

## Proposed ordinance causes some concern

By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council members held their meeting in the renovated board room in the back of the St. Francis city building. One of the topics discussed was a previous article published in *The Saint Francis Herald* concerning an addition to the original ordinance which, if passed, would require 4 by 4 vehicles or chains to be used in town when there was a heavy snow.

The council was concerned that the article had been misunderstood. Several residents who had approached council members had understood they would be ticketed and fined \$100 if caught driving without chains or a 4 by 4 when there was snow accumulation on the roads.

The present ordinance forbids residents from parking on designated snow route streets. A second addition to the ordinance which the council has not approved, would give the mayor or superintendent authority to ask residents to stay off the streets unless having a 4 by 4 or chains when there is a paralyzing

snow. The length that the ordinance would be in effect would only for the time it would take for city crews to clear the streets. The notice would be put on cable television.

Bill Farland, St. Francis, said that after reading the newspaper article, even though he noted that he put little stock in what he read in the paper, felt alarmed about the ordinance. He was concerned that if he was ticketed, the offense would be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles which would, in turn, count against his insurance.

Mr. Farland presently owns the building at 314 W. Washington, and noted that while there he had observed several people breaking traffic laws and yet nothing seemed to be done about it. He felt that if the city was going to enforce a law like this, that there were a lot of other laws they needed to enforce. He also said that he didn't have a problem with the theory just the ordinance becoming a law.

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**MORE SNOW, BLIZZARD** conditions were once again hitting northwest Kansas over the weekend. The snow closed roads and made for another miserable weekend.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Board pursues purchase of beds

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board agreed to pursue the purchase of 12 beds for the new addition of the hospital when they met on Thursday, Feb. 22. The beds will be bought with memorial funds.

Families and others will give

funds in memory of a loved one. Traci Neitzel, board member, asked when someone gives a memorial for a specified item, is this documented? Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said Heidi Tice, chief financial officer, has a spread sheet with this information.

The beds and furniture for each of the rooms will cost approximately \$65,189. The old beds are 14-year-old and Administrator Lacy said that it is time that they be replaced.

Jerry Toler, board president, asked that the administrator bring more information about the beds

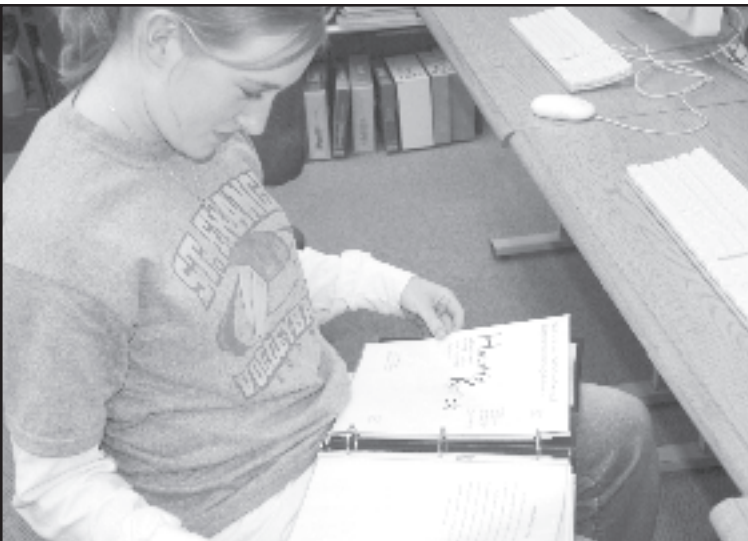
and furniture and possibly a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Dr. Allard

Dr. Rebecca Allard will be coming to Cheyenne County on Aug. 6. A general practitioner, Dr. Allard See **BEDS** on Page 8A



Editor-in-Chief Lauren Ross examines her entry for Theme Development/Graphics. Ross competed with Dara Loyd as a team.



Editor-in-Chief Alecia Zimelman looks over her contest carry-in piece for headline writing. Photos courtesy of the Yearbook Staff

## Sainty students have outstanding performance

St. Francis Community High School journalism students had an outstanding performance at regional journalism contest held Thursday in Hays.

Advisor Brenda Day said sweepstakes awards are no longer given at regionals. However if points were awarded in the same manner they are now awarded at State Journalism Contest, the St. Francis students would have placed first with 48 points. The second placer would have been Hill City with 38 points.

Placing at regionals allows students to go on and compete at state in Lawrence.

"We spend anywhere from one to two weeks preparing," Mrs. Day said. "Students must prepare as in-

dividuals. I supply the materials and they supply the work.

"Contest is a great learning experience for students. It gives them a chance to achieve a certain amount of expertise in an area of journalism. They also get the input of a judge who is either a working professional or a college instructor."

Students and their placements are:

First place: Amanda Nipps-Feature Photography; and Andrea Holzwarth-Yearbook Sports Writing.

Second place: Holly Keller-Newspaper Sports Writing, Theme Development/Graphics; Cassie Dankenbring-Theme Development/Graphics; Dara Loyd-Editorial

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## Third generation wrestler takes State

By Karen Krien

St. Francis wrestler Jordan Gienger won a champion wrestling title at the 3-2-1A State wrestling tournament held in Hays over the weekend. He was the third generation to win a State title.

The winning streak began in 1944 when his grandpa Warren Gienger took State at 127 pounds. Four years later, Jordan's grandpa Elton Keller won state. In 1978, his dad, Kelly Gienger was a state champion. Through the years, Jordan has around 14 family members who have held the State championship title and many others who have been State placers.

Warren Gienger

Warren died in 2001 at a football game. He loved sports and followed football and wrestling for most of his life.

His brother Pete, who was also a State champ several years later, said that wrestling was his main sport.

"He would have been tickled — smiling all the time — to see Jordan win State," said Kelly, Warren's son.

He would have been nervous, too!! Pete added.

When Warren was a senior, the state tournament was held in Salina at Memorial Hall. Warren, along with Lyle Linnell at 133 pounds, were the State champs and the Sainty team placed fifth. Coached by Pete Christensen, Warren beat Mason from Norton and received the medal.

Pete said that in those days, most of the country kids (the Giengers and Kellers grew up on a farm) went out for wrestling while the town kids played basketball. He didn't know why — maybe, he said, the town kids had a little experience with the basketball and the country kids were always wrestling around at home.

Warren was around to follow Kelly's sports participation and later, he could be found helping out by taking his grandsons to kids tournaments, making sure they were on time for early weigh-ins.

Kelly inherited Warren's school letter jacket and will wear it on special occasions.

Elton Keller

Elton, wrestling at 145 pounds, was undefeated his senior year. In 1944, State was held at Oberlin and they wrestled all classes including schools from

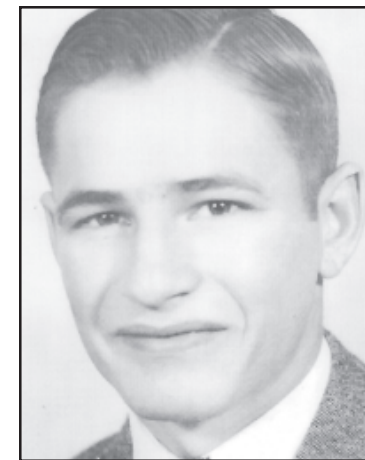


WAITING FOR THE MATCH to begin can be tense. Jordan Gienger waits with coaches Steve Jenkins, left, and Mike Frewen at the State tournament held in Hays on Saturday.

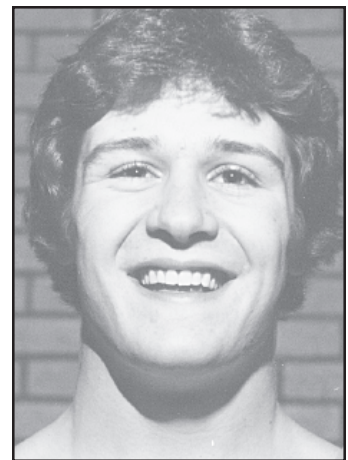
Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller



Warren Gienger



Elton Keller



Kelly Gienger

Wichita, Salina and Topeka. His opponent was a junior from Wichita East and he pinned him. The next year, the Wichita wrestler placed second in State.

Elton said he had never wrestled the Wichita wrestler before but, in those days, they didn't have many matches. There were eight teams in the league resulting in seven matches, there three league tournament matches and four in the state tournament — a total of 16 matches (at the most) in the year.

When he was a junior, Elton said he took second and his opponent was a two-time State champion.

Elton said the kid beat him "bad" 6-0.

Elton has followed wrestling for years and has seen some changes. He said in 1944, if the wrestler could get ahead, even by one point, he could hang onto a leg for the rest of the match and win — there was no such call as "stalling."

In those days, a match lasted 9 minutes with a minute rest time in-between the three periods. He said that actually, the matches were slow moving and kind of boring.

Wrestlers could also ride their opponent and earn points.

He never lifted weights but living

on the farm, he had his share of lifting.

"I suppose milking cows also helped some," he said.

Through the years, Elton, Warren and Pete were generally in the cheering section at matches and tournaments, in town and out of town.

Kelly Gienger

Kelly graduated in 1979 and well remembers winning the State title over Roger Baalman from Oakley. State tourney was the third time he had met Baalman that year and he had

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