



Teresa Schlomer and R.J. Ladenburger

October rite planned by Colby graduate

Teresa Schlomer and R.J. Ladenburger of Salina plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina.

The bride is the daughter of Marlin and Peggy Schlomer of Windsor, Colo. She is a 2005 graduate of Windsor High School and a 2010 graduate of Rocky Mountain College where she received a Bachelor of Arts in communication stud-

ies and a Bachelor of Science in business. She works at Watson Electric in Salina.

The groom is the son of Miles and Linda Ladenburger of Colby. He is a 2007 graduate of Colby High School and a 2009 graduate of the Professional Golfers Career College. He works as an assistant territorial manager of Solomon Corp. in Solomon.

Lawmakers seek end to draft registration law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two lawmakers are waging a little-noticed campaign to abolish the Selective Service System, the independent federal agency that manages draft registration.

Reps. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., say the millions of dollars the agency spends each year preparing for the possibility of a military draft is a waste of money. They say the Pentagon has no interest in returning to conscription due to the success of the all-volunteer force.

Here's a quick look at the Selective Service System:

- The Selective Service has a budget of \$24 million and a full-time staff of 130. It maintains a database of about 17 million potential male draftees. In the event of a draft, the agency would mobilize as many as 11,000 volunteers to serve on local draft boards that would decide if exemptions or deferments to military service were warranted.

The Selective Service is an "inexpensive insurance policy," said Lawrence Romo, the agency's director. "We are the true backup for

the true emergency."

- Men between the ages of 18 and 25 are required to register and can do so online or by mail. Those who fail to register with the Selective Service can be charged with a felony. The Justice Department hasn't prosecuted anyone for that offense since 1986.

- There can be other consequences, though. Failing to register can mean the loss of financial aid for college, being refused employment with the federal government, and denied U.S. citizenship.

DeFazio says it makes no sense to threaten to penalize men who don't register when the odds of a draft are so remote.

Past attempts to get rid of the agency have failed, DeFazio says, because too many of his colleagues on Capitol Hill worry that closing Selective Service down will make them look weak on national security.

"There is no one who wants this except 'chicken hawk' members of Congress," DeFazio says, using a term to describe a person who pushes for the use of military power but never served in the armed forces.

'Let it rain' seeks fulfillment; God promised seedtime, harvest

It's about time, it's about place and it's about God's abiding grace. We need March showers to bring April flowers.

While there is no doubt that our region is suffering the effects of a prolonged drought, all who are living through it must thank God for his grace to maintain. America has long been identified as a blessed nation. This is directly related to the fact that we are also recognized as a thankful nation.

To be blessed without being thankful would negate the continued grace of God at the core of America's foundation. Let none of the continuing generations of Americans forget how the faith and prayers of their forefathers, mingled with their sweat and tears, watered the soil of the heartland of this country for generations. Do not become a forgetful generation.

As we plan and work our way into 2013, we must remember what caused his blessings to pour over this parched land in the days of our fathers. Rain is not an option if the Heartland is going to continue to be the breadbasket of the world.

I know some think we are not struggling as our fathers did. We have modern technology, water cannons, sprinkler systems and self guiding seeding machines. You are right, but without rain the water table is still drying up.

Here in northwest Kansas the whole economy is connected to farming and agriculture. Most communities began around the success of area farms, like the water stations for the steam engines of yesteryear. Towns grew up around the railroad tracks, starting with a wa-



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ter tower.

Today's farmer is different from his parent's generation in many ways, but cannot be successful without one key ingredient passed from generation to generation; farmer faith. Farmer faith is the ability to trust God for a specific measure of grace directly related to a promise God made to man in the Bible.

In the early chapters of Genesis, the Lord dealt with the disappointment of his greatest creation. Adam's shortcomings created a problem too big for mankind to fix, so the Lord started over. Mankind was given a second chance to get it right. In Chapter 8 of Genesis, God starts off on a new foot and makes a declaration containing a blessing protected by his grace.

Genesis 8:20-22 says: "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While

the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

This is what powers those who carry the burden of feeding the world through the work of their own hands.

The single most important promise here from Almighty God to people — farmers — is that as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest will not cease. The scriptures tell us of the farmer, "...that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope." (1 Corinthians 9:10)

Also 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, "Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God."

So you see it is the abiding praises filled with many thanksgivings which allow the God of heaven to hear and respond to the faith of those entrusted to pour their lives into the soil, believing beyond hope for their fruit to come forth to feed the nations. During this season of drought, the prayer of the farmer is joined by all of us who depend upon their success.

We cry out together with them on bended knee, "Let it rain. Dear God, let it rain."

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What you got there, bud?



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

It looks like Dakota Buford's sweatshirt took a hit, but that was just part of the outing. He and his dad, Phil Buford, braved snowy roads for conversation and baked potatoes with all the fixings at a Joyful Blessing Free Meal on Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Buckets of chicken used to smuggle meth

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say two women aboard a commercial shuttle van in Arizona have been arrested after Border Patrol agents found methamphetamine hidden in two buckets of chicken.

Border Patrol says the agents discovered the drugs Thursday during a stop at an Interstate 19 checkpoint

near Nogales.

Authorities say the drugs weighed about six pounds and were valued at more than \$58,000.

The suspects have been held pending federal prosecution, and the methamphetamine has been turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.06
Corn (bushel)	\$7.15
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.14
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.62

AYSO Spring Soccer Registration

Deadline is March 6
Spring season runs March 23 through May 18

Registration Fee: \$50.00
Ages 4.5 by Aug 1 to 18 yrs. old. If they played or registered in the fall, no need to register again.

For more info or to register, call Emily Griffin @ 785-460-0647

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Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley, Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

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BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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