

Colby couple plans Goodland wedding

Jessica Dahn Bauman and Zachary Lohr of Colby plan to marry on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Goodland.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Kindi Bauman of Goodland. She is a 2009 graduate of Goodland High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College with an associate degree in medical assisting and a 2012 graduate of Colby Community College with an associate degree in nursing. She works as a Registered Nurse with Deseret Health and Rehab in Colby.

The groom is the son of Joni Wilson of Goodland and Gordon and Linda Lohr of Amston, Conn. He is a 2009 graduate of Goodland High School and a 2010 graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland with an associate degree in electrical technology. He works as a journeyman electrician for Jim's Electric in Colby. He is also a volunteer



Zachary Lohr, Jessica Bauman

fireman for the Colby Fire Department.

The couple plans to live in Colby.

Some festivals 'dig' potatoes a lot

I must apologize profusely for my failure to remind you last week of the Barnesville, Minn., Potato Days Festival, an annual event in a town of 2,308 souls whose remarkable celebration draws several thousand visitors for fun and games – and to eat potatoes. The festival has been named as one of the top community events in the nation by the American Bus Association. But it was last weekend, and now we'll have to wait until next year.

It is difficult to believe that so many activities, all associated with potatoes, could possibly be packed into two days of celebration. Obviously, they grow tons and tons of potatoes in the Barnesville area, located south of Fargo, N.D., in extreme western Minnesota. You missed the opportunity to gorge yourself with potato pancakes, French fries, potato sausage, potato soup, German potato dumplings, and of course, Norwegian lefsa, just to name a few of the treats.

You also missed the zany mashed potato wrestling contest, actually conducted in a foot-deep vat of mashed potatoes. And we all regret missing the crowning of Miss Tater Tot 2012. Oh well, there's always next year. And keep in mind that you can see and participate in similar activities for three days at the Potato Bowl, Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 6 to 8, just up the road a few miles in Grand Forks, N.D.

So much to do and so many places to go. Let me quickly suggest something else to do and a place to go.

Go out to your garden and dig your potatoes. Unless of course you've already been there done that. Failure to do that soon could result in all sorts of calamity.

I confess that I finished digging my spuds just last week, and, because of the extremely dry soil, several of the tubers were a



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

bit limp. In wet years (remember those) there is always the danger of potatoes sprouting if left in the ground too long and that's not good either.

The potato plant has grown as much it's going to when the leaves turn brown and die back, despite the fact that the main stem is still green. They should be harvested before the whole plant is dead.

Potato storage for the winter can be a problem. After harvest and a few days to cure, they must be placed in a dark, cool area with high humidity. Locations around the house answering that description are hard to find, and they usually end up in the basement, unless you are the proud owner of a root cellar. If some of those white potatoes are left in the light too long, they will develop green "solanine" areas that must be trimmed off before eating.

Several years ago, my friend at the Golden Plains Greenhouse and Garden Center in Colby insisted that I plant a new variety of white potato called Dakota Crisp, instead of the old Irish Cobbler variety I had planted for years. Dan did that, of course, because he didn't have any Irish Cobblers. But it was the best varietal switch I've made in years – the Dakota Crisp is a wonderfully smooth, large, good-tasting potato. Kennebec, also a white spud, is the nation's most popular garden potato, but Yukon Gold is gaining ground rapidly. Red Pontiac still seems to be the most-planted red potato.

So, dig the potatoes soon. Before planting time next spring, I promise to find out what variety of potato they plant in Barnesville, Minn.

Mars flight: explore core

By Seth Borenstein
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON – After driving all around Mars with four rovers, NASA wants to look deep into the guts of the red planet.

The space agency decided last Monday to launch a relatively low-cost robotic lander in 2016 to check out what makes the Martian core so different from Earth's.

NASA's Discovery program picked a project called Insight over missions to a Saturn moon and a comet, drawing complaints from scientists who study other places in our solar system that NASA is too focused on Mars.

All three proposed missions were good, but the Mars one showed the best chance of making it within budget and on schedule, said NASA sciences chief John Grunsfeld. The missions cost no more than \$425 million.

The Insight mission includes two instruments, one French and one German, that would examine the geology of Mars in depth. It would explore the core's size, composition, temperature and wobble.

The interior of Mars is a mystery. It has no magnetic field, and scientists aren't sure if the core is solid or liquid or even has frequent quakes like Earth.

"What kind of Mars quakes are there? How big is the core of Mars? Does it have remnants of a molten core like the Earth does?" asked Discovery program chief Lindley Johnson.

Geologists have been asking for this type of crucial information for decades, said H. Jay Melosh of Purdue University, who said it was about time a project like this was approved.

The mission will be run by NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab. The California lab is basking in the success of the \$2.5 billion Mars Curiosity rover, which is starting to explore the planet's surface after a daring landing this month. Earlier this year, NASA pulled out of two Mars missions with the European Space Agency because it didn't have the \$1.4 billion for the proposed 2016 and 2018 mission.

NASA is still working on another possible Mars mission to replace the canceled ones with a decision later this month.

Deaths

Bertha 'Bert' Dible

Bertha Dible, Colby, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Henry Wayne Siebert

Henry Wayne Siebert, 78, formerly of Colby, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, at the Schowalter Villa in Hesston.

He was born Nov. 25, 1933, near Henderson, Neb., to Henry J. and Maria Siebert. The family moved to Luton, Iowa, when he was 7 and he graduated from Luton High School in 1951. In 1957, he earned a bachelor's in Christian education from Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Neb.

On Aug. 16, 1957, he married Leona Ruth Flaming in Medford, Okla. They lived in several places through their involvement in Christian ministry, including a brief pastorate in Avon, S.D. In 1961, they moved to a farm west of York, Neb., to farm. They relocated to Colby in 1972, where they continued farming until retiring in 1996.

They continued to live in Colby until January 2005, when they moved to Hesston. He moved to Schowalter Villa in July 2007.

Preceding him in death were his

parents; an infant son; a daughter, Beverly Joy; three sisters, Esther Rogers, Winnifred Siebert and Lillian Detweiler; and three infant grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Hesston; four children, John (Darla) Siebert, Owosso, Mich.; Jeanie (Randy) Nye, Kansas City, Mo.; Belinda Kay (Eric) Jacobsen, Eagle Idaho; Bethanie (Jeff) West, Omaha, Neb.; three sisters, Tiena Sellers, Mable Eichhorn and Marion Jensen; three brothers, John Siebert, Alan Siebert and Dennis Siebert; 19 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were to be today, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, at the Newton Bible Church.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with John Siebert officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the nursing home, in care of Petersen Funeral Home, 215 N. Main, Newton, Kan., 67114.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club meeting Aug. 14 at the Colby United Methodist Church was conducted by Co-President Ruthie Hughes. Others attending included Co-President Bev Kerns, Vice President Margaret Danneler, Secretary Maxine Nelson, Treasurer Shirley Baker, Historian Marj Brown, Poppy Dean, Tom and Kathie Peyton, Christina Beringer, Barbara Highland, David Ketchum, Marlene Carpenter and Karen Reed, with guests Karen Reed's mother, Marilyn Reed, Connie Davis and Cynthia Henningson.

Coming events include an art show in McCook, Neb., an art show in November at the Prairie Museum of Art and History and the Harvest Festival Saturday and Sunday at the Old Town Museum in Burlington, Colo.

Old Town is requesting people to demonstrate and vendors. The club discussed visiting the festival this year and maybe participating next year.

Former Colby resident and professional artist, Shela Page Reiley, will give a pastel workshop in November, when her artwork will be on display at the museum

in Colby.

Ketchum, Nelson and Danneler won blue ribbons at the Thomas County Fair. Baker won a blue at the fair in Hoxie.

Nelson gave a program about Andy Warhol, a contemporary artist born in 1928 who began as a commercial illustrator known for his illustrations of Campbell's Soup and high heeled shoes and progressed to create paintings, silk screening, films, books, magazines and finally works based on Old Master paintings.

She said he wanted "everybody to be like a machine." He set up a large studio space which he referred to as The Factory and gathered a group of people to assist with his endeavors. A disgruntled woman shot Warhol in 1968. He survived the shooting but died in 1986 of complications following a routine gallbladder operation.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the church. Fritz Ostmeyer will be hostess and Marilyn Surmeier will give the lesson. Guests are welcome.

– Maxine Nelson, secretary

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Katie Melvin; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Pat Erickson; fourth, Barb Ulmer; and fifth Gail Vacca.

Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.07
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Corrections

An engagement announcement for Jessica Dahn Bauman and Zachary Wilson Lohr of Colby on Page 3 of the Friday, Aug. 24, Colby Free Press, omitted the names of Lohr's parents. This was due to missing information in the story provided to the Free Press. It is rerun in today's paper.

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Savings accounts come to essay contest winners

Seventh and eighth grade students across Kansas can showcase their writing skills and win an education savings account in the eleventh annual Learning Quest Essay Contest.

The Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program is Kansas' state-sponsored 529 plan, designed to help families invest for their child's continued education after high school. Last year, more than 1,000 essays written by Kansas seventh and eighth graders were received from 61 schools across the state. This year's theme is "Small Steps, Big Dreams."

"We're very excited about 'Small Steps, Big Dreams,'" said Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes who administers the program. "This year we're asking seventh and eighth grade students to describe their future goals after graduating from high school and to explain how they are taking steps today to reach those goals. This fits perfectly with Learning Quest's goal to help families plan today for the higher education expenses in their student's future."

The contest, open to all seventh and eighth grade students in Kansas, began in mid-August and all entries must be postmarked by Friday, Oct. 12. To learn more and download participation materials, visit the contest website at learningquest.com/essay. Also, students can get updates on Estes' Facebook page and Twitter account (@RonEstesKS).

"We want our students to realize the importance of post-high school education," said Estes. "We also want to encourage Kansas families to start saving now to meet the challenge of paying for tomorrow's college or vocational school. Learning Quest is a convenient way for them to start today."

Prizes include \$1,000 and \$500 Learning Quest accounts for one winner and one runner-up from each grade level. One randomly selected student will also receive a \$529 Learning Quest account, and one participating school, selected at random, will receive \$1 for every essay submitted statewide, up to \$5,000.

The program was created to help families invest for continued education after high school. Investors benefit from tax-deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals when used for qualified education expenses (tax benefits may be conditioned on meeting certain requirements). Kansas taxpayers can receive a Kansas tax deduction up to \$3,000 per child (\$6,000 if married, filing jointly) on contributions to Learning Quest or any other state-sponsored 529 plan.

Before investing, carefully consider the plan's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. An attorney for Thomas who remained in the Washington County Jail. He's been there since Aug. 15 on charges of robbing the delivery driver in Washington, Pa. But police in Canonsburg didn't know that because Thomas identified himself as Tayshawn Wilson when he was first arrested. Canonsburg police have now charged him with driving the stolen car and almost hitting three people with it when police chased him Aug. 11.

Stolen car suspect in jail

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) – Police say they've found a stolen car suspect in the last place they expected: in a southwestern Pennsylvania jail, using another name.

Canonsburg police tell the Observer-Reporter of Washington, Pa. (bit.ly/NXAB3k) they found 18-year-old Christopher Thomas after an anonymous tipster told them he'd already been arrested in a pizza delivery robbery in another town.

Online court records don't list

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