



Joshua Allen Brown and Cassie Lea Wilson

Atwood Lake gazebo to be site for wedding

Cassie Lea Wilson and Joshua Allen Brown of Colby plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, at the Atwood Lake gazebo in Atwood.

The bride is the daughter of Doug Wilson of Gem and Sandy Wilson of Colby.

She is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and works

at Hi-Plains Co-Op in Colby.

The groom is the son of Brian and Tonjau Brown of Colby.

He graduated from Colby High in 2002 and works at the Western Plains Energy ethanol plant in Campus.

A Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, honeymoon is planned after the wedding.

Foster care training begins next week here

St. Francis Community Services, a provider of foster care, adoption and family preservation services, will offer the course "Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting," for individuals interested in becoming foster parents beginning Tuesday and from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday for 10 weeks, at the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine Street.

Individuals interested in becoming a foster parent are invited to attend the free course. Training is required by the State of Kansas for those interested in becoming fos-

ter parents. The course provides information and skill development for prospective foster parents, helps them gain a better understanding of the needs of children in foster care, helps families make informed decisions about fostering and provides information on resources, parenting techniques and support services available for foster parents.

To register or to learn more about becoming a foster parent, call Nikki Engel at (785) 625-6651, e-mail Nicole.Engel@st-francis.org or go to www.st-francis.org.

College gets donation from Midwest Energy

Midwest Energy, a Hays utility co-operative, donated \$1,000 to Colby Community College after using one of the school's buses to take board members and others on a tour of this area. A check was given to college President Steve Vacik earlier this month by Bob Muirhead, Midwest director of

economic and community development. College transportation director Kathy Britton and Les Loker, Midwest analyst and account manager in Colby, also were present.

The money will be used for fleet expenses, Dr. Vacik said.

Colby man attends seminar at Illinois leadership institute

By Christina Beringer

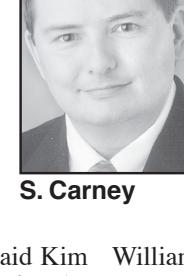
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The managing partner in Colby for the Modern Woodmen of America attended a four-day seminar at the firm's Leadership Career Institute at the home office in Rock Island, Ill.

Shawn Carney was one of the top managers invited to attend the event from July 31 to Aug. 3, where speakers taught them how to become better leaders, improve results in their regions and inspire their colleagues, said Kim Woodward, a spokesman for the firm.

"Not everyone was invited to go," said Carney, "so it was a real honor to be able to attend. We focused on the company's mission and what we want to accomplish. Then, we went back and looked at providing accountability to ensure



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