

## Babies

## Stella Jean Timmons

Stella Jean Timmons, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Timmons of Goodyear, Ariz., was born Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches.

She was welcomed home by her sister, Mary, and brother, Josiah.

Grandparents are Robert and Deanna Hanzlick of Colby and Nancy Timmons of Fredonia.

Great-grandparents are Hazel Duffey of Colby and Joe and Doris Studebaker of Fredonia.



Stella T.

## Claire Leann Beckley

Claire Leann Beckley, daughter of Jake and Randi Beckley of Colby, was born Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces

and measured 20 1/4 inches.

She has a sister, Grace Beckley. Grandparents are Chet and Jody Beckley and Ron "Okie" and Lona Donley, all of Colby.

## Merrick and Kendall Cavenee

Colby residents Brandon and Tasha Cavenee announce the birth of their twins born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Their baby boy, Merrick Evan Cavenee, weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Their baby girl, Kendall Reese Cavenee, weighed 5 pounds,

15 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Shay Elizabeth Cavenee welcomed her brother and sister home.

Grandparents are Kim Ketzner of McDonald; Ernie Ketzner of Bird City; Michael Cavenee of Seattle; Lisa Gooch of Colby; and Tim Gooch of Owensville, Mo.

## Kora May Stainbrook



Kora S.

Kora May Stainbrook, daughter of Ryan and Ashley Stainbrook of Levant, was born Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Lowell and Becki Carpenter of Brewster and Larry and Sue Stainbrook of LaCygne.

## Madelynn Ann Stragey

Madelynn Ann Stragey, daughter of Cole and Tanya Stragey of Oberlin, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Madelynn was welcomed home by her sister, Temperance Kay Stragey.

Grandparents are Bob Dinkel and Debbie Kuhn, both of Hays, Glen Stragey of Oberlin and Judy Stragey of Norton.

## Aurora Kay Suter

Aurora Kay Suter, daughter of Brett and Kelsey Suter of Colby, was born Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 6

ounces and measured 20 inches.

Aurora is the granddaughter of Steve and Sheryl Johnson of Oakley and Mark and Sheila Von Leonrod of Dighton.

## Boone Banx Tubbs

Boone Banx Tubbs, son of Jeff and Lezley Tubbs of Colby, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

He was welcomed home by his

brother, Cash Tubbs.

Grandparents are Gerald Jr. and Jody Tubbs of Colby and Ray Jr. and Sheryl Dechant of Hereford, Texas.

Boone is the great-grandson of Gerald Tubbs Sr. of Colby.

## Emalee Sophia Williams

Emalee Sophia Williams, daughter of Britton and Sylvia Williams of Goodland, was born Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and

measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Brandon and Shelly Terry and Buddy and Toni Williams, all of Goodland, and Tammy Clark of Tampa, Fla.

## Sophie Lyn Ziegler

Sophie Lyn Ziegler, daughter of Brady and Sarah Ziegler of Wallace, was born Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches.

She has a sister Marissa and brother Ethan.

Sophie is the granddaughter of John and Wanda Fixsen of Sharon Springs and Hank and Pat Ziegler of Buckeye, Ariz.

## School has bear of a lockdown

GLENSHAW, Pa. (AP) — Robbers and police cars and a bear, oh my!

Officials say a Pittsburgh-area school was briefly locked down and students later missed outdoor recess after police received separate reports of a home invasion robbery and a bear on the loose Monday morning.

Shaler Township police notified administrators at Marzolf Primary School to lock its doors about 9:30 a.m. after two men armed with a pistol stole \$800 in a home invasion and ran away. Later that

morning, students had to be kept in at recess after a woman reported a bear on the loose. Police called in the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Students in the school, which includes kindergarten through fourth grade, didn't even know about the home invasion lockdown but principal Marty Martynuska says, "It was a pretty eventful Monday morning."

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e-mail to  
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## Rexford ladies bake cookies on Saturday

What a busy week in Rexford! The residents of this area are finding lots of great ways to celebrate this Christmas season and its meaning.

On Saturday, Shepherd's Staff held a Cookie Making Day; ladies came to bake cookies, then got to take home plates to share while leaving the mess for us to clean up. We made at least 100 dozen cookies.

That evening, Shepherd's Staff held its Christmas Open House. Many people from the Rexford area and beyond came to enjoy soup and cookies.

Teens for Christ held their Christmas meeting on Saturday night at Shepherd's Staff, too. They enjoyed hamburgers, fries and old-fashioned shakes at the Ranch House and then viewed "October Baby."

Saturday was bingo night at the Red Barn. They had a good turn out.



Gwen Griffiths

• Rexford Correspondent

The Decatur County Ministerial Alliance met at Shepherd's Staff on Monday morning.

Red Hat Ladies from Oberlin will enjoy a Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday in the Historic Philip Houston House. This 1906 Victorian was built in Gem and moved to Rexford after its donation to Shepherd's Staff.

Well, this is my last column for Rexford News. I have enjoyed sharing the happenings of our little community with you. Keep in mind that Rexford needs a new columnist. If interested, contact the *Colby Free Press*, (785) 462-3963 or colby.editor@nwkansas.com as soon as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas!

## On the Beat

## COLBY POLICE

## Dec. 1

1:36 a.m. — Caller reported subject knocking on window of residence. All OK, friend of resident.

10:18 a.m. — Child in need of care: caller had juvenile complaint. Report filed.

11:33 a.m. — Spoke to subjects about expired driver's license.

11:33 a.m. — Collision at Walmart.

1:03 p.m. — Caller reported vehicles parked in 15 minute spot at Post Office. Contacted employee at Community Building; announcement was made.

1:04 p.m. — Caller reported dog at large following people walking dogs. Located dog, took to Colby Animal Clinic.

1:35 p.m. — Caller reported cat caught. Took to animal clinic.

1:55 p.m. — Helped ambulance crew.

11:09 p.m. — Caller reported subject being watched and followed. Report filed.

## Dec. 2

2 a.m. — Caller reported being hit. Report filed for battery.

6:58 a.m. — Caller reported a barking dog. Owner spoken to, dog taken inside.

10:04 a.m. — Recovered property: caller advised of item found in dumpster. Report filed.

11:07 a.m. — Window shot out of vehicle. Report filed.

12:34 p.m. — Caller reported two large dogs attacked her dog. Dogs located, report filed.

2:39 p.m. — Helped ambulance crew.

3:47 p.m. — Caller reported juveniles on top of Sacred Heart School. Report filed.

4:47 p.m. — Caller reported barking dog. Spoke with owner.

5:30 p.m. — Ten officers helped with light parade.

9:32 p.m. — Caller reported dog at large. Unable to locate.

## Last Monday

6:28 a.m. — Provided traffic control at Fourth and Range for Rawlins County ambulance crew.

7:28 a.m. — Cat in trap.

9:12 a.m. — Subject advised of window shot out on vehicle over the weekend. Report filed.

11:01 a.m. — Caller reported theft of pickup. Five officers responded, notified Division 3.

## THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

## Dec. 1

1:49 p.m. — Caller reported items missing and receiving threatening text messages in Brewster. No report.

## Dec. 2

12:02 p.m. — Burglary/theft report filed on trespassing complaint Dec. 1 in Brewster.

2:49 p.m. — Helped Colby Police.

5:30 p.m. — Helped with light parade.

8:14 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious vehicle near County Rd. Z and K-25. Unable to locate.

## Last Monday

10:31 a.m. — Brought two inmates from Sherman County to Colby.

11:06 a.m. — Booked Kristopher W. Jiggitts.

12:04 p.m. — Released Jiggitts.

12:47 p.m. — Driving under the influence report filed. Vehicle parked at Co-op bulk plant.

1:47 p.m. — Helped Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 52 eastbound.

2:33 p.m. — Booked Chad Alan Kincaid.

3:34 p.m. — Rawlins County Sheriff's Office reported speeding pickup that threw item at another vehicle at southbound K-25 mile 208. Unable to locate.

3:37 p.m. — Booked Nicholas Robert Frazier.

4:31 p.m. — Booked Michael James Callahan.

## Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.49
Corn (bushel)	\$7.37
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.82

## Deaths

## Opal Mae Bretz

Opal Mae Bretz, 90, of Wallace, a lifelong resident of Logan County, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby after a long illness.

She was born Sept. 15, 1922, south of Oakley in a sod house, the daughter of William Oliver and Minnie Elizabeth (Wise) Martin. She attended school in Monument.

On June 16, 1947, she married Tauscher U. Bretz at the Methodist parsonage in Oakley. They lived west of Winona for 64 years.

She enjoyed baking, cooking and gardening and was a member of the Jolly Neighbors Extension Club of Wallace, and the United Methodist Women in Winona. She was famous for her angel food

cakes.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a brother, Billy Martin, and a sister, Leila Martin.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace; two sons, Richard (Jean) Bretz, Wallace, and Michael (Roberta) Bretz, Goodland; three grandsons; and a great-grandson.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Winona. The family invites everyone to lunch at noon at the church.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the church in care of Baalmann Mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences may be sent to baalmannmortuary.com.

## Family's holiday dinner gathers about 80 people

A Tubbs family gathering of about 80 people celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday together at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colby.

Many of the attendees live in Colby and the surrounding area. They included Joe Rudell; Bettie Hamill; Lesa Beamer; Monte Lewis; Terry and Tina Stickel; Nolan, Lacey, Raynce, Dryce and Wyncee Brott; Dale and Alana Tubbs; Elizabeth, Travis and Duane Tubbs; Joe and Marcella Stenger; Luke, Jada, Liv, Guy, Fia

and Von Tubbs; Gene and Kathy Brown; Madi Tubbs; Belinda Dooan; Bill and Peggy Miller; Mike, Pat; Michael and Madison Tubbs; Tracy, Robyn and Garrett Rogers; Hedy Tubbs; Gerald Tubbs Sr.; Dale Deaver; Gerald Tubbs Jr.; Justin and Christie Foss; and Chase Cersovsky.

Travelers included family from Levant, Goodland, Hays, Wichita, Burlington, Colo.; Seibert, Colo.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Chappell, Neb.

## Tinker's bell ringer, of course

By Carrie Antlfinger

Associated Press

WEST BEND, Wis. (AP) — Tinker may be miniature — as in a miniature horse — but he's a big money raiser for the Salvation Army.

He uses his mouth to hold and ring a red bell and also picks up with his mouth a "Thank You Merry Christmas" sign. He can also bow and give kisses.

Major Roger Ross, a Salvation Army commander, said Tinker is one of their biggest money raisers in the area: He brings in 10 times the amount of a regular bell ringer.

"A good kettle for a couple of

hours brings in about \$250, and for the same time period (Tinker and his owners) have been known to bring in \$2,500," he said. "They line up to put money in the kettle."

The 13-year-old horse, who's brown, black, grey and white, has been ringing for four seasons.

"I actually save up all my donation and give it to Tinker because I have such a soft place in my heart for him," said Karen Hammen, on a recent Saturday morning.

One of Tinker's owners, Carol Takacs, said she and her husband got Tinker 12 years ago. She said she went to look at a property, fell in love with the miniature horses there and asked that one stay.

## Corrections

The story "Thief steals police pickup" on Page 1 of the Friday, Dec. 7, *Colby Free Press* said incorrectly that a stolen pickup belonged to the Colby Police Department. The pickup was privately owned, and did not belong to the police department or to a

police officer. This was a reporting error.

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**Sincerely,**  
**Denise & Joe Garcia**