Leeum Joseph Graber makes appearance six days into new year

When Karmyn Ramirez arrived at Gothenburg Memorial Hospital during the wee hours of Sunday morning, she wasn't thinking about having a New Year's baby.

Ramirez was in the throes of contractions.

However she and her fiance Zach Graber, both of Elwood, were alerted to the possibility by Dr. Carol Shackleton upon their arrival at the hospital, even though the due date was three weeks away.

"She said it looked like we were having the New Year's baby," Ramirez said.

At 7:30 a.m., Leeum Graber was born, weighing 6 pounds and 12 oz., and 18 inches long.

Graber said he kind of wanted him to be born on New Year's Day which would have been his maternal grandmother and step-grandfather's anniversary. Michelle and Don Hyde of Gothenburg are those grandparents.

Ramirez said she was excited to have the New Year's baby and also happy Leeum was born healthy.

Manuel Ramirez, Jr. of Elwood is the grandfather.

Paternal grandparents are Doreen Graber of Oxford and Mervin Graber of York.

Dorothy Henry of Gothenburg is the maternal great-grandmother and Julia Zulkoski and Manuel Ramirez, both of Cozad, are maternal great-grandparents.

Paternal great grandparents are Teresa and Ruben Feldman of Oxford.

Other Gothenburg Memorial Hospital New Year's babies are:

2012—On Jan. 10, Jackson Michael Dowdy was born to Justin and Jill Dowdy. He arrived at 12:39 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 12 oz.

2011—On Jan. 3, Emily Rae Cardenas was born to Wendy Cardenas. She arrived at 8:06 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 5 oz.

2010—On Feb. 25, Arthur Jeffrey Holsten was born to Jeff and Mandy Holsten. He arrived at 12:04 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs., 15 1/2 oz.

2009—On Feb. 2, Brett Larson was born to Todd and Sandy Larson. He arrived at 11:54 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz.

2008—On Jan. 5, Kaitlyn Brooke Hecox was born to Bryan and Michelle Hecox. She arrived at 8:37 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz.

2007—On Jan. 15, Enrique William Block was born to Loren and Sue-Ellen Block. He arrived at 4:55 a.m. and weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz.

2006—On Jan. 3, Sean Anthony McClement was born to Donna McClement of Gothenburg. He arrived at 7:05 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/2 oz.

2005—On Jan. 2, Ashton Marie Harbur was born to Jeff and Christy Harbur of rural Cozad. She arrived at 6:18 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs., .03 oz.

2004—On Jan. 27, Arissa Reyn Ackerman was born to Mike and Carmen Ackerman of Gothenburg. She arrived at 10:19 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 8 1/2 oz.

2003—On Jan. 15, Emma Marie Einspahr was born to Terry and Lisa Einsphar of Farnam. She arrived at 2 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.

2002—On Jan. 3, Mason Sean Bales was born to Nicole Barnes and Steve Bales of Farnam. He arrived at 12:50 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz.

2001—On Jan. 15, Andrew James Maline was born to Keith and Anita Maline of Gothenburg. He arrived at 11:19 a.m. and weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz.

2000—On Jan. 4, Annastasia Cheyenne McCracken was born to April McCracken of Arnold. She arrived at 11:10 a.m.and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz.

1999—On Jan. 5, Michaela Viola Fecht was born to Jeff Fecht and Jennifer Fecht. She arrived at 4:20 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 1/2 ounce.

1998—On Jan. 11, Nathan Leroy Doudney was born to Melissa Anne Doudney of Gothenburg. He arrived at 6:34 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

1997—On. Jan. 1, Shelby Rae Loostrom was born to Perry and Kris Loostrom of rural Gothenburg. She arrived at 7:04 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

1996—On Jan. 1, Aryn Elizabeth Meisinger was born to Dan and Mary Meisinger of Gothenburg. She arrived at 1:45 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs.

1995—On Jan. 10, Aubrey Mae Brush was born to Kristine Brush of Cozad. She arrived at 7:50 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz.

1994—On Jan. 3, Misty Dawn Roberts was born to Pam Roberts of Gothenburg. She arrived at 4:10 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

1993—On Jan. 1, Amanda Rose Lunkwitz was born to Gary and Becky Lunkwitz of Tryon. She arrived at1:15 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.

1992—On Jan. 7, Michael Dale Carlson was born to Mike and Rose Carlson temporarily of Gothenburg. He arrived at 10:43 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

1991—On Jan. 3, Marie Louise Fisher was born to Darrel and Linda Fisher of Moorefield. She arrived at 8:25 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.

1990—On Jan. 13, Trevor Jon Tetley was born to Greg and Shelly Tetley of Cozad. He arrived

at 1:05 p.m. and weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz.

1989—On Jan. 3, Jennifer Rose Borer was born to Steve and Helen Borer of Brady. She arrived at 9:02 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

1988—On Jan. 4, Stacy Rae Thompsen was born to Kirt and LaRae Thompsen of Gothenburg. She arrived at 1:18 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.

1987—On Jan. 1, Anna Elise Ibach was born to George and Susan Ibach of Gothenburg. She arrived at 7:20 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

1986—On Jan. 2, Andrew Steven Block was born to Tim and Cindy Block of Gothenburg. He arrived at 8:32 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

1985—On Jan. 16, Abagail Marguerite Karre was born to Tom and LaDonna Karre of Gothenburg. She arrived at 9:21 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

1984—On Jan. 4, Luke Levi Buesing was born to Mike and Jeanne Buesing of Gothenburg. He arrived at 11:05 a.m. and weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz.

1983—On Jan. 4, Michaela Elaine Fredrickson was born to Mike and Traci Fredrickson of Gothenburg. She arrived at 10:46 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

1982—On Jan. 7, Jeremiah Michael Welch was born to Patrick and Karen Welch of Farnam. He arrived at 1:45 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz.

1981—On Jan. 2, Radley Stephen Breuer was born to Stephen and Jeane Breuer of rural Gothenburg. He arrived at 11:35 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 8 1/2 oz.

1980—On Jan. 1, Melissa Marie Peklo was born to Everett and Cindy Peklo of Gothenburg. She arrived at 8:25 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

1979—On Jan. 2, Derek R. Kotschwar was born to Rick and Gwen Kotschwar of Farnam. He arrived at 2:32 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

1978—On Jan. 3, Michele Lynn Davis was born to Gary and Brenda Davis of Farnam. She arrived at 6:45 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

1977—On Jan. 11, Austin Ira Swendener was born to Rodney and Marn Swendener of Gothenburg. He weighed 10 lbs. 1/4 oz.

1976—On Jan. 5, Jennifer Leigh Sitorius was born to Doug and Jeanne Sitorius of Gothenburg. She arrived at 4:43 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs.

1975—On Jan. 10, Greg Allen Maurer was born to Richard and Carol Maurer of Gothenburg. He arrived at 8:21 a.m.

1974—On Jan. 11 Cody Jay Hecox was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Hecox of Gothenburg. He arrived at 1:09 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 12 1/4 oz.

1973—On Jan. 16, Daniel Michael Zerr was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Zerr of Lexington.

1972—On Jan. 28, Jeffrey Lynn Kottwitz was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kottwitz of Gothenburg. He arrived at 5:12 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

1971—On Jan. 9, LaRita Olive Payne was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Payne of Overton. She arrived at 1:52 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9 1/2 oz.

1970—On Jan. 1, Matthew Shawn Wood was born to Paul and Zonia Gail Wood of Cozad. He arrived at 11:45 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.