



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 foster 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 our goals are met."



S. Carney

Speakers at the meeting included author, trainer and coach Bob Davies; the president and chief executive officer of Virginia Asset Management, Mike White; Grey Giovannine, basketball coach at Augustana College; and the author of "Walk-On" and founder of Teammates First, Alan Williams.

Woodward said attendees had the opportunity to exchange management best practices with more than 100 others.

Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen offers financial products and fraternal membership benefits to people throughout the United States.

Booked for Lunch and Story Time start for the season in September

Next week we begin our monthly *Booked for Lunch*. Melissa Stramel will be speaking on her most recently published book. The Quilt Guild will also have presented the library with some creations.

Booked for Lunch is on Wednesday. We will open the doors just before noon and you can join us for a sandwich, chips, vegetables and dessert. Lunch is free but we do accept donations. Come hear our first speaker of the season.

The following week, *Story Time* will begin at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, for preschoolers and at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for toddlers. We also have a *Family Night*, which is a story time experience for all members of the family. It begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 11.



Melany Wilks
•Library Links

This week we are adding some fine items to our collection. The first is a fiction book entitled, "Tigers in Red Weather," by Liza Klausmann. Nick and Helena grew up together in Martha's Vineyard in a family home called Tiger House.

World War II is over and the two will go in opposite directions. Nick and her two children will reunite with her husband after his service.

Helena will make her way to live with her new husband Avery Lewis in Hollywood. This is Helena's second husband. Charles Fenner, "Fen," died and she decid-

ed she must move on or lose the chance for a future with children.

The ladies are sad to see their happiness as close neighbors and friends come to an end. Months pass and Nick finds out a secret about her husband. Helena's husband is not what she expected.

In the midst of their daily drama, a person ends up murdered and they begin to try and solve the ghastly event. This sends them spiraling into the crevices of life. Each must find their way out of the mess they have created for themselves and each other.

The second book is "The Scar," by Sergey Dyachenko and Marina Dyachenko, written in Russian and translated by Elinor Huntington. The authors, originally from Kiev, have numerous European science fiction awards. The book reads quickly and if I had not read the back flap I might not have picked up that it was a translation.

Protagonist Egert is a young lieutenant in the local guard of the city Kavarrren. Egert is quite the ladies' man. He has not only a reputation, but a trail of maidens

left in his wake.

Egert kills a young student and his face is slashed by the Wanderer, who challenges him after the student's death. Egert becomes cursed; with a slash on his face; he is humiliated and scorned. He no longer finds himself the fair-haired man everyone loves.

He now must face his challenges and learn to fight for his very existence. He embarks on a journey and must find a way to take the curse off himself.

We have added a heartwarming book called "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry," by Rachel Joyce. Protagonist Harold has just received a letter from someone he has not contacted in 20 years. Queenie Hennessy writes to say she is dying of cancer. He is stunned and ashamed that he has not written in years.

Harold lives with his wife in an English village. They have long been together, but have forgotten their own precious memories of love. Harold struggles to write a note and decides that instead of posting the letter he must take it to Queenie, 600 kilometers away in Berwick.

The problem is, he decides right then and there to walk to Berwick. He won't go home and prepare for the trip. He begins the tramp in his simple yachting shoes and light coat. Harold and Maureen discover new things about each other and

their lives through his adventure.

The next item is a nonfiction book entitled "Bligh: William Bligh in the South Seas," by Anne Salmund. William Bligh arrived on Tahiti with Captain Cook at the age of 22. Salmund has portrayed his three voyages in the South Pacific as they changed the lives of many, including those of the Polynesian descent.

The fourth book is "Columbus: The Four Voyages," by Laurence Bergreen. This nonfiction author of such books as "Marco Polo: From Venice to Xanadu," and "Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe," has now written from the diaries of Columbus.

When Bergreen details the discovery of the Mayan society, he tells how Columbus really has no interest. It is not the Chinese society he was hoping for.

Bergreen tells how Columbus struggles with personal decisions and thoughts. He also discusses the many problems that linger in the world discovered by his trip.

Remember we will be closed Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Next week we switch to fall and winter hours. They are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Historical foundation seeks stories for contest

The Kansas Historical Foundation is accepting entries for the Annual Kansas Factual Story Contest.

Sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, the contest encourages written preservation of factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans today and yesterday.

The contest is open to everyone. Stories must be true and unpublished, set in Kansas, and limited to 750 words. One entry per person, and entries will not be returned.

Entries must be submitted electronically by e-mail no later than Thursday, Nov. 1. The author's name, mailing address and phone number must be included on the essay.

Send entries to: Terry Marmet, Kansas Historical Foundation, membership@kshs.org. Include "Beech Memorial Contest" in the subject line of the e-mail. The Kansas Historical Society may preserve all stories in their collections.

Olive Ann Beech, of Wichita, provided winners with cash awards for over 30 years. Following her death, her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver, Wichita, has continued this support. The Beech Memorial Cash Awards are: first place, \$175; second place, \$125; third place, \$100; and \$50 each for two honorable mentions.

A panel from the society and the foundation will judge entries. Winners will be announced and recognized at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas Friday, Jan. 25, in Topeka. For information, contact Terry Marmet, director of operations for the foundation, at (785) 272-8681, ext. 209 or membership@kshs.org.

September blood drives to be in Atwood, Goodland

September is National Preparedness Month, a time for Americans to prepare for disasters of all types, including personal ones that require blood transfusions.

September blood drives for our area will be noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Knights of Columbus in Atwood and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Methodist Church in Goodland.

Eligible donors of all blood types are needed for the Red Cross to readily meet hospital and patient needs. Eligible donors with the most in-demand and often short supply blood types - O negative, O positive, A negative and B negative - are especially encouraged to give.

Call (800) 733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for information. Walk-ins are welcome. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification, are required at check-in.

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Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.27
Corn (bushel)	\$8.15
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$16.53

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Enroll crops by Tuesday for noninsurable program

Farmers have until Tuesday to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program. The sales closing date is actually Sept. 1, but because it falls on a weekend and the following Monday is a holiday, the deadline is Tuesday.

The program provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Adrian Polansky, state Farm Service Agency director. "The past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation."

For information, contact the county Farm Service office at 462-7671 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov/ks.

35th Division conference to look at veterans, families

Trips to the Truman Library at Independence, Mo., and division headquarters at Fort Leavenworth will highlight the 95th annual conference of the 35th Division Association next Thursday to Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Kansas City Airport Hilton.

President (Capt.) Harry Truman is a hero to the division, as he commanded Battery D, 129th Field Artillery in World War I, and ordered the atomic bomb dropped on Japan at the end of World War II, allowing soldiers to go home after winning the war in Europe instead of going to the Pacific.

Also featured will be a panel of World War II veterans recalling battle experiences, as well as an orphans, widows and families presentation by those whose fathers and grandfathers were killed in the war.

The division fought in World Wars I and II and, most recently, commanded units on peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. Units of the 35th have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Conference registration forms are available from the museum at kngmuseum@aol.com, (785) 862-1020 or at www.35thinfdivassoc.com.

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- Rod Taylor

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