

VanderPloeg and Hansen married

Trudi Hansen and Jim VanderPloeg were married on May 28, 2005, at Harderwyk Ministries Church in Holland, Mich. with Pastor Joel Potter, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Tim and Leisa Hansen of Colby. Parents of the groom are James and Mary VanderPloeg of Wyoming, Mich.

Rachel VanDenBroek, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Attendants were Kayla Hansen, Jennifer McAlpine, Kari Espin, Matthew Huisman, and Kent De-Zeeuw.

Bill Helphingstine, friend of the groom, was the best man. Attendants were Steve Kooy, Beau McDowell, Josh McKinley, Jodi VanderPloeg, and Jennifer VanderPloeg.

Guests were greeted by Brandon and Kelly VanMarel, friends of the bride. Chris and Traci VanHees, friends of the groom, served as mas-



Mr. and Mrs. Jim VanderPloeg

ter and mistress of ceremonies. The reception, dinner, and dance were held at the Haworth Center of Hope College.

Following a wedding trip to the Mayan Riviera, the couple has made their home in Holland.

VanCampen and Hartman to wed

Carl and Wanda Hartman of Isabel and Mike and Connie VanCampen of Turon announce the engagement of their children Lisa Ann Hartman to Brian Jess VanCampen.

The bride-to-be graduated from Woodward High School in Pratt. She then graduated from Pratt Community College and Friends University with a bachelor of science degree in organizational management and leadership.

The groom-elect graduated from Fairfield High School in Turon and Hutchinson Community College. He is also the grandson of Eldon VanCampen of Colby.

The couple will be married Saturday at the Turon Community Church. A reception, dinner and



Lisa Ann Hartman, Brian Jess VanCampen

dance will follow at the Turon Community Center. After a honeymoon in Branson, Mo., the couple will be at home in Pratt.

Grant workshops begin next week

The Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development is sponsoring another series of Grant Writing Workshops.

Grant Writing I will provide the participant with information about foundations; who they give to and why; the process of a successful fundraising campaign; how to structure a proposal, and what makes a successful grant seeker, said Tracey Gilchrist, office assistant at Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development.

Grant Writing II will take the

grant writer through the research process for foundations and government funding.

The tools used in research will be reviewed. Students will have the opportunity to research at a resource library offering information on funding resources. Students will need to bring a project in need of funding. Grant Writing III will allow the grant writer to learn how to communicate the proposal's purpose. The instructor will review different written and oral styles of communication to foundations.

After 5 Club to meet

The High Plains Kansas After 5 Club is sponsoring "Tribute to Teachers" starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley.

The dinner party will feature Making the Grade — a funny and entertaining presentation by Linda Garrett who will share some of her thoughts on teaching.

Music entitled, "Passing Notes," will fall into place on Jamie McClure, Colby.

The guest speaker is Liz Miller of Newton.

Her talk, "ABC's for Living," will be about the foundation of marriage, rearing children and dealing with life's complex problems.

A semi-professional television and radio artist, Miller, said she en-

joys collecting cookbooks and mice.

Reservations and cancellations must be made no later than Sunday, Sept. 11 by either calling Gloria Mattix, 460-2705, or emailing, Teri Adams at biohw@st-tel.net.

Nursery is provided only by reservation. Call 460-2705 if needed.

Stamback-Brown marriage nearing

Darrell and Debbie Stamback of Andale and Jim and Tami Brown of Colby announce the engagement of their children, Abby Stamback and Joshua Brown.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Andale High School.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in 2005 and currently is attending KU Medical School Occupational Therapy Department.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Colby High School.

He graduated from Kansas State University in 2003 with a degree in Business Finance and is a business owner in Olathe. The couple will



Joshua Brown, Abby Stamback

exchange vows on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale.

Pence-Bethell to wed in Colby

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bethell of Colby announce the engagement of their daughter, Hanna to Jeremiah Pence.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Pence of Harper and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pence of Colby.

The couple are self-employed with Reliv International and currently reside in Colby.

A Saturday, Oct. 9 wedding is planned at the Berean Church in Colby.



Jeremiah Pence, Hanna Bethell

Deadline for two farm programs Sept. 9

The deadline to sign up for the Crop Disaster Program and Livestock Assistance Program is next Friday.

Bill R. Fuller, state executive director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency, is encouraging farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the programs.

"These programs have helped thousands of producers recover from the devastating effects of severe weather," Fuller said. "I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to enroll in these programs now before the sign-up periods close in order to participated and receive this valuable assistance."

The crop program provides assistance to producers who suffered 2003 or 2004 crop losses as the result of damaging weather or related conditions. Nearly \$2 billion has been paid nationwide to producers since sign-up began in mid-March.

Kansas producers have received \$189.5 million.

The livestock program provides payments to livestock producers for grazing losses that occurred in 2003 if the producers' grazing lands are in counties declared primary disaster areas under presidential or secretarial declarations. Livestock producers in contiguous counties are not eligible. Payments to producers enrolled in the

program are expected to begin in late summer. The program is only approved in certain Kansas counties.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Web site, <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>, provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing disaster assistance. To sign up for either of these programs, call the Farm Service Agency, 462-7671.

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