

Board makes decision on X-ray

By Karen Krien
 For the last two regular Cheyenne County Hospital Board meetings, the members and administration have talked about X-ray equipment for the hospital. At the Thursday meeting, the board made the decision to purchase a Phillips X-ray machine for \$90,894.

The new equipment will be installed in the hospital after an area of the hospital has been remodeled and the new addition has been constructed. And, while the hospital is months from being ready to use the new equipment, it was necessary for the architect to know what kind, the size and weight before drawing up that part of the plans.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, and Deb Jensen, lab technician, had traveled to several hospitals to look at similar equipment, see it in use and see how it handled. On appearance, both the Dell and the Phillips seemed to be about the same however, the price of the Dell was about \$10,500 less than the Phillips. Administrator Lacy said after looking at both machines, he then began talking to lab technicians and others who were familiar with X-ray equipment. He noted that the cost of a maintenance agreement with the Dell would be around \$28,000 while certified technicians from Hays

Medical Center would repair the Phillips, charging only for time, labor and mileage, thus amounting to much less than \$28,000. Administrator Lacy recommended the Phillips for several different reasons besides cost including: Phillips was an established company and the machine was much heavier and would stand up better in all types of use and the sizes patients. The X-ray machine will not need to be paid in full

until it arrives and the cost will remain the same then as it was the night of the meeting. The next expenditure was for rolling files for the clinic in St. Francis. Originally, it was thought that only about 110-linear feet of files were needed however, re-measuring, it was found that about 125-linear feet will be needed instead. The board was then faced

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Recycling center ready for business

By Sandy Barnhart
 At the Feb. 18 St. Francis City Council meeting, Councilman Roger Jensen reported that the cement work at the city's recycling center was done and the center had reopened that day, but no vehicles had been allowed in the center. He had talked to Ben Andrist, caretaker, who was pleased with the cement floor adding that the floor was making the job much easier. Mr. Andrist asked about getting a forklift for the center as it would make it easier to move and stack the bales.

Last year on April 2, the city had purchased a skid loader for \$26,475 to be used at the center. Mr. Andrist explained that when he needed the skidster the city crew had to be called to bring the loader up along with an operator. Mr. Andrist felt that the forklift could be left at the center and he could operate it. Councilman Jensen and Superintendent J.R. Landenberger agreed to look into the purchase of a used forklift.

Police report
 Chief Ryan told the council that he had checked with Yost Ford-Mercury and the 2003 Expedition that Yost had given a bid would come with the captain seats instead of the bench seats. The cost of the 2003 Expedition with the government discount will be \$26,875. He will be putting the 1993 Crown Victoria up for bids. Bids for a new police vehicle were opened at the Feb. 4 meeting and consisted of: Burlington-Limon Ford Mercury - 2003 Expedition, \$25,800; 2003 Explorer, \$23,535; 2003 Crown Victoria, \$21,961. Yost Ford Mercury - 2003 Expedition, \$26,875; 2003 Expedition with trade-in of 1993 Crown Victoria, \$26,450. Vince's Chevrolet, Burlington - 2003 Tahoe, \$31,300. Chief Ryan said he had received

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Wrestling starts Friday

By Betty Jean Winston
 After a good regional wrestling tournament in Lakin on Friday and Saturday, Sainty mat men now are making final preparations for the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament which begins Friday in Hays. A wrestling send-off is planned for 3:45 p.m. Thursday at the high school. Regionals is one of the most important times in the wrestling year and every mat man wants be at his best in order to place in one of the four top positions which guarantees a trip to state. Nine Indians accomplished this feat. Sainty has a nice representation traveling to Hays including seven second place finishers, Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Trey Hilt, Derek Ross, Dallas Walz and Gabe Walz; two third place finisher, Gabe Smull and Travis Hilt and one fourth place finisher, Gabe Gienger. These

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Sub-state action begins

By Betty Jean Winston
 Sub-state basketball action for the Indians and Lady Indians begins the first week of March with the boys playing on Monday night and the girls on Tuesday night. As in the past, teams rated first, second, third and fourth host the opening games (unless the distance between the two school is large and then the visiting team can request a neutral location between the two schools). St. Francis is involved in the Syracuse Substate this year so the semifinals and finals are being played at Syracuse. The semifinals will be played on Thursday and Friday and both boys and girls finals on Saturday. This is a single-elimination tournament, meaning if a team loses, the team's season is over. Teams in the Syracuse Substate are two Northwest Kansas League teams, Atwood and St. Francis, five Hi-Plains League teams, Johnson/Stanton County, Leoti,

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ASHLEE ORTH was one of the children having her fingerprints taken at the St. Francis Grade School. Helping her is Cliff Flock, undersheriff. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

More snow falls

The National Weather Service reports the average highs and lows for this time of year is 47 and 18 degrees respectively however, the highs and lows Sunday and Monday was no where close. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather reporter, found the temps working hard to reach 18 degrees on Monday and the low was -6. In fact, all across the state, the temperatures were in the single digits or reaching to the minus side. While the wind didn't reach the forecasted 40 miles per hour on Sunday. Richard Grace, Grace Flying, St. Francis, reported that the top wind speed was 32 miles per hour and the wind chills were pushing the temperatures down to around -30 degrees. People were urged to stay indoors if possible and if they were out to dress warmly with several layers and coverings over the face if possible. The moisture is welcomed and the snow piled up to around 6 to 8 inches and .39 inch moisture. If it all doesn't end up in the ditches, it will be beneficial but more is certainly needed. Will winter ever end? It always does and while the tri-state area has had a relatively mild weather part of the time with only periods of extreme cold, the past few days have been trying to farmers and ranchers who are calving and trying to feed cattle. Officials at the regional wrestling tournament held in Lakin on Satur-



FRANCIS O'LEARY was making a path from his house to the pickup early Sunday morning. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

day combined the consolation and championship finals, getting through the tournament in record time so those attending could get home before the storm hit. Most people reported that they rolled into St. Francis just as the storm was moving in. By Sunday, state and county crews were out clearing the roads.

Through the day, the city crew had many of the main streets cleared and there was a mountain of snow piled down the middle of Main Street but the crew had considerably cleared walkways through the piles so people could park on the other side of the street and cross without having to go to the end of the block or

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Weather detours birth of baby at county hospital

It has been four years since the last baby was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital. However, early, early Sunday morning, Shadryon Thomas Blanka was born at the facility. Shadryon, son of Shawn and Shawna Blanka, arrived at 4:14 a.m. on Sunday weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Mrs. Blanka had originally started doctoring with Dr. Natalie Griego, Goodland, but, as a member of the Colorado National Guard Unit - Medical Support Hospital, she was called to duty in January leaving Mrs. Blanka without a doctor. Dr. Mary Beth Miller agreed to take over in Dr. Griego's place and would go to Goodland when it was time for the baby to be delivered. The Cheyenne County Hospital does not ordinarily deliver babies but a snowstorm was raging and the baby was ready to enter the world right then so Dr. Miller made the decision to deliver the baby in St. Francis. "While we don't ordinarily deliver babies, the hospital does have the facilities and equipment to do so," she said. "It was really nice to be able to stay at home to have the baby and I got the best of care," Mrs. Blanka said. Shadryon has a brother Shakotah to welcome him home. Grandparents are Tom and Donna Stevens, St. Francis, and Dean and Joyce Blanka, Wamego. Great-grandparents are Hurb and Lola Graves, St. Francis.



SHADRYON BLANKA was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital early Sunday morning. Shadryon was the first baby to be born in the hospital in four years. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

WRESTLING

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wrestlers represent every class in high school from freshmen through seniors.

St. Francis as a team placed second at Lakin with 159.5 points and brought home the second place trophy. Hoxie with seven regional champions and 258.5 point took first place.

"We are looking forward to competing (at state)," Coach Larry Gabel said. "It has been a long time since we have taken nine kids."

One of the wrestlers is making a return trip to state. Dallas Walz qualified for state last year and although he did not place in the top six, won a match and contributed to the team's total points.

"State is going to be tough," Coach Gabel said. "There are better kids at state every year. The kids seems to wrestle more, lift weights more and have better coaching."

As usual these young men will be doing their best to represent St. Francis.

"We are excited about going and they will do the best they can," Coach Larry Gabel said. "They will represent St. Francis to the best of their ability."

Sainty fans also look forward to this weekend, as many of them travel to Hays to cheer on the Indians and see some outstanding wrestling.

The Sainty wrestlers always hear the Indians fans in the stands and this encourages them.

The state tournament takes place at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University.

Sainty wrestlers will have the following opponents for their first match at state.

103 pounds: Richard (22-11), freshman, vs Alex Ryan, Russell (27-9);

112 pounds: Loyd (25-5), freshman, vs Adam Spaeny, Southeast of Saline (30-6);

125 pounds: Gienger (8-20), sophomore, vs Kenny Tyler, West Elk (25-5);

145 pounds: Smull (28-9), freshman, vs Philip Mendoza, Cherryvale (18-15);

152 pounds: Trey Hilt (22-7), junior, vs Blake Thibault, Osborne (29-4);

160 pounds: Ross (30-6), sophomore, vs Derek Schumacher, Thomas More Prep (35-6);

189 pounds: Travis Hilt (31-8), senior, vs Todd Roberts, Wellsville (33-3);

215 pounds: D. Walz (25-10), senior, vs Erickson Willett, Silver Lake (20-7);

275 pounds: G. Walz (25-8), sophomore, vs Steve Hamilton, Eureka, (19-8).

Indian fans will not want to miss the action so the times of the various sessions are listed below:

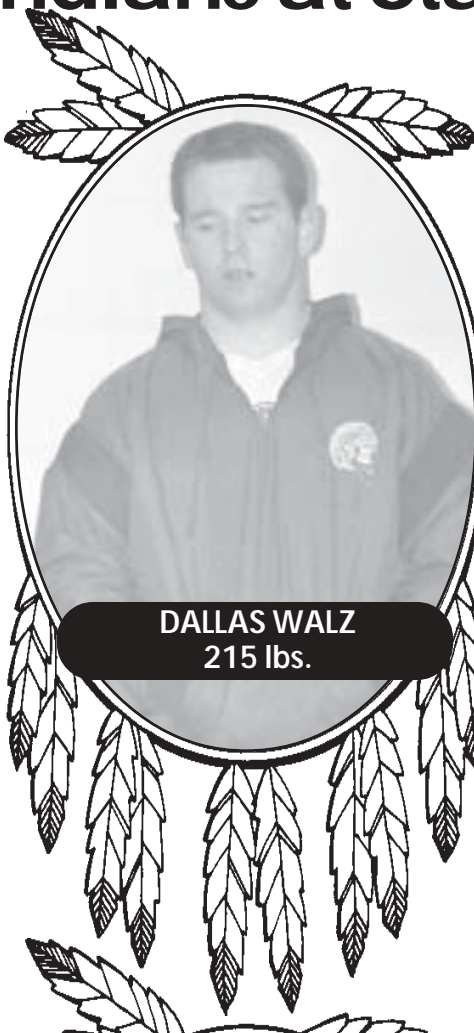
- Friday**
- 9 a.m. first round;
 - 2:15 p.m. second round, championship quarterfinals;
 - 6:15 p.m. first-round consolation; championship semifinals.

- Saturday**
- 9 a.m. consolation cross bracketing;
 - 11:30 a.m. consolation quarterfinals;
 - 1 p.m. consolation semifinals;
 - 2:30 p.m. fifth place;
 - 3:10 p.m. consolation finals;
 - 6:15 p.m. Parade of Champions;
 - 6:30 p.m. championship finals.

Good Luck Indians at State Wrestling



TRAVIS HILT
189 lbs.



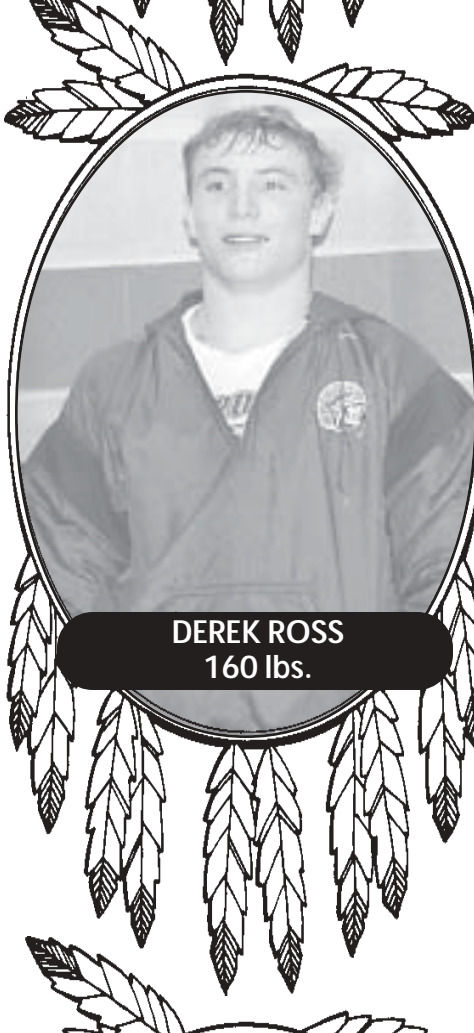
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GABE GIENGER
125 lbs.



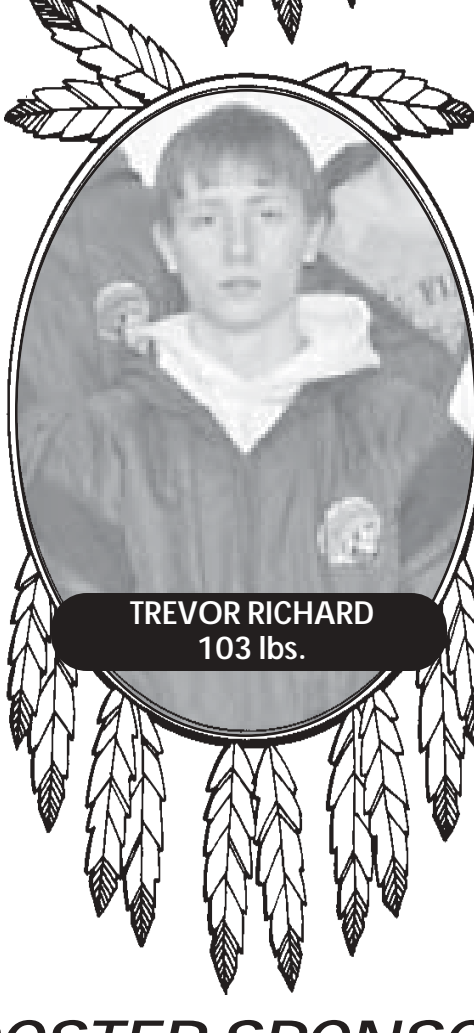
DEREK ROSS
160 lbs.



GABE WALZ HWY.



DYLAN LOYD
112 lbs.



TREVOR RICHARD
103 lbs.



GABE SMULL
145 lbs.

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around a dozen applications for a new officer and was in hopes of having one hired within the month of March.

He informed the council that he had contacted the city officials of Caldwell concerning reimbursing the city for Larry Lawrukiewicz's training (Mr. Lawrukiewicz is now employed in that city) and Caldwell will be sending a check for \$5,100.

Vandalism

Mayor Scott Schultz said that a concerned citizen had approached him concerning the recent vandalism at the St. Francis Cemetery. He asked Chief of Police Jason Ryan if the police department still patrolled that area.

Chief Ryan noted that since Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring had "undeputized" him and other city officers, the department strictly stayed in the city limits. He said he could instruct his men to patrol that area, but if there was vandalism occurring they would only be able to report it as the cemetery is out of city limits. It was the consensus of the council that Chief Ryan talk to Sheriff Dankenbring about letting them patrol a few areas close to city limits to help deter vandalism. The other areas they wanted patrolled would be to Riverside Recreation and Yost Farm Supply.

Superintendent report

• Superintendent Landenberger told the council that the Bird City school agreed to sign up with the city for the wireless internet. He explained that the school will pay \$200 a month. He also noted that the city would be putting up an access point in Bird City for a separate connection for the Bird City community.

• The council approved a maintenance schedule for Sergeant Drilling to yearly check the water wells at a cost of \$150 per well, per year. The company checks the wells once a year and then reports their findings and recommendations. There are eight water wells that will be checked the first year. After the first year Superintendent Landenberger will look into having the company check the smaller wells by the river every other year.

• Superintendent Landenberger noted that the new pickup for the power plant was in and he was in the process of gathering bids for a tool box the truck bed.

• The council approved for Superintendent Landenberger and Chief Ryan to attend a debris management class in Salina. This is a free two-day class with the state reimbursing \$55 per day for motels. The class is to help educate people in the case of disasters.

• Superintendent Landenberger noted that the Kansas Rural Water Association conference would be held the end of March. He had signed four people up to go and asked the council to let him know if they were interested in attending.

Attorney report

Attorney Mike Day reported on the petition filed by the city of St. Francis concerning the Erva Gene DeAragon property on College and East Second streets. The hearing held on Feb. 11 concerned the removal of the white trailer house which the city had deemed in violation of city codes.

Judge Jack Burr presided over the hearing and after hearing arguments of both parties gave Mrs. DeAragon 90 days to either bring the property into compliance within the codes or to remove the trailer from the premises.

Clerk report

- A check for the amount of \$889 was received from Classic Communication for pole rental.
- The council approved to pay the Chamber of Commerce dues of \$500.
- The council approved to pay dues of \$1,812 to Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. The Development helps in writing grants.
- City Clerk Mary Lampe reported that the economic survey done on the town for the sewer grant was complete with a 81.4 percent response rate and a 51.3 percent of residents in the low and moderate income.

Building permits

Building permits were approved for the following resident and business: Troy Porter, tear building down; Good Samaritan Village, build apartments.

Other business

- The council discussed Blue Cross and Blue Shield premium increases for the year. The new policy will be effective April 1 and a representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be asked to attend a meeting before that date.
- Trailer park licenses were approved for Jett Fromholtz, Merlin Sherlock and Eldon Zimelman.
- The council approved to share the expenses with the county for a hazardous material class. The state will pay for the cost of the instructor, with the city and county needing to pay for the instructors mileage from Hay, meals and motel. Mayor Schultz felt the total bill would not exceed \$400, leaving the county and city to pay \$200 each.
- Jerry Toler, St. Francis, was present at the Feb. 4 meeting and again at the Feb. 18 meeting to ask the council for permission set up a small concession trailer around town to sell a variety of popcorn. He had previously asked the council to consider waiving all or part of the \$250 license fee. While no decision was made at the previous meeting the council had agreed to look at the different options. After some discussion the council agreed to check with Attorney Day on changing part of the ordinance.

Council comments

Council woman Natalie Knodel informed the council in behalf of the theater board that a number of old movie posters had been found in the theater. She said they were in the process of trying to sell them on the internet.

The theater board had discuss getting some new seats because people had complained that some of the seats were tearing their clothing or pinching. The council woman noted that the board was looking into used seats.

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- Town & Country Clothing
- T.R. Services Inc. - Tom & Kathy Roelfs
- Tri-State Lumber & Tubing
- Unger Chiropractic
- Van Allen Inc.
- Video Connection
- Video Kingdom
- Gale & Mary Walz
- Wiese Angus Farm - Kip & Deone Wiese
- Carl Werner
- Western Sprinklers
- Wheeler Equity
- Betty Jean Winston
- Greg & Julie Wolters

Obituary

Emil Peter

Dec. 10, 1907 - Feb. 12, 2003
Longtime Kansas resident Emil Peter died Feb. 12, 2003, at Holly Heights Care Center in Denver, Colo. He was 95 years old.

Emil was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Dec. 10, 1907, the eldest child of Jacob W. Peter, Jr., and Katharina Hoerth. He was baptized on March 8, 1908, and was confirmed at an early age in the Zion Evangelical Church, which later merged with the Methodist Church. He remained a member of this faith at the time of his death. He attained an eighth-grade education.

Emil lost his mother at the tender age of nine. Joining his father and two younger brothers as wife and stepmother was Anna Wagner, who brought into the fold a small stepsister, Lila. To the latter union, two daughters were born, Irene and Mildred.

On May 17, 1931, Emil was united in marriage to Emma (Em) Eikenberg. This union of 70 years was blessed with six children: Willard, Royce, Lavonne, Janice, Dallas and Sherry.

Surviving Emil are children Willard Peter, daughter-in-law Arlene Peter, Lavonne Zwegardt (Delmer), Dallas Peter (Norma Jean) and Sherry Schultz (Eddy). Also, a sister Mildred Burr and sister-in-law Helen Peter, 12 grandchildren and their spouses, 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and four step great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Emil was preceded in death by his loving wife Em; son Royce; daughter Janice in infancy; daughters-in-law Barbara Peter and Ruth Peter; parents; brothers Reuben and Herbert; sisters Irene in early childhood and Lila; brothers-in-law Marion Drummond and Andrew Burr; sister-in-law Hazel Peter and great-grandson, Bobby Krien. He was also preceded in death by Em's parents and all nine of her siblings and their spouses.

Emil and Em began their married life in Sherman County, where Emil quickly established himself as an excellent farmer and cattleman and earned the reputation as an honest, hard-working man and good provider for his family. He won the Sherman County Corn Husking Contest in 1931 and placed second in the state contest. In 1953, he was a pioneer in the art of irrigation, having the first deep well for this purpose in Sherman County. He served for 13 years as a member and chairman of the St. Francis Equity Board of Directors. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, dearly loving to have his family around him.

Emil enjoyed hunting big game, and in 1963, when he and Em semi-retired and moved to St. Francis, he became quite an avid fisherman, which he enjoyed immensely. He also enjoyed many spectator sports. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service was held at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Feb. 17 with Pastor Doug Mason officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Zimbelman, Junior Smull, Pete Kinen, Bill Fuller, Clarence Roberson, Steve Danielski and Andre Moseley.

Casket bears were grandsons Dana Zwegardt, Darol Peter,

Geoffrey Peter, Tom DeHerrera, Gaylord Krien, David Krien, Greg Peter, Jack Hausback, Curt Peter and Bob Gross.

Memorials may be given to the St. Francis United Methodist Church, Hospice or Shiner's Hospitals.

"Just a farmer," you said
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.
They must study the land,
Then watch the sky
And figure just when
Is the right time and why
To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With Cattle and well
You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep
And you know the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad mon-
sters
Blow a gasket or two.
I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their true worth.

Helen G. Coon

Otto Ernest Bader

July 16, 1919 - Jan. 13, 2003

Otto Ernest Bader, age 83, died at Livingston (Mont.) Memorial Hospital on Jan. 13, 2003, following a long illness. A funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livingston at 10 a.m., Jan. 16, followed by burial at the Wilsall Cemetery. A reception was held at the Wilsall (Mont.) Senior Center following the graveside committal.

Otto was buried on the anniversary date of his enlistment to the Marine Corps, January 16. He was buried with full military honors, performed by active duty military personnel from nearby bases. Two Marines and a Naval medic acted as honor guard; giving a 21-gun salute. The Marines presented the United States flag to the family as the seaman played *Taps*.

Otto, of German ancestry, was born the seventh of nine children to Michael and Sophia Bader on July 16, 1919, at their home in Cheyenne County, Kan. In 1911 his parents and three oldest siblings left their home in Nesselrode, Russia, to homestead north of St. Francis, Kan., where Otto received his education from the St. Francis public schools. Being raised in a strong Christian home, he was baptized and confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church, in St. Francis.

A World War II veteran, he enlisted in the Marines on Jan. 16, 1942. He made staff sergeant while stationed at the Marine rifle range in LaJolla, Calif., where he was in charge of feeding 5,000 military personnel.

While home on leave in December of that year, he married Ann Imhoff. No children were born of this marriage.

Upon returning to duty, he was assigned to the Second Armored Amphibian Battalion and was stationed on the island of Saipan in the Marians, south of Iwo Jima. When that duty was completed, he was then sent to Maui Island, Hawaii for rest and recuperation and to wait for his next assignment. While he was there, the war ended. After the war, he was a driver for the Denver-Chicago Transport Truck Line;

worked on harvest crews in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas; and worked as a journeyman carpenter in home and commercial construction. He then moved to Denver, Colorado, where he worked for McDowd and later Mayar-Osborn in the construction of concrete grain elevators.

It was here he met Alice Ellen Frazier and they were married July 4, 1952, at his parent's home in St. Francis.

In 1955 they settled in Garden City and he started his own business called, Grain Elevator Maintenance Company, Inc. In 1978 he retired and moved to Wilsall, where he was able to fulfill his lifelong dream of raising Morgan horses.

Over the years, he has always been an active church member, first of St. James Lutheran in Garden City, then Shields Valley Lutheran in Wilsall, and finally St. Paul's Lutheran in Livingston. He has served his Lord as council member, Sunday School Superintendent, and choir member.

Otto enjoyed fishing and all types of hunting all his life, and was a member of the Sand and Sage Rod and Gun Club for several years while in Garden City.

His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in glory. He is survived by his wife Alice of the home; one daughter, Charlene and husband Rollie Truax of Wilsall; two stepdaughters, Delsie Bader of Grand Island, Neb., and Shirley Ann Heaton of Lakin; one sister, Meta Dankenbrink of Bird City, Kansas; two brothers, Paul of Valentine, Nebraska, and Robert of Grand Island; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made in Otto's name to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund, 1116 W. Geysler, Livingston, MT 59047.

Club Clip

Merry Circle

Sixteen members of Merry Circle met at the United Methodist fellowship hall on Feb. 19.

Susan Roelfs presented the lesson "A Gift of a Lifetime." The lesson focused on coming together for a quiet day service in observance of a call to prayer and self-denial. Members lives and God's reign in their lives are gifts from God. Members respond in gratitude to the immeasurable gift of grace by love and service. The gift of service is a way of fulfilling the purpose of being. Deaconesses and missionaries are models of this gift, and today members honored and celebrated their contribution to the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. The scriptures were from Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 13:44-50.

Hostesses Carol Rogers and Mary Lou Douthit served refreshments at the close of the meeting.



EARL...

Y'ALL KNOW... IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE TO HAVE A NINE TO FIVE JOB, WEAR A HAT AND BOOTS, AND JUST PRETEND WE WERE COWBOYS."

Big Dry Syndicate



ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL WIGWAM Editors Dennon Zimbelman and Heidi Rohweder make computer printouts of their carry-in contest pieces for their portfolios. Zimbelman's entry was in the Theme Development and Graphics category with Jenny Weems, while Rohweder's carry-in was for the advertising category. Both editors qualified for the state competition in their carry-in contests and their on-site contests.

Students 'sweep' regionals

Feb. 20, members of the award-winning St. Francis Community High School yearbook staff arose in the predawn hours and at 5:30 a.m. sleepily made their way to the circle drive of the high school where they boarded three school suburbans and departed for Fort Hays State University in order to compete at regional journalism contest.

Students placed in 15 of the 17 categories they competed in. A first, second, third place or honorable mention qualified 19 members of the staff for the state journalism contest which will be held May 3 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Individual placers included seniors Heather Culwell - second Newspaper Sports Writing, second Yearbook Photography; Jessica Flemming - honorable mention Yearbook Sports Writing; Brooke Kibel - honorable mention Infographics; Heather Merklin - second Editorial Writing; Heidi Rohweder - second Editing, honorable mention Advertising; Jenny Weems - second Feature Writing, honorable mention Theme Development and Graphics (team); Dennon Zimbelman - second Yearbook Sports Writing, honorable mention

Receives top rating

The 2002 Wigwam received an All-Kansas Award from the Kansas Scholastic Press Association, ranking it in the top 1 percent of yearbooks in the state of Kansas.

Yearbooks are judged in the categories of Concept, Coverage, Reporting and Design. The St. Francis High School book received an All-Kansas rating in each category.

Proud Yearbook staffers beamed at receiving the prestigious award. "I felt really good about our All-Kansas award because I know how hard we worked," junior Janis Dodd said.

The yearbook staff is advised by Brenda Day who serves as a representative on the state Kansas Scholastic Press Association board.

Theme Development and Graphics (team). Juniors were Janis Dodd - honorable mention Feature Writing; Grant Keller - first Newspaper Photography; Meredith Knodel - first Theme Development and Graphics (team); Toni Rice - first Theme Development and Graphics (team), first Yearbook Copy Writing; Clancey Livingston - first Headline Writing; Dana Raile - honorable mention Editorial Writing. Sophomore qualifiers were Kelsey Dunn - third News Writing; Megan Ford - honorable mention Editing; Amy Grace - second Layout/Double Page Spread; Brooke

Lucas honorable mention Cutline Writing; Ale Tygart - second News Writing; Emily Walz - honorable mention Yearbook Copy.

The staff is advised by Brenda Day who serves as a representative on the state Kansas Scholastic Press Association board. "I'm thrilled to see so many students recognized for their fine work in journalism," Mrs. Day said. "We would have received almost twice as many points for a sweepstake prize (which is awarded at the state competition) as any of the other staffs competing in our division."

X-RAYS

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with purchasing files at an additional price than first figured. There was also considerable difference in the cost of the different files which ranged from \$4,410 to \$7,165 and included shipping and installation. The more expensive file was from a reputable company and the other two files being considered were from companies which the administrator had never heard of nor had he see those types of files.

Joy Anderegg and Traci Neitzel, board members, expressed the importance of having good, smooth working files. Since much of the cost of the more expensive file was the installation, Bob Van Allen, board member, wondered if the files could be installed by either board members or maintenance staff at the hospital. It was pointed out that if the track was even one-sixteenth of an inch off, the files will not work properly and, after a lot of discussion, the board voted to purchase the more expensive file for two reasons: 1) the administrator said that the quality would be good; and 2) the files could be delivered and installed within three weeks which is when the contractor plans to have the clinic ready for business. The board voted to purchase the more expensive files.

The board agreed to spend more money but not without discussing it thoroughly and seeing how the money was being spent and that there was no "overdrawing" of funds. They agreed to pay \$877 for the architect's plans for the clinic basement where the public health clinic will be located; pay the architect \$18,062 on other plans; and \$130,726 to the contractor working at the clinic.

In other business

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• The board, after several concerns were expressed about the 2003 budget, asked Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, to take those concerns back to the Great Plains board.

• Director John had checked into updating the hospital board's strategic plan. The last plan had cost \$9,000 and, with all of the remodeling and the fact that money was "tight," the board agreed to wait until the hospital remodeling is complete before tackling another project such as the strategic plan-

ning.
• Rick Wells, construction foreman for the clinic project, updated the board on what was going on and that he planned to have the inside of the clinic completed by March 10.
• The board decided to go with more lighting in the diagnostic rooms and felt that the additional lighting would lighten up the rooms considerably.
• The administrator reported that, as of Feb. 13, the amount raised for the Community Service Project was \$170,060 including cash and commitments. The target is for \$300,000 to be raised by Dec. 31. He reported

that contacts for the 2003 tax year are underway and he feels confident that the amount will be raised.

• There were fewer patients using the hospital last month but the outpatient business was fairly steady even though there is lots of activity in the facility since it is sharing space with the clinic staff while the clinic is being remodeled.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the hospital board has been set for 7 p.m. on March 20 in the clinic basement meeting room. A special meeting will be held to further discuss clinic plans at 11 a.m. on Friday in the clinic.

SUB-STATE

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Wichita County, Satanta, Sublette and Syracuse and Meade from the SPAA-Iroquois Activity Association.

The final seedings do not take place until Wednesday, too late for the Herald deadline.

On Monday Lady Indian coach Ted Busse expected St. Francis to be seeded third or fourth depending on the outcome of games left to be played by some teams on Monday or Tuesday.

"We will possibly be playing Atwood, Leoti/Wichita County or Meade," Coach Busse said. "If we play Atwood or Leoti, the game will probably be in St. Francis but if the opponent is Meade, they may request a location mid-way between the schools."

None of this will be decided before Wednesday. In the girls division, Sublette looks to be the number one seed.

"We are looking forward to Sub-State," Coach Busse said. "We have been playing pretty well as of late."

Assistant Coach David Morrow reports that the Indians are expected to be in Johnson on Monday evening playing the Johnson/Stanton County Trojans.

"With a win on March 3, we will be back in action in Syracuse on March 6," Coach Morrow said.

Both the Indians and Lady Indians have been looking forward to post-season action and will be

representing St. Francis to the best of their ability.

Check Indian News, 332-8111, for exact times and places of post-season action.

SNOW

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climb the pile.

People woke to thick fog hanging over the city Tuesday morning and there were some snow flakes but the temperature was just a little warmer. However, little snow melted.

There is a chance of snow every day through Friday and temperatures are not expected to get out of the 30s. On Saturday, the high could reach the mid 40s but there is another chance of snow on Sunday.

The first of March is Saturday. In northwest Kansas, it seems like the wind almost always blows so there is a good chance that March will come in like a lion but, hopefully, it will go out like a lamb and, by that time, spring will just be around the corner.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Feb. 19	56	22	
Feb. 20	54	30	
Feb. 21	56	21	
Feb. 22	54	20	
Feb. 23	31	12	.39
Feb. 24	18	-6	T
Feb. 25	0	-4	

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