

# City council decides on name for new building

**By Margaret Bucholtz**  
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 When they met on Tuesday, Jan. 8, the St. Francis City Council members agreed to name the new emergency building the St. Francis Emergency Service Building. The Grand Master of Kansas Masons, Sterling P. Hornbuckle, III, of Louisburg, will be in St. Francis on May 31 to dedicate the building. He will be accompanied by three other top officers plus more Masons who will travel with them to perform the ceremony. The Masons perform these ceremonies for public buildings. There is a plaque at the Cheyenne County Courthouse and a corner stone at the Mason Hall in St. Francis. Dale Weeks, councilman, said the KanStep project is progressing nicely. However, there are still concerns with the time frame to complete the project which is March 15. Work being done at this time

includes roughing in some of the interior walls which have the wiring. The windows have been installed in the offices. The upstairs walls are built and sheet rocked along with the staircases built and hand rails installed. All of the exterior walls have been sheet rocked. The cable has been installed. The next project is to put the wiring in the ceilings. Boots are needed for duct work to begin, when the duct work is completed then they will begin insulating and sheet rocking the interior walls. They are continuing with the electrical wiring and plumbing. The insulation was to be delivered on Jan. 8. The Core Committee will be meeting by the end of the month to determine what materials haven't been paid and to evaluate the project/budget expenditures. There was a Kansas Rural Water Association representative on the

site recently and it was reported that he was very pleased with the project to date.

**Spotlighting the Positive**  
 Rueben Schultz was the spotlight person for this month. Rueben has dedicated many hours of service to the community.

**City water project**  
 Chris Miller representing Miller and Associate, an engineering company from McCook, reported on the study which had been done for the city water project. The council was pleased that only a few of the valves would need to be replaced. This is for the flow of water that would be needed at each valve in case of an emergency of a fire.

**Next meeting**  
 The city council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the city hall.

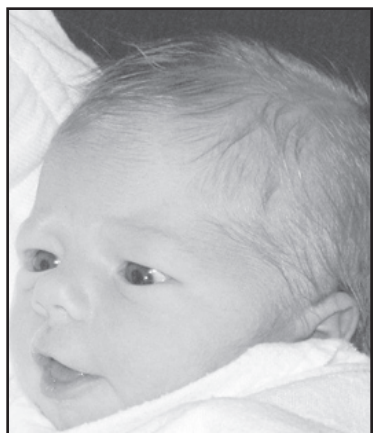


GOOD SAMARITAN HOSTS 40th Anniversary party for Bonnie Straub. Her son, Sean, helps open cards and gifts.  
 Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Behind the Scenes

**By Janet Carmen**  
 Activities are continuing "behind the scenes" at the Museum of Cheyenne County. Enthusiastic, positive attitudes prevailed as old and new board members met Jan. 10 to plan for the coming year. Installation of the new officers will be held Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Museum. Officers to be installed are: Lea Keller, president; Janet Carman, vice president; Dee Dorsch, secretary; Dave Rossbach, treasurer; trustees, Helene Landenberger, Marcia Hickert and Lucille Rossbach. Don't miss this meeting. A couple of unique door prizes will be given away, refreshments will be served and the Cheyenne County DVD will be shown. At the January board meeting,

Deb Harper reported that a number of the Cheyenne County DVDs were sold prior to the holidays. Created by Margaret Bucholtz, these DVDs feature hundreds of photos of historic Cheyenne County. The DVD will also be shown at Kansas Day in Bird City. The Kansas Day Committee encourages area residents to join in Cheyenne County's 79th celebration of Kansas Day Jan. 29 at the Bird City Legion hall. Dr. Leo Oliva, Kansas historian, will be featured speaker. Dr. Oliva writes, "My presentation, *Rowdy Kansas Territory* is a series of vignettes of a few important events that help us better understand the troublesome territorial period and the struggle to make Kansas a free state."



Isabella Marie Trout

## Introducing

Isabella Marie Trout, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, was born Nov. 30, 2007, in San Antonio, to Katie (Keller) and T.J. Trout. Her grandparents are Kenny and Carol Trout of Scott City, and Tom and Lea Keller of St. Francis. Isabella's great-grandmothers are Melba Trout and Rachael Keller. The little lady was welcomed to both of the large, loving families. She was baptized on Dec. 23.

# First baby of the year to receive many gifts

**By Karen Krien**  
 The first of the year is here and the contest for the First Baby of the Year 2008 has begun. The contest began Tuesday and will end when the first phone call comes in and the baby/parents meet the rules of the contest. Actually, there is only one requirement and that is the baby must be born to parents living in Cheyenne County for one month or more. These parents and their new-born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors. The *Saint Francis Herald* office 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 gift certificate from St. Francis Super's, a \$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 Burr Liqueur, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*. The first baby of the year will also receive a special quilt from the Prairie Piecemaker Quilt Guild, Goodland. Bonnie McQuillen, member, said the quilt may be picked up at *The St. Francis Herald* office. The parents of the new baby will need to pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth. Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2008 will be born. **2007 First Baby of the Year** Josh and Sara Sowers and their daughter were the winners of the First Baby of the Year. Adrianna Joy was born at 1:25 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, in their home 15 miles northeast of Bird City. Adrianna weighed 6 pounds and was 18 3/4-inches long. She has a sister, Eliana.



# Student graduates

**City University New York**  
 Mallory Knodel was awarded a master's degree in secondary science education from City College (City University New York) in September.

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