



Megan and Mikel Ladenburger

Colby grad married in Salina ceremony

Megan Consbruck and Mikel Ladenburger of Salina were married Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina.

Father Dana Clark officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Ramada Inn Conference Center.

Parents of the bride are Dan and Karen Consbruck of Hastings, Neb., and Shanna Consbruck of Holdrege, Neb. She is the granddaughter of Richard and the late Elaine Consbruck and Dolores and the late Eldon Utecht.

The groom is the son of Miles and Linda Ladenburger of Colby. He is the grandson of the late Lenard and Phyllis Reeh and the late Richard and Bernardine Ladenburger.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Hannah Rodgers and maid of honor Brittany Consbruck, both of Hastings, and bridesmaids Chelcie Hamilton of Colby and Amber Carl, Jill Barber and Carrie Elting, all of Salina.

The best man was Richard Ladenburger of Salina. Groomsman were Justin Consbruck of

Holdrege, Ryan McCoy and Brad Reeh of Colby and Jason Schoen of Hays.

Anistyn Elting of Salina and Ava Utecht of Lincoln, Neb., were flower girls. Ring bearers were Jacob Utecht of Lincoln and Quinton Reeh of El Dorado.

Guests were seated by ushers Derek Konert and Brandon Konert, both of Wilcox, Neb., Dave Watson of Salina and Justin Washburn of Hastings.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Hastings High School and a 2008 graduate of Hastings College, and is pursuing a master's degree in functional special education at the University of Kansas. She is a functional special education teacher at South Middle School in Salina and a personal assistant for special needs children for Choices Network and OCKK.

The groom graduated from Colby High School in 2008 and is a journeyman electrician at Watson Electric in Salina.

The couple plans to continue living in Salina. They honeymooned at the Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort in Jamaica.

Time to plan is now for garden next year

I can't see your calendar from here, but mine says we're almost in mid-September. Seems like only a couple of weeks ago it was August.

At last we can expect wonderfully moderating temperatures, gobs of rain and tons of college and professional football games. Some of us might even discover a few tomatoes on those drought-stricken vines out there in the backyard that have experienced unprecedented stress since we planted them last May.

In reality, the only guarantee we have for the rest of September is the football. The rest of the above is basically hopefulness. Still, and this may be a bit of a stretch, late September is a great time to give some thought to just exactly what happened in our garden this summer, and to actually do a little bit of planning and preparation for our 2013 garden.

It may seem to be a bit early to review and plan, but in my opinion, it is the very best time. This year's garden production, or lack of it, is fresh in our mind and is a great time to make some written notes that will be extremely appreciated next spring when it becomes garden preparation time.

So grab a pencil and paper and jot down a few words about what happened out there this summer. I did that yesterday, and I know that when next spring arrives, there will be some valuable ideas contained in that bad handwriting that I would have otherwise forgotten over the winter months.

Sometime next month, when all garden production has ceased, the first order of business will be to clear the plot of all spent



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plant life, shredding all the old vegetable plants with my mower, burning or hauling away the old tomato vines, and then commandeering a couple of truckloads of clean shredded leaves, which will be spread evenly over the entire garden surface. You know the next step, don't you? I will plow all that good stuff into the soil just as deeply as I can. Then, and only then, will the garden season be over for another year.

And then, after a few months of personal hibernation, I will again plow the whole plot. I will relish the feel of that rich soil and smell the freshness resulting from a few months of rest as the biodegradable materials I added are all integrated into the best seedbed anyone can imagine.

This is also a great time to jot down the names, the varieties of the vegetables that you grew this summer, and if there were certain disappointments, make a note to yourself to try a different variety next spring. Plan to try something new for a change.

I have found it extremely helpful to make lots of notes to myself right now about this year's effort. The information I provide myself now becomes my guide for next year.

I have also put in my order for a normal summer next year – less heat, more rain, no weeds, etc., etc.

Cheeseburger tops record

CARLTON, Minn. (AP) – A Minnesota casino has cooked up a world-record bacon cheeseburger that's 10 feet in diameter and weighs more than a ton.

The behemoth burger was served up Sunday at the Black Bear Casino Resort near Carlton. It tipped the scales at 2,014 pounds.

Guinness Records representative Philip Robertson verified the record for biggest burger. He called the feat a result of "remarkable teamwork" and said the burger "actually tastes really good."

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.43
Corn (bushel)	\$7.96
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.48
Soybeans (bushel)	\$16.36

Caller seeking ride arrested

COLUMBIA, Tenn. (AP) – When you're out of beer and need a ride to get some, who you gonna' call?

Not 911.

The *Columbia Daily Herald* (bit.ly/TbjhKk) reported city police arrested a 67-year-old man after he allegedly called emergency dispatchers at least nine times. Most of the calls were hang-ups, but a dispatcher said at least once, the caller asked if someone could send him a ride so he could buy beer.

Police Officer Seneca Shield said he told Allen Troy Brooks that if he cooperated, he would just receive a citation. But authorities said Brooks denied making calls and claimed he didn't have a telephone. Brooks was arrested and charged with making 911 calls in a non-emergency situation. He was released on bond.

A phone number listed for Brooks was out of service on Monday and no attorney was listed in court records.

Deaths

Jaime Labrado

Services for Jaime Labrado, 17, Selden, a junior at Golden Plains High School injured in a car crash last Wednesday, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012, at the Golden Plains Grade School gym in Selden, with burial in the Selden Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 16, 1995, in Chihuahua, Mexico, and died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. For details, see a news story on Page 1.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences for the family may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Bob Ross instructors to lead classes in Logan

Two certified instructors will teach Bob Ross painting classes at the Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan next month.

T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., will entertain and instruct, step by step, showing how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No experience is necessary. Bring a roll of paper towels; all other supplies are provided.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the class will be painting "Waiting Wolf" and on Sunday, Oct. 14, "Majestic Waterfall." Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. both days.

The classes are being offered at a reduced rate. For information, call (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Jack Kenneth Knudson

Jack Knudson, 85, died September 7, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, Kansas.

Jack was born August 22, 1927, to Curtis and Mabel (Cousins) Knudson at their home in Rexford, Kansas. His childhood years were spent in Rexford. Jack graduated from Atwood High School in 1945. In January of 1945, Jack joined the Army and served eighteen months in the Palau Islands. He graduated from Officer Candidate School as a second lieutenant.

On November 26, 1947, Jack married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy (Cox). They raised four children together in Colby, Hugoton, and Rexford. Jack farmed, worked for International Harvester and for Barker's Ford dealership, where he became a member of the "Ford 300 Club". He also owned a flower shop in Colby and Hugoton. Jack retired from the United States Postal Service after carrying mail for 35 years. Jack and Dorothy spent their retirement years in Atwood.

Jack loved reading, fishing, carpentry and camping. He and Dorothy also enjoyed square dancing and taking trips to the Ozarks in the fall.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; son, Todd Knudson; daughters, Kimberly Juenemann and Juliann Groom; his parents and three brothers, Jim, Jay, and Jerry Knudson. He is survived by his son, Tom and wife Pam Knudson of Colby; son-in-law Larry Juenemann; and grandchildren Mindy Meador and husband Terry, and their children Heath and Haylee; Brian White and wife Becky, and their daughter Leah; Regan Palmer and husband Robert, and their children Hayden, Danika, Micah and Hudson; Luke Juenemann and wife Julie, and their daughters Jorja and Jemma; Jason Groom and wife Amber; and Theodore Jack Juenemann and fiancée Mariah, and their son Jaxon Theo.

He was an amazing father; the rock and heart of his family. Affectionately known as "Pa," he was a favorite among his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at the Rexford Community Church, with Pastor Steve Todd officiating and burial in the Rexford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Citizens Medical Center and sent care of Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan. 67701.

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- Patricia A. Embree Trust Fund:** All proposals should be related to educational, literary and/or cultural entities and programs located in Thomas County, Kansas. Such entities and programs would include but not be limited to: Prairie Museum of Art & History, Pioneer Memorial Library, Senior Progress Center, Senior Citizens services such as RSVP and Meals on Wheels, Food Bank of Thomas County, art & painting workshops and shows, history and Kansas humanities programs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, music workshops, programs, festivals and shows.

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Hill City Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Kim Trexler, will be taking a group of adults and students on a journey of a lifetime to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in May of 2014. The group will travel through EF (Education First) Educational Tours, which is the world's largest private educational organization with offices and schools in over 50 countries. The Education First organization feels that travel provides an opportunity for people to explore the world up close and gain a whole new understanding of our global society.

Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Neuschwanstein, Tyrol, Liechtenstein, Lucerne, Heidelberg, and the Rhineland are some of the stops on this tour. Entrances into the following sites are included: Schonbrunn Palace, Dachau, Neuschwanstein Castle, Heidelberg Castle, the Heidelberg wine barrel, Rhine River cruise, Cologne Cathedral, Beethoven House, and Museum of German History.

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