

First 2008 baby born at county hospital

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 Baby Grace has arrived, making her and her parents the winners of the First Baby contest. Grace Anne is the daughter of Pastor Jeff and Becca Landers, St. Francis. She was born at 4:13 p.m. on Jan. 23, 2008, at the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21-inches long.

everyone was so kind and caring," the Landers said. "We had so much personal care and we now have a new-found respect for our local medical family."
 Grace's grandparents are Brad and Deborah Carl, Garland, Texas; and Bob and Jeanette Landers, Mesquite, Texas. Great-grandparents are David and Barbara Dunn, Logan, Ohio; Bill and Mona Ault, Saginaw, Mich.; Doris Mullen, Dallas; and Bill and Barbara Viser, Gilmer, Texas.

Her big brother, Jayce Aaron, who is 3 years old, had been to the hospital to visit and said his new sister was "beautiful."

Prizes and gifts

Grace was the third baby born in the Cheyenne County Hospital since Dr. Rebecca Allard arrived in August. The hospital staff has turned Room 5, one of the new, larger hospital patient rooms into a birthing/delivery rooms. (The new labor/delivery room should be completed in 2008.)

Baby Grace's parents were very pleased with the delivery care provided at the hospital.

The Landers' first child was born in a large hospital in the Dallas area. They said that they might have had a slight concern because there were so many more services available in the larger hospital but, found the local hospital to have everything they needed.

Grace's parents will receive a \$25 gift certificate from St. Francis Super's, \$50 bond from Western State Bank, a \$50 bond from First National Bank, Bird City/St. Francis, a baby photo album or frame from Schultz's, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, two bottles of champagne from L & L Liquor, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The first baby also received a special quilt from the Prairie Piecemaker Quilt Guild. The quilt may be picked up at *The Herald* office.

The parents of the new baby will need to collect their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.



PROUD PARENTS Becca and Jeff Landers hold their newborn daughter, Grace Anne. Baby Grace was the first baby to arrive in Cheyenne County in 2008.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Open house set for emergency facility

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 An open house at the new emergency building will be held on Saturday so people can come see how work is progressing. The doors will open at 1 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

"We have had people asking how the building is coming along so we decided to hold the open house so people can check it out," said Carla Lampe, St. Francis City Council member.

Building needs completed by March 15

The emergency building on U.S. 36, St. Francis, will house the county's fire trucks, emergency management and emergency medical service offices, along with the ambulances and other emergency equipment.

To comply with the KanStep Grant, the building needs to be completed by March 15.

The sides of the building went up this fall and, then weather slowed down the construction of the roof.

Crews took advantage of the cold, snowy weather by working

inside of the Jensen Construction building to get the inside petitions ready to put in place. They were then transported to the building and put in place.

Windows have been installed in offices, sheet rock has gone up and the staircases built. Much of the electrical work has been done and the cable installed.

However, there is a great deal more to do. Volunteers are needed.

Work days are Monday and Wednesday evenings and all Saturdays.

"We are gaining but there is still a lot to do," said Dale Weeks, one of the coordinators. "We need help."

Everyone who is willing to help with the labor or even go for supplies is needed. In a week or two, they will be putting up insulation and even more help will be needed.

The open house on Saturday will give people a chance to see what is happening. Plan to stop by between 1 and 3 p.m., take a look at the progress and enjoy the refreshments.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Calendar of events

Monday, Feb. 4: McDonald Senior Citizens potluck dinner and meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 6: McDonald Area Development meeting at the McDonald Legion Hall at the McDonald Legion Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: McDonald Garden Club Valentine Luncheon at noon at the Senior Citizen Building

Thursday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day, Drawing for the McDonald Area Development Valentine Give away.

Monday, Feb. 18: Presidents' Day, no mail.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Birthday Luncheon at Two Lee's Cafe.

Gilbert Frisbie is still in intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Rod and Lisa Johnson were Tuesday evening supper guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson to celebrate the Wilkinson's wedding anniversary.

James Atchison of Arlington, Texas, was a weekend guest of his mother, Karlyne Atchison and his grandmother, Amelia Banister.

Joan Tongish took Betty Lewis to Colby on Monday to get a check up on her eye after having had cataract surgery last Monday.

Members and families of the Federated Church surprised Sylvia Hubbard on her birthday last Monday with a supper and party.

Kay Miller was a Saturday visitor of Sharon Barenberg in Benkelman.

Eleanor Swihart and LaVina Waters accompanied Owen and Phyllis Wingfield to St. Francis on Sunday to attend a concert.

Keith and Hulda Dorsch were Sunday visitors of Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Gilbert Frisbie fell on the ice on Friday evening and sustained a serious injury to his head. He is a patient at the Kearney, Neb., hospital.

Joan Tongish took Betty Lewis to Colby on Monday morning where Betty had cataract surgery. Eleanor Swihart also accompanied the ladies to Colby.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 12, January birthdays for Greg Wilkinson, Shawn Wilkinson and Rod Johnson were celebrated.

Those attending were Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, Shawn Wilkinson, Lucius White, Rod and Lisa Johnson and Josh, Bob and Helen Johnson, and Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Wednesday was a bitter cold day, but a few local ladies did attend the birthday luncheon at the Frosty Mug. The next birthday luncheon will be Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Two Lee's.

The McDonald Area Development (MAD) will be sponsoring a Valentine drawing. The box for names for the drawing will soon be at the McDonald post office.

Icy conditions still remain a threat to everyone who has to be out walking. The light snow that fell on Monday on top of the ice makes it difficult to see how icy the ground and walks really are. So be Careful!!!!

Relay to be on June 6

The date for the 2008 Cheyenne County Relay For Life has changed from August to June 6. The committee has met several times but will start meeting and making plans in earnest as there are only four months before the event.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those who face cancer will be supported; that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten; and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

"Join us for this county event," urged Gloria Bracelin, who is heading up the Relay this year. "Everyone is welcome to participate."

People from businesses, clubs, families, friends, hospitals, places of worship, schools and service club organizations come together to form teams.

"Help us raise money to 'fight back' against cancer," Mrs. Bracelin said.

Student News

University of Kansas
 Sheryl Miller and Tyler Voorhies, graduates of St. Francis Community High School, and Crystal Mears, a graduate of Cheylin High School, were among the 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester.

Some schools at the university honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum grade point average for each year a student is in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Miller is a sophomore in Liberal Arts, Voorhies is a senior in Liberal Arts and Mears is in the Pharmacy Professional program.

Casper College
 Josh Johnson of McDonald is among the names of students who have made the president's honor roll at Casper College for the 2007 fall semester.

To qualify, a student must take at least 12 hours for credit and receive a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

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Open House
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St. Francis Emergency Service Building
 US Highway 36, St. Francis
Saturday, Feb. 2
1-3 p.m.
 Refreshments will be served

Logan County Hospital Registered Nurse

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Logan County Hospital is now accepting applications for a full-time Registered Nurse to work the night shift. The successful candidate will possess a strong personal value for customer service and commitment of a team oriented working environment. LCH offers a competitive wage/benefit package. Applications may be picked up at the hospital or obtained on our website @ www.logancountyhospital.org and returned to Logan County Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 211 Cherry Avenue, Oakley KS 67748 or you may contact Marcia Kruse, DON @ 785-672-3211, Ext. 157. Logan County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THANKS

A very special 'Thank you' to my Peoples State Bank family for a fantastic send off into retirement. You have certainly filled the past years with so much enjoyment.

Thanks to Tina, Hal and Craig's families for that surprise reception.

I sure appreciated all the wonderful cards, balloons and flowers that made this retirement so much fun.

I can't forget the customers that have always brought so much joy into my life, without you I wouldn't have had a job. May God bless all of you.

Janice Antholz

Many Thanks to You

Our family would like to say "THANK YOU!" to the McDonald's Lions Club, the staff at the Cheylin schools and all of the McDonald, Bird City and Atwood communities. Thank you so much for organizing and participating in the fundraisers in memory of Steven Balik, who recently died after a battle with Leukemia. Also thank you for your prayers and support during his fight with cancer.

We are deeply humbled and touched by the money that the community donated in memory of Steven in support of his four kids and family. The money will be used to pay medical expenses and to set up an Education Fund for his kids to be used in the future. The money was truly a blessing and will help to lessen the financial stress during this tough situation.

Words can never fully describe how your support and kindness have bolstered us during these trying times. We have been overwhelmed by how much Steven's community has done for my brother and our family during his illness and passing. We are very grateful that people would take their time and energy to show their support. It means SO MUCH to us! You will never know the impact and difference that your kindness has had in our lives.

Steven is very blessed to had lived in this community. You are WONDERFUL! God bless you all.

Thank you!
 The Balik Family

Land Auction — 160 +/- Acres of Cheyenne County, Kansas
Dryland, Home and Outbuildings
Monday, Feb 11 at 1:30 p.m. CT
 Auction Site: Western Auction & Real Estate Auction Pavilion West Highway 36, St. Francis, Kansas

Heirs of Mary Walden, Sellers
 Eldon Walden, Executor

Directions to the Property: From Bird City, Kansas - 3 mi. West on Highway 36, then South 7.5 miles on Road 25.

TRACT 1 — The North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Acreage currently in wheat stubble.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION						
FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflowers	2007 TAXES	
76.9	40.5/33	9.2/45	---	4.6/1070	\$246.35	

TRACT 2 — The South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Currently in milo stalks. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION						
FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflower	Soybean	2007 TAXES
75.5	15.9/35	1.8/89	44.9/116	---	.4/34	\$222.31

TRACT 3 — A tract of land in the South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Known as 610 Road 25, Bird City, Kansas 67731. Approx 4.4 acres, more or less, as estimated by Cheyenne County Assessor. This tract features a nice home with near 2,100 total square, 5 spacious bedrooms with 2 baths, hot water heat system, outbuildings, a 40' x 80' Quonset with a 16' x 16' overhead door, 2-8000 bu. Grain Bins, and another that needs work. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.

Average Utility Bills: Propane avg. use 126.25 gal./month, Electricity avg. \$67.00/month. 2007 Taxes \$500.98

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