

Mystery couple revealed



THE WEDDING PICTURE, which appeared on the OH! feature page of *The Oberlin Herald* in the Nov. 26 edition has been identified by Phil Law of Lakewood, Colo. He said the bridegroom was his cousin, Lester Ufford, a native of Dresden, and the bride is the former LaJune Deines, who was from WaKeeney.

Applications ready for federal help with conservation

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service is taking applications for 2009 conservation programs.

District Conservationist Ben Letourneau said farmers and ranchers who want financial help can get an application at the Department of Agriculture Service Center, 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin.

"Types of assistance can include payments to help a farmer adopt a new management practice or defray the cost of installing a structural or vegetative practice," he said. "Management practices that have proven popular with our local farmers and ranchers include rotational grazing, no-till, nutrient management, irrigation water scheduling and temporarily shutting down irrigation wells.

"Structural or vegetative practices... include new terrace construction, restoring wetlands (playas or lagoons), wildlife plantings, converting from flood irrigation to sprinkler or subsurface drip and water development for livestock."

Federal initiatives reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill include the

Conservation Reserve, Environmental Quality Incentives, Wetland Reserve and Wildlife Habitat Incentives programs.

The Conservation Reserve Program, administered by the Farm Service Agency, includes a continuous sign-up for "environmentally sensitive" land. In this area, wetland restoration, field borders, shelter belts, grassy waterways and vegetating center pivot corners have been used. Many of these practices include bonus payments for signing up and installation and/or annual rental payments. The service helps with planning and installation.

Wetland restoration, wildlife habitat development and irrigation well retirement (in designated areas) may be eligible for state programs as well.

For 2009, Mr. Letourneau said Monday, Dec. 15, is the deadline for the Wetland Reserve Program and Friday, Jan. 9, is the cutoff for Environmental Quality Incentives and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives.

For details, call (785) 475-3131, or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Plastic surgery available in Hays

Hays Medical Center has opened Graystone Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery with Dr. Kirk Potter as the plastic surgeon.

He is working with doctors in the region to bring reconstructive surgery options to western Kansas, including burn and wound care.

Dr. Potter, a western Kansas native, graduated from the University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City. He completed an internship, residency and fellowship at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pennsylvania.

Graystone will provide a full array of services, including cosmetic and plastic surgery for the body,

breast and face, and skin. These procedures include liposuction and sculpture, tummy tucks, arm lifts, breast reduction and augmentation, lip and chin augmentation, contour facelifts, cosmetic laser services, ear surgery and earlobe repair, eyelid surgery, neck lift, rhinoplasty, cleft lip and palate surgery. Skin rejuvenation includes botox and filler, chemical peels, demarcation, laser hair removal and treatment for spider veins, varicose veins and general vein disease.

The office is at the Bickle/Eagle Health Pavilion at Hays Medical Center. For information, call (785) 623-6350 or e-mail graystonecosmetic@haysmed.com.

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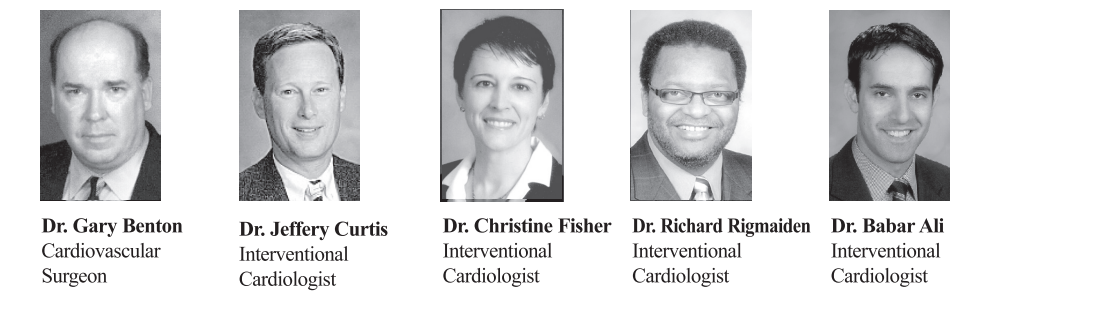
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