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First baby of year anxious to get here

Due date wasn't until Jan. 29

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The first baby to be born this year in Wharton County came into the world rather unexpectedly — she wasn't due until Jan. 29.

Kaylee Marie Cardenas was born at 3:21 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2012 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. She weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches in length.

Kaylee's proud parents are Maria Vasquez and Patrick Cardenas of El Campo.

"Kaylee was a real surprise for us," her father said. "Maria was having complications

with high blood pressure and then we found out Kaylee had an erratic heart beat. When the doctors discovered the umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck, they decided she needed to come out right away."

Kaylee was delivered by Dr. Theresa Castillo. Her pediatrician is Dr. Susan Winchell.

"Both Maria and Kaylee are at home now," Cardenas added. "They are healthy and doing just fine."

As the first baby born in 2012, Kaylee received an array of gifts to take home with her. Diapers, clothes, toys and gift certificates will help her start the New Year on a good note.

Kaylee's parents also re-

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Photo courtesy of Gulf Coast Medical Center
Kaylee Marie Cardenas was the first baby of 2012 born in Wharton County. She was delivered at Gulf Coast Medical Center at 3:21 p.m. on Jan. 1. From left, Debbie Mahoney, RN, Director of Women's Services, Patrick Cardenas (dad), Dr. Susan Winchell, Pediatrician, Maria Vasquez (mother), and baby Kaylee Marie Cardenas.