

Family

Death

Lola Tompkins

Lola Tompkins, 93, of Goodland, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004 at Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 18, 1911 near Neosho, Mo., the daughter of Oliver Lee and Ida (Meyer) Hosey. She and Hoyt Tompkins were married January of 1933 in Goodland and lived at the Tompkins' ranch for 25 years until 1958. Due to her husband's health problems, the couple moved to Goodland where he died in August of 1969. Mrs. Tompkins was a homemaker and enjoyed family, gardening, reading and painting. Preceding her in death were her

parents, husband, a brother and sister from Missouri and one granddaughter. Survivors are son, A. H. "Tommy" Tompkins of Goodland and many grandchildren, to include Thomas M.H. Tompkins of Colby. There will be no service at this time and following cremation a private memorial service was held at the Goodland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Goodland Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary or to the American Cancer Society and left or mailed in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Card Shower

Couple to celebrate 50th
The children of Robert and Caroline Tubbs request the presence of family and friends to an informal reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn (formally Ramada Inn) in Colby. Robert Tubbs and Caroline Prokop were married Jan. 9, 1955 in Colby. Cards may be mailed to: 2846 Co. Rd. 11, Levant, Kan. 67743. No gifts please.

Baptism

Breon Thomas Barton
Father Dana Clark baptized Breon Thomas Barton, infant son of Brice and Amber (Zelfer) Barton, on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. Godparents are Mark Wahlmeier and Cassie Zelfer.

Square dancing planned Saturday

Vic Perry of Lawrence will be the caller for the Golden Buckle square dance on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. Every dancer is to bring a small flashlight for the Flashlight Dance. Visitors are welcome, said Delma Dible, one of the coordinators.

Remembering 2004 and accomplishments

Leilani Thomas

● On The Road Again

2004 is becoming a memory as we ring in the New Year of 2005. We hope it is a wonderful, healthy and happy year for all of you. We do want to reminisce about some of those memories before we move on. 2004 was a very good year for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. We opened the Colby Visitors Center May 11 th after years of planning and building. We are delighted with the positive response we have received from the visitors and our community. Kansas Chautauqua was in Colby for almost a week giving tent shows, workshops and children's activities centered around the bleeding years of Kansas. A new brochure was developed in partnership with the Prairie Museum of Art and History which is a walking and driving tour of the community. These activities combined with the usual Rod Run, Bluegrass Festival, Celebration on the High Plains and Sporting tournaments and conferences scheduled made for a very full year. Leadership Thomas County met Dec. 15 in the conference room of the Thomas County Office Complex. The focus of the day was on city and county government with class members meeting with and interviewing leaders in the field. A mock town hall meeting was held in the afternoon facilitated by Carolyn Armstrong. Several of the leaders returned for the session as well as Economic Developer Gerry Fulwider and Chamber Director Jada Tubbs. Discussion and interaction between class members and leaders was lively as the topic of "Development of Policy and Guidelines for Use of Quarter Cent

Sales Tax for Economic Development" was discussed. Now we look to 2005! In January there are several major sporting events. The Colby College Wrestling Tournament of Champions will take place Friday and Saturday the Community Building. Western Kansas Liberty League tournament will be held at the Community Building on the Jan. 13, 14, 15. An annual favorite is the Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic which will take place January 20, 21 and 22 with games at the Community Building and, High Schools. Other non-sporting events include the annual Wellness Fair which will take place at on the 15th of January in the Student Union of the College. The Prairie Museum of Art & History has a special "Kansas Day" planned on Jan. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. This event is to commemorate the 144th birthday of Kansas with historic games and activities, food and entertainment. We will be working the Travel Show in Denver the last week of January which will be held at the Convention Center. This will give us the opportunity to share Colby and Northwest Kansas hunting, fishing and attraction information with our Colorado neighbors. This is in conjunction with volunteers from the Northwest Kansas Travel Council which is also working a show in Kansas City Mo. at the beginning of the month.

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Justin Barrett is originally from Oberlin where he attended Decatur Community High School. He attended Washburn University where he received his bachelor's degree in May 2000. After spending his first year of law school in Boston, MA., Justin returned to Washburn University where he completed his law degree in May 2004. Justin is married to Amber and he and his wife have a 14-month-old daughter whose name is Justice. In addition to his private practice, Justin is the recently elected Cheyenne County Attorney and will also be an Adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Program at Colby Community College. Justin is glad to be returning to the area and looks forward to serving the community. Feel free to come by and meet Justin or call and make an appointment for a free, one hour consultation.

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