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Sarah and Brian Garcia of McCook had no idea their new baby might be the Gazetteland's "New Year's Baby 2010." The baby wasn't due until Jan. 10, and it seemed that by Jan. 3, someone else should have already claimed the title.

"We weren't planning on him being a week early," Sarah said of her new son, Braidon Rex Garcia.

He was earlier than his due date and later than Jan. 1, but Braidon was right on time to claim the title of the first baby born on the Gazette's Golden Plains in the new year.

Braidon was born Sunday, Jan. 3, at 10:10 p.m. MT, at Community Hospital of McCook. He weighed 7 pounds, 10.4 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches long. He was delivered by Dr. Wade Fornander.

Braidon joins the Garcia family as the fifth child. His sisters are Bailey, age 9, and Emmalee, 3 1/2; his brothers are Carson, age 6, and Simon, 2 1/2.

His grandparents are Ben and Marleen Garcia of McCook, Sue and Dave Irey of Imperial and Vern White of Oakes, N.D.

Sarah graduated from Chase County High School in 2005.

As the Gazette's first baby of 2010, Braidon wins a package of prizes provided by these merchants: MNB, Farrell's Pharmacy and Hallmark Store, Phones etc., Unique Boutique Gifts and Collectibles, USave Pharmacy and Medical Supply, Community Hospital of McCook, Pizza Hut/KFC/Taco Bell, ap images and Walmart of McCook, and Mark's Pharmacy and Tri Valley Health System of Cambridge.

The Gazette will present the parents of the New Year's Baby with a one-year subscription to the newspaper.