



## Bed races set for Saturday

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Some people eat corn beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day. In St. Francis, Joyce Russ is spending her day organizing the bed races.

This is the second year for the bed races. The races will start at 2 p.m. at the

south side of Sawhill Park. Entries will line up behind the band shell. Entry forms can be obtained by calling Mrs. Russ at 332-2118 or jeruss@eaglecom.net. Completed forms will be collected 30 minutes prior to race time.

Two beds will race at a time. The winners of each race will race against each

other. The races will be held rain or shine, Mrs. Russ said.

### Get your bed ready

Getting ready for the race is simple. Someone or a team builds their bed and puts wheels on the legs. A team pushes the bed with a rider, generally a small rider, to the end of the block. At that time,

the rider puts on a pair of pajamas and the bed is pushed back to the finish line.

Businesses, families, churches, clubs, just to name some, are welcome to enter. All ages may participate but pre-teen children should be accompanied by a parent who participates in the race.

Since it is held on a Saturday, people

from other towns can enter, she said.

It is also at the end of the school's spring break and kids looking for something to do can build their bed.

The fee for having a great time racing a bed is \$1 or a canned-food item. The entry fees will be donated to the Food Pantry.

## Pharmacy celebrates 10 years in business

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Krien Pharmacy, St. Francis, is celebrating 10 years in business. During the month of March, a 10 percent discount will be given on all merchandise in the store except for prescriptions.

Dr. Kody Krien and his wife, Penny, bought the pharmacy from Scott Wiley and took over on March 2, 2001.

Since then, one of the biggest changes Dr. Krien has made in the store is the recent addition of ScriptPro, a robot that fills the prescription with the exception of putting the cap on. At that point, there is a picture on the computer screen showing the description of the pill, he checks to make sure that is what is in the bottle and puts the cap on.

It insures safety for the patient, he said. If there is an error, the robot company, which is based out of Kansas City, notifies him immediately.

Dr. Krien worked with ScriptPro while he was with the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb., and was impressed with it then. He said that in the last 12 years, no changes had been made to the system and it was reliable.

"I like technology that makes sense and works," he said. "This does both."

While the robot fills the prescriptions, Dr. Krien has a few minutes to talk to the customer about concerns they might have, answer questions, take their blood pressure or even give an immunization shot.

Offering immunization shots for flu, pneumonia, tetanus and shingles is another change. They were



KODY KRIEN, pharmacist at Krien Pharmacy, takes a prescription off the ScriptPro robot. Herald photo by Karen Krien

carrying handicap equipment, but Medicare changed the guidelines on reimbursement and he found that they were overwhelmed with the amount of paperwork and often still didn't get the reimbursement. That is when they decided to offer immunizations.

I think it is an important service to the community, he said. And, the insurance company can be billed through the pharmacy.

The business still carries some handicap equipment and can order equipment when it's needed.

In the last 10 years, the Kriens have upgraded the computer systems and have images of all prescription

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ANDEREGG WAITE JR. was the first baby born at the Cheyenne County Hospital in 2012. His parents are Anderegg Waite and Betty Harrison, St. Francis. Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

## First baby born March 7

After over two months, the county's first baby of the year was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Anderegg Lee Waite Jr. was born on Wednesday, March 7, to Betty Harrison and Anderegg Waite of St. Francis. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20-inches long. Dr. Rebecca Allard delivered the baby.

Baby Anderegg and his parents will receive many gifts from both the merchants who sponsored the First Baby Contest of the Year and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Krien Pharmacy has a baby gift; the United Methodist Thrift Store

has a \$20 gift card; Western State Bank, a \$50 savings bond; Bankwest, a \$25 Busy Bee's B-E-E A Saver savings account; Owens True Value, a baby gift; Sainty Liquor, a bottle of champagne; and a year's subscription to The Saint Francis Herald.

The hospital gave progressive outfits with "Cheyenne County First Baby of 2012" embroidered by Deb George. The outfits are sizes 3 months, 6 months and 9 months. Anderegg will also receive a case of disposable diapers.

Anderegg's grandparents are

Kathy Skinner, Tulsa, Okla., Sheila and Terry Hilt, St. Francis, and Herb Waite, Denver. Great-grandparents are Joy Anderegg, Bird City and Ken and Gladys Tygart, Tucson, Az..

### First baby of 2011

Last year's first baby of the year born at the Cheyenne County Hospital was Shelby Lynn Hartman born on Jan. 17. She is the daughter of Janna Marie Brooks and Christopher Hartman, St. Francis.

Anderegg broke the cycle by being the first boy born in the last seven years. The last six have been girls.



100,000th VERSATILE TRACTOR made was bought by the Bracelin family, Rodney, Ken, Chris and Cade. They purchased the tractor from Yost Farm Supply. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

## Farmers buy 100,000th Versatile

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Cheyenne County farmers, Ken Bracelin, Rodney Bracelin, his son, Chris Bracelin and grandson, Cade Bracelin, are the owners of the 100,000th Versatile tractor. They picked up the tractor at Yost Farm Supply in St. Francis on Thursday.

Rod, Chris and Cade were there, along with Jon Yost, one of the owners of Yost Farm Supply,

to see the tractor roll off the line in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Oct. 26. Ken was unable to go.

I can tell you, said Rodney about seeing the tractor come off the assembly line, it was a whale of an experience! We watched tractors coming down the line and being put together. It was just a neat scene and we really enjoyed it.

The tractor is a Versatile 305-row-crop. The exhaust grille, exhaust tip and steps are chrome-

plated. The special mural decal features a sampling of all Versatile tractors built since 1966, though the 100,000 number includes some tractors for New Holland, Fiat and Caterpillar.

Dave Yost, owner of the St. Francis, Goodland and Imperial farm supplies, said getting the 100,000th tractor was a "luck of the draw." Versatile had let him know and had arranged to have

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## Concrete business sells —



PETE JENSEN, right, sold the St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix to Darrel and Pamela Ritchey, Wray. Mr. Jensen has been in the concrete business for 44 years. See Story on Page 12 of this issue.

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