



Jeremy Quint and Michelle Kaus

## Colby couple to wed at Sacred Heart in July

Michelle Kaus and Jeremy Quint, both of Colby, plan to marry on Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Charlene Kaus of Colby and the granddaughter of A.J. and Marjorie Horinek of Atwood, the late Fritz Kaus and Gene and Helen (Kaus) Normandin of Damar.

She is a 2007 graduate of Colby High School and a 2012 graduate from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood edu-

cation. She works at Franz and Tubbs Chiropractic in Colby and will teach second grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School in the fall.

The groom is the son of Ron and Flo Quint of Quinter and the grandson of Lena and the late Leo Zerr of Grainfield and Ted and the late Marge Quint of Quinter.

He is a 2003 graduate of Quinter High School and a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays with a bachelor's in finance. He works at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Colby.

## Catholic Charities wants to match grant

The annual fund raiser for Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas on Friday in Salina already has received a jump start with a \$40,000 matching gift.

The anonymous donor has agreed to contribute the amount, providing Catholic Charities finds new sponsorships, not renewed support from past sponsors, said Eric Frank, development director for the agency.

However, all donations from individuals for the fund raiser can be counted toward the challenge.

"All donations at the fund raiser will count," Frank said. "Donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the \$40,000, allowing us to raise \$80,000 altogether if we can do it, and we will need every penny we can get."

Last year's fund raiser brought in more than \$100,000.

Catholic Charities, which began using the new name "Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas" on June 1, is the social services agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salina. It covers a region stretching from Goodland in the west to Manhattan in the east and provides a range of services to people regardless of their faith beliefs.

So far, Frank said, the agency has received \$2,525 in new sponsorships.

"Having a \$40,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor is a real blessing as we try to help the people in need in our 31-county region," said Karen Hauser, chief executive officer of the charity.

"This means that, with your help, we can double that number to provide food, shelter, counseling, pregnancy services, youth programs and other needed services to those less fortunate."

The number of people coming to the charity has increased from

around 4,000 a year to almost 6,000 in the last year, she said, citing job loss and medical crises that frequently bring people seeking help.

"I have faith that God will bring forth the resources to meet the needs in the coming year," she said.

"This generous offer to match donations presents a unique opportunity to leverage donations so the recipients of our services receive the best service possible," added Norman Kelly, a Salina attorney who serves as president of the agency's board of director. "We are truly blessed to have someone provide this great opportunity to better assist those with the most need."

Salina Bishop Edward Weisenburger also said he was pleased with the offer of the challenge grant.

"It is especially exciting in light of the good it can do in assisting the needy people of 31 counties in northern Kansas. As a challenge grant, the proposed gift comes with a call to the rest of the faithful to pledge from their resources to match it," he said. "These funds are badly needed by our Catholic Charities as they minister to Christ who presents himself to us so beautifully in the poor - for as Jesus taught, 'as often as you help one of the least of my brothers, you did it for me.'"

"The ongoing ministries of Catholic Charities remind us that taking care of our neighbor flows from the Gospel. May our response be a sign of the abundance of our faith," the bishop added.

Donate to the match by mail at Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, Box 1366, Salina, Kan. 67401 or online at www.ccnks.org.

## Sprinkler soaks wedding party

COLLEGE PARK, Ga. (AP) - It was a nice day for a wet wedding.

But nothing could stop Shalita Harris' nuptials - not even when the sprinkler system in her dressing room came on, covering the bride and her bridesmaids in a black, oily substance, WSB-TV reports (bit.ly/LZlymr). The incident sent six of her eight bridesmaids to the hospital just before the ceremony after they complained of breathing problems.

"I felt like my life was going to end right then and there," Harris said.

The bridesmaids grabbed a blanket to protect the bridal party while they escaped from the deluge. Harris said the force of the water knocked members of the bridal party down.

The manager of the Westin Hotel said Harris' is the only room where the problem occurred. The cause is unknown.

**Thank You** I would like to thank Mayor Adrian, the City employees, and all the people who attended my retirement coffee on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day and a good reminder of why I was City Manager for 19+ years! Colby is the greatest community in Kansas and I loved my job. With Mayor Adrian and all the great City employees, I expect to see Colby continue to prosper and grow. Thanks again. ~ **Carolyn Armstrong**

## Interlibrary loans part of busy agenda

The Pioneer Memorial Library is having a busy summer. Kids are having great fun at each summer reading session or event. We have lots of adults and teens who have signed up for the summer reading program, Dream Big - Read! Wednesday I submitted requests for 15 interlibrary loan requests for patrons. I also received at least 10 from other libraries that had been requested for patrons last week.

What is an interlibrary loan request? If we do not have the item a patron wants we have a system that allows our library to enter the name of the book - fiction, large print or nonfiction - audio-book, DVD or even an article in a database. A library in Kansas sees the request and commits to fulfill our request. They then send the item to us through a courier system for libraries in Kansas. Our library also lends items to other libraries. We probably fill 100 requests a month for other libraries around the state and request about the same amount from other libraries.

Why do libraries do this? It helps us better serve our patrons since we cannot possibly purchase all the books our patrons might like to read. But with over 377 public libraries and 21 private colleges, 21 community colleges and about 11 state Board of Regents institutions, this gives us all a better chance of providing excellent resources for all of Kansas citizens. You can check the Kansas Library Directory out for yourself at [skyways2.lib.ks.us/kld/](http://skyways2.lib.ks.us/kld/).

We often can locate those hard-to-find items, older materials, learning materials or just an occasional unknown author. We usually cannot borrow just-published items. For the most part, libraries give first opportunity to read *New York Times* best sellers and other recent and popular materials to local patrons. So, if something has just come out in say April or May 2012, we may not be able to get it for you in those months or even in June. By July the fervor may have died down and we may be able to obtain it.

Having said this, however, the Pioneer Memorial Library tries to purchase the best sellers and the most popular authors. When we get them in, all you have to do is go online to your personal library account and place a reservation for that item. A patron can always call us to be placed on reserve for an item as well.

Having told you about our interlibrary loan program let me tell you about some fantastic new junior fiction items. Be sure and reserve them on line or call us at the library.

The first is "The Enchantress," by Michael Scott. This book, sixth of the *Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* series, was



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released in May. The book has two protagonists, Nicholas and Perenelle Flamel, fraternal twins. They have discovered that sorcery has loosed some dangerous monsters on Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay. These treacherous creatures are bent on destruction, starting in San Francisco and then to other communities. These two youths must discover their greater power within so that they can destroy and thwart the monsters plans.

The second book is "Out of My Mind," by Sharon M. Draper. It too was released in May. Draper, an award-winning writer, will not disappoint readers in this book. Protagonist Melody is unable to speak, write or walk. She can hear, however; she hears and sees everything. And Melody remembers everything. Her mental capacity is greater than anything her parents, teachers or doctors understand.

It is not until Melody discovers how to share exactly what is going on in her mind, that she finds her voice. Youth will discover that appearances are not what they may seem, and that we may be excited by life when we discover gifts within. They may even be challenged to learn to share the important thoughts they have to contribute.

We are adding many more items. Here is a small list of junior fiction items that will appear on the new book shelf soon: "True (. . . Sort Of)," by Katherine Hanigan; "13 Treasures" and "13 Curses," both by Michelle Harrison; "Bitterblue," (*Graceling*) by Kristin Cashore and Ian Schoenherr; "Can I See Your I.D.?: True Stories of False Identities," by Chris Barton and Paul Hoppe; "City of Lost Souls," (*Mortal Instruments*) by Cassandra Clare; "Small Persons with Wings," by Ellen Booraem; "The Emerald Atlas," (*Books of Beginning*) by John Stephens; "Mermaid's Mirror," by L. K. Madigan; "The Serpent's Shadow," (*The Kane Chronicles*, Book Three) by Rick Riordan; and "Pathfinder," by Orson Scott Card.

Hope you have an opportunity to experience some vacation and away time just to relax this summer. Come get some reading or listening items before you go. Our summer schedule is: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

## Open house to show off Northwest Tech carpentry

Northwest Tech will hold an open house Tuesday at a house in Goodland built by students from several programs at the college.

The house, at 1307 Broadway, is for sale. Carpentry students under instructor Wade Taylor built the house from the foundation up. It will be on display from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 in the evening.

Students from the Engineering Technology, Electrical Technology, Heating and Ventilation and

Communications Technology departments helped with parts of the work. The 1500 square-foot house has three bedrooms, two baths, a two-garage, back patio, mahogany cabinets, soft-close drawers, ceramic tile in bathroom, kitchen, and laundry and wood flooring in a bedroom.

If you're interested in buying the house or would like more details, call Sherri Knitig at (785) 890-1502.

## Corrections

*The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.*

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.33
Corn (bushel)	\$6.21
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.55
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.16

## RETIREMENT SALE

Office furniture & related items of AAA Real Estate & Jim Smith Auction Service

*Includes large wooden desk, file cabinets, public address system, etc.*

Located at 280 N. Franklin in Colby. Call for viewing during business hours **785-460-7170**

## Master's degree earned by Colby High grad

Taylor Miller of Austin, Texas, son of Bill and Peggy Miller of Colby, earned a master's degree in media studies from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2012.

Miller is a 2004 graduate of Colby High School. In 2008, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and a Bachelor of Science in journalism from the University of Kansas.

In the fall, he plans to begin doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he will be an instructor for digital media production.



Taylor Miller

## Accounting firm hires new staff accountant

The certified public accounting firm Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball has hired Nikole Schroeder, a graduate of Colby High School and the daughter of Kriss and Lisa Schroeder of Colby, as a staff accountant.

"We feel Nikole will be a great addition to our team," said Brian Staats, a partner with the firm's Colby office. "Her skills and enthusiasm compliment our firm, and we look forward to the contributions she will make to our Colby clients."

He said Schroeder will help with city and school district audits, tax preparation and research for individuals and corporations and compiling and maintaining financial data and records. She is a member of the American Institute

of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants and American Society of Women Accountant.

Schroeder received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Fort Hays State University in 2010 and an Associate of Science degree in business administration from Colby Community College in 2008. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis and basketball, riding and training horses, playing piano, singing, camping, hiking and helping on the farm.

Adams, Brown provides accounting and consulting services to clients throughout Kansas. Founded in 1945, the firm has 12 offices today. For information, go to [www.abbb.com](http://www.abbb.com).



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## Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The monthly meeting of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club was held June 11 at the 4-H building with acting President Cole Ziegelmeier as chair. The flag salute was led by MaKayla Hoffman and the 4-H pledge led by Christian Calliham. Caitlyn Comfort, junior secretary, called the roll with 13 members giving a summer safety tip. Kurt Sloan had the treasurers report.

Club leader Danita Comfort talked about upcoming dates members need to keep in mind and fair packets. Council representative Cole Ziegelmeier gave a report on the May council meeting. Members discussed the float for fair parade and the fair booth. The Niblock family, along with Danae and Cassidy West, agreed

to be on the booth committee.

Junior Vice President Maggie Neiman conducted the program. Project talks were given by Hoffman on her projects for fair, Lander Niblock on deworming pigs and Maggie Niblock on her pig project. Calliham led recreation.

The meeting reconvened and Nieman announced the July meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 9, and gave the agenda.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hoffman. It was seconded by Trey Stramel and passed.

The Stramel and Calliham families provided the club with refreshments.

- *Chandler Comfort, reporter*

## Baby robin cuddles up with southwest Michigan cats

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - A baby robin is spending some quality time with some friendly cats in southwestern Michigan.

MLive.com reports Karin Caston's cats have accepted the bird, named Peeps, since she found it about two weeks ago in her yard in Allegan County's Otsego Township, 35 miles south of Grand Rapids.

The bird lives in a cage, but spends time nestled in the fur of two of Caston's cats or perched on their backs. A third cat lets the bird walk around it. She tells the Associated Press in an e-mail that she first locked up the cats when she started caring for the bird.

The robin also likes to hang out on Karin Caston's finger. She says the bird is expected to be released at an area park.

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The children of **Alvin Helin** invite you to join him in celebrating his **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> by stopping by to visit or by sending a card to him at: **Fairview Estates 1630 Sewell Ave. Apt. B-6 Colby, KS 67701**

## Virgil "Rusty" Hamill

Virgil R. "Rusty" Hamill, age 89, of Fort Collins, Colorado died June 3, 2012 at Spring Creek nursing home. Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held Aug. 11, 2012 (location and time TBA).

Rusty Hamill was born December 27, 1922 in Brewster, Kansas to Albert M. and Zella (Harper) Hamill. He was a member of the graduating class of 1940 at Colby High School in Colby, Kansas. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he married Marjorie Marie Condon on Jan. 27, 1948. He ran several small cafes, including one in LaPorte, Colorado. Rusty worked most of his life as an Ironworker, and was a member of Iron Workers Local 24 in Denver, Colorado. Rusty and Marj moved their family to Colorado from Kansas in 1957 and lived in Ft. Collins until their deaths. Rusty was an active member of American Legion Post 0004 and was very proud of being included in an Honor Flight trip with other veterans to Washington D.C. in 2010.

Virgil's wife, Marjorie, preceded him in death in March 2008. He is survived by his seven children: Barbara Ann Rodman of Denton, TX; Albert (and Linda) Ahuna-Hamill of Ft. Collins; Michael Hamill of Ft. Collins; Glenna (and Jay) Beyer of Lubbock, TX; Keith "KC" (and Mollie) Hamill of Amarillo, TX; Kevin (and Penny) Hamill of Ft. Collins; and Amy (and Brad) Hoy of Ft. Collins. He is also survived by one brother, Wayne; fifteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Rusty is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Virgil was preceded in death by granddaughter Maggie Hamill, three brothers, and two sisters.

The family suggests that donations be made in his name to Honor Flight Network online at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org) or 300 E. Auburn Ave. Springfield, OH 45505.