



Eric and Arika Luedke

## Colby man married in Wray, Colo., garden

Arika Lanae Johnson, from Wray, Colo., and Eric William Luedke, from Colby, were married Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, in an outdoor double-ring wedding at the home of Mike Cure in Wray, with Pastor Steve Wynkoop officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Blane and Jill Johnson of Wray. Her grandparents are Norma Johnson and the late Neil Johnson and Ray and Ann Bushnell, all of Phillipsburg.

The groom is the son of Brian and Judy Luedke of Colby and the grandson of Norman and Bona Lea Luedke and the late William and Margaret Cahoj, all of Atwood.

The setting featured an antique arbor with white daisies and white tulle was complemented by urns of fuchsia and white flowers around the yard.

The bride was escorted by her father, Blane Johnson, to "Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel.

Maid of honor was Lindsey Holmes of Austin, Texas. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister Allison Bohall of Grand Junction, Colo., Kati Bohall

of Denver, Mary Wisdom of San Diego and Jenny Dimitt of Stillwater, Okla. All wore one-shoulder, full-skirted gowns of black organza.

The bride's personal attendant was her cousin, Karsen Means of Hays.

The best man was the groom's brother, Zach Luedke of Colby. Groomsmen were Brent Luedke of Colby, the groom's brother; Matt Murray of Lincoln, Neb.; Tanner McClure of Salina; and Nate Harter of Oakley.

Ushers were Weston Johnson of Sheridan, Wyo., brother of the bride, and Dirk Anderson of Wray. Ring bearer was Luke Freeman, and flower girl was Sidney Freeman, both of Wray. Guest book attendant was Crystal Luedke of Colby, sister-in-law of the groom.

The reception was at the Wray Elks Lodge. Hosts were John and Bobbi Cure of Wray.

Following a honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple is living in Pittsburg. Arika is a dental hygienist at Saia Smile Center in Frontenac and Eric is an apprentice line-man for L.E. Meyer in Hays.

## Do some thinking about all of garden

As we move ahead into the growing season that is rapidly approaching, I wish to pose a few questions to each and every one of you who are planning some kind of planting this spring.

I do not wish to question your ability to grow things – I merely wish to encourage you to begin thinking about what lies ahead as the weather warms and outdoor activities increase.

And so I will ask each one of you to seriously think about what you will be planting and how you intend to care for whatever it is you will be growing this spring. There will likely be no absolute answer to the questions I pose, but hopefully they will begin to arouse your thoughts about the season and get the juices flowing. You may want to make some notes.

Here we go. Do you feel like you have a pretty good idea of what varieties, or names, of the various garden crops are the most productive, whether you grow vegetables or flowers? Or do you grab the first packet of cucumber seed or zinnia seed that you see on the rack, figuring that a cucumber is a cucumber, and a zinnia is a zinnia? Remember, some varieties are more productive than others.

Are you convinced that you know the ideal dates for planting certain vegetables or flowers, or do you just plant everything at once, believing that if it's time to plant onions, it must be time to get those geraniums out into the flower beds?

Have you considered watering your garden and flower beds with



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something other than the lawn sprinkler, or do you feel that if it's good enough for the grass, it must be good enough for the tomatoes?

Do you have a favorite tool you use to rid your garden of weeds? How do you manage weeds that grow between onion plants, in the potato row or in the flower beds?

Mulch is any kind of biodegradable material, that, when placed between rows of beans, or around newly planted trees, will keep the soil damp, cool and weed free. Do you mulch anything in your garden, and if so, do you know the best time to apply it? If you don't mulch, why not?

In the heat of summer, do you climb out of bed earlier than usual and do some of the heavier work in the garden when it's nice and cool?

And finally, do you plow your entire garden plot in the late fall of the year, always adding all the organic materials you can get your hands on, or do you wait until spring to plow, when it's too late for any soil additives to biodegrade?

There. Form your own basic garden opinions. Make some plans. Ask questions if you're not pleased with past years' efforts. Compare notes with other gardeners. Be the best gardener you can be.

## Junior carnival is Friday

By Hailee Spresser  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School junior class has been busily preparing for their annual carnival, planning games, collecting prizes and preparing to have a fun evening for all ages. This year's carnival will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Rexford school.

"We are excited to hold our junior carnival this year," said junior class President Leea Juenemann, "because not only did we add new, exciting things, but it is almost guaranteed that all ages will have fun at this carnival. We look forward to a great turnout this year with prizes and fun for all."

Some of the carnival games include duck pond, ring toss, Wii tournament, football toss, fortune teller and obstacle course. The class has added two new attractions.

Two inflatables are new, an obstacle course and a bouncy house for children – and adults who feel like bringing out their inner child.

In addition to the excitement in both gyms of the high school, there will be a cake walk and a full concession stand with baked potatoes in the commons area and bingo in the cafeteria.

"We invite and encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this evening of fun and games," said Juenemann.

## Bandits steal toilet pipes

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – Police say bandits are hitting up Albuquerque public restrooms and running off with metal pipes that automatically flush toilets.

KOB-TV reports (bit.ly/Yd0tuL) that Albuquerque police commander Will Roseman says authorities have seen a rash of thefts involving Flush-O-Matics. He says the toilet pipe bandits are going into restrooms and taking

the metal out.

Police believe the thieves hit up businesses by posing as plumbers. According to authorities, the pipes sell for around \$30 on the black market but cost \$400 to replace.

A police report says at least one Albuquerque-area recycling plant has been buying the stolen pipes.

## Deaths

### Erma Eileen Vette

Erma Eileen Vette, 88, Colby, died Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born Aug. 6, 1924, to Ralph and Vida (Harris) Eddy in Osborne County.

On Dec. 25, 1947, she married Henry Vette in Osborne. They recently celebrated their 65th anniversary.

She was a member of the High Plains Art Club, the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, the Colby United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Ernest Eddy; a sister, Lola Schmidt; and a grandson, Jerry K. Vette Jr.

Survivors include her hus-

band, of the home; two daughters, Carolyn K. (William) Hedge, Plymouth, Mass., and Tamera R. Jones, Great Bend; a son, Jerry K. (Sherry) Vette, Garden City; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2013, at the church in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Baalmann Mortuary in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Online condolences may be left at [www.baalmannmortuary.com](http://www.baalmannmortuary.com).

## Student council works to help all in Brewster

The Brewster Schools Student Council is a group that works hard to make the school and community a great place.

The council sponsors many activities throughout the school year. Homecoming is one the biggest events for the students. Sponsoring the parade, halftime activities and crowning the king and queen top off a homecoming week of daily themes and spirit-building activities.

Students sponsor anti-bullying and anti-drug week to encourage a positive school environment. A soup supper before the Christmas music program and dessert bar before the spring music concert help to raise money for their many activities.

The annual Methodist Church turkey dinner and the CHS Harvest for Hunger soup dinner are two events where students assist community organizations as servers.

The student council presents ideas to the administration and school board.

The council holds two blood drives each year. They would like to invite you to participate in their spring blood drive coming up the



Angie Moore

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end of April. For information, contact Rae Stewart at the school.

The student council will be holding a Snowball Dance on Friday. The community is invited to the crowning of the Winter Court at 8 p.m. at Hunter Hall. The dance will follow the coronation.

The Brewster Grocery Annual Fish Fry fund raiser is coming up. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6. This year, the fish fry will be from 5:30 to 8:30 in the Brewster School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 6 to 11 and can be purchased at the store or from board members. Tickets will also be available at the door.

*If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail [angiem@st-tel.net](mailto:angiem@st-tel.net), call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.*

## Colby pianists get 1's at state

Two Colby High School students received the highest rating awarded at the state level in the Kansas State High School Activities Association's State Piano Festival.

Alex Juenemann and Abby Friesen each received a "1" for piano solos at the competition on Feb. 16 at Tabor College in Hillsboro.

The two competed at the association's regional piano festival at Fort Hays State University on Feb. 2. Juenemann, a senior, performed "Dance Six from Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm" by Bartok. Friesen, a junior, performed "Fugue in Classic Style" by Miaskovsky. Also competing was freshman Allie Friesen with "Toccata" by Kabalevsky.

All three are students of Pat Ziegelmeier, a piano instructor at Colby Community College.

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## Young tree left in tiny park

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – Was it remorse – or a tiny tree fairy? Portland parks officials say a Douglas Fir sapling resembling one stolen from a tiny Portland park has appeared at the 2-foot-diameter oasis.

The theft captured the city's attention. Park staffers planted a replacement sapling to fill the hole left in the center of the park.

Parks officials say a passing driver posted a comment online Friday, noting that a young tree, roots and all, was lying on its side

beside the replacement tree. The unidentified driver speculated that perhaps the "arborious criminal was feeling remorse."

Parks Director Mike Abbate says if the latest tree is healthy, it will be planted in another park.

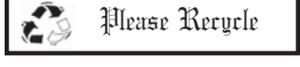
Even if the thief returned the tree, Sgt. Pete Simpson says police will continue their investigation. In his words, "Remorse does not mean 'case closed.'"

The tiny park lies in a median strip in downtown Portland near the Willamette River. It was established by newspaper columnist Dick Fagan in the 1940s and became an official city park in 1976.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.05
Corn (bushel)	\$7.29
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.39
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**Dustin Reed**  
Parents: Jason & Melissa Reed

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Dustin, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for March 2013.

Dustin's school and community activities include Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Track, Student Council, Young Humanitarians, Kids Wrestling, 4-H, 4-H Council Member, Powder Puff Volleyball, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon, Red Cross Volunteer, Salvation Army, Recycling, Beulah Cemetery Cleanup after tombstone vandalism, and Leadership Thomas County.

Dustin's special honors include National Honor Society; National Honor Society President, Student Council President; Senior Class President; State Qualifier Cross Country; Wrestling - State Runner-up 2010; Three-Time State Champion 2011, 2012, 2013; 2012 Junior National All American 8th and 2013 Regional Wrestler of the Year; Grand Champion 4-H Demonstration/Project Talk (4yrs); 4-H Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; 4-H Council Vice-President; and selected for Boys State.

Dustin plans to attend Newman College to wrestle and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

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