a Christmas wreath.

## Rotarians hear about study exchange program

Merlou Robinson told about her experiences with the Rotary Group Study Exchange program in Sao Paulo, Brazil, when the Oberlin Rotary Club met on Oct. 10. She was introduced by Ryan Unger, program chairman.

She presented the club president with five Rotary flags from the Sao Paulo clubs. She said she attended 14 Rotary meetings while in Brazil.

She said that Brazil has the fifth-largest population and is the fifth-largest country in the world. Sao Paulo is about 250 miles west of Rio de Janeiro, she said, and the population is 80 million.

She showed slides, photos and souvenirs and expressed thanks to the club for giving her the opportunity to go there.

Other guests were Janice Shobe of the Atwood Rotary Club, and Karli Fredrickson and Brock Euhus, junior Rotarians.

Rotary Past District Gov. Gayle Bainter spoke about a 12-day trip that he and 27 fellow servicemen took to retrace their steps in various locations in Europe during World War II at the Oct. 17 Rotary Club meeting. He was introduced by Herschel Betts.

Among sights visited were Omaha Beach in France, monuments in Belgium, including the location of the Battle of the Bulge, many military cemeteries and the Rhine River in Germany. He served in the 76th Infantry Division and worked in communications, using mostly Morse code. He also showed medals he earned.

Other guests included Ruth Bainter, William and Rachel Carter, Stacie Sandall, Judy Gaumer, Megan Carter, Eunice Wenger and Jody Betts. Junior Rotarians were Clint Krizek and Andy Gilliam of Decatur Community High School.

## Bishop to visit Nov. 4, 5

The Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salina, will visit area parishes on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5.

He will be at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville at 11:30 a.m. for prayer and a meeting with the council and chairs of parish groups and will tour the facilities and cemetery.

He will go to Selden at 3:30 p.m., where he will meet in the parish hall with the parish council, grand knight, Altar Society president, coordinator of religious education, liturgy, Catholic Youth Organization leader and officers. He will conduct

mass at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Selden.

Bishop's Mass will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday at Leoville, followed by coffee and rolls and a meeting with the religious education groups.

He will conduct Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin and a potluck dinner will follow. He will meet with leaders and officers following the dinner, review the premises and sacramental records.

For details, contact Father Henry Saw Lone at (785) 475-3103 or Arvilla Juenemann at (785) 386-4496.

## Woman earns commission

Rachel Barnett, daughter of Dennis and Pat (Schmidt) Barnett of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Her father, a retired colonel, administered the oath of office.

A 2006 graduate of Auburn University, she will report to active duty in March as a maintenance officer at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Her grandparents are Keith and Darlene (Thieler) Barnett, Atwood, and LeRoy and Daisy (Wasson) Schmidt, Achilles, all graduates of Decatur Community High School.

## Livestock loans available

Farmers in Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties who suffered crop or livestock losses due to drought after Jan. 1 may apply for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

John C. Vogt, farm loan manager in Norton, said these counties became eligible under existing law, which provides that farmers in counties bordering those designated for disaster assistance may also qualify. Applications will be accepted until June 12.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate," he said,

"and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible."

These loans may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster. Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and equipment debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," he said.

Call Mr. Vogt at the office in Norton, (785) 877-5156, ext. 27 or 33, for information.

## Exhibit set museum in Logan

An exhibit, "Sandzén and the New Land," will be on display through Nov. 26 at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan, featuring the art of Birger Sandzén, "the founding father of painting in Kansas."

The show includes works from two collections of the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg. Mr. Sandzén, a noted painter and print maker in the first half of the 20th century, taught art at Bethany

College in Lindsborg.

The exhibition includes over 55 oil paintings, watercolors and prints done from 1891 through 1950, plus archival materials from the gallery's collection.

Museum hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and holidays. There is no admission fee.

## Benefit supper set for Monday

Mountain Slope Masonic Lodge will hold a benefit ham-and-beans supper with cornbread from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Masonic Temple, 109 W. Commercial, for the Forget-Me-Nots.

Dennis Brown, who heads the program, provides homemade meals, desserts and other services for the elderly at home, as well as at area nursing homes. An elevator is available; everyone is welcome.



Doug and Kristin da Silva

## Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Kristin Groneweg and Doug da Silva of Enid, Okla., were married at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

The Rev. Richard Langness officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with a bouquet of plum and white roses, calla lilies, stephanotis and pearl accents.

Parents of the couple are Lynn and Donna Groneweg, Selden, and Wayne and Linda da Silva, Kalispell, Mont.

Grandparents of the couple are Howard and Janette Votapka, and Dean and Peggy Groneweg, Oberlin, Frank and Mary Ellen da Silva, Herado, Fla.; Jose and Catarina da Silva, Santa Cruz do Bispo, Portugal, and Annette da Silva, St. Paul, Minn.

Organist was Janet Meitl of Dresden.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white halter gown fashioned with a delicately embroidered beaded appliqué overlay, which also adorned the hemline with the same cascading embroidered beadwork encircling the semi-cathedral train. Her veil, edged with crystals, fell from a crystal tiara.

Hailey Eskew, McCook, was maid of honor and Elizabeth Boyd, Kearney, Neb., was bridesmaid. They wore plum satin halter dresses.

Dennis da Silva, Missoula, Mont., served his brother as best man. Eric

Groneweg, Kearney, Neb., brother of the bride, was groomsman. They wore black western suits with plum vests.

The bridegroom wore a black western suit with silver vest.

Ushers were Terry Rush, Oberlin; Steve Whetzel, Ellsworth; and Larry Hoekelberg, Littleton, Colo., cousins of the bride.

Mrs. Groneweg chose for her daughter's wedding a taupe long dress with sparkling bodice and jacket. The mother of the bridegroom wore a black skirt with black and white print top.

The couple arrived at The Gateway for the dinner and dance following the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage driven by Jason Fortin.

Hosts for the reception were Glenn and Lynda Mueller, Enid, Okla.; Ward and Jodi Votapka, Oberlin; Robert and Judy Groneweg, Oberlin; and Joyce Thompson and Jim Jones, Cambridge, Neb., all uncles and aunts of the bride.

The bridal table was centered with a three-layer cake of offset squares, which was served by Rhonda Wildeman, Janet Meitl, Patti Richards and Elaine Marcuson.

Jillian Thompson was seated at the guest book.

The newlyweds plan to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., in December for their honeymoon.

They are making their home in Enid.

## New Arrivals

### Gavin John Gutchewsky



Gutchewsky

Brian and Krista Gutchewsky of Kearney, Neb., are the parents of a son, Gavin John, born Oct. 11, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon; Brian and Pam Simonsson, Oberlin, and Joe Castle. His great-grandparents are Bob and Sharon Ream, Walt and Joanne Castle, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, and Johnnie and Connie Simonsson, all of Oberlin. He is the great-great-grandson of Vic and Opal Bryan, Oberlin, and Everett and Ila Myers, Smith Center.

### Jaylin Christene Grafel



J. Grafel

Jaylin Christene Grafel was born July 26, 2006, at Beloit. She weighed 8 pounds, 5.75 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Ashley Diercks, Beloit, and Juston Grafel, Manhattan. Grandparents are Jonilyn Campbell and Donnie Boden, Beloit, and J.R. and Phyllis Grafel, Herndon.

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