



Katie and Jacob McCoy

Bride at Salina chapel has Oakley, Gem ties

Katherine "Katie" Diane Mannebach and Jacob William McCoy were married on July 27, 2013, at Armstrong Chapel, St. John's Military School in Salina. The Reverend Canon James R. Cox officiated.

The bride is the daughter of LaRene and Kathy Wentz of Oakley, William Mannebach of Great Bend and Diane Mannebach of Hoisington.

Her grandparents are Bob and Mary Koch of Salina, the late Romeo and Freda Jensen of Gem and the late Joseph and Lena Mannebach.

The groom is the son of Kevin and Brenda McCoy of Lindsborg and the grandson of Anne and the late Bill Basch, Gladstone, Mo., and the late James and Marie McCoy.

The bride, wearing an ivory organza gown, was escorted by her mother and carried a bouquet of stargazers, lilies and white roses. She wore a necklace that had belonged to her grandmother, Freda Jensen.

Patty Belk of Salina was matron of honor. Dawnelle "D" Mannebach of Oakley and Dayna Mannebach of Lindsborg, sisters of the bride, and Ranae Eck of Bend, Ore., were bridesmaids.

Curtis Moody of Hays was best man. The groom's brother, Thomas McCoy of Lindsborg, Bastian Mills of Hays and Dereck Boes of Orleans, Neb. were groomsmen.

Michelle Boyer of Northglenn, Colo., and Matt Allen of Wichita

Hays brewery earns title at national contest

Every year since opening in 2005, Gella's Diner & Lb. Brewing Co. of Hays enters the prestigious Great American Beer Festival in Denver to compete with breweries from across the country. This year, the diner and its brewmaster, Gerald Wyman, obtained the title of Small Brewpub and Small Brewpub Brewer of the Year in addition to gold and silver medals for their American Hefeweizen and American Wheat.

An international panel of 201 expert judges spent three days evaluating 4,809 entries from 745 breweries in 84 beer categories covering 138 different beer styles at the competition. The winner is determined based on the results of the competitive judging.

"Being named Small Brewpub and Small Brewpub Brewer of the Year is certainly a lifetime

lit the candles and read scripture.

Soren Mannebach of Kingman, nephew of the bride, carried rings on a "pillow" made of Legos.

Flower girls were Ella Clarke of Tujunga, Calif., niece of the bride, and Julianna Verhulst of Gladstone, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Darryl Mannebach of Kingman and Brent Mannebach, Columbia, Mo., brothers of the bride, Erick Wentz of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Tiger Oliver of Perkins, Okla.

Alexis Strecker of Oakley and Angela Dvorak of Salina were guestbook attendants.

Alisa Baden of Wichita sang "A Moment Like This" as the candles were lit.

The bell choir of Diane Mannebach, Emily Bowen, Braden Bruntzel, Aaron Kuenn, Kelsey Peterson and John Carson played "Pachelbel's Canon in D" for the processional.

A catered dinner, reception and dance were held following the ceremony.

The wedding cake was made and decorated by the bride's mother and brother Brent who also made and designed the groom's cake which resembled Lego bricks.

A table featuring photos of family members was decorated by a crocheted tablecloth, made by the bride's aunt, Evelyn Knudson of Godley, Texas, for her wedding in 1965.

After a wedding trip to Omaha, Neb., and Madison County, Iowa, the couple lives in Hays.

achievement," said Wyman. "GABF medals are the highest recognition of a brewer's talents and quality of their beers. It's such an intense competition, and it's difficult to win a medal for any brewery."

The diner, at 117 East 11th in Hays, will celebrate the win Thursday, Oct. 24, with the unveiling of the award banner and live music from Pete Stein.

For information, go to www.beertown.org.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.53
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.36
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.34
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.91

Giant pumpkins come out of hiding

Linus is right. There IS a giant pumpkin!

But Linus is also wrong. The giant pumpkin will not fly through the air on Halloween night, delivering gifts to little kids who hang out in their backyard pumpkin patch waiting for him. Bummer!

As a matter of fact, there are giant pumpkins just about everywhere in America right now, and it is also a fact that those who grow them work full-time all summer to grow the record setters. Going in to this year's competition, the world record for pumpkins is held by Ron Wallace of Topfield, Maine, who last year weighed an almost unbelievable 2,009 pound specimen that was weighed at an official American Weigh-in station, of which there are many in this country.

I want to thank my cousin Drinda from Tucson, Ariz., for tipping me off about what is happening in the world of giant pumpkins right now. As a result, I have found that Gary Miller, who lives in the Napa Valley just outside San Francisco, has won the 40th Annual Safeway World Championship Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, Calif., located about 40 miles south of San Francisco in the Silicon Valley region. But Gary Miller's pumpkin weighed "only" 1,985 pounds, which is 47 pounds less than the 2,009 pound gargantuan gourd grown last year in Maine. Try again next year, Gary.

But wait, on Saturday, Oct. 19, the day after this is being written, we have learned that Tim Mathison, also from near Napa, will present the world with a 2,032 pound behemoth at the Uesugi Farms 23rd Annual Great Pumpkin contest near San Martin, Calif. If this rumor becomes reality, we will have a new all-time world record!

More rainfall this year may boost autumn color

The cool, crisp air of fall brings thoughts of pumpkins, cider and landscapes colored in shades of red, orange and gold.

Because much of Kansas received more rainfall this year, trees should develop bright colors in late October, according to Charles Barden, professor of forestry for Kansas State University and state extension forester for K-State Research and Extension.

"Fall colors are dependent on the weather," Barden said. "Sunny days and cool nights make for more intense and lasting colors."

Although Kansas is not famous for its outstanding fall foliage displays, Barden said, all parts of the state display their own unique color palette in fall. Sugar and red maples are known to produce beautiful fall colors, and although they are not common in Kansas, several towns have planted enough of these trees to put on a fall show.

In addition to the maple trees, several more common species native to Kansas also color up nicely.

Triplet calves all heifers

By Crystal Garcia

Times Herald (Port Huron)
LYNN TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Lynn Island Farm received a few special additions this fall.

One of the farm's 150 dairy cows gave birth to a set of triplets 20 days early.

This is the third set of triplets born in the farm's 100 years, but these bovines are extra special because they are all female, said farm owner, Duane Stuever.

"They were born unassisted, which is pretty unique, and to have mom alive and well also is unusual," he told the *Times Herald* of Port Huron (bwne.ws/18xMm7E). The last set of triplets to be born



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

Not so fast there Linus. We have to keep in mind that official weigh-off sites are open all over the country until Nov. 1. There is still plenty of time for another grower to come forward with something that will top that 2,032 pound gourd that Tim Mathison was rumored to be presenting to the world Saturday. In fact, the record shows that the world champion is nearly always grown in the New England area.

There's a lot of money at stake. If Mathison's record of 2,032 pounds holds up, he will automatically be awarded \$30,000 for his trouble, which includes the \$7 per pound given by Uesugi Farms. There will be other rewards, including as much as a dollar a seed from his big winner, paid by other pumpkin growers and gardeners who try each year to grow the big ones.

About 99 percent of all the big pumpkins grown in this country are of the Atlantic Giant variety which was founded and developed by a Nova Scotian farmer named Harold Dill, who died several years ago as a wealthy man because of the sale of his prized seed. Dill's Atlantic Giant seed is available in nearly all seed catalogs that you will be receiving soon. For just \$2.95, the J.W. Jung Seed Company will send you a packet of 10 fresh seeds, but they likely will not be seeds from this year's world record pumpkin.

Everything you have read here today might be badly outdated by Nov. 1. But don't blame it on Linus.

Native to the southeastern Kansas lowlands, the pin oak will turn a dark crimson in late October and into November, Barden said, and the hickories abundant on the hillsides in this region turn a bright yellow.

"Look for the bright yellow of our cottonwoods and hackberry, and the bright red of the sumac," he said. "Both of these species look more striking if they have a backdrop of dark green cedars or pines."

Leaves aren't alone in turning colors during the fall. The prairie grasses have also changed color, Barden said. From a distance the hills appear a uniform rusty orange, but on closer inspection bright purples and other colors are evident, while some sunflowers, goldenrods and asters are still in bloom.

Barden provides updates about fall foliage with the *Kansas City Star* (www.kansascity.com/2013/10/11/4546462/despote-slow-start-fall-colors.html).

on the farm was about 20 years ago. Stuever said the odds of a cow having a set of healthy female triplets are 1 in 8 million.

Usually, Stuever said, he's not excited to see a multiple birth because if a male is in the mix, the females are sterile. This time, the calves are expected to be able to reproduce.

Deaths

Keith Barnett

Keith Barnett, 84, Atwood, died today, Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society in At-

wood. Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

Tama Dianne Unger

Tama Dianne Unger, 48, Rexford, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born Dec. 20, 1964, in Oberlin, the daughter of Gary and Mary Ann (Page) Erickson. She grew up on the family farm 30 miles southwest of Oberlin, graduating from Golden Plains High School in 1983. In 1987, she graduated from Kansas State University with degrees in mass communication and marketing.

On July 30, 1988, she married Jeff Unger at the Herndon Covenant Church south of Herndon. They lived on a farm 14 miles north of Rexford, where she enjoyed spending time with family, gardening and playing the guitar.

She worked at Citizens Medical Center in Colby for many years. At the time of her death she was the director of fund development

for the Citizens Foundation, in addition to public information officer and director of volunteers for the hospital.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Elof and Genevieve Erickson and P.W. Page and Neva Page Campbell.

Survivors include her husband and son, of rural Rexford; parents, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, of Oberlin; a sister, Debbie (Dale) Withington, of Chepota; parents-in-law, Evan and Sheryl Unger, Oberlin; three brothers-in-law, Greg Unger, Liberal, David (Debbie) Unger, Topeka and Matt (Tiffany) Unger, Goodland; and a sister-in-law, Stephanie (David) Blau, Oberlin.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating and burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Warren R. Park

Warren Regan Park, Oakley, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colo.

He was born May 4, 1948, in Colby, the son of Aubrey Glen "Cub" and Jessie Lou (Swart) Park. A life-long resident of Oakley, he attended college at the University of Kansas and Fort Hays State University.

As a teenager, he began working on the farm in the summer with his uncle, Alf Swart. That was also about the time he began working in the family business, Swart-Park Motors, where he eventually became the sole owner and operator. Poor health forced him to close the dealership on May 31, 2013.

On Aug. 16, 1970, he married Gail Ann Cook. The family enjoyed boating, camping, skiing and watching sport activities. One of his favorite events was the annual Kansas State Cornhusking Contest in Oakley.

He served in many local leadership positions: the Logan County Hospital Board, the Oakley Chamber of Commerce Board and the Oakley Recreation Board. He participated in the Midwest Ford Dealers Association and the Ford Advertising group. Other organizations he was involved with were the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Oakley Kids Wrestling Club, Jaycees, Masonic Lodge, the Logan County Shrine Club and the Oakley Ambassadors.

He was familiar as an announcer or referee at wrestling matches or helping at football games. He also volunteered his handy-man talents at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center.

He enjoyed chatting with the visitors and always encouraged them to visit area sites.

For 36 years he served as an emergency medical technician, stopping only when his own failing health forced him to. As an auto dealer, he worked faithfully to help people with road emergencies as well.

In 2007, he married Cora Lee Samuelson and together they continued as leaders and supporters of community events.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his mother in 201 and his father in 2009, and a sister, Nancy (Park) Windsor, in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, of Oakley; two sons, Matt (Cristy) Park, Oakley, and Andrew (Megha) Park, Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Wendy (Pat) Parsons, Oakley; two step-sons, Mark Samuelson and Steven Samuelson, Oakley; a sister, Karen (Jim) Gilpin, and a brother, Wade Park, all of Iola; a brother-in-law, Thomas Windsor, Overland Park; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center in Oakley, with Pastor Bob Kelly officiating and burial in the Oakley Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Wild West Historical Foundation, the Logan County Shrine Club or the Oakley Kids Wrestling Club, in care of the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

World on Wheels

World on Wheels met Thursday at Pioneer Memorial Library. This is a support group for people having problems with mobility.

The group discussed the new ramp at the south entrance of Arby's Restaurant and that many people do not realize a small step may be a barrier to some people wanting to enter.

Maxine Nelson said the price of accessibility ramps has gone down a lot. Some ramps made of ground recycled tires are available for less than \$100, depending on the length of the ramp.

Ramps should have one inch of elevation for every foot of length, said Nelson.

The group's next meeting is

scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

Those attending will discuss problems, announce solutions and provide support. The group includes anyone with a walker, wheelchair, limp or just trouble walking.

Those interested can contact Nelson at 462-3571.

—Maxine Nelson

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.

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The shock of having a surprise party for my 80th birthday is over and my feet are touching the ground again. I would like to thank my children Nancy, Gary, Sherry, Terrea and Virgil and their families for surprising me with a party at the Shepherd Staff in Rexford, KS.

What a great surprise to see my older brother Bill and his wife Nancy from Arizona. And my twin brother Bob from Florida. I would also like to thank everyone who sent such beautiful cards with thoughts, and prayers. I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life.

God Bless you all,
Nanette Baumfalk