



MEHRIC DURBIN is the first baby to be born at the Cheyenne County Hospital since 2003. Dr. Rebecca Allard delivered the baby by cesarean section.
Times staff photo by Karen Krien

First baby arrives at the hospital

By Karen Krien

A baby was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 7, to Phil and Dawn Durbin, St. Francis. It was the first mother and baby to use the new obstetric room at the hospital.

Mehric Myles Rye Durbin weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 18 3/4-inches long. He has

dark hair and was ready to eat.

The baby was not due until Nov. 14, but Mrs. Durbin said Mehric decided not to wait. Dr. Rebecca Allard delivered the baby emergency cesarean section and, on Thursday, the mom and baby were doing well. He has a brother Gavin and sister Kylee.

This is the first baby born in the

hospital since February 2003 when Shawn and Shawna Blanka arrived at the hospital in a snowstorm. Shadryon was scheduled to be born in Goodland but weather conditions made it impossible to get there.

Dr. Allard began practicing at the hospital Aug. 6 and, in just a few months, has 10 mothers expecting babies.

Agriculture forum coming in December

Producers, policymakers, regulators and others interested in the rapidly changing field of climate change policy, carbon credit trading, and biofuels will want to attend an important forum in December on these topics at Kansas State University.

"Agriculture's Role in the New Carbon Economy" is the title of the forum to be held Dec. 17-18 at K-State's Alumni Center in Manhattan, according to forum organizer Chuck Rice, professor of agronomy at K-State and national director of the Consortium for Agricultural Soils Mitigation of Greenhouse Gases (CASMGs).

Some of the topics at the forum include:

- Chicago Climate Exchange and carbon trading programs for

agriculture

- Cap-and-Trade: Is federal legislation coming?

- Economics of the existing ethanol industry adopting cellulosic technology

- Resource assessment needs, sustainability issues, and life-cycle standards associated with biofuels development

- Modeling the impact of cellulosic ethanol production on soil carbon

- Environmental impact of climate change on Kansas

- California's Global Warming Solutions Act: How does it impact agriculture?

- Policymakers at both state and federal levels are becoming more interesting in taking some kind of action on climate change, and

agriculture needs to make sure it's involved in the discussion. There are many ways agriculture can be part of the solution, such as soil carbon sequestration and biofuels production," said Mr. Rice. "It's also important to know how climate change could affect agriculture in Kansas in the future. We'll be discussing these topics at this forum."

The Forum begins at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, and concludes the following day at 5 p.m. There is a reduction of the fee if you register before Dec. 10. The banquet on Monday evening and lunch on Tuesday afternoon are included in the registration fee.

To register, or for more details, see: <http://soilcarboncenter.k-state.edu>

County Farm Bureau honored for policy implementation

The farmers and ranchers of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau have been honored with Kansas Farm Bureau's Award for Excellence for policy implementation.

There to accept the award in Manhattan on Nov. 9 was Clayton Janicke, local Farm Bureau president.

The policy implementation award is part of the KFB Awards for Excellence, designed to



Janicke

recognize volunteer farmer/rancher commitment to agriculture and rural communities. Policy implementation activities offer a voice for volunteer Farm Bureau producers through support of public policy proposals beneficial to agriculture and rural communities.

"The hard work undertaken by the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau lies at the heart of our efforts to advocate for agriculture and our rural communities," said Steve Baccus, an Ottawa County grain producer who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "This award is reflective of the talent, dedication and passion that volun-

teer Farm Bureau members feel for an industry that is more than just a business — it's a way of life worth preserving."

The Awards for Excellence recognize county Farm Bureau organizations for outstanding achievements in developing and implementing efforts that advocate for agriculture and meet their members' needs. It also offers a method for county Farm Bureaus to work together to share creative and innovative ideas.

County Farm Bureau organizations compete in a membership category of similar-sized county organizations.

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizen News

Forty-seven senior citizens from St. Francis, Bird City and McDonald and one health nurse from Atwood enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the McDonald Senior Center on Monday, Nov. 5.

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone and then November birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Emma Threlkel read interesting historical facts about the first Thanksgiving, followed by a prayer by Pastor Greg Moyer.

The tables were decorated by Phyllis Wingfield in a Thanksgiving theme. Every place setting had a clever turkey made of candy corn, cookies and a roll. One napkin had an upside-down turkey on it to win a door prize. Vera Kacirek won a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

The dinner was delicious with the traditional turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, ham and all kinds of salads, vegetables and desserts. Jerry and Betty Knapp and Rick and Kathy Frisbie assisted with the serving of food.

Following the dinner, bingo was played with Berniece Bandel winning the blackout prize. Bingo was called by Ray Johnson.

Following bingo, Joan Tongish called the business meeting to order. She thanked everyone who had helped with the dinner. Reports were given. She reported that a guard has been made and put in

place to prevent anyone from climbing the outside steps. Ray Johnson reported that the roof has four leaks and they will be hearing from the people who put the roof on. Otherwise he stated the building is in good shape. Ray Magnani of Chem Dry cleaned the carpet last week and it looks very good.

The Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, Dec. 3. Commit-

The Family and Community Education Group

The Family and Community Education (FCE) group, Kanred, met on Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at the LeBow Manor in Bird City.

It was a great meeting as there were five members present as well as three visitors who were interested in joining us for the following year. For our roll call, each one gave a little winter memory that we had and these were all very interesting and sounded like something that we can enjoy for years to come.

We had a great time making baskets with pine cones, decorating the pine cones with glitter then embellishing the finished basket with very colorful and fancy bows. We enjoyed the fellowship as well as learning how to decorate our baskets. These will make pretty decorations for Thanksgiving or even for Christmas, as they are very colorful and the bits of glitter make the cones sparkle. Each basket was unique and we had a great time mak-

tees will be Poem: Vera Kacirek; Prayer: Pastor Moyer; Prizes, Marlene Johnson and Bingo: Leonard Vyzourek.

A thank you was read from the Rawlins County Clinic for the help during the Health Fair. Everyone was reminded of the Cheylin Christmas dinner on Dec. 5. Reservations are needed for the dinner. Respond by Nov. 30.

ing these. Next month, we will be decorating light bulbs as ornaments, with napkins, wrapping paper or lace and paint which will help them look really ornate.

Some of the lessons that we will be having are: "Destination: Vermont," "Someone's Asking. Is the Cyber Highway Friend or Foe?" "Books - The Other Channel," "Mentors Make A Difference," "Beginning With Bullying - Teens," "Kansans Move Into Health," and "Everybody to the Table - It's Time to Eat!" These lessons come to us from the Kansas Education Program Committee and from K-State Research and Extension Office.



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Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 7 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sfherald@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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