

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Hiller - Place

Cami Hiller and Ryan Place were married August 27, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Good Thunder. Father Brian Sutton officiated. Parents of the couple are Jay and Polly Hiller of Mapleton and Dale and Denise Temnitz of Lakefield.

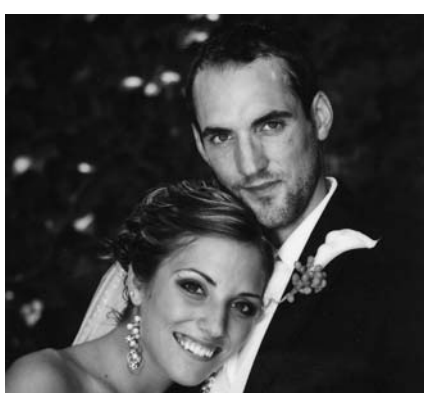
Maid of honor was Kati Hiller of Mankato and best man was Dan Condon of Jackson. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Bakalyar of St. Peter, Barb Drown of Albert City, IA, Malorie Kral of Springfield and Brittany Maas of St. James. Personal attendants were Katie Ehlers of Le Center, Ann Felber of Chanhassen and Desiree Sonnek of St. Cloud. Flower girl was Lucy Hiller of Minnetonka and ring bearer was Owen Barr of Mapleton.

Groomsmen were Trent Bisaillon of Round Lake, Dan Voss of Plymouth, Josh Swanson of Jackson and Brad Bosacker of Denver, Colo. Ushers were Michael Bakalyar of St. Peter, James Drown of Albert City, IA and Kris Hedrick of Brookings, S.D.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Maple River High School, a 2008 graduate of South Central College and a 2011 graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is employed by The Free Press.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Jackson County Central. He is employed by Vintage Fine Homes.

A reception was held at the Mankato Armory in Mankato. Following a trip to Deer River, Minn. the couple is home in North Mankato.



Walser - Gaulrapp

Megan Walser and James Gaulrapp were married July 30, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Father John Kunz officiated. Parents of the couple are John & Cathy Walser of Mapleton and Paul & Sharon Gaulrapp of Owatonna.

Maid of honor was Laura Walser and best man was Joel Gaulrapp. Bridesmaids were Jessica Jacobson, Emily Caldwell, Emily Carey and Melissa Gaulrapp. Flower girl was Kaylie Caldwell and ring bearer was Aiden Caldwell.

Groomsmen were Sean Murphy, Jake Pence, Mike Mayhew and Lincoln Nguyen.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Maple River High School. She is employed by the Mankato Surgery Center.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Owatonna High School and a 2010 graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is employed by Met-Con Construction as a project manager.

A reception was held at the Best Western in Mankato. Following a trip to Jamaica, the couple is home in Eagle Lake.



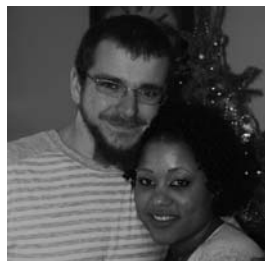
Megan Michelle Hauge

daughter of Michelle & Dave Hermann of New Ulm and Al Hauge & Gail Buckingham of Owatonna. A 2004 graduate of New Ulm High School, a graduate of Minnesota State University and South Central College, she is employed by Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato as a registered nurse.

Andrew James Oberle

son of Jim & Monica Oberle of Mankato. A 2000 graduate of Loyola High School and a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato, he is an owner of Play It Again Sports in Mankato.

A Jan. 28 wedding is planned.



Selina Marie Barnes

daughter of Michelle Eckstein of New Ulm. A graduate of South Central College, she is employed by Orchard Hills in New Ulm as a PCA.

Ryan Robin Prather

son of Ralph and Mona Prather of New Ulm. He is employed by Hansen Window and Siding in Mankato as an installer.

An Aug. 25 wedding is planned.

CELEBRATIONS

Rome Van Rossum

MANKATO - An open house is planned to honor Rome Van Rossum of Mankato for his 80th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 12. The open house will be held from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Masonic Temple, 309 South Second St., Mankato.

Frances Danks

MAPLETON - A card shower is planned to honor Frances Danks of Mapleton for her 80th birthday on January 10. Greetings may be sent to: P.O. Box 513, Mapleton, MN 56065.

NAMES & NOTABLES

Commercial Investment Member

David Schooff, president of Coldwell Banker Commercial Fisher Group, was awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation by the CCIM Institute. The designation was awarded during the Institute's fall business meeting in Phoenix.

Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Program

Angela Otto of Belle Plaine and Shawn Bohnen of Sleepy Eye were named recipients of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Program for 2011. The scholarship is awarded to individuals planning to become Minnesota peace officers.

East Junior High Junior High

The following students were named to the first quarter A honor roll at East Junior High Junior High: 7th Grade — Noah Abu-Odeh, Makayla Adams, Madison Ahrens, Kalla Alstad, Joshua Anderson, Morgan Anderson, Paul Andreszcuk, Nashaya Bartolo, Conor Beckel, Nicholas Beert, Michael Behsman, Caleb Berger, Autumn Boik, Josie Borneke, Bailey Braam, Elise Braswell, Jordan Burns, Chelsey Cummings, Andrew Davis, Christina Donley, Kaitlin Drahem, Meghan Draheim, Michael Dreyer, Tabitha Driver, Eric Eckheart, Tadhg Fitzpatrick, Andre Fortin, Benjamin Frederick, Ivy Glade, Elora Greiner, Taylor Hansen, Lucy Harff, Brooke Hemish, Rachel Hess, Michael Hillesheim, Rachel Huebert, Avery Javens, Haley Johannsen, Tanner Johnson, Claire Johnston, Jacob Jordan, Megan Kalina, Bailey Kanstrup, Taylor Kanstrup, Morgan Keim-Wolfe, Isabella Klabough, Isabelle Klassen, Nathan Kleist, Claire Krenik, Aliea Lange, Abigail Leasman, Tyler Lebert, Abby Leite, Shelbie Lembi, Lucas Makovsky, Aaron Marthaler, Jada Mckenzie, Breck Michels, Mackenzie Miller, Kyla Modrow, Stephany Morrow, Keeli

Mueller, Andrea Nelson, Laura Nienaber, Emily Oelke, Joshua Ouyang, Amanda Pacheco, Aurora Penner, Bryce Plagman, Mason Pommier, Cody Prah, Lauren Reid, Rebecca Renbold, Torey Richards, Zachary Riehl, Matthew Rigdon, Liza Rodriguez, Lynsey Rohlfling, Alexandria Schreiber, Halery Scruggs, Jason Scruggs, Nathan Scruggs, Bryce Sellner, Haley Shorter, Mackenzie Smetana, Jenna Snaza, Gregory Sorbo, Gina Stoner, Cole Theobald, Mia Thonesavanh, Aneka Tweeten, David Vatndal, Khia Veith, Madisen Veith, Cierra Wangen, Kaje Warren, Kylie Weckwerth, Jayde Whelan, Marisa Wilmes, Garret Winch. 8th Grade — Samuel Ahrens, Carley Allen, Anna Armstrong, Brittany Arnold, Luke Bauer, Brady Becker, Jay Beckman, Melanie Bengtson, Samantha Bibbs, Abigail Blais, Hannah Boettcher, Jon Bundy, Kyle Bungert, Alexis Carroll, Sidney Colbrunn, Lauren Daly, Mitchell Dauk, Cayleigh Falink-Robinson, Elizabeth Fedder, Dylan Findlay, Kayla Fingerson, Emily Flaherty, Madeline Foz-Wahab, Mckenna Gens, Mariah George, Rebecca Gomez, Ariel Groh, Amber Haack, Makayla Hager, Liban Hassan, Dylan R. Hayenga, Brenden Hoehn, Madeline Homich, Pratcha Jagdish, Eric Jaster, Cassandra Johnson-Jennings, Alexis Just, Brian Kennedy, Erykah Kirksey, Emma Klaseus, Lauren Kloss, Madison Krinke, Taylor Kuechle, Annie Kunst, Megan Kunz, Anna Laumann, Brock Lozinski, Adam Moret, Paige Nelson, Andrea Nett, Alexis Nussbaumer, Hunter Oberle, Jaklyn Olson, Jordan Pasker, Elizabeth Reed, Jacob Richardson, Michael Roy, Sayontan Roy, Jacob Schisel, Hannah Schmeling, Kaci Schneidawind, Koen Schneidawind, Andrew Schultze, Hanna Shank, Daniel Shevtsov, Brandon Sloniker, Matthew Smith, Joshua Snapp, Jennifer Snyder, Katherine Spear, Kalli Steinberg,

Madeleine Stenzel, James Strom, Logan Swanson, Allison Taylor, Nathan Thomas, Jennifer Tran, Kyle Viker, Erik Voda, Jaida Wakefield, Jacob Wilde, Savanna Wilson, Taya Wunsch.

House of Family

Navy Seaman Nicholas A. Fredericks, son of Shirley and Lyle Fredericks of Mankato, and fellow Sailors participated in a community service project at the House of Family children's shelter in Sihanoukville, Cambodia. The shelter is funded by the School of Public Health and Social Work of St. Elizabeth and serves as a refuge for HIV/AIDS positive orphans or vulnerable children. Sailors and Marines helped make a stone walkway for the shelter. Afterwards they played games, danced and provided basic medical treatment.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants

The Minnesota Historical Society awarded history and historic preservation grants to organizations across the state. The following received Small and Structured Grants: Blue Earth County Historical Society — Discover the Dakota Culture and Heritage, \$7,000; Minnesota State University-Library Services — Reporter Digitization Project - Minnesota State University, \$7,000; Nicollet County Historical Society — Commemorating Controversy Lecture Series, \$4,000; Nicollet County Historical Society — Acquire an ImageData Microfilm Scanner, \$6,999.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The amendment supports efforts to preserve Minnesota land, water and legacy, including state history and cultural heritage. The grants were awarded according to professional standards and criteria.

BOOK: 'It gives a whole new life to the images'

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There are even book apps that have never been printed books, such as David Sedaris' "David's Diary," six animated videos inspired by his diary entries.

Image-heavy books, such as picture books and photo books, lend themselves well to apps. "The iPad does images better than you can print them," Leary said. "The quality is like a transparency in a lightbox."

Minnesota photographer Jim Brandenburg turned his award-winning 1998 book, "Chased by the Light," into an app. It contains the original images of northern Minnesota, additional photos from the revised softcover edition, "After the Storm," and 17 video clips from the documentary about the book.

"Each of the video clips are positioned right on that image," said Heidi Brandenburg, the photographer's daughter and manager. "So as you look at it, Jim is talking about why he chose that subject and what he was thinking."

You can also toggle from an original image to a photo of the same place, taken since the BWCA blowdown. "This is our very first app, but it won't be our last," Brandenburg said. "For pho-

tography, it's just unbelievable. It gives a whole new life to the images."

Apps of children's books are particularly attractive to busy parents, Helman said. "How often do you whip out a phone and say, 'I'll buy myself 20 minutes of silence?' I think parents feel good about book apps because it's still a book and the child is still learning." If parents are too busy to read to the child — or have already read the book aloud 50 times — the app can take over. "It means, in some respect, that the kid is now spending more time with books because it doesn't require the parent to be there," Helman said.

This gives Phyllis Root pause. "If it gets children interested in books, it's good," said Root, the Minneapolis author of more than 40 books for children and an instructor in Hamline University's MFA program in writing for children. "But the most important thing about a picture book is that you sit down and read it with a kid."

A parent can point to a picture and say, "What sound does a frog make?" Root said. "And the child might make the sound. But if every time you come to that page you can push the frog and it makes a noise, you've handed over some of the interac-

tiveness of the picture book to this prepackaged shape."

Lori Helman, associate professor of literacy education at the University of Minnesota and co-director of the Minnesota Center for Reading Research (and no relation to Harper Collins' Corinne Helman), said human relations are crucial to child development.

"We need a lot of opportunities for face-to-face interaction so children can learn what it means to be human," she said. "A developing person, whether they're 2 or 7, needs to be able to ask questions and check out their understanding. And no app can be responsive to all the questions and thoughts and wonderings that a young person needs. You need people."

That said, Helman added, apps and e-books can give kids more access to books and put libraries at their fingertips.

"If we're using these things as little babysitters, I think kids will get tired of them," she said. "But if we use them to enhance our interaction, imagine the great conversation that could spark."

While technology is fueling this trend, it is also slow-

ing it down.

Apps must be written one way for Apple products, another way for Droids. App stores don't have a separate category for book apps, making them hard to find. And devices are changing so fast that no one dares invest too heavily in any one direction.

"It's been a sort of three steps forward, three steps back," said Terry Adams, who heads e-book and digital publishing for the Hachette Book Group, which includes Little, Brown. "It is the wild, wild West in this marketplace."

All that additional content requires negotiation and money. "If our agreement with an author is a basic book agreement, there are rights related to images and sound and whatever that are not part of that," Adams said. "So that material has to be provided and paid for. It's very expensive."

Still, Harper Collins' Helman said she thinks these are temporary obstacles. "The publishing industry is trying to get together to figure this out," she said. "There's no doubt in my mind that the standard will be achieved. This is just momentary noise."

BIRTHS

Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Mankato
Aaron and Nicole Tish, North Mankato, female, November 27

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