

# Family

## Deaths

The Rev. Henry Joseph Kieffer, 85, Concordia, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby before he retired in 1993, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Mount Joseph Senior Village in Concordia.

He was born Dec. 7, 1923, on a farm near Palmer, one of 13 children of Joseph G. and Catherine R. (L'Ecuyer) Kieffer. The family later lived in Clifton, on a farm near Ames, in Clyde and then in Belleville, where he completed grade school and graduated from high school in 1942.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, with service in England and France from April 1943 to December 1945 with the 9th Air Force Troop Carrier Command. He was discharged as a sergeant.

Father Kieffer entered Conception Seminary in 1946 and was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Salina on May 27, 1954. He served as parochial vicar at St. Michael Catholic Church in Collyer from 1954 to 1958, and pastor of Immaculate Conception in Minneapolis ('58-'60), Sts. Peter and Paul in Cawker City and St. Mary's in Downs ('60-'72), St. John's in Beloit ('72-'78), St. John the Baptist in Clyde and St. Joseph in St. Joseph ('78-'81), chaplain of the Nazareth Mother House in Concordia ('81-'85), pastor of St. Peter's in Aurora ('83-'85) and in Colby before he retired in 1993. He often led services at the nursing home after moving to an

apartment there. Father Kieffer led construction of new churches while in Downs and Cawker City. He enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts and served as chaplain and diocesan director of Scouting beginning in 1958. He received the Wood Badge in 1966 and the Order of the Silver Beaver in 1967.

He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and enjoyed genealogy, photography, woodworking, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-mother, Magdalyn Hiendel Kieffer, three brothers, Joseph G. Kieffer, John Kieffer and Thomas Kieffer; a sister, Jan Kieffer; and four brothers in law, Al (Theresa) Baxa, Willis (Marge) Walker, Terry (Marilyn) Huff and Fred (Marilyn) Wilson.

He leaves six sisters, Mary (Stanley) Popelka, Marge Walker and Ann (Elwin) Danielson of Belleville, Theresa Baxa of Beloit, Judy (Herb) Meis of Iliff, Colo, and Marilyn Wilson of Larned; two brothers, David (Diane) Kieffer of Hartford City, Ind. and Jim (Dixie) Kieffer of Pancho Murietta, Calif.; two sisters in law, Virginia Kieffer and Karan Kieffer of Belleville; 24 nieces; and 24 nephews.

Bishop Paul S. Coakley will celebrate a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia. Military rites and burial will follow

at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday at the Chaput-Bouy Funeral Home, Concordia, and after 5 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The family suggests contributions to the Community of St. Joseph.

## Rexford elections coming up soon

The year is officially over once the Christmas and holiday decorations disappear from Main Street and the neighborhood yards. Midwest Energy assisted City Manager Bill Scott in taking down the town ornaments on Wednesday.

The December pinochle tournament had 10 players entered; Bill Dible and Ken Sanford took first place.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper celebrated Christmas on Dec. 26 and 27 at the lake house of her son Robert and his wife Marsha at Kanapolis Lake. Cleda's grandson Christopher, who is working on a master's degree at Georgetown University, Washington and son Tim and family of Kansas City were also there.


The Dennis and Vicki Allison household was busy with extended family over the holidays. Relatives included Vicki's mother, Madonna Anderson, Gem; brother, Duke, and children, Duke II and Jayci, Topeka; sister Debbie and Dan Thompson, Round Rock, Texas; Jacob and Aaron Morton of Austin, Texas; brothers Tim and Marty Anderson, Colby; April and Sienna Vargas, Selden; Tina Ohlrogge and Dan Urban, Colby, and her sons Mitchell and Shane Ohlrogge and their father, Mark Ohlrogge, Levant; brother, David and Lori Anderson and Sage and Sophie, Owasso, Oklahoma; brother, Dustin and Francis Anderson and Maranda, Paige, Dustin Jr., and Brooke, of Winfield; and brother, Shawn and Nikki Anderson, Kansas City. Vicki's children and families also attended; Chad and Desiree Wark, Morgan, Hayden, and Dylan, Rexford; Chance and Rebecca Rains, and Jaren, Victoria;

Kristin Wark, a University of Kansas student, and Jami Wark, from Fort Hays State University. Vicki's sister, Cindy Neff and husband Chris of Comins, Mich., were not able to make the trip.

The winner of the Bulldog Blanket raffled at Jokers was Teri Gould. Peggy Saddler of Gem made the blanket for Golden Plains seniors as a money-making project. Peggy is the grandmother of senior Kelton Jones, son of Alan and Sally Jones.

The City of Rexford has two council positions up for election this spring and also two positions for the Golden Plains School Board will be open for election. If you're interested, an application form that must be filled out and turned in to the county clerk's office in Colby by noon, Tuesday Jan. 27. There is also a \$5 fee, payable to the County Clerk.

Until next time, make your week memorable.



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## Babies

### Maggie Suzanne Holle

Maggie Suzanne Holle, daughter of Orrin and Beth Holle, was born Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Brothers Henry, 3, and Eli, 19 months, welcomed her home. Grandparents are Howard and Suzanne Wehrman, Sylan Grove, and Kevin and Mary Holle, Herndon. Great-grandparents are Violet Holle, Atwood, and Roy Jr. and Georgia Bauer, Pawnee Rock.



Maggie Holle

### 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 Taken 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.

### Jayton Kenny Rush

Jayton Kenny Rush was born Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita to Clay and Jessica Rush of Wichita. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents

are Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings and Neal and Jolene Rush of Brewster. Great-grandparents are Frank Bouts of Selden, Virginia Wildeman of Grainfield and Rolland Rush of Levant.

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.75
Corn (bushel)	\$3.72
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.44
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.19

## Open house planned

The family of Genevive Keller will honor her with an open house and card shower on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, for her 90th birthday.

The event will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Colby Care Center, 105 E. College Drive.

## MOVIE PASSES

Watch for your name in the Wednesday movie listings for 2 free passes.

(Passes must be used within 7 days.)

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### M. Darlene Gillispie

M. Darlene Gillispie, 77, a Colby homemaker, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2008, in Colby.

Mrs. Gillispie was born Dec. 3, 1931, in Levant to Lawrence "Whitey" and Hattie (Erwin) Touslee and lived in this area all of her life.

She married Lyle Gillispie in Colby on June 5, 1949. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; two sons, Randy Gillispie, Emporia, and Richard Gillispie, Abilene; three daughters, Sherri Hiebert, Wichita; Marsha (Jack) Crook, Garden City; and Jodie (Shawn) Ackerman,

Hutchinson; a brother, Delbert Touslee of Colby; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, with Pastor Erik Graefe of Abilene officiating. Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, and Wednesday before the service at the chapel.

The family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Support Group. They may be left at any Colby bank or sent to Harrison Chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Edmond J. (Ed) Berens

Edmond J. (Ed) Berens, 54, Colby, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at the Colby Care hospice unit in Colby, after a long illness.

Mr. Berens was born Feb. 6, 1954, at the St. Thomas Hospital in Colby to Wendell and Anna Berens. He arrived early, weighing only 2 pounds, 8 ounces, and it was several months before his older brothers welcomed him home.

He grew up in Colby, attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, participated in Cub Scouts, and was an altar boy at the church. He attended Thomas More Prep High School in Hays and graduated with honors in 1972. In 1974, he received an Associate of Science degree in law enforcement from Colby Community College.

He lived and work in both Colorado and eastern Kansas for a time, but returned to Colby, working at the Harrison Funeral Home, and later at Colby High School before

moving to Great Bend. While in Great Bend, he became ill and had a foot amputated, returning to Colby to recuperate at Lantern Park Manor. In March 2007, he moved to Hays to be near the dialysis and medical center, returning to the hospice in Colby in December.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He is survived by two brothers, Gary (Marsha) Berens of Colby and David D. Berens of Manhattan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with inurnment at the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions in his name. They may be left at any Colby bank or mailed to Gary Berens at 465 W. Summit, Colby, Kan., 67701, or in care of the church, 1065 W. Fifth Street, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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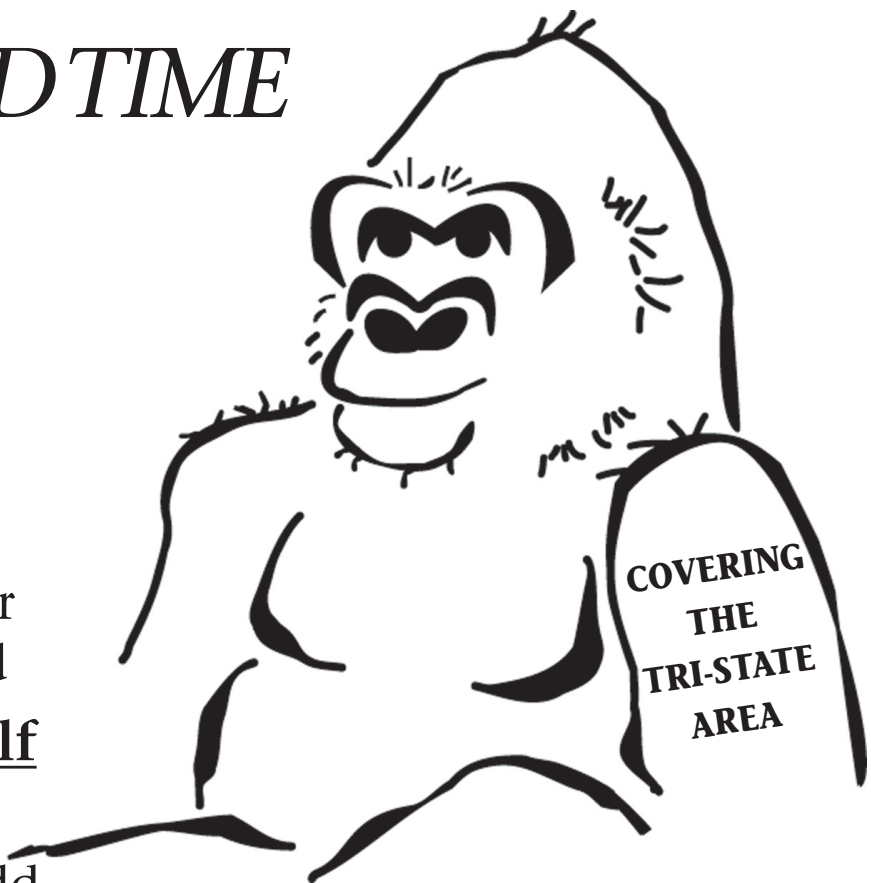
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