



## First baby contest offers prizes



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The first of the year is here and the contest for the First Baby of the Year 2009 has begun. The contest started Thursday and will end when the first phone call comes.

The rules for the contest have changed this year. Since the arrival of Dr. Rebecca Allard, babies are now being delivered at the Cheyenne County Hospital so the baby must be born at this 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. 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 gift certificate from St. Francis Super's, a \$25 Busy Bee's B-E-E A Saver Savings Account from Bankwest of Kansas, a \$50 bond from Western State Bank, a coffee gift basket from Hilltop General Store, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, and a year's subscription to *The*



Grace Anne with mother Becca Landers

*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.

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

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2009 will be born.

### 2008 First Baby of the Year

Last year's first baby was Grace Anne, daughter of Jeff and Becca Landers. She was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis on Jan. 23. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.



CAROLERS MADE their way around St. Francis on Christmas Eve. Pictured, back row, Nariah Hamilton, Logan Hamilton, Oakley Hamilton and Chandler Hamilton. Pictured, front row, Piper Hamilton, Tiffany Hamilton, JJ Morris.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Coyote callers to arrive

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11, in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the 12th calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

The response has been tremendous and the team slots have been filled for months. Brent Rueb, coordinator, reports 85 teams in the Predator Sniper Class and 56 teams in the Sportsman's Warehouse Class.

There are new rules for the 2009 contest so Mr. Rueb is urging all

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DELIVERING SENIOR Citizens meals on Wednesday were Tom Keller, St. Francis, right, and Trevor Linton, Goodland. They made their deliveries in a pickup truck wearing a huge Santa hat once worn by the First National Bank's inflatable Shrek.

## Accident takes life of woman

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A St. Francis woman and a Denver man were killed Friday at about 7 p.m. when their vehicles collided at the Wheeler intersection.

Shirley Amack, 72, St. Francis, was traveling north on K-27 and William Roth, 25, Denver, was going east on U.S. 36 when the two vehicles collided. Both Mrs. Amack and Mr. Roth were pronounced dead on the scene.

Two passengers in the 1994 GMC pickup truck, Steven Headley, 28, Sterling, Colo., and Thomas Yim, 30, of Aurora, Colo., were injured and taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital by emergency medical technicians. Later, they were taken by medical air flight to

Swedish Hospital in Denver.

Mrs. Amack was coming home from Goodland where she had been staying with her mother. Her husband, Alvin, said she had called to let him know that she would be coming and he was waiting for her to help her carry in her luggage.

The accident was worked by the Kansas Highway Patrol and Cheyenne County Sheriff officers. None of those in the accident were wearing seat belts. Sheriff Craig VanAllen said the accident is still under investigation.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, the day after her birthday, at the St. Francis Community Church with burial in the St. Francis Cemetery. The obituary can be found on Page 5 in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

## Bird City business opens

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What started out as casual conversation in 2005 is now a new business adventure for Wade Carmichael, Bird City, and Tim and Robyn Raile, St. Francis.

In 1990, Jim Banister, McDonald, introduced Mr. Carmichael to Monty Nuss. At that time, Mr. Nuss had a thriving portrait studio business and was interested in developing his hobby of cooking into a beef jerky business.

As it turned out, Monty Nuss Beef Jerky was born and a successful business began in 1996. Mr. Nuss opened a store front in Littleton, Colo. For nearly 10 years, Monty's customers crowded into his store to buy the only Monty Nuss Beef Jerky in the country.

The business continued to grow and grow, and what started out as a hobby demanded too much time away from his photography business. Mr. Nuss chose to close the doors on his jerky store. About 3 years ago, Mr. Carmichael learned about Mr. Nuss closing up shop, called him, and asked if he was interested in selling Monty Nuss Jerky. At first, Mr. Nuss said, "No, not at this time." However, 3 months passed, Mr. Nuss gave Wade another call and said he was interested in selling



BEEF JERKY business owners, Wade Carmichael, left, and Tim and Robyn Raile, check out the equipment.

Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

his business.

Wade wanted this to be a family-owned and operated business, and Tammie, his wife, enjoying her career as a full-time teacher, did not have the time to commit to another venture and encouraged him to pursue the venture. Mr. Carmichael then asked Tim and Robyn Raile, his sister and brother-in-law, to join him.

"I asked them if they wanted to go on an adventure," laughed Wade.

Once the partnership formed, the three of them began a journey to learn all the aspects of opening a new business.

Tim and Robyn did, and they became partners and together purchased the name and recipe rights to Monty's Beef Jerky from Monty and Carole Nuss.

In addition, working with them is Jessica Raile-Reimer who handles the marketing and web site design. Michael Raile, Teryn See BUSINESS on Page 5



HORSE AND SLEIGH greets travelers on U.S. 36 east of St. Francis.

## Horse welcomes travelers

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Travelers coming from the east on U.S. 36 into St. Francis are greeted by a unique Christmas decoration. The horse and sleigh, outlined with white lights, appears to be moving.

The horse and sleigh belongs to Eddy and Sherry Schultz, who live about 2 miles east of St. Francis. Eddy says people often comment on the Christmas decoration, asking when they are going to put it up.

Eddy and his dad, Ed, made it about 17 years ago. Ed had made a Santa and sleigh to put on his roof and he thought Eddy and Sherry also needed something. They discussed it and they came up with the horse and sleigh.

Ed was a man for perfection so he measured the Schultz's horse, then took those figures back to his shop in town and drew out the horse on the floor with chalk. Eddy then bent the metal and formed the horse. He said some of the metal needed to be heated with a blow torch but they got the job done. The sleigh was much easier.

The lights for the horse were running lights to give the illusion of a trotting horse. The rest were regular Christmas lights. The first lights were attached with wire rings but, as the lights needed replaced, they used tape.

The Schultz's said they enjoy the horse and sleigh as much as those passing by. It has become a Christmas tradition.