



Mellissa and Jared Tarvin

## Couple ties knot

Mellissa A. Handley of Prairie Village and Jared Tarvin of Overland Park married Friday, June 10, 2005, at the Red Bridge United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo.

Pastor Dustin Cooper officiated the double ring ceremony.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Joliene (Tedford) Tarvin of Overland Park and the grandson of Lawrence and Evelyn Tedford of Goodland. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Sherry Handley of Prairie Village.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The matron of honor was Carolyn Parr, aunt of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Handley, cousin of the bride, and Courtney Williamson. They wore taupe dresses.

Best man was Luke Corrandier. Groomsmen were Patrick Miller and Scott Dixon.

Ushers were Tom Handley, brother of the bride, and Schyler Tarvin, brother of the groom. The couple's mothers were candle-lighters.

A dinner and dance were held at the church's Family Life Center with Tony Kopek, a caterer, serving.

Out of town guests were Lawrence Tedford; his sons, Terry (Linda) Tedford and Don Tedford; and Terry and Linda's daughters, Sarah Tedford and Andrea (Tedford) Rouge.

The groom graduated from Shawnee Mission North High School and Pittsburg State University with a degree in automotive technology. He is an assistant manager at Firestone Company in Kansas City.

The bride graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School and Johnson County Community College. She is a teacher's aid at an elementary school and an artist.

The groom is an Eagle Scout, and the bride's brother is a boy scout and her father a scoutmaster. The couple met at a scouting event, and scouting was incorporated into the wedding ceremony.

After a wedding cruise to Cozumel and Calica, Mexico, the couple is at home in Merriam.

## Goodland graduate wins at speech tournament

Amanda Hoffman, a 2003 graduate from Goodland High School, received honors at the Carol Gaede Classic forensics tournament co-hosted by Minnesota State University and Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Amanda, a junior at Kansas State University and in her first year on

the forensics team, ranked as the top novice in the poetry category and took first place overall in informative speaking at the tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8.

The K-State team placed first overall out of 13 schools competing.

## College holds annual election of student leadership officers

The Northwest Kansas Technical College had its annual student officers election on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Cory Webster, a first-year diesel technology student, was elected student body president.

Webster commutes from Colby, where he lives with his wife Tammy and their two children. After he graduates in May 2007, he plans to be a diesel technician. He works for Colby Implement, getting hands-on experience in the diesel field.

Logan Mohr, vice president, a second-year engineering technology student from Imperial, Neb. Kelly Vallejos, a second-year electronics and computer technology student from Sterling, Colo., is the secretary. Tyson Vap a second-year engineering technology student from Memphis, Tenn., is the treasurer.

The officers are in charge of Student Senate activities, including Fall Fun Day, Vegas Night, weekly movie nights, pitch tournaments, pool tournaments and the annual haunted house.

# Sheriff apologizes for suicide attempt

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

Thomas County's top law enforcement officer made a public apology this morning for an incident which took place on Thursday.

Sheriff Mike Baughn apologized for attempting to kill himself at a conference in Junction City.

"I've made a commitment to my family, friends, co-workers and public that I will never touch alcohol again," Baughn said this morning. "I want to apologize to my family, colleagues in law enforcement, friends and people of Thomas County."

Baughn said while attending a sheriff's conference from Tuesday to Thursday, he decided to join others in a drink.

"I'm not a drinker by nature," Baughn said. "I drank several years

ago, but I don't any more. For some unknown reason I decided on Tuesday to have a drink, and on Thursday they had an open bar before the banquet."

Baughn said it was at that open bar he "decided to order Wild Turkey in double shots."

"I went into the banquet and I don't remember much else. When I drink I don't even know I'm there," he said.

Baughn said Undersheriff Jason Moses had accompanied him to the conference and it was Moses who noticed there was a problem.

"Jason saw I had a problem and tried to help me to my room," Baughn said.

Baughn said while walking to the room he went into an episode of rage and hit the wall. Baughn said Moses got him to his room, but he

later left the room and went outside and stabbed himself.

"I used a knife I carry with me and stabbed myself in the abdomen," Baughn said.

Taken to an area hospital by ambulance, Baughn was treated and released for the knife wound. He was later admitted to another hospital, which had a behavioral modification wing, where he was seen by a physiologist and was released Sunday morning.

"The psychologist's assessment was I'd had too much stress, with the death of an employee and injury of another, as well as my own knee injury, plus family concerns," Baughn said.

Baughn said he was told had he not been drinking, the incident would not have occurred.

"If I'd been sober I never would

have attempted it," he said.

Baughn said he will continue with outpatient treatment locally for stress.

"My big job it to show my fellow co-workers and family I'm human and it got me," he said.

Baughn said his key element in stress reduction is walking.

"I've not walked for the past 30 days, and I'm not one to share my emotions and it came out when it had a chance," Baughn said.

A devote Christian, Baughn said his faith is what will help him through his ordeal.

"My faith is what's carrying me through," he said. "Even Christians slip up once in a while."

Baughn and Moses will make a decision in the immediate future concerning Baughn's return to duty. Until that time, Moses is in operational control of the sheriff's office.

# Colby man sent to prison instead of boot camp

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
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A Colby man is headed to prison after violating a court order while waiting to be sent to a southeast Kansas boot camp.

Two days after having his probation revoked, authorities say, Levi Jones, 20, skipped the county to see his fiancé in Great Bend and landed in the Barton County Jail.

District Judge Glenn Schiffner on Sept. 7 told Jones he could live with his mother, Sharlene Scheck, until he went to the Labette Correctional Boot Camp at Fredonia.

At that same time, Schiffner warned Jones that if he failed to complete boot camp, or violated the terms of his sentence, then the penitentiary would be next.

"I was told when I took the bench one of the hardest things I'd have to do is order someone to prison," Schiffner said, "and thank goodness I haven't had to do that often. But in this case, you were given the opportunity to go to Labette. But that

is out of the case now."

On Sept. 9, Jones was picked up by the Barton County Sheriff's Office for leaving Colby without permission and for allegedly making threatening phone calls from a dormitory at Barton County Community College.

Jones' intensive supervision officer, Dian Organ of Hays, on Thursday filed an affidavit advising Schiffner that Jones had failed to follow court orders.

Jones was on probation for a January crime spree during which he and Donald Clapper, then 16, were charged with 27 felonies and 24 misdemeanors committed Jan. 3-5.

Authorities alleged that Jones and Clapper struck at farms throughout Thomas County, resulting in more than \$100,000 in property damage. The allegedly stole a race car valued at about \$6,000.

The crime spree took place less than three months after both teens were arrested for an unrelated bur-

glary in October 2004. In the 2005 case, Jones was charged as an adult, Clapper as a juvenile.

During a hearing on Friday, Schiffner corrected a statement he made last month that Jones had 50 of the 51 counts against him dismissed.

Schiffner said Friday Jones pleaded guilty to count 1, burglary; count 29, felony criminal damage to property, and count 41, felony theft. Schiffner ordered Jones to a prison term of 13 months, which after this last incident he'll have to now serve. The remaining 48 counts were dismissed.

Jones will be given two months' credit for the time he's been in the Thomas County Jail since being arrested on Sept. 9.

Jones' attorney, Scott Showalter, Goodland, told Schiffner and Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick that Jones needed the "harsher confinement" of boot camp over

mainstream prison.

"Labette is not an easy placement," Showalter said. "Labette is not where you go and do your 11 months and get out. They'll be screaming at him from sun up to sun down."

According to Ellis County court documents, Jones, in June while on probation, passed worthless checks at two businesses in Hays totaling \$969.

Wyrick told Schiffner she "didn't think anyone was out to get Mr. Jones," but she agreed with Organ that Jones had "no regard for his probation."

"It floors me that someone is given probation and then still has problems when he can go to Labette, not prison," Wyrick said. "I'm throwing up my hands along with Miss Organ and recommending he be sent straight to the Department of Corrections."

Schiffner agreed.

## Crossword Puzzle

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- Cuffs
- Aura
- Statutes
- Lore
- Pea family genus
- "Battle Cry" author
- Devourer
- Evaluate
- Run
- Bars
- Land worker
- Stout
- Dishevel
- Efface
- Ask for legally
- Actress, \_\_\_ Anderson
- Prune
- Narrow openings
- Aroma
- Portugal's peninsula
- Gawky
- Michigan town
- Scorch
- Whip-cracking motion
- Tardy
- Basic beliefs
- Water (Spanish)
- Ended
- Animal
- Criterion
- Pearls
- Ram
- Maple, for one

### CLUES DOWN

- Smoke duct
- Make
- Dolt
- Insists
- Brace
- Tends
- Wager
- Strips
- Thoroughfare
- Deleterious
- Jai \_\_, sport
- Titan goddess
- Bovine mammals
- Position
- Alligator
- Colla
- Toothbrush brand
- Synthetic fabric
- Capital of Oregon
- Big cats
- Vacant
- Ammunition
- Natural fabric
- Cabbage salad
- Black or red
- One-celled water animal
- Torsos
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## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

### Calendar for Nov. 2 - Nov. 8

**Thursday** - Freedom League Vocal Clinic in Winona, 1 p.m.; concert at 6 p.m.

**Monday** - Academic Bowl at Rexford, 4 p.m.; Buffer Week; Western Kansas Liberty League volleyball and football All-League meeting in Oakley, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday** - Buffer Week.

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