



Stacy Renee Lee and Brady Patrick Jasper

## Fike Park to be site of couple's wedding

Stacy Renee Lee and Brady Patrick Jasper, both of Colby, plan to marry Saturday, July 28, 2012, in an outdoor ceremony at Fike Park in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Rory and Cheryl Lee of Oakley and Mike and Marlene Teeter of Hope.

She is a 2000 graduate of Blue Valley-Randolph High School, a 2004 graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg

and a 2006 graduate of Pittsburg State University. She is the recreation director for the City of Colby.

The groom is the son of Pat and Patricia Jasper of Troy.

He is a 1995 graduate of Troy High School and a 1999 graduate of Benedictine College in Atchison. He is the head women's basketball coach for Colby Community College.

# Nothing beats fresh green beans for gardening bounty and reliability

When the 19th century naturalist and writer Henry David Thoreau went off to Walden Pond to contemplate his existence, one of his main sources of sustenance was beans. He planted lots and lots of beans to help him sustain his solitude.

For Thoreau, green beans were a reliable and bountiful crop, requiring only a little hoeing to keep back the weeds, and a hawkish vigilance against hungry woodchucks, who also enjoyed green beans. But his bean fields provided the philosophical Thoreau with more than food. They were a metaphor for nature.

In his book titled "Walden," his literary classic about his years at the pond, Thoreau dedicated an entire chapter to his musings on beans. "I was determined to know beans," he wrote.



Kay Melia

### The Gardener

If there is a sure bet in our backyard garden, it has to be green beans. You don't have to be transcendental about beans to grow a good crop or appreciate their flavor and usefulness. Green beans require a soil temperature of over 60 degrees in order to germinate, but other than that, they're a sure thing in your garden.

When buying bean seed, you must choose between bush beans and those climbing pole beans. The majority of us prefer the bush type that typically grow to a height of about 15 inches. They mature faster than pole beans and have a

mild bean flavor. Pole beans are a good choice for smaller gardens and require some kind of climbing support or they likely end up visiting the tomatoes and the cucumbers. They mature a little later and have a beanier flavor than the bushies.

Despite the name, green beans aren't always green. If you want some color in your bean patch, consider varieties that bear purple pods, which remarkably enough, turn green when cooked. And then there are the wonderful yellow wax beans that many gardeners plant and enjoy. Remarkably, they remain yellow when cooked.

I remember when green beans were very stringy and took hours to snap a sizable picking. In about 1948, the Burpee Seed Co. developed the first stringless bean, and, logically, named it String-

less Green Pod. Green bean lovers were overjoyed! Unfortunately, Henry David Thoreau grew his beans about a century too soon.

My green bean of choice in the garden is an All America winner from 1990 called Derby. But please know that there a dozen or more that are extremely flavorful and reliable in the High Plains garden. If I ever plant a pole bean, I would probably plant Kentucky Blue or a filet bean called Fortex, a favorite in Europe.

Every gardener should plant a row or two of green beans. When you bring in that first picking, you'll surely agree with Thoreau, who considered gardening to be a sacred art. In his book "Walden" he wrote, "It was a singular experience, that long acquaintance with beans."

## College signs agreement with Fort Hays

Community college students will have more opportunity to work on a bachelor's degree in social work, thanks to Fort Hays State University's expanding web of connections with other schools.

Colby and Seward County community colleges have signed agreements with the university's social work program to participate in the "2-plus-2" programs.

Two-plus-two agreements allow students at community colleges to complete the prerequisites for college programs and provide a smooth transition to the coinciding degree program at Fort Hays.

"We have 2-plus-2 agreements with many

community colleges," said Dr. Tim Davis, director of the social work program at the university. "The 2-plus-2 allows the student to get the first two years completed at a community college without risking extending the time at a four-year institution."

Davis said students can complete the first two years of required classes either on-campus or online, then transfer to Fort Hays for three semesters of on-campus classes.

"All classes for the BSW are held on Tuesday and Thursday to make it easier for those who commute," said Davis. "The final semester is a field placement that the student can complete in their home community while commuting to

Hays only every other Monday."

The university also has 2-plus-2 agreements with Garden City and Dodge City community colleges. Davis said the program is an incentive to community college students interested in social work degrees to stay at their school and obtain associate degrees.

Davis said the programs help keep the cost of education relatively low and ensure that transferring students are prepared to enter their degree program.

"We also hope it will encourage more diversity at the Hays campus," said Davis.

## Atchison names grads

On May 12, Abbie Allen of Brewster graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in elementary education. This year, 317 candidates graduated, including students from throughout the United States and around the world.

George Weigel, author and biographer of Pope John Paul II,

received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree and delivered the commencement address during which he told the students to "be champions of religious freedom." Archbishop Joseph Naumann, of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, was also honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

## Engineering student has internship

Six Kansas State University students, including Casey Heim, a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Hoxie, are gaining some valuable hands-on experience this summer as interns with the university's Advanced Manufacturing Institute.

Each semester the institute employs students to assist its staff with client projects, giving them the chance to apply what they've learned to actual projects. Intern-

ships also are a way for students to enhance their job prospects and give them an edge when it comes to finding that first job after graduation, according to Brad Kramer, institute director.

"We have students from a variety of majors, such as engineering, business, communications, biochemistry and the master of business administration program," Kramer said. "In addition to gaining valuable work experience, it is

a good way for students to learn about industry resources and expand their network of contacts."

The institute is a part of the K-State College of Engineering, a Kansas Department of Commerce Center of Excellence and an Economic Development Administration University Center that provides engineering and business services. Information about the institute is available at [www.amisuccess.com](http://www.amisuccess.com).

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## Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.77
Corn (bushel)	\$5.79
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.98
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.46

## Police officer sets ride record

By John Rogers  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - After a record-breaking 25 hours on a Ferris Wheel, Los Angeles police Detective Gus Martinez likely knows better than anyone that what goes around comes around.

Martinez climbed aboard the 130-foot-tall wheel at Santa Monica Pier's Pacific Park at 7:30 a.m. May 31. Except for hourly five-minute breaks, he didn't stop riding until 8:30 a.m. June 1.

Several hours into his run, he didn't even bother to take some of the allotted breaks.

"He finished quite solidly," said Guinness World Records adjudicator Philip Robertson, who traveled from London to the park to verify that an official Guinness record was being set. The previous mark, 24 hours and 30 minutes, was set by a woman in Dublin, Ireland, last year.

Witnesses said Martinez seemed to hit his stride after some worrisome queasiness during the first few hours, when the big wheel stopped and started repeatedly to let other riders on and off.

The 18-year police veteran, who is assigned to the LAPD's special crime task force, acknowledged he doesn't like heights and doesn't much care for Ferris Wheels either.

What's more, he did nothing special to prepare for his marathon effort.

"But after 18 years of long shifts, double shifts and a lot of extended hours, I think that kind of helped, actually," he said with a laugh.

He agreed to ride the wheel to help raise money for the South-

ern California Special Olympics. A son who has Down syndrome competes in Olympic events and accompanied him on part of his record-breaking ride.

To pass the time riding after the park closed, Martinez talked on his cell phone, checked his iPad and sometimes watched a big screen TV that had been installed for him.

And despite his fear of heights, he even checked out the stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and the Los Angeles skyline from time to time.

"Even overnight it was just beautiful," he said. "Not quite a full moon but almost."

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### Marlin Duaine Arendt

Marlin Duaine Arendt died June 14, 2012, at his home in Colby, Kan, after a long illness.

He was born April 11, 1946, in Fort Morgan, Col., to Retha "Maxine" and Arnold Petersen. After they divorced and his mother remarried, he was adopted and raised by Lester Arendt.

He graduated from Atwood High School in 1965. He joined the Navy in 1966. After leaving the Navy, he settled in Colby, Kan. He was employed by the State of Kansas, Surmeier Plumbing, Graves Construction, and Smith Construction. He then became self-employed. Upon retirement, he was owner and operator of Arendt Construction.

On May 28, 1967, he married Berniece More at Ludell, Kan. To this union two sons, Duskin and Steven, were born. They were divorced.

On January 16, 1972, he married Donna Peterson. To this union, one son, Donald, was born. They were divorced.

On November 12, 1973, he married Nancy Smith in Colby. To this union, one son, Christopher, and one daughter, Kathleen, were born. Marlin and Nancy were married for 38 years.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, playing guitar, racing cars and go karts, McDonald's, Peanut M&M's, Diet Pepsi, playing cards, his favorite t.v. shows like, "Duck Dynasty," "Storage Wars," and "Swamp People," his two dogs, Charlie and Buster, and spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, sober since 1975; the Kansas Anthropological Association; the High Plains Archaeology Group, both since 2004; and the Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Retha "Maxine" (Fields) Arendt Gilliland; step-father, Lester Arendt; step-father, William "Bill" Gilliland; son, Christopher Lane Arendt; brother, Lane Arden Arendt; brother-in-law, John B. O'Neal; brother-in-law, Mike Smith; and his grandparents.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Colby; son Duskin and wife, Billie, of Chanute, Kan.; son, Steven, of Colby; son, Donald and wife, Patricia, of Hot Springs, Ark.; daughter, Kathleen of Colby; his father, Arnold "Pete" Peterson and wife, Betty, of Torrington, Wyo., eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; nieces; nephews; other family; and friends.

Services will be Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Inurnment will be at 5 p.m. at Beulah Cemetery next to his son, Chris. Memorial Service will be at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, with Pastor Robert Alexander officiating, and family visitation afterwards. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in his name to be designated at a later date, and may be left at the family home, or First National Bank in Colby.



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**THANK YOU** to the Colby Fire Department for their quick response to putting out the wheat fire south of Levant on Tuesday. To Dennis Hayes for making the call, for he, Jud, and Wade for doing all they could to put it out, and to Bartlett Grain of Levant for sending tanks of water out to help. We appreciate you all so much, and are thankful and very grateful that everyone was safe, and no equipment was lost. Thanks again!

- Rod & Terri Arnberger

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