

Babies

Bryson Victor Burris



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Bryson Victor Burris, son of Jordan and Mary Ann Burris of Oakley, was born Thursday, March 22, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Sister Destiny Nicole Flipse and cousin Madi Nikol Burris welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Butch and Paula Burris of Oakley. Great-grandparents are Dennis and Frances Ryan of Colby and JoAnn Engel of Oakley.

Berkley Rose Weigel

Berkley Rose Weigel, daughter of Michael and Nicole Weigel, was born Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Robert and Kathy Weigel of Oakley, Curt Giebler of Olathe and Jodi Aerni of Wichita.



Berkley W.

Ellie Bristol Hawkins

Ellie Bristol Hawkins, daughter of Michael and Kelsey Hawkins of Colby, was born Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

She was welcomed home by her sister Hadlie, 9, and brother Kash, 5.

Grandparents are Alan and Kelly Focke and Larry and Susan Hawkins, all of Colby.

Great-grandparents are John and the late Beverly Brannick of Colby, the late Don and Helen Hawkins of Brewster, Anita and the late Keith Focke of Colby and Sherry and the late John Nickel of Tucson, Ariz.

State parks to switch reservation processes

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will be unable to take cabin, campsite, or other reservations from Sunday until April 16.

The temporary shutdown will allow the department to switch to a new reservation site at Reserve America, a nationwide campground reservation system. During this time, no reservations will be taken either online or by phone. Reservations made before April 1 will be moved into the new reservation system, so there will be no need to renew existing reservations.

To make reservations on or after April 17, campsite and cabin guests can visit the department website, ksoutdoors.com, where they'll be directed to the new reservation site at reservamerica.com, or they can call a state park office or the Pratt Operations Office at (620) 672-5911. For those without computers or who still prefer using a phone, park staff will be able to use the new system to help callers with reservations.

For information, contact the nearest state park or phone the Pratt Operations Office, (620) 672-5911, and ask for the Parks Division.

Corrections

A baby announcement for Ellie Bristol Hawkins on Page 3 of the Friday, March 23, Colby Free Press did not include the baby's grandparents, Alan and Kelly Focke and Larry and Susan Hawkins, all of Colby. This was a reporting omission.

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Build lasting Christian marriage one loving decision after another

This month is my wife's birthday. She'll be 39, again, and we will celebrate 36 years of marriage in May. But I spent some time alone recently while my wife was visiting our daughter and son-in-law and thought about our marriage. I decided to share some stories that illustrate what has kept us together over the years.

I'd love to tell you our relationship is the best it's ever been, but I'd be lying. Our lives have been under a lot of stress lately, and when you battle stress, you snap at each other and end up apologizing all too often.

Lots of folks today would say, "Well, just go your separate ways." Just want you to know, that's not going to happen. I love my wife, and I am devoted to her.

I remember the day I met Joy clearly. I think I fell in love with her at first sight. We went for long walks, met for every meal, skipped classes to be together.

That summer I proposed that we get married the next summer, between my junior and senior years of college. That was a rough year. She went to Emporia, lived with my sister. I spent all my money and time either on the phone or driving to see her.

Something changed that spring before the wedding. I began to see she wasn't perfect and she began to notice my faults as well. There were fights, tears, making up, then we'd fight again.

I went and talked to the school chaplain. "I don't understand what's happening; she's crying all the time, we're disagreeing, she's telling me I'm too bossy, and I can't figure out why she's so moody. Should I call it off? I thought God had put us together, but..."

At that point our chaplain explained something important to me.

He told me the euphoric feeling of "being in love" was not love at all; it generally wears off after 18 months or so and rarely shows back up again. He explained that real love is built like a brick wall, one brick at a time, one decision at a time. He taught me that love is a decision, a commitment, and that when we make that commitment to each other, that's when the real love begins to grow. Love is not an emotion; it's a decision.

The questions I had to answer included: Did



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From the Pulpit

I believe God had called us to be husband and wife? Did I still think she was beautiful? Was I willing to make a lifelong commitment to her? The chaplain helped me re-evaluate what our love was based on - emotion or confidence that God had called us together, and our relationship needed to be centered in him.

At that point, I made a decision to love this lady for a lifetime.

And that's the first thing I share with you. No marriage will be as good as it should be without total commitment - first to a vital relationship with God, and then to your spouse. A total commitment to give yourself for a lifetime to caring and serving and giving yourself fully to her, to meet her needs with your needs second.

So we got married and moved into a tiny apartment. Because we were totally committed to God and each other, life was bliss. We never fought, never argued, never threw stuff.

I'm lying. She slammed doors for little things I did like telling her she ought to do the dishes like my mother did. I said mean things and stomped out when she told me to stick it in my ear and do the dishes myself. I discovered she was not very discerning about what she threw at me when I told her how stupid it was that she couldn't keep track of her keys.

In all of that, because of our commitment to do what it says in the Bible in Ephesians, "do not let the sun go down on your anger," we learned to talk things out, accept each other's faults, to communicate. We stayed up sometimes until the wee hours of the morning talking, yelling, crying, until we talked it out.

That's the second key - talk things out. Learn to communicate. Gary Smalley helped us with his "emotional word pictures" - comparing how you feel to a physical event. She'd say to me, "When you get so busy, it makes me feel like we're hiking hand in hand, then

you drop my hand and move ahead. I call out to you, but you never hear me or come back to help me."

I graduated from college and was offered a full scholarship to seminary in Kentucky. So we made a trip to check it out. We didn't have much money, so my wife, who had grown up camping, said, "We can camp out along the way and save money!"

I'd never been camping, but I was in favor of saving money. Halfway across Missouri, we started looking for a free campground. We didn't find any, weren't smart enough to look on a map and plan ahead. So we finally just pulled off into the woods and parked. Rolled out our sleeping bags on a field of rocks. Then we crawled in and half-froze to death.

At dawn, I got up and tried to find the bathroom so I could wash my face and put in my contact lenses. Can you believe the state of Missouri hadn't bothered to build a bathroom within 20 miles of where we'd camped? I was ready to spit nails. Finally found a service station restroom. I swore I'd never, ever go camping again.

We've been camping hundreds of times since that night, and I've learned to love it like she does. And she'd never played golf, but because I liked it, she learned it. And I started helping to clean the house and do the dishes, and she began to do a better job of tracking her keys.

It's called compromise. My personal definition is "meet in the middle somewhere." When you find yourself on opposite ends of an issue, both of you move toward the other's position, no matter how right you think you are, until you meet in the middle.

Why? Because you're committed to make that other person in your marriage happy, not yourself, and if that means giving up some stuff, you do it!

Commit - never have we considered divorce.

Communicate - always talk it out, don't let it wait till tomorrow.

Compromise - meet in the middle.

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Clarification

A story on the Colby Community College Foundation's annual Endowment Auction on Page 1 of the Monday, March 26, Colby Free Press reported that the auction provides scholarships to students coming from out of state and from other countries. The Endowment Foundation provides scholarship funds for both in-state and out-of-state students for almost every curriculum at Colby Community College, said Endowment Director Nick Wells.

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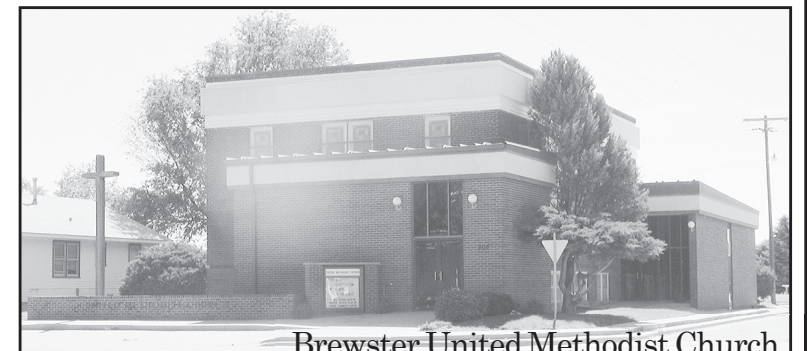
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