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Presentation: Traditional Kroje, Sewing and Embroidery

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Kim is from Saline county and lives on a farm near Wilber with her husband, Todd Znamenacek. They have two boys, Ivan and Kelby....both are students at Wilber-Claytonia. Kim has made her son's Czech costumes over the years for dance and band performances.

Kim is formerly from Omaha and she started sewing when she was 11 years old. At some point by high school she was making almost all of her own clothes. Kim studied art and dance and became interested in her Czech ancestry and heritage. She attended college in San Diego and studied fashion design before coming to Omaha to start her own business as a seamstress. Kim made her first Kroje skirt for a dance group she was involved in at the suggestion by one of the group members. Since then, she has made several full Kroje as well as other pieces.

Kim will explain two ways in which she has developed skills in making Kroje. One is traditional hand embroidery and the other is by machine. She is pretty much self-taught in both of these areas.