

# Still waiting on baby

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Still waiting....  
The first baby of 2012 has yet to arrive and Cheyenne County Hospital officials said it could be several weeks until the first baby arrives. The expected New Year's baby was born on Dec. 31.

With the arrival of Dr. Rebecca Allard several years ago, babies are now being delivered at the Cheyenne County Hospital. This opens the contest up to the parents of any baby, whether it is from Cheyenne County or from outside the county, to win the baby contest as long as the baby is born at the Cheyenne County Hospital. These parents and their new-born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The Saint Francis Herald office or staff must be notified as soon as possible following the birth. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162 or call 785-332-3246.

The parents of this year's first baby will receive a \$25 Busy Bee's B-E-E A Saver Savings Account from Bankwest of Kansas, a \$50 savings bond from Western State Bank, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, \$20 gift card from the United Methodist Thrift Store, free bottle of champagne from Saintry Liquor, and a year's subscription to The Saint Francis Herald or Bird City Times.

The hospital is also giving embroidered outfits which read "Cheyenne County First Baby of the Year" in a variety of sizes so the baby can wear them for the first year. The baby will also receive a case of diapers.

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

**2011 First Baby of the Year**  
Shelby Lynn Hartman was the first baby of the year in 2011 born at the Cheyenne County Hospital. She arrived at 1:52 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 3/4-inches long.

Shelby is the daughter of Janna Marie Brooks and Christopher Hartman, both of St. Francis.



ALEX DART is sitting on the floor waiting for his number to be called during Santa Day.

## South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

David Banister enjoyed skiing with friends Tuesday through Thursday this past week.

Debbie Banister returned to Topeka Friday morning.

Debbie Malone of Aurora, Colo. spent Friday with Ellen Dewey.

Tom and Kelly Dewey were New Year's Eve guests of Kevin and Megan Rippe at Rogers in Herndon.

Kelly Dewey and children were Tuesday through Friday guests of Marvin and Kristina Springer and family in Manhattan. They also visited with Grandma Pat Pollock

at Hope, Kan.

Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder called on Frieda Black Monday afternoon.

Brad and Ilene Perubsky and family of Topeka were Wednesday through Sunday guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard. Dave and Sylvia Hubbard and girls, and Babs Antholz joined them for New Year's lunch.

Dan and Margie Hubbard, and the Brad Perubsky family all enjoyed the pizza party New Year's Eve at the Federated Church.

Kale and Jennifer Regier, and

Randy and Mellissa Regier, and girls arrived Tuesday evening at Lynn and Rita Officer's home.

Mark and Merilee Gundlach and children returned home to Mingo Tuesday evening.

Lynn and Rita Officer and family all attended the wedding reception of Kale and Jennifer Regier in Colby at the Heartland Christian School Wednesday evening, Dec. 28.

Michael and Erin Officer and family were Wednesday overnight guests of Mark and Merilee Gundlach and family and returned home Thursday.

Lois Morelock was a Friday afternoon caller on Rita Officer.

# Coyote calling contest scheduled

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7 and 8, in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the 15th year for the calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

Again, the response has been tremendous, said Brent Rueb, event coordinator. There will be 74 Dead Coyote class teams and 55 HEVI-Shot class teams.

As of Dec. 29, the Dead Coyote class had been closed, however, the HEVI-Shot class has been full since Oct. 1.

Callers are coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska as well as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, New Mexico, Minnesota, Texas and Missouri. These callers are some of the top callers in the nation!

People who are not participating in the event are urged to come to the fairgrounds during check-in on Sunday to see all the teams returning with their coyotes.

It is a good time to talk to the hunters, callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an interesting event to be a part of.

**Two-pointer coyote**  
Last year, the two-pointer coyote competition was a success with nine two-pointers killed, Mr. Rueb said. A two-pointer coyote is a coyote that has a predominately white-tipped tail (80 percent or more white than black). There are very few coyotes that have a white-tipped tail and so this competition is very unique.

Taking first place in the two-pointer contest (where the coyote is predominately white) were Cenny Burnell and Dave McCartney, three coyotes, 31.0 pounds; and second, Jerome Humrich and Jason McArthur, two coyotes, 33.6 pounds.

Hunters usually see anywhere from six hairs or more but normally no more than 20 or so in a coyote's tails. A two-pointer, Rueb said, is easily detected and it is very apparent that almost all the hair in the tip of the tail is white.

**Kill block**  
A new style of kill block was used last year. It is a "bench mark" in the contest-calling industry. This newly designed kill block dramatically stops the chances of pooling coyotes and cheating.

The Midwest Coyote Event

will have their kill blocks laser engraved with a special logo. This stops teams from making extra kill blocks of their own and also stops teams from pooling coyotes from other hunters in order to increase their harvest count.

"This is another effort that we are taking to make sure that the Midwest Coyote Calling Event is honest and promotes the rules of fair chase," Mr. Rueb said. "The masters of coyote calling just keeps getting better and stronger."

**2011 results**  
Of the 129 teams participating in the 2011 event, 129 teams returned Sunday for check in. The hunters reported seeing 803 coyotes and killed 364.

Last year's top four winners in the Dead Coyote class were: first place were Matt Hebert, Hyannis, Neb., and Justin Brandon, Yuma, Colo., 14 coyotes; second place: Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, 12 coyotes; third place: Cenny Burnell, Kaycee, Wyo., and Dave McCartney, Chadron, Neb., 10 coyotes; fourth place: Josh Mahar and Eric Rice, Gothenburg, Neb., 10 coyotes.

Taking first place in the Hevi-Shot Class were Nick Bowley, Loveland, Colo., and Dustin Patterson, Ogden, with eight coyotes. Second place went to Travis Fonte and Eric Schafer, Wray, seven coyotes; third, Johathan Bopp, Loveland, and Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., seven coyotes; fourth, Lance Long and Matt Smull, St. Francis, seven coyotes.

### Honor Roll

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