

Family

Babies



Lilly Sabatka

Lilly Catherine Sabatka

Lilly Catherine Sabatka, daughter of Jennifer and Kasey Sabatka of McDonald, was born Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 3/4 inches. Sister Grace and brothers Tyler and John welcome the baby home. Grandparents are Susie and R.J. Sabatka, and Kenny and Pauline Micek of Atwood. Great-grandparents are Vera and Laddie Kacirek and Agnes Sabatka of Atwood.

Carter James Gordon

Carter James Gordon, son of Kim Gordon, Colby was born Jan. 10, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 13

ounces, and measured 19 inches. Grandparents are Stacy Gordon, Colby, and Joe Gordon, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Darrell and Bertha Fikan of Colby; Bob and Gay Briggs of Copeland; and Art McKnight of Enid, Okla.

Ella Jane Fikan

Ella Jane Fikan, daughter of Brad and Shannon Fikan, was born Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches. Brother Taden welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Melinda Fikan, John and Karen Fikan and Lowell and Sue Harter, all of Colby. Great-grandparents are Darrell and Bertha Fikan of Colby; Bob and Gay Briggs of Copeland; and Art McKnight of Enid, Okla.

Brewster Honor Roll

Students at Brewster schools named to the second-quarter honor roll from Oct. 20 to semester break:

Honors with Distinction (4.0): eighth grade, Will Allen, Michael Schmidt; ninth grade, Jessica Klemm;

Honor Roll (3.5-3.99): seventh grade: Nathan Jorgensen, Madison Mayer; eighth grade: Dan Brown, Courtney Doxon; sophomore: Karyn Gillispie, Whitney Schultz; junior: Seth Ackerman, Ryan Allen, Rose Bear, Nichelle Erskine, Emily Klemm, Callie Jorgensen, Devan Selby; senior: Seth Carpenter, Brittany Kammer, Ethan Kammer.

Honorable Mention (3.0-3.49): seventh grade: Ashley Barrie, Taryn Bedore; eighth grade: Dezember Black; freshman: Aaron Luckert; sophomore: Sheena Rall; junior: Brittney Burkholder, Spencer Holm; senior: T.J. Preston.

Named to the first semester honor roll:

Honors with Distinction (4.0): seventh grade: Madison Mayer; eighth grade: Will Allen, Michael Schmidt; ninth grade: Jessica Klemm.

Honor Roll (3.5-3.99): seventh grade: Nathan Jorgensen; eighth grade: Dan Brown; sophomore: Karyn Gillispie, Sheena Rall, Whitney Schultz; junior: Rose Bear, Stefanie Eicher, Nichelle Erskine, Emily Klemm, Callie Jorgensen, Devan Selby; senior: Seth Carpenter, Brittany Kammer, T.J. Preston.

Honorable Mention (3.0-3.49): seventh grade: Ashley Barrie, Taryn Bedore; eighth grade: Amber Barrie, Dezember Black, Courtney Doxon; freshman: Kasey Hoyt, Aaron Luckert; junior: Seth Ackerman, Ryan Allen, Brittney Burkholder; senior: Austin Klemm.

Grants to help kids' programs

Sunday, March 1, is the deadline for the next cycle of grants offered by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Wichita.

For an application and information, go to www.ronaldhouse-wichita.org or call Susan Smythe, (316) 269-4182.

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Alisa Leigh Golden, Nicholas Andrew Baden

Couple plans May rite

Alisa Leigh Golden of Oakley and Nicholas Andrew Baden plan to marry Saturday, May 30, at the Oakley Christian Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Golden of Oakley. Baden is the son of Leo and Janice Baden of Colby.

Alisa's grandparents are Alma Golden of Grainfield and Leonard and Joan Richard of St. Francis. Nick is the grandson of Helen Hoops of Superior, Neb.

Alisa is a 2006 graduate of Oakley High School, a 2008 graduate of Colby Commu-

nity College, and is attending Friends University in Wichita.

Nick graduated from Colby High School, then from Colby Community College in 2005. He is a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in accounting and a minor in management.

He is a tax analyst for the CCH, a Wolters Kluwer business in Wichita.

The couple plans to live in Wichita.

Deaths

Hubert R. Cooper

Hubert R. Cooper, 78, Colby, a car salesman and former Colby city councilman, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at Via Christi - St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born Dec. 5, 1922, in Randall to John and Rosa (Zimmer) Cooper. He was a dental technician in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Gene Bixenman on Oct. 31, 1949, in Colby.

Mr. Cooper was a car salesman for 30 years, and served on the Colby City Council from 1974 to 1977. He was a member and usher of the Colby United Methodist Church and a past commander and adjutant Colby American Legion Post. He gave his time to cook for the Legion and catered for special events. His greatest enjoyment was cooking and baking

for friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Donald and Johnnie Cooper.

Surviving are his wife, of the home; two daughters, Marla (Howard) Reed, Salina, and Karla (Rod) McAtee of Hays; two sisters, Norma Lee Brainard of Denver and Rose Ann Chance of Colby; a brother, Ronnie Cooper, Oberlin; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the church, with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colby.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Harrison Chapel. The family suggests contributions to the church or the Thomas County Historical Society in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Corrections

In a birth announcement for Ella Jane Fikan on Page 4 of the Monday, Jan. 12, *Colby Free Press*, her brother Taden's name was misspelled. This was a typographical error.

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The Rexford news on Page 4 of the same paper reported that two school board positions are open for election. There actually are three. This was a reporting error.

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Thank You!

I would like to thank all my family and friends, for thier thoughts, prayers, and cards sent to me during my recent surgery in Wichita. Thanks to Nancy and to the best kids in the world, Mindy, Lindle and Kyle; Dusty, Kylie & the 3-B's, thank you all for helping me through my recovery! I couldn't have done it without you!

Ramona (Mony) Stupha

Thank You

The CCC Wrestling Team & Coach would like give Tammy & Jim Brown a BIG THANK YOU for the wonderful meal they provided us. It was great to have help with a meal during the break.

Coach Lampe & CCC Wrestlers

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