



Brandon Evan Wehkamp and Rebecca Elizabeth Theimer

## September wedding to be in Oakley church

Rebecca Elizabeth Theimer and Brandon Evan Wehkamp, both of Colby, plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oakley.

The bride is the daughter of Everett and Cindy Theimer of Colby and the granddaughter of Lloyd and Ruth Theimer, Marjorie Mowry and the late Thomas Mowry Sr., all of Colby.

She is a 2008 graduate of Colby High School and a 2010 graduate of Colby Community College, with an associate degree in criminal justice. She

works for First National Bank of Colby.

The groom is the son of Arnold and Jane Wehkamp of Colby. He is the grandson of the late Wilfred and Florence Wehkamp of Ingalls and the late Harold and Rose Etta Metheny of Marienthal.

He is a 2006 graduate of Colby High School and studied collision and refinishing at WyoTech of Laramie, Wyo. He works for RoadRuner Manufacturing in Levant.

The couple will live in Cumberland.

## Genome's big news for tomatoes' future

Most of us wouldn't know a genome from a giraffe.

For the record, a giraffe is a long-necked quadruped, found in the zoo and in African savannas, and has nothing to do with what you are about to read. But I think I have your attention now.

On the other hand, a genome, simply put in layman's terms, is a kind of road map of the genetic makeup of just about any organism you can name. If it were possible to "decode" that makeup, say of a tomato, then plant geneticists would likely have the capability of improving yield, nutrition, flavor, disease resistance and color of the tomato, as well as other crops.

Well, hang on to your spading fork and listen closely.

The decoding of the tomato genome, after decades of effort, has been accomplished. According to the journal *Nature*, May 31, 2012, the full genome sequence, as well as the sequence of a relative growing in the wild, has been completed, due to the cooperation of top scientists around the world.

A global organization known as the Tomato Consortium is responsible for the breakthrough. Dr. James Giovannoni, a scientist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, located on the campus of Cornell University, led the American effort.

So what, you may ask, does all this mean to the average backyard tomato gardener?

Well, it so happens that a tomato possesses 35,000 genes, arranged on 12 chromosomes.

"Just name any characteristic of a tomato," Dr. Giovannoni said, "and we have captured virtually all those genes." That capture will



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allow scientists to move quickly to produce new varieties of tomatoes with specific characteristics such as better taste, higher yield and perhaps even better shipping quality from farm to supermarket.

The discovery even has implications for other plant species. Strawberries, apples, melons, bananas and other fleshy fruits share some of the same genetic makeup as tomatoes, so information about the genes and pathways involved in fruit ripening can potentially be applied to them.

Whereas the first tomato genome decoding came at a cost of millions of dollars, future sequencing might cost only \$10,000 or less, by building on the initial findings concerning tomatoes.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that Americans consume, on average, 72 pounds of tomatoes per person annually. The tomato has long been the world's favorite garden product, and represents an annual \$82 billion market in America alone.

This is probably the most important scientific breakthrough in garden produce ever.

Dr. Giovannoni, the Thompson Institute, Cornell University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other nations have played a part.

Tomato lovers everywhere say "thank you" and we'll all be watching closely for results we can all understand.

## Time for bridge team signup

Teams for the American Association of University Women annual Marathon Bridge are bring organized to begin the year. Teams will play each month from September through May.

All teams of any two bridge players interested in participating are encouraged to call Naomi Ward at 462-7840 or Sandy Harper at 462-3759.

Teams need to be registered by Friday, Aug. 24, so the schedule

can be set and players notified. Teams from last year are expected to play again unless organizers are otherwise notified. New teams are encouraged to join.

For over 30 years the local chapter of the association has sponsored the bridge marathon, raising more than \$24,000 for scholarships awarded to young women of Thomas County in their junior or senior year of college.

## Bridge Club

Winners at Meadow Lake Bridge Tuesday were: first, Lyle Worthy; second, Barb Ulmer; third, Gail Vacca; fourth, Cookie Koening; fifth, Mary Molstad; and sixth, Dave Ulmer. Games are at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

## 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.

## AYSO Soccer Registration

Registration at Pioneer Mem. Library Thursday, Aug. 9, 6 - 8 p.m., Saturday Aug. 11, 9 - 11 a.m. or call Emily Griffin for questions or paperwork 785-460-0647

Early reg. now until Aug. 11 • \$45  
Thereafter reg. runs Aug. 12-17 • \$50

**Deadline is August 17th**  
Must be 4 and 1/2 years old by Aug. 1. Season begins Sept. 8 and runs through Oct. 27.

## English as a Second Language Class Information Meeting

Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Thomas County Learning Center 485 N. Chickamauga Colby, KS 67701

For more information call 785-465-7900

## Weekend classes start Aug. 24 at college here

Colby Community College is offering six weekend classes beginning Friday, Aug. 24.

English Composition I, taught by Connie Davis, will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Friday. The class is worth three college credits.

Art Appreciation I, taught by Rebel Jay, will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays.

Additional classes will be a combination of on-campus and online.

Saturday classes include

American History to 1865 taught by Tom Moorhous and Intermediate and College Algebra taught by Diane Wetter. Michael Thompson will teach Introduction to Sociology from 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Students will meet 60 percent of the time in the classroom and 40 percent of the material will be presented online.

For information or to enroll in the weekend classes, call the college admissions office at 460-4690.

## Deaths

### Murray L. Adrian

Murray L. Adrian, 89, Colby, retired owner/operator of the Colby Sears Store, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012, at his daughter's home in Wichita.

He was born Sept. 25, 1922, in Menlo, the son of John G. and Marie (Tucker) Adrian.

A brother, Duane Adrian, preceded him in death during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Joan S. Adrian, Wichita; a son, Kevin D. Adrian, Topeka; a daughter, Karen K. Adrian, Wichita; a brother, Tim Adrian, Colby; a sister, Rosemary Gordon, Nor-

ton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with the Rev. James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials in his name to be designated later, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Floyd E. Carter

Floyd E. Carter, 80, of Park, Kansas, died Aug. 5, 2012 at Hays, Kansas. He was born Dec. 3, 1931 at Conway, Arkansas. He married Mary Ward on Feb. 28, 1953. They made their home in Wichita, where he retired from Boeing Aircraft. They later moved to Park.

Floyd was preceded in death by a grandson, Shawn Spencer. He is survived by two sons, Danny Carter, Grainfield, and David Carter, Atwood; a daughter, Debra and husband Gerry Brown, Grainfield; one grandson, Chad Hanna and wife Melissa, Grainfield; one great grandchild, Brielle Lynn Hanna; two brothers, George Carter of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Melvin and wife Joann Carter, Conway, Arkansas; and one sister, Mary Lee and husband Carroll Williams, Conway, Arkansas. He will be missed by all that knew him.

The body was cremated, with memorial services at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family to help with expenses. Condolences may be sent in care of Debra Brown, Box 166, Grainfield, KS, 67737.

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Contact the Thomas County Learning Center for eligibility and enrollment information: 485 N. Chickamauga, Colby, 465-7900

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

#### The governing body of GEM CEMETERY THOMAS

will meet on 8/23/2012 at 7:30 at GEM COMMUNITY BLDG for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at MARGARET FLANAGIN RESIDENCE and will be available at this hearing.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2011		Current Year Estimate for 2012		Proposed Budget Year for 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	3,691	1.186	5,160	1.173	5,158	2,914	1.033
Debt Service							
DONATION FUND			5,000		5,000		
Totals	3,691	1.186	10,160	1.173	10,158	2,914	1.033
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	3,691		10,160		10,158		
Total Tax Levied	2,640		2,882		2,821,208		
Assessed Valuation	2,225,567		2,457,051				

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2010	2011	2012
	G.O. Bonds	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

MARGARET FLANAGIN  
CLERK

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General	15,687	9.828	58,880	8.199	52,959	2,568	7.505
Debt Service							
Library							
STREET LIGHTING	2,223	3.030	2,500	4.761	2,750	1,746	5.102
Special Highway					10,000		
Totals	17,909	12.858	61,380	12.960	65,709	4,314	12.607
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	17,909		61,380		65,709		
Total Tax Levied	4,218		4,271		4,271		
Assessed Valuation	328,059		329,543		342,169		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2010	2011	2012
	G.O. Bonds	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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