



Adams and White

## Couple plan wedding in Hays in November

Tara White and Riley Adams, both of Portland, Ore., plan to marry on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, in Hays.

Parents of the couple are Greg and Denise White of Lewis and Rocky and Joyce Adams of Quinter.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are the late Gene and Shirley Pinalto and the late Bill and Jackie White.

Grandparents of the future groom are Esther Ruder of Hays and the late Edwin Ruder and Don Patterson of Quinter and the late Yvette Patterson.

The bride elect is a 2001 graduate

of Lewis High School of Lewis and in 2005 received her Bachelor of Science in physics from Fort Hays State University of Hays. She is pursuing her doctor of philosophy in biomedical engineering at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Quinter High School and he received his associate degree from North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit in 2001. He is currently employed by Ace Plumbing in Sandy, Ore.

The couple plan to reside in Portland.

## Good lawn needs evenness in seeding

The keys to successful lawn seeding are proper rates of seeding, even dispersal, good seed-to-soil contact and proper watering.



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Evenness is best achieved by carefully calibrating the seeder or by adjusting the seeder to a low setting and making several passes to ensure even distribution.

Seeding a little on the heavy side with close overlapping is better than missing areas altogether. This is especially true for the bunch-type tall fescue, which does not spread. Multiple seeder passes in opposite directions should help avoid this problem.

A more serious error in seeding is using the improper rate of seeding. For new areas of tall fescue, apply 6 to 8 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet and about half as much for overseeding. Using too much seed results in a lawn more prone to disease and damage from stress. The best way to avoid such a mistake is to determine the square footage of the yard first. Then calculate the amount of seed to use. Using too little seed can result in clumpy turf that looks bad.

Establishing good seed-to-soil contact is essential. When overseeding, slit seeders achieve good contact at the time of seeding by dropping seed directly behind the blade that slices a furrow into the soil. Packing wheels then follow to close the furrow. The same result

can be accomplished by using a verticut before broadcasting the seed, and then verticutting a second time.

Core aerators can also be used to seed grass. Go over an area at least three times in different directions, and then broadcast the seed. Germination will occur in the aeration holes. Because those holes stay moister than a traditional seedbed, this method requires less watering.

If seeding a prepared seed bed or worked soil, use a light hand rake to mix the seed into the soil. A leaf rake often works better than a garden rake because it mixes seed at a more shallow level.

Water newly planted areas lightly and often. Keep soil constantly moist but not waterlogged. During hot days, a new lawn may need to be watered three times a day. If watered less, germination will be slowed. Cool, calm days may require watering only every couple of days. As the grass plants come up, gradually decrease watering to once a week if there is no rain.

Let the plants tell you when to water. If you can push the grass blades down and they don't spring back up quickly, the lawn needs water.

# Business receives national award

Century Feeders received an Industry Service Award at the National Red Angus Convention on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at the Little America Hotel of Cheyenne, Wyo. The award recognizes their excellent service in enhancing the value

of Red Angus Cattle and the beef industry.

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