

# Family

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## Climatologist defines a blue moon

When an event is extremely rare, people sometimes say, "That only happens once in a blue moon." But what does that actually mean? "A blue moon is the second full moon that appears in a single month," said Mary Knapp, state climatologist for Kansas. "We see one at least every few years. In 2003, we had two."

Knapp, who runs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based with Kansas State University Research and Extension, said folklore holds that this second full moon get its name because early almanacs used blue ink to indicate when to expect one. "Strangely enough, though, history says our moon has actually appeared to be blue. When

the Krakatoa volcano erupted in the 1800s, it put so much ash into the atmosphere that it changed Earth's seasons for a year," she said. "Early on, sunsets were so vivid that New York called out its fire department. "And, for weeks, the sun looked green and the moon was blue - truly rare events."

## Engagement

### Couple to exchange vows in Utah

Dr. Gary Slavens and Jane Slavens of Colby and Greg Thomas of Spanish Fork, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ali Thomas, to Jason Gillins of Minersville, Utah. Jason is the son of Gary and Brenda Gillins. The bride-elect is a graduate of Colby High School. She also attended Colby Community College where she played volleyball for the Lady Trojans. She is employed by Washington School District in St. George, Utah, and is attending Dixie State College in their elementary educa-



Ali Thomas and Jason Gillins

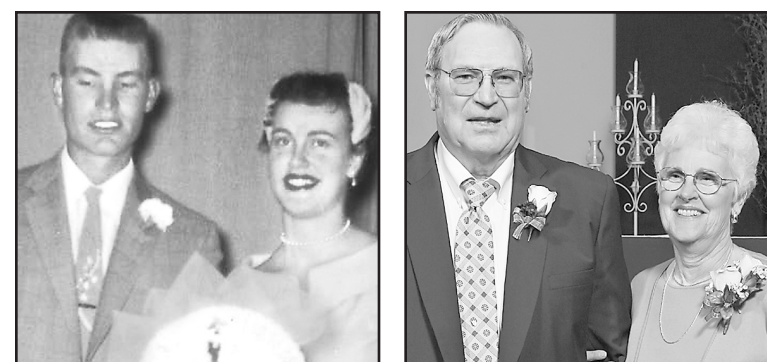
tion program. The groom is a graduate of Beaver High School in Utah and attended Southern Utah University where he played baseball. He is employed as an electrician for Langston Electric. The couple will be married Saturday, Sept. 27, in St. George. A reception will follow the ceremony from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. George Opera House. The couple will reside in St. George.

## Colby bridge winners named

Meadow Lake Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, Sept. 16 include:

- Sarah Jane Barrett, first;
- Lyle Worthy, second;
- Gail Vacca, third;
- Elaine Ptacek, fourth;
- Katie Melvin, fifth and
- Thelma Shalz, sixth.

## Anniversary



Vernon and Sally Patten, now and then

### Brewster couple celebrates 50th

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Vernon and Sally Patten of Brewster are requesting a card shower for their parents, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 27. The couple's children and families include: Julie Owens, deceased, and her children Nichell and Dusty Lowery of Garden City and Russell and Candi Owens, Jordin and Addison of Goodland; Greg and Rashell Patten, Danielle, Devann, and Denae of Ellinwood; Jacque and Mark Golemboski, Zach and Katie Golemboski, all of Colby; and Jolene and Dave Burgess, Quentin and Dailynn of Wichita Falls, Texas. Anniversary greetings may be sent to Vernon and Sally Patten, 3475 Road 68, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$6.66
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