

Family

Babies

Jewel Averi Hurst

James Hurst and Jodi Roane of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Jewel Averi Hurst, born Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Grandparents are Jerry and Julie Roane of Goodland and Dawn Singleton of Sterling, Colo.

Great-grandparents are Glenda and the late Dennis Roane and the late JoAnn and Cletus Rein.

Jewel weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Daylan Wood Fairchild

Heather and Chase Fairchild announce the birth of their son, Daylan Wood, Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Salina Regional Health Center.

and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Dude and Carol Morgan of Colby and Chuck and Teresa Fairchild of Lindsborg.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces



James and Kathleen Tubbs

Couple to celebrate 40th anniversary

Sherrie and Brent Wiedeman and George Tubbs and Sherrie Miller and their families wish to honor their parents' 40th wedding anniversary with a card shower.

Tubbs were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on May 4, 1968. Cards can reach the couple at 470 W. Ash Street, Colby, KS 67701

James D. and Kathleen (McInay)

Parents turn photo into lesson

NEW YORK (AP) — Miley Cyrus' struggle with her controversial photo in "Vanity Fair" presents a great opportunity for parents to discuss how seemingly innocuous photos posted to a blog or social networking site can be misinterpreted, experts say.

of WiredSafety.org, agreed, saying girls as young as 11 are posing in their bras, with pursed lips on the top of sports cars and posting the photos to their MySpace pages — without their parents' knowledge.

The 15-year-old pop star appears in the upcoming issue wrapped in what appears to be a satin bedsheet, looking over her shoulder with her back and shoulder exposed. Miley has said she is "so embarrassed" by the photos and has apologized to her fans.

While many teens are savvy than their parents when it comes to social networking, they are unaware of the consequences of posting inappropriate photos, videos and revealing personal information on the Internet, says Don Tapscott, who is working on a sequel to his "Growing Up Digital" book.

But it may not be that much different from what regular girls are already putting up on the Internet, says M. Gigi Durham, author of "The Lolita Effect."

A 15-year-old may have no idea that something on her Facebook page could come back to haunt her, says Tapscott, whether it's a college recruiter, future employer, a cyberbully, or someone using the information to demean her.

"It is pretty routine these days for girls to post provocative pictures of themselves online," she says. "The sexual objectification of young girls is so normal in today's media environment."

And trying to stop something once it's been posted, is "like trying to catch a river in your hand," says Aftab.

Parry Aftab, executive director

Basket case



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press

Shannon Wells (right, standing) poured candy to Ron Evans Tuesday during Colby Rotary meeting. The club spent their meeting making May Baskets for May Day, which is Thursday. We won't tell who the baskets are for because that would ruin the surprise to the people who are expected to receive one.

Parents weigh the risks of leaving kids in cars

Associated Press

From the driver's seat, the coffee shop catches your eye, giving you hope that a steaming midday cup could help you survive after a sleepless night with a teething toddler. The only thing in your way is the sleeping lump strapped into his car seat.

Any parent who drives knows the calculation: You could lock the doors, run in and grab your coffee while keeping an eye on things out the window. Or you could wake the child, undo the car-seat straps, scoop him up and carry the crying kid through the store and then have to do it all again in reverse.

tant to admit it, many say they've taken the easier route, or at least considered it, despite experts' warnings that things can and do go terribly wrong when children are left alone in cars.

The issue became an online flashpoint after an Illinois mother was arrested in December on a child endangerment charge for leaving her 2-year-old daughter sleeping in her locked, alarmed car while she and her two older daughters put change in a Salvation Army kettle. She said she was 30 feet away and gone for only minutes.

In other words, a quick errand or a potential ordeal?

The charges were recently dropped. But the case sent parents to their keyboards, with many blasting the police for going too

far and saying there were more dangerous things parents do with children, like smoking in a car. Others applauded the arrest, saying the woman had put the girl in danger.

Laws on kids and cars vary by state. Twelve states make it illegal to leave a child, with some specifying the age and time alone, according to two advocacy groups.

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