



Rebekah and Justin Mattson

Colby grads married in Colorado ceremony

Rebekah Lang and Justin Mattson, formerly of Colby, were married on May 25, 2013, at Cañon City, Colo.

Rebekah, the daughter of Ken and Beverly Lang of Phoenix, graduated from Colby High School in 2004. Justin, the son of Herb and Brenda Mattson of Colby and Karen Rayburn of Birmingham, Ala., graduated from Colby High in 1999.

Pastor Gordon Gross of Cañon City, formerly of Colby, officiated.

The bride's sister, Kathryn Pena, was matron of honor. The

groom's twin brother, Jason Mattson, was best man.

Bridesmaids were Erin Audino, Kaylee Lynch, Natalie Mattson, Cassidy Mattson and Liesl Lang.

Groomsmen were Justin Wilby, Rory Henry, Frank Lynch, Brian Lang and Kevin Lang.

Flower girls were Madison and Jentry Schroeder, daughters of Nic and Kelly Schroeder.

A reception and dinner followed the wedding.

After a honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple returned to their home in Birmingham, Ala.

Check insurance before winter storms

The calendar shows we are heading toward the time of year when brisk winds, blowing snow and colder temperatures will become the norm.

Although the comparatively nice weather has provided many Kansans with a true autumn, I'm urging Kansans to check their homeowners' and vehicle insurance policies now to be sure they are protected as we head into the winter season.

The first step I would encourage is to check with your local insurance agents about what's covered in your policies. Overall, homeowners and vehicle policies provide basic protection, but some policies provide a broader range of coverages than others. It's best to know what your individual policy contains.

Consumers should review these points about their insurance:

- Most homeowners' policies include coverage for wind, blowing snow and the weight of ice, snow and sleet on the structure.

- Damage to homes caused by falling objects such as trees is covered under most policies. However, the cost to remove limbs is usually not covered unless the tree first damages the structure.

- Water damage to a structure or its contents is excluded under most property insurance contracts. Check with your local insurance agent to be sure.

- Some policies may provide coverage from frozen pipes, as long as the damage is not a result of the homeowner's failure to keep the home adequately heated.

- Many policies don't include coverage for water that backs up from drains or sewers. That protection can be added to a policy by purchasing additional coverage or a rider.

- Flood damage from snow and ice melt is almost always excluded by homeowners' policies. Flood-related policies can



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be obtained through the National Flood Insurance Program. Your local agent can provide details and make recommendations on what's right for you.

- Vehicle coverage for winter-related accidents involving snow removal could be covered through collision coverage. Check with your agent for details.

- There are a couple of things to know if you lose power. First, if a fallen tree is to blame for the power outage, you may be covered by your homeowners policy. Second, regarding food spoiling in your refrigerator or freezer, a homeowners or renters policy often allows for compensation for food losses, but only up to a certain (usually fairly low dollar) amount. If your deductible is equal to or greater than this amount, unless you have other losses, you probably can't claim just the loss of the food.

- Finally, hail damage can occur during the winter months as well. I encourage you to talk to your agent about vehicle and homeowners policies for hail coverage.

When you contact your agent, you should have a copy of your policy or insurance card handy. If you've put together a winter storm preparation kit, you might want to keep a copy there.

If you still have questions, contact our Kansas Insurance Department Consumer Assistance Representatives at (800) 432-2484. Information is also available on our website, www.ksinsurance.org, including our publication, "Kansas Homeowners and Renters Insurance and Shopper's Guide."

Before the weather outside gets frightful, take some time to make sure your insurance coverage will help keep the winter blues at bay.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met Oct. 8 at the United Methodist Church in Colby. President Marlene Carpenter chaired the meeting with 14 members present.

Steven J Backman, "Toothpick Artist," was the topic of the program presented by Bev Kern.

Bev Kern reported that the ribbons for the upcoming art show had been ordered. Ruth Hughes and Barb Highland reported on refreshments and decorations for the reception. They had asked some members of the club to prepare food. Tom Peyton made arrangements for members of the Heartland Christian School football team to bring the pyramids out of storage and place them on the floor for assembling.

Shirley Baker reported on the number of entries for the art show. A discussion was held on what to pay as prize money. The secretary was to send a note to each school thanking them for entries and encouraging them to be involved in local art clubs. David Ketchum suggested doing something special for student winners to give them extra incentive.

Kathie Peyton, Maxine Nelson and Kern were appointed as a nominating committee for the election of new officers next month.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12. New members are welcome at 10 a.m. that day at the church.

— Alice Wolf, secretary



Mike Baughn receiving award.

time trail historian, is the association's new president.

Outgoing head honored for Smoky Hill service

Mike Baughn of Brewster, a Thomas County commissioner, was honored by the Smoky Hill Trail Association for his service to the organization dedicated to the preservation of the trail's history.

Baughn, who recently resigned, was the first president of the association and served as president for six of its seven years.

Baughn was given a 12-inch Damascus bowie knife, something most of the trail's travelers would have carried in the 1800s.

Board member Lem Marsh presented the award at the organization's annual meeting in Parker, Colo.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Oct. 26

10:45 a.m. – Welfare check
 11 a.m. – Funeral block.
 1:46 p.m. – Caller reported theft. Report filed.
 2:10 p.m. – Caller reported loud vehicle. Spoke with subject.
 3:14 p.m. – Barking dog complaint. Spoke to owner; all OK.
 8:26 p.m. – Collision.
 11:47 p.m. – Helped motorist I-70 and K-25.
 11:53 p.m. – Walkthrough at college.

Oct. 27

1:38 a.m. – Helped sheriff's of-

ficers.

2:01 a.m. – Caller reported getting hit in face. Battery report filed.

3:10 a.m. – Caller reported subjects battered. Report filed.

9:10 a.m. – Caller reported barking dog. Owner not found; left door hanger to advise of problem.

9:36 a.m. – All OK with transient holding up a sign.

5 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles in roadway. Spoke with subjects.

7:53 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop.

7:53 p.m. – Expired registration/no proof of insurance report filed on traffic stop.

9:12 p.m. – Caller reported break in. Report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Oct. 26

2:54 p.m. – Caller reported horses at large at County Rd.s 3 and B. Owner not found; chased back into pasture.

5:44 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop at east-

bound I-70 mile 48.

11:53 p.m. – Walkthrough at college.

Oct. 27

1:32 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop in the 100 block of E. Hill.

3:21 a.m. – Took visitor to residence.

3:40 p.m. – Accident in Levant.

10:26 p.m. – Caller needed help with broken down vehicle on U.S. 24 near Levant.

Deaths

Robert J. 'Bob' Robben

Robert J. Robben, 78, Colby, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, at the Presbyterian Saint Luke's Hospital in Denver.

He was born Nov. 6, 1934, in Thomas County, to Lawrence Henry and Augusta (Schwarz) Robben. In 1953, he graduated from Oakley High School.

On Oct. 19, 1957, he married Marjorie Ann Wolf at the Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell.

After spending his early years working on the family farm outside of Oakley, he went on to wear many career hats, including beverage sales company employee and owner, hydraulic repair and wrought iron welder, and finally handyman, carpenter and memorial salesman.

He enjoyed many hobbies including wood-working and cards, but his favorite was always golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older brother Phillip Robben, younger brother Mark Robben, infant brother Daniel Robben and infant son Joseph Robben.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; four children, Timothy Robben and partner Dennis Farrell, Shawnee; Claris (Chris) Rundel, Topeka; Craig (Stacy) Robben, Littleton, Colo.; and Aaron Robben, Jacksonville, Fla.; four siblings, Dennis (Geneva) Robben, Des Moines, Iowa; Ronald (Patricia) Robben, Hampton Bay, N.Y.; Lawrence (Debbie) Robben, San Jose, Calif.; and Kathleen (Lynn) Fulwider, Brewster; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Cremation was chosen. The family will receive visitors from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the church with a vigil at 5:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Prairie Museum of Art and History, in care of Baalmann Mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

Cold Weather Rule took effect on Friday

The Kansas Corporation Commission reminds Kansans that the Cold Weather Rule took effect Nov. 1 and remains in effect through March 31.

"The Cold Weather Rule ensures Kansans can keep warm during winter months," says commission Chairman Mark Sievers. "We encourage consumers to take steps to prepare for colder temperatures. Making sure heating equipment is in good working order, keeping your thermostat at reasonable levels, weather-stripping and caulking windows and doorways – these things can cut down on heating costs."

The Cold Weather Rule prohibits utility companies from disconnecting a customer's natural gas or electric service during periods of extreme cold. The rule requires utility companies to offer a 12-month payment plan to allow consumers to maintain or re-establish utility service.

Disconnection Conditions:
 • Utility companies may not initiate disconnection until temperatures are forecast to be above 35 degrees for the next 48 hours.

• Utility companies must contact the customer by phone or in person 24 hours before disconnecting service.
 • Utility companies are prohibited from disconnecting a customer's service when temperatures are forecast to be at or below 35 degrees over the next 24 hours.

The commission wants Kansans

to have the electric and gas service needed to keep their homes warm during winter months, while recognizing the customer's responsibility to make arrangements to pay for that service. The rule was designed in 1983 to ensure that both goals are met. Any residential customer with a past due balance will qualify for payment arrangements. However, it is the customer's responsibility to contact the gas or electric company to make those arrangements.

Payment Plan conditions to maintain or restore service:

- Customers must contact their utility company and inform that they cannot pay their bill in full.

- Customers must agree to pay 1/12th of the total amount owed, 1/12th of the current bill, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fee, plus any applicable deposit to the utility.

- Customers must agree to pay the remaining balance in equal payments over the next 11 months, in addition to their current monthly bill.

The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the commission's jurisdiction.

Information is available at: kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_english.htm. Kansans may also contact their local utility company or the commission's office of public affairs and consumer protection at (800) 662-0027.

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.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Ken Ptacek; second, Larry Barrett; third, Gladys Fischer; fourth, Dave Ulmer; fifth, Bob Renner; sixth, Margaret Dennele.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.18
Corn (bushel)	\$4.22
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.13
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.51



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