

# WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



## Henrickson - Vanek

Pamela Henrickson and John Vanek were married August 13 at Indian Mounds Park in St. Paul. Reverend Kristen Venne officiated. Parents of the couple are Kim and Sherry Henrickson of North Mankato and Wes and Maureen Vanek of Maple Grove. Maid of honor was Rachel Henrickson and best man was Greg McCool. Bridesmaids were Amanda Glaser, Manna Meehan and Mallory Kind. Groomsmen were Patrick Health, Aaron Vollmer and Jason Smathers. The bride is a 2004 graduate of Mankato West High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of St. Thomas. She is employed by CliftonLarsonAllen. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Maple Grove Senior High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at the University of Delaware. A reception was held at Oak Ridge Hotel in Chaska. Following a trip to Costa Rica, the couple is home in Newark, Delaware.



## Walters - Reeb

Jennifer Walters and David Reeb were married July 30 at the home of Craig and Helen Walters. Parents of the couple are Craig and Helen Walters of Good Thunder and Paul and Bonnie Reeb of Willmar. Maid of honor was Hannah Bartell and best man was Daniel Reeb. Bridesmaids were Bethany Walters, Josie Walters and Liz Reeb. Personal Attendant was Kaja Walters. Flower girl was Madison Elmhorst and ring bearer was Isaiah Walters. Groomsmen were Zach Burton, Nate Schalmo and Drew Holmgren. Ushers were Ben Walters, Tony Walters, Paul Reeb Jr., Matt Hallstrom, David Anderson, Marco Vazquez, Niko Wunderlich, Erik Fagerstorm and Kyle Burke. The bride is a 2008 graduate of Maple River High School and is currently a student at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The groom is a 2007 graduate of Willmar High School and is currently a student at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Following a trip to Jamaica the couple is home in Mankato.

# NAMES & NOTABLES

**Students for the Environment**  
Hannah Hutchins of Mankato and Emily Johnson of Watertown are involved in Students for the Environment, a student-run organization at Bemidji State University that focuses on environmental issues, on and off the BSU campus.

**Bemidji State University Choir**  
Carissa Ries of Mankato participated in the Bemidji State University Choir in the production of Madrigal Dinners, a yuletide tradition that celebrated its 43rd birthday this December and ran for five performances on campus Dec. 2-10.

**South Central College**  
The following students were named to the fall 2011 dean's list at South Central College: Amboy — Thomas David Sanders; Comfrey — Laura Elizabeth Rae Eischen; Eagle Lake — Sandra Jill Ellerbusch; Joshua K. Larson; Alicia Renee Peters; Elysian — Leslie Eunice Sheehy Lee; Good Thunder — Jennifer A. Becker; Estee L. Kopischke, Alisha Marie Prouty; Hanska — Justin Scott Kraus, Jazmyne Jo Miller, Christian S. Odegard; Janesville — Vern E. Benson, Curtis D. Berry, Curtis D. Berry, Dena Ann Chalhoub, Brittany E. Schlie; Kasota — Kaira S. Sawyer; Kiester — Calli Leah Bauman; Lake Crystal — Benjamin Lee Davis; Le Sueur — Rodney George Umbreit; Le Center — Breanna L. Pieper, Eric William Stuefen; Le Sueur — Vicki Lynn Reinhardt, Holly Ann Wilke; Madelia — Nadine N. Jones, Bobette S. Palmer; Madison Lake — Marci Jean Rossow, James Robert Tatge, James Robert Tatge; Mankato — Nancy Louise Anderson, Heather Marie Bass, Andrew Vincent Baumann, Deborah K. Bloom, Asha A. Busuri, Michelle M. Carrigan, Samantha Rae Casey, Kevin W. Clarke, Brittany Marie Constant, William J. Dunn, Patricia Anne Dykema, Kristen Nicole Forbes, Lyle D. Fredericks, Jeremiah F. Frein, Scott Christopher Gores, Kelsey Grenz, Eric James Gullixson, Heather D. Hanson, Michael David Hanson, Candace Grace Harrison, Erika Elizabeth Hatcher, Stephanie L. Heinen, Emily Lauren Hernandez, Katie Fae Hohenstein, April M. Houge, Christina M. Larsen, Rebecca J. Leonard, Nicole Kristina Lidstrom, Amy M. Liffbrig, Hayden Thomas Maertens, Shaun E Mathias, Jeremiah Thomas Miller, Julio R. Molina, Jeni Marie Muehlbauer, Joe KL. Mueller, Megan Rebecca Ness, Kayla Ann Peterson, Tyler R. Riewe, Catherine Marie Rockers, Hans Olaf Sageng, Jarrod Theodore Schreyer, Bethany A. Starr,

Joseph Jacobs Sullivan, Katie L Turbett, Nicole J Walters, Elliott Roy Waterbury, Benjamin Paul Willaert, Jerad Brendan Willford, Bryan H Williams, Jennifer Lee Wolfe; Mapleton — Elizabeth C Berentson, Luke W Buckholtz, Rex Allen Hammerschmidt, Clara B Hanson; N. Mankato — Jason Heeralall Ramoo; New Richland — Haley J Stout; New Ulm — Travis J Anderson, Eleanor M Bodine, Daniel Curt Buechner, Veronica Garza, Lindsay Hillesheim, Jaclyn Marie Hoffman, Skyler G Hutchens, Jamie L Lindholm, Kayliana Elica Nestriondies, Tammy Jo Rader, Ashley J Schroeder, Nicollet — Michelle L Ayers, Daniel W Tetzloff; North Mankato — Jolene M Baker, Kate Elaine Berndt, Melany M Gold, Nicole Annette Hagen, Brian C Maczkowicz, Malgorzata D Soroka, Danielle Marie White, Connie J Williams, Connie J Williams, Connie J Williams; Saint James — Melissa Amber Johnson; Saint Peter — Kelsey Catherine Anderson, Nathan A Hughes, Thomas C Simmons, Ricky J Torres; Sleepy Eye — Michelle K Augustin, Amber J Fischer; St. Peter — Angela J Rahman; St. James — Jay A Sawatzky; St. Peter — Tracy L Doerr, Amber L Luedke, Elizabeth Catherine Nelson; Waldorf — Tonya Lee Coy; Waseca — Angela Louise Conway, Julianne Robin Jensen, Julianne Robin Jensen, Nathaniel A Rugger, Matthew James Thomez; Waterville — Patty Irene Brown Gregor, Jennifer Marie Kanne, Teresa Ann Keller; Winnebago — Meagan M Kennedy, Lorena Vargas.

**University of Minnesota-Duluth**  
The following students were named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the University of Minnesota-Duluth: Amboy — Rachel A. Cyr, David Dickey; Blue Earth — Madeline R. McDonald, Karre E. Skaare, Erin Warner, Wade A. Wilhelmi; Eagle Lake — Piper K. Timmerman; Good Thunder — Charles J. Sieberg; Janesville — Cody W. Roemhildt; Le Sueur — Austin R. Boe, John T. Hanson, Michael B. Hanson, Lucas J. Traxler; Mankato — Hanna E. Cesario, Sara L. Hughes, Sierra A. Kamatchus, Jill Kroeger, David E. Tran Lam; Montgomery — Bailey M. Turek; New Richland — Molly Hacker; New Ulm — Amanda Kral; North Mankato — Meghan R. Tramp; St. Clair — Brandon J. Berry; St. Peter — Daniel C. Holz; Sleepy Eye — Rebeccah K. Ahlrich, Elizabeth B. Ludewig; Vernon Center — Samantha J. Peterson; Waseca — Ellie Neigebauer; Winnebago — Joseph M. Franta.



**Kelly Byrne**  
daughter of Steve and Debbie Byrne of Mankato. A graduate of Loyola High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Minnesota. She is employed by the Minneapolis School District as an elementary teacher.

**Cody Rauchman**  
son of Darrell and Diane Rauchman of Mankato. A graduate of Mankato East High School, the University of Minnesota and currently enrolled at Augsburg College. He is employed by U.S. Bank as a securities operations specialist. A March 30 wedding is planned.



**Sarah Sylvester**  
daughter of John and the late Enid Sylvester of North Mankato. She is employed by Cortland Data Corporation as a Vice President.

**Jim Griffith**  
son of Bob and Martha Griffith of Aurora, IL. He is employed by Sears Holdings for ARAMARK as an Audio Visual Manager. A September wedding is planned.

# CELEBRATIONS



**Bob Rolfes**  
MANKATO - A card shower is planned to honor Bob Rolfes of Mankato for his 80th birthday on February 3. Greetings may be sent to: 924 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato, MN 56001.



**Caryesse Leskey**  
daughter of Tom and Cathie Leskey of Madison Lake.

**Scott Klapperich**  
son of Dave and Jan Klapperich of Moline, Ill. A July 27 wedding is planned.



**Jim Hanneman**  
MANKATO - A card shower is planned to honor Jim Hanneman of Mankato for his 80th birthday on January 30. Greetings may be sent to: 1612 Clare Court, North Mankato, MN 56001

# BIRTHS

Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Mankato  
Jeremy and Emily Flitter, Mankato, boy, December 26.

# Anniversary, wedding and engagement policy

Engagement announcements should be to us at least one month prior to the wedding. Engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements may be formatted in the style of those published in The Free Press and email to classified@mankatofreepress.com. Photos may be scanned, saved as a JPEG and sent electronically and email to: classified@mankatofreepress.com. Forms for wedding, engagements and anniversary announcements are available on The

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# BRIEFS

**Driver improvement courses offered**  
The Minnesota Highway Safety Center is offering upcoming 55+ driver improvement courses. Four-hour refresher courses will be held at the following times and locations:  
■ 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Snell Motors, 1900 Madison Ave., Mankato.  
■ Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Summit Center, 518 S. Fifth St., Mankato.  
■ 4:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Middle School, 300 SE. Second Ave., Fairfax.  
■ 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Snell Motors, Mankato.  
■ 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Lake Crystal Wellcome

Memorial High School, Lake Crystal.  
■ Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Summit Center, Mankato.  
■ 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Snell Motors, Mankato.  
■ 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, at Snell Motors, Mankato.  
Full eight-hour courses for first-time participants will be held at the following times and locations:  
■ 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Snell Motors, Mankato.  
Those age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance premiums for three years. First-time participants must complete a full course. Repeat participants are required to take a refresher course. Cost is \$20 for a refresher course and \$24 for a full course. For more information or to register, call toll free at 888-234-1294 or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org.

**Grants available to rural schools**  
Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, is launching "America's Farmers Grow Rural Education" to aid rural school districts by providing \$10,000 and \$25,000 grants in 1,245 counties across 39 states. Public school districts in rural communities may be nominated to compete for a grant. Nominated school district administrators can then submit an application for either a \$10,000 or \$25,000 grant to support a science and/or math educational program by April 30, 2012. The Monsanto Fund will award 199 grants this year. There will be 177 \$10,000 grants and 22 grants of \$25,000 awarded. Visit growruraleducation.com for details.



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Sources: Scarborough 2008; MORI Research 2009.