

# Family



Bradley Philipp and Kylee Fast

## Philipp, Fast plan March wedding here

The parents of Bradley Thomas Philipp and Kylee Dawn Fast announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children. Kylee is the daughter of Clifford and Rosina Fast of Cimarron and is a 1999 graduate of Liberty High School in Joes, Colo., and a 2001 graduate of Colby Community College.

She is currently employed by Colby Animal Clinic.

Bradley is the son of D. Joe and Sue Philipp of Goodridge, Minn. and is a 1994 graduate of Goodridge High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

He is employed by Shelbourne Reynolds Inc., headquartered in Colby.

The wedding has been set for March 27 in Colby and a reception and dance will follow.

A second reception and dance will be held Saturday, April 3 at the Goodridge Community Center in Goodridge, Minn.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.69
Corn	\$2.68
Milo	\$4.46
Soybeans	\$7.84

## Smith-Babst engaged; plan May event

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smith of Falcon, Colo. announce the engagement of their daughter Karah Sue to Matthew L. Babst.

Matthew is the son of Jack Babst of Winona and Alana Keck of Colby.

Grandparents of the couple are Al and JoAnn Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Valera Leytham and the late Jack Leytham of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; Hazel Tiede of Goodland and the late Richard Babst, and the late Sam and Pearl Medford of Colby.

The bride-elect graduated from Calnan High School, Northeastern

Junior College, and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

She is employed with the Plainville School District as a fourth grade teacher.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Tri-Plains High School, Colby Community College and attended Fort Hays State University.

He is employed with Hays Feeders in Hays.

The couple has planned a Saturday, May 29 wedding at the Celebration Community Church in Hays.



Matthew Babst, Karah Smith

## Colby taking part in statewide book discussion

LAWRENCE — University of Kansas Continuing Education will offer a statewide on-line book discussion and one-hour credit course as part of the 2004 celebration of the Kansas Territory's 150th anniversary. Local book discussion groups will be offered in Colby, Fort Scott, and Junction City, as well.

The initial sessions of the four-part book series were held at the Lawrence Public Library in fall 2003 and were audiotaped for the on-line discussions (www.kuce.org/kt) that begin Jan. 14, 2004.

• Uncle Tom's Cabin, by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Facilitators: Susan Harris, Hall distinguished professor

of American literature and culture, and Maryemma Graham, professor of English, both from KU. Discussion began Jan. 14.

• The Englishman in Kansas, by Thomas Gladstone. Facilitator: Tom Kreissler, KU doctoral candidate in English. Discussion begins Jan. 28.

• John Brown: The Legend Revisited, by Merrill Peterson. Facilitator: Jonathan Earle, KU assistant professor of history. Discussion begins Feb. 11.

• The All-true Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton, by Jane Smiley. Facilitator: Tom Averill, Washburn University professor of

English.

Discussion begins Feb. 25. The first book for discussion, Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852), is a powerful literary document and cultural phenomenon. In its first week of publication, 10,000 copies were sold; 300,000 were sold by the end of the year, making it the most successful best seller of the 19th century.

Soon after the book's publication, theatrical versions were produced across the country, popularizing Stowe's story and characters, several of whose names—Uncle Tom, Simon Legree, and Topsy—came into common use. Abraham Lincoln credited Stowe with writ-

ing the book that started the Civil War. Uncle Tom's Cabin is widely read in high schools and universities and is among the most successful and influential books in American history.

In the Kansas territorial period, however, an emigrant who brought the book into the territory risked being put to death-by law and by border ruffians.

KU Continuing Education has developed the distance-learning credit course, "The Kansas Territorial Experience," that accompanies the discussion series. Kreissler will instruct the Web course, which begins this month and is cross-listed

in the KU departments of English, African and African-American studies and history.

In support of the discussion series, the Kansas Audio-Reader Network will broadcast readings of the four books to more than 7,000 listeners in Kansas and western Missouri. Audio-Reader services are free to those who have difficulty reading standard print.

The sesquicentennial book discussion series is funded in part by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization, as part of its "Talk about Literature in Kansas" (TALK) program.

The council's Resource Center will furnish books and provide facilitators for the discussions.

The Kansas Territorial Experience website includes links to the Territorial Kansas On-line Web site developed by the Kansas State Historical Society and KU.

Related to the sesquicentennial, the Kansas Humanities Council is organizing a summer 2004 Kansas Chautauqua titled "Bleeding Kansas: Where the Civil War Began." This event will step back to the turbulent period 1854-61, when two visions of America-one free, one slave-battled for the nation's future. Colby, Fort Scott, Junction City, and Lawrence will host the Chautauqua. Information about the public on-line book discussion group and accompanying credit course is available on the KU Continuing Education Web site.

Audio-Reader services is available by calling 800-772-8898.

## Catholic Schools Week begins Saturday in Colby

Catholic Schools Week will be held this Saturday through next Friday. The opening for the activities will be the 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, with students from different classes having been selected to assist with the mass.

During the week, special activities are planned each day to focus on some aspect of Catholic Schools. Sacred Heart School officials are encouraging everyone to stop by and visit the school throughout the week. For those planning to come, officials ask that visitors first stop at the office and let Kathy Elliott know beforehand.

### Square dance Saturday

Al Braun of Hays, KS will call for the Golden Buckle square dance on

## Happenings

Saturday at 8 p.m. It will be held at Colby Middle School, 750 West 3rd, and visitors are welcome.

### Laughing Matters perform Saturday in Oberlin

Jay and Leslie Cady will bring their gift of laughter to Oberlin when they present Laughing Matters at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday at The Gateway. The Kansas City-based husband and wife team have performed their special blend of juggling, mime, magic, and humorous dialogues for over 5,000 audiences in 31 states and seven foreign countries. He plays the straight man whose plans for the show are de-

railed by his wife's spontaneous and innocent reactions. The couple met in 1980 in Kansas City as members of a variety arts performing group and were married in 1984. The program is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

### Colby museum to host box lunches next week

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is hosting three video lunches again this year in honor of Kansas Day, museum officials said Wednesday.

"A Kansas Box Social" will start at noon at the museum with video showtime beginning at 12:15 p.m.

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