

# Family

## Babies

### Kyler Martin Harter

Andy and Michelle Harter announce the birth of their son Kyler Martin on Jan. 10, 2008, in Kearney, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Lowell and

Sue Harter of Colby and Tom and Mary Henning of Kearney. Great-grandparents are Harvey and Betty Henning of Kearney.

Kyler was welcomed home by brothers Logan, 6, and Ethan, 1.

### Teagan Glynne Hughes

Nori and Angie Hughes of Colorado Springs, Colo., announce the birth of their daughter Teagan Glynne on Jan. 18, 2008. She weighed 4 pounds 12 ounces and measured 16 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jim and Shir-

ley Malcolm of Colby and Tina Hughes and the late Tim Hughes of Colorado Springs. Great-grandmother is Mabel Malcolm of Norton.

Teagan is welcomed home by sister, Torianna.

### Hailey Sue Powell

Aaron and Sarah Powell announce the birth of their daughter Hailey Sue Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces

and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Susan Yingling and Philip and Patricia Powell all of Colby.

## Rambo blows up the big screen

By Everett Robert  
Colby Free Press

Growing up in the 1980s I always heard about Rambo, the Vietnam vet who went crazy, killed a bunch of people, rescued POWs, fought the Vietcong and the Russians.

I remember watching the movies, especially "First Blood" and "Rambo 3" on TV and thinking I would never get the chance to see Rambo in a movie theatre. Then in December 2006, Sylvester Stallone while promoting "Rocky Balboa" (another of Stallone's icons I never thought I'd see in a movie theatre), mentioned he was getting ready to make a fourth Rambo movie.

Well it's been just a little over a year since "Rocky Balboa" and Stallone presents us with the simply titled "Rambo."

This isn't a rerelease of the original "First Blood" which a lot of people refer to as "Rambo," this is a different film then any of the previous three but with homages and mentions to those films.

It starts off with a brief history of the 60-year civil war in Burma between the Burmese government and the Christian peasants, the Karen. We then see John Rambo, living alone in Thailand. A group of Christian missionaries approach him and ask him to take them to Burma so that they can bring medical supplies and books to the suffering Karen people.

The Americans get a glimpse of the kind of man Rambo is and don't want him to pick them up. But when they are captured, the church they were from hires him to take in a group of mercenaries back into Burma. The mercenaries find themselves over their head and only Rambo can help out, despite their, and his, reluctance.

Written, directed, and starring Sylvester Stallone, "Rambo" is a violent movie. One reason being his choice of almost hyper-stylizing the action, speeding it up and cutting it very quick. An odd choice to be sure, but to me it worked, it gives you the sense

of being there of how things just happen. A line in the movie goes "when pushed, killing is as easy as breathing," the stylized violence shows you that, how a man can find himself in the midst of war-craft and follow his instincts almost blindly.

Another feature of this movie I liked as opposed to the other three is the team aspect. In the previous movies, John Rambo has always been a loner fighting the good fight by himself. Here, he is joined by a group of mercenaries, trained fighters out to collect a paycheck. And while their motives are different, Rambo to save people who have made an impact in his life vs. the mercenaries who are getting paid, they work together and a mutual respect develops. Lives are sacrificed for each other and ultimately for the greater good.

The portrayal of the Christians was also well handled. These are not crazy fundamentalists as Hollywood has a history of depicting, but rather good, honest people who feel it is their duty and their calling to help the Karen people. There are scenes of them handing out clothes, books, medicines and teaching.

Sylvester Stallone's character uses words, and mainly facial expressions, to express all the loneliness, the fear, the anger and the frustration that one in his situation would. The people he is hired to guide, both missionaries and mercenaries, don't listen to his advice nor is he really wanted there. Only one person seems to care about him and that is the sole female on the trip, Sarah. Sarah is played by Julie Benz, She portrays the strength, the compassion, and the fear that this role requires.

Also worth mentioning is Matthew Marsden ("Black Hawk Down") as the mercenary school boy. He takes a very stock character and brings it to life in a fresh way.

"Rambo" is rated R for strong, graphic violence, sexual assaults, grisly images and language.

It has one of the best movie endings I've ever seen.

## Solomon Valley 4-H prepares for benefits

Danita Comfort  
Parent reporter

Parent president Jennifer Woofter called the January meeting of the Solomon Valley 4-H club to order.

Kurt Sloan led the flag salute. Roll call by secretary Judy Reed had 26 members and 17 adults answering, "What is your favorite movie?"

Jennifer Woofter also served as song leader and lead the club in singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as a three-part round. The minutes of the November meeting were read by Judy Reed and approved. It was also noted that the club did not have a December meeting due to weather and many members being absent for school functions. Shawna Kersenbrock gave a report on the savings and checking account balances. Danita Comfort reported the November minutes had been taken to the paper, but was unsure if they had been printed.

Kayla Sloan introduced a visitor, Tiffany Wilson. Following officers reports, club leaders Tami Goossen and Danita Comfort reported on many activities that he club is involved in. The Whitney Schultz benefit to be held on March 9 at the 4-H building was first on the list. Raffle items need to be decided on as well as having families sign up to help work the day of the benefit and the day before to prepare cinnamon rolls and brown the hamburger for the chili. A list of possible raffle items was discussed.

Quinnlyn Woofter moved and it was seconded by Tori Swafford the club donate a beef bundle, movie basket and a baby gift basket. Motion carried. Abbie Redd moved that the beef bundle be bought at J&B Meat Market for \$50. This motion was amended to state the value of \$100. It was second and carried.

Kelly Sloan volunteered to put together the movie basket. Quinnlyn and Kayla Sloan will get the baby basket and Abbie Reed will

take care of a gift certificate for the beef bundle.

Danita reported pizzas would be made Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. until about noon. Everyone needs to try and help be there to make the pizzas and if they cannot attend to help make them, they need to be there to pick up pizzas they sold. The club sold about 162 pizzas.

Quinnlyn gave a report from the last council meeting. She reminded everyone of important, upcoming dates. Beef weigh-in will be Feb. 16. County Club days are March 28. Small animal weigh-in is May 1. She also reported on the pilot program for electronic ear tags that will be used this year for market beef and market lambs.

The program was led by Tom Sloan, our parent vice president. Project talks were given by Brenda Swafford on "How to get skunk smell off your dog."

Leland Wilson spoke on his pig project from 1968 using information from his record book. He stated the cost of the pigs and his feed. His profit for the year was \$52.52.

Karen Thummel gave a demonstration on how to make glass blocks and Greg Comfort demonstrated how to teach a horse to break its poll.

Stella Ziegelmeier lead recreation. Members played a game of cosmic catch. The meeting was called back to order. Chandler Comfort led the club in the 4-H flag salute.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Sloan and seconded by Chandler Comfort.

Host families Ross Sloan and Conrad Reed served cookies and milk.



Stan and Myrna Ostmeyer

## Couple to celebrate

Stan and Myrna Ostmeyer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday.

Their children and spouses are Denise and David Volk of Olathe; Raenette and Russ Martin of Colby and Darrent and Stacy Ostmeyer of Libertyville, Ill. They have seven grandchildren.

A family celebration is planned for May.

Stan and Myrna were married Feb. 15, 1958, in Oakley. He works for Kansas State University and she works as an independent caregiver.

## Cummins Central Power LLC. Customer Appreciation Day

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008

1800 South Range

Colby, KS

Please join us for drinks, snacks and door prizes.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$9.75
Corn	\$4.66
Milo	\$7.87
Soybeans	\$11.61