

# Hospital now has web site

By Karen Krien

Board members were informed about the hospital's new web site when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday. Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, has assisted in the development of a web site for the county hospital and board members were shown how www.cheyenne-

countyhospital.com could help patients, as well as others who want to know more about the hospital, clinic and general health issues.

The site includes: an introduction to physicians, referrals and jobs along with the latest information from the hospital.

### County health office

Administrator Les Lacy said he is wait-

ing for the final word from the Community Development Block Grant officials to proceed with the approved project, the county health office which will be located in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis. The administrator said the design work should start within 60 days and expects construction to begin in June with the completion

date being estimated at 90 days.

There are two ways of handling the \$25,000 matching funds which the hospital needs to put up for the grant. The board was given the choice of giving the \$25,000 to the county treasurer and she automatically handles the bill paying or the funds could stay in the board account.

Following discussion, the board decided they would have more control if they would pay the board's share of the bills as they came.

### Parking area bids

Bids for the parking area on the west side of the new hospital addition were reviewed. See WEB SITE on Page 10A

# Administrator concerned about affordable care

By Casey McCormick

Affordable health care is a primary concern for all, but especially for the elderly. The administrator for St. Francis Good Samaritan Village, Paul Rainbolt, recently traveled to Washington to make a difference.

He met with Representative Jerry Moran and staff members of Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback to discuss the need for giving the elderly more home health care. Mr. Rainbolt sees the future of the health care industry to focus on providing for individuals as long as possible in their own home.

While visiting the nation's Capitol Mr. Rainbolt became aware of a grant for home-based health care from the Department of Agriculture. One of the stipulations for the Federal grant is that a non-profit based community development organization must be involved. With the help of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, a request has

been submitted seeking \$22,750.

Along with the efforts of Mr. Rainbolt, much of the grant process was handled by Susan Hobrock, Cheyenne County Development Corporation Coordinator.

"Flexibility by Susan Hobrock did a great deal for additional work on government forms," Mr. Rainbolt said.

If the grant is approved it will provide for 842 county residents over the age of 65.

Mr. Rainbolt is not stopping there. Another possibility for health care funding is PACE, the Program of All-inclusive Care of the Elderly. Several PACE programs are operating in the United States and provide additional services for home health care. Unfortunately they are all based in large urban areas.

But on March 10, Mr. Rainbolt plans to attend a work group in Hays which will address strategies for adapting PACE to serve rural areas.



ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC STUDENTS did well at Music Festival. Practicing are: back row (l to r) Kim Voeller, Jacob Reidel, Lauren Zweygardt, Katelyn Jones, Kattie Ford, Gavin Smull, Andrea Holzwarth, Sara Miller, Dara Loyd and Cassie Dankenbring; front row: Matt Whitmore and Cara Hunt. Playing the piano is Debbie Fiala, instructor.

# Another meth lab uncovered Friday

Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring announced on Monday that the KBI, Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department, Sherman County Sheriff's Department and St. Francis Police Department executed a search warrant in south-

west Cheyenne County on Feb. 20. They found what is believed to be a substantial-sized meth lab.

The HAZMAT emergency response team came to the scene and cleaned up the site. Charges are pending.

# Music students bring home I ratings

Twenty-eight St. Francis students participated in the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival on Wednesday in Colby. They brought home 17 I ratings and 13 II ratings.

Students earning I ratings were: Vocal solos: Katelyn Jones, Sara Miller, Gavin Smull, Lauren Zweygardt, Cara Hunt, Jacob Riedel and Kim Voeller.

Instrumental solos: Kattie Ford, Katelyn Jones, Dara Loyd, Gavin

Smull, Cara Hunt, Jacob Riedel and Matt Whitmore.

Piano solo: Matt Whitmore.

Girls vocal quartet: Cassie Dankenbring, Dara Loyd, Sara Miller, Andrea Holzwarth.

Flute trio: Katelyn Jones, Cara Hunt and Jacob Riedel.

Those receiving II ratings on their performances were:

Vocal solos: Cassie Dankenbring, Corbin Sherlock, Jasmine Torrence, Sarah Guthmiller

and Andrea Holzwarth.

Instrumental solos: Jenice Hartman, Teri Walters, Kim Church, Sarah Guthmiller and Kim Voeller.

Piano solo: Cassie Dankenbring.

Trumpet trio: Cassie Dankenbring, Sara Miller, Lauren Zweygardt.

Seventh/eighth grade mixed chorus: eighth graders - Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Keaton Frewen, David Guthmiller, Jenice

Harman, Chance Hobrock, Katelyn Jones, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katie Marin, Sara Miller, Corbin Sherlock, Justin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Jasmine Torrence, John Weems and Lauren Zweygardt; seventh graders - Scott Ford, Elizabeth Gienger, Sarah Guthmiller, Andrea Holzwarth, Cara Hunt, Joni Pevler, Jacob Riedel, Kim Voeller and Matt Whitmore.

All students were instructed and accompanied by Debbie Fiala.

# Hunting teacher honored



A St. Francis hunter education instructor has been recognized as the Region 1 Kansas Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

Chet Gardner was one of 23 instructors nominated by their peers in 2003 and received notification of the honor on Feb. 16.

Each year, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks recognizes the efforts of some 1,500 volunteer hunter education instructors throughout the state. Using private donations to the agency's Wildtrust Fund, the department has established an award for the Kansas Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, as well as awards for Instructor of the Year from each of the agency's five regions.

The nominations were reviewed by the Hunter Education Advisory Committee. Hunter Education Coordinator Wayne Doyle assembled the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of volunteer instructors from around the state to advise on matters pertaining to the program.

Five dedicated hunter education instructors were honored, one in each of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks five regions. Jim Kellenberger, Jetmore, was honored as the statewide 2003 Kansas Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

Mr. Gardner has been a master instructor for 17 years and an instructor for 30 years.

In the nomination letter submitted by Dick Rohweder and Tim

CHET GARDNER enjoys black power shoots when he has time.

Stimbert, also of St. Francis, they noted that "Chet had sponsored the local course for the past seven years."

"He sets up the class schedule and See HONORED on Page 10A

# Three schools reject offer to join league

By Karen Krien

Three schools which had indicated they would like to join the Northwest Kansas League have declined.

St. Francis Principal Scott Carmichael reported in the fall, Thomas More Prep, Ulysses and Scott City school officials had attended two League meetings and had shown an interest in joining the Northwest Kansas League.

However, at the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting, the principal reported they would not be joining.

"It (the announcement) surprised us all. We thought, the way the talks were going, that their joining the league was a mere formality — we were disappointed," Principal Carmichael said.

Principal Carmichael is also the president of the Northwest Kansas League.

He said that the three schools had been interested in being affiliated with a league that had a division for

them. In the Northwest Kansas League, those division schools would be Colby and Goodland which are both 4A schools.

At the present time, Ulysses is an independent school, not being a member of any league and Scott City and Thomas More Prep belong to the Mid-State League but that league was in the process of disbanding.

The announcement from the three schools will not affect the sports schedule next year but down the road, there will most likely be changes. If the 4A schools drop out of the league, it could give the 2A and 3A schools still in the league a chance to play some other 2A schools. If Colby and Goodland would be "non-league" schools, St. Francis could chose to play whichever 4A school, if any, they wanted to play.

The Northwest Kansas League members are still looking at expanding and may start looking at 1A schools to include.

# Temperatures warm; moisture still needed

It is still a month until spring but the temperature was feeling a little "springy." The high was a very nice 72 degrees on Feb. 18 and the rest of the week's highs were in the 40s and 50s. Lows dropped to the 20s but still better than previous weeks.

Unfortunately, Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, didn't see any rain in the gauge. Weather forecasters are

giving farmers and ranchers a slight chance of rain over the weekend.

| Date    | High | Low | Prec. |
|---------|------|-----|-------|
| Feb. 17 | 52   | 24  |       |
| Feb. 18 | 72   | 24  |       |
| Feb. 19 | 56   | 26  |       |
| Feb. 20 | 49   | 29  |       |
| Feb. 21 | 47   | 28  |       |
| Feb. 22 | 47   | 21  |       |
| Feb. 23 | 59   | 24  |       |

# Sainty Indians compete in state and sub-state

## Basketball action begins next week

By Betty Jean Winston

Sub-state basketball action for the Indians and Lady Indians begins the first week of March with the girls playing on Monday night and the boys on Tuesday night.

As in the past, teams seeded 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 WaKeeney Substate this year so the semifinals and finals are being played at WaKeeney.

The semifinals will be played on Thursday (girls) and Friday (boys) with both boys and girls finals on Saturday. This is a single-elimination tournament so if you lose the season is over.

Teams in the WaKeeney Substate are four Northwest Kansas League teams, Hoxie, Oberlin/Decatur Community, Quinter, St. Francis; and four

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## State wrestling this weekend

By Betty Jean Winston

After the Indians earned a third place finish at the Regional wrestling tournament in Norton on Friday and Saturday, final preparations are being made for the 3-2-1A State tournament which begins Friday in Hays. A wrestling pep assembly is planned for 3:45 p.m. Thursday at the high school.

Five Indian wrestlers, Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Jordan Gienger, Derek Ross and Seth Swihart, placed in one of the top three positions at Regionals which guarantees a trip to state. Sainty has a nice representation traveling to Hays including one first place finisher, Richard,

and four third place finishers. This will be the second trip to State for Richard, Loyd and Ross, who also qualified last year.

St. Francis, as a team, placed third at Norton with 117 points. Hoxie and Norton placed first and second respectively and each qualified 10 wrestlers to State.

"We are looking forward to State and the opportunity to compete," Coach Larry Gabel said. "A season record means nothing now; it's just each match, one at a time."

As usual these young men will be doing their best to represent St. Francis. See WRESTLING on Page 10A



**FLUTE TRIO** brought home a I rating from Northwest Kansas League Music Festival. The trio consisted of (l to r) **Katelyn Jones, Jacob Riedel and Cara Hunt.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## HONORED

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location, orders all materials, advertises, instructs, helps on the firing line, sets up a trail walk, and has recruited and helped certify new instructors. He also supplies refreshments and often ammunition. He hasn't missed a course in 31 years and has served on the state Hunter Education Advisory Board."

Mr. Gardner began hunting with his father when he was 5 years old. He prefers to hunt white-tailed deer with archery.

"I want to give young kids a chance to hunt and pass the hunting experience and tradition on," he said when asked why he teaches the class. He also said that he is now teaching children of those who were in some of his first classes.

He became a master instructor when Marvin Miller, St. Francis, retired and nominated him to the position.

"The recognition is quite an honor and privilege however, I wouldn't have received the honor without Bob (Burr), Dick (Rohweder) and Tim (Stimbert)," he said.

Mr. Gardner's award will consist of a Ruger 10/22 Deluxe rifle and a framed certificate. The awards will be presented at the 2004 Instructor Academy at Rock Springs on May 14 through 16.

Others besides Mr. Gardner and Mr. Kellenberger receiving recognition were: Theodore Billingsly, Solomon; Larry Skelton, Larned; Alyce Harris, Arkansas City; and Benedick Rockers, Greeley

Wayne Doyle, Hunter Education Coordinator, reported that since the

Kansas Hunter Education Program was instituted in 1973, not only have hunting accidents dropped to historically-low levels (only 15 in 2003), but young hunters now go afield with a greater appreciation for

the wildlife resources they enjoy. This would not be possible without the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers dedicated to passing on the tradition of keeping hunting and the shooting sports alive in Kansas.

## WRESTLING

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

### Quartet/Pom Pon

Those attending the tournament will also be pleased to note that a quartet of girls from St. Francis has been invited to sing *The Star Spangled Banner* on Friday at 4:20 p.m. Ashley Dowgwillo, Sheryl Miller, Jade DeGood and Sam Marin have received the honor.

The St. Francis Pom Pon squad will be performing Saturday at 6 p.m. before the championship finals

### Wrestling assignments

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

103 pounds: Richard (28-5), sophomore, vs David Williams, Oskaloosa, freshman, 21-7;

125 pounds: Loyd (28-7), sophomore, vs Jordan Daerr, Garden Plain, sophomore (16-12);

130 pounds: Gienger (24-12), freshman, vs Sam Wessel, Chase County (26-9);

171 pounds: Ross (30-3), junior,

vs Isaac Schneider, Hoisington, senior (28-10);

275 pounds: Swihart (26-10), junior, vs Chris Eberwein, Wabaunsee, senior (30-1).

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

### Friday

- 10 a.m. first round;
- 1:30 p.m. second round, championship quarterfinals;
- 4:30 p.m. first-round consolation; championship semifinals.

### Saturday

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

### Televised

Those unable to make it to Hays to support the wrestlers will be able to catch the action live on Smoky Hills Public Television. The schedule (Channel 3 on cable television) is: Quarter finals, 1 p.m., and semi finals, 4:30 p.m., on Friday; and finals, 6 p.m. on Saturday. Finals are repeated 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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There were four bids: Krien Steel, Ron Krien, St. Francis, \$18,477; Baxter Concrete, Wauneta, Neb., \$13,145; Troy Porter, St. Francis, \$14,000; Kris Doyle, St. Francis, \$15,900.

Considerable time was spent discussing the bids including the quality of the workmanship and could the job be completed by March 15. The board members also wanted to keep the work in the county but when it came time to make the final decision, the board felt it was necessary to take the low bid which was with Baxter Concrete.

### Invoices/pay applications

The board approved the architect's invoices of \$9,102 and \$11,169; and the contractor's pay application of \$166,691 to be turned into the commissioners for the final approval and payment. Administrator Lacy reported that \$130,509 has been retained until the job is completed.

### Administrator's report

The administrator reported the hospital usage had been steady both by those staying in the facility and those who were using the outpatient services. The hospital had also been able to meet its cash needs since the last board meeting.

The search for an additional physician is continuing. Administrator Lacy said he is carefully looking, having ruled out four possible candidates.

He also said that Tim Hoskins, a doctor who had signed to come to the county and then backed out, has signed with Colby. The administrator said he is working with the Colby administrator to recover the hospital board's investment with interest.

Lab One is a preferred provider plan for labs but the administrator feels that the hospital is uncomfortable with the Lab One Agreement as the plan's aim to take lab volume out of the community. This would make it difficult or impossible for the hospital's lab to provide the current array of lab services. However, to serve the community, negotiation with Lab One are underway.

Administrator Lacy pointed out that the nursing staff is very good at this time although the hospital is short about two nurses. The hospital has eight registered nurses but also agreed with Swede Calnon, board member, that he needed to continue encouraging younger nurses to come to the county and/or be able to offer scholarships to those interested in a nursing career.

The administrator announced that Dr. Charles Frankum, a general surgeon from Denver, is now licensed for Kansas and he has sur-

geries scheduled for March 3 at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

There was discussion on the purchase of scopes and the board decided to purchase one-half set of scopes for \$14,995 which would include the accessories. Rawlins County Hospital will purchase the other half set of scopes. They will also share some of the scopes since Dr. Frankum will be practicing surgery in both counties.

### In other business

In other business:  
• Board office elections were held with the officers remaining the same as last year: Rueben Schultz, chairman; Joy Andereg, secretary; Traci Neitzel, treasurer.

• Jackie John, Great Plains Health Alliance Director, gave a report on hospital statistics and brought members up to date on what is happening in the Alliance.

• Administrator Lacy, in the third quarter Continuous Quality Improvement report, told about ways

the staff is being recognized; that help was still needed in the dietary department; and the nursing department is improving emergency room response time.

• The board agreed to have tile laid on the basement floor of the new hospital addition. The cost of the tile is approximately \$2,500 and Bill Wilger, hospital maintenance man, will do the labor. The board asked that Mr. Wilger get at least one more bid on the cost of tile. They also discussed window covering for the new windows and basement windows which will be taken care of when the need arises.

• The board agreed to have the janitor supply room in the basement of the clinic enclosed. The cost will be around \$250.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 7 p.m. on March 18 in the clinic basement in St. Francis.

## BASKETBALL

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Mid-Continent League teams, Ellis, WaKeeney/Trego Community, Plainville and Hill City.

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

On Monday Indian coach Ted Busse expected St. Francis to be seeded seventh depending on games which had not been played.

"We will possibly be playing Trego/WaKeeney or Plainville but there is a chance of Quinter," Coach Busse said.

Lady Indian coach Devin Dinkel also expects that the Ladies will be seeded seventh.

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

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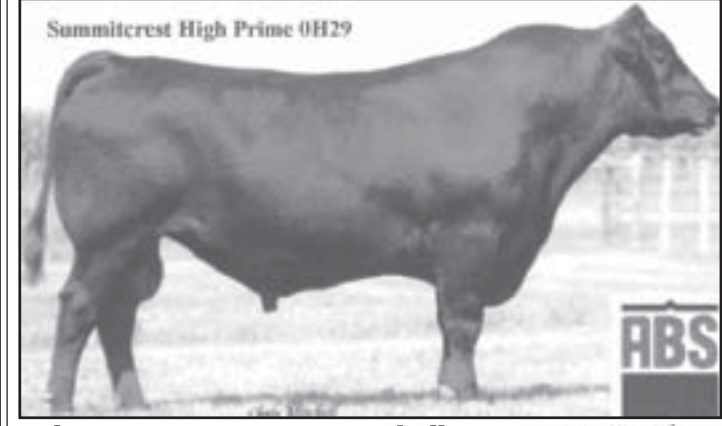
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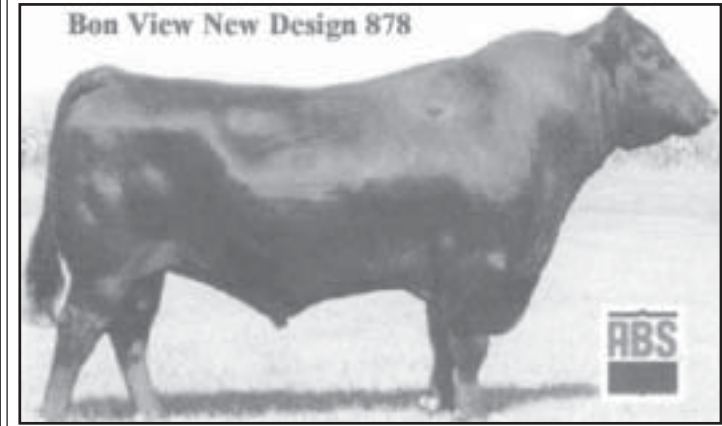
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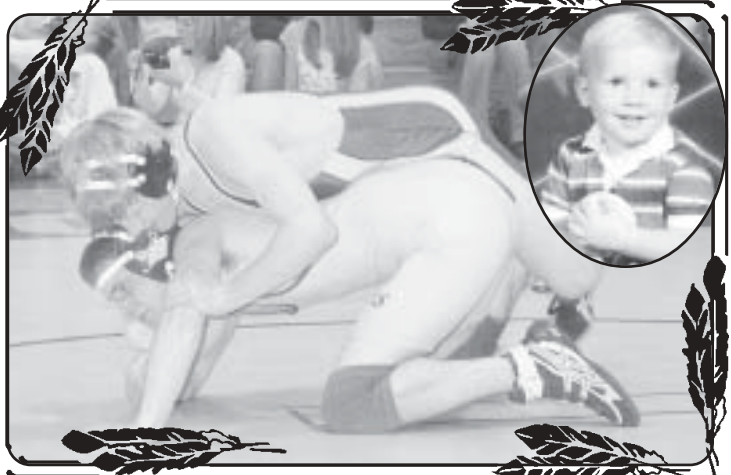
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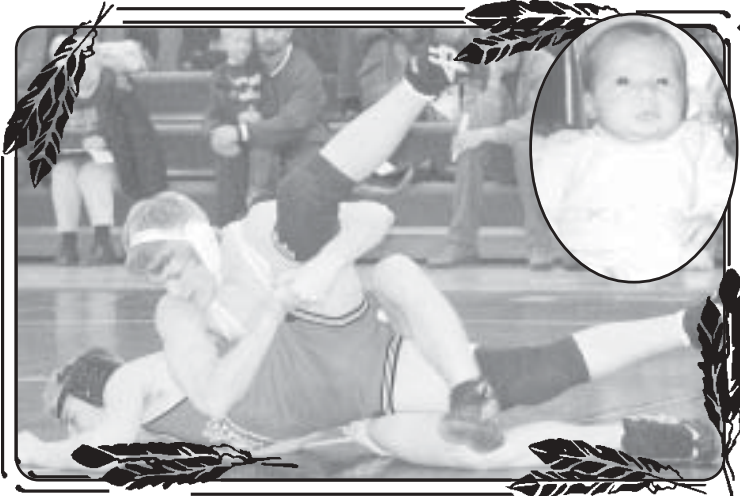
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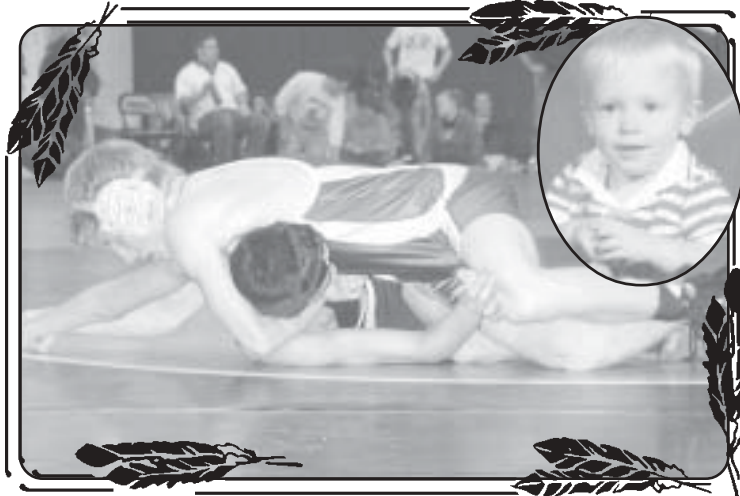
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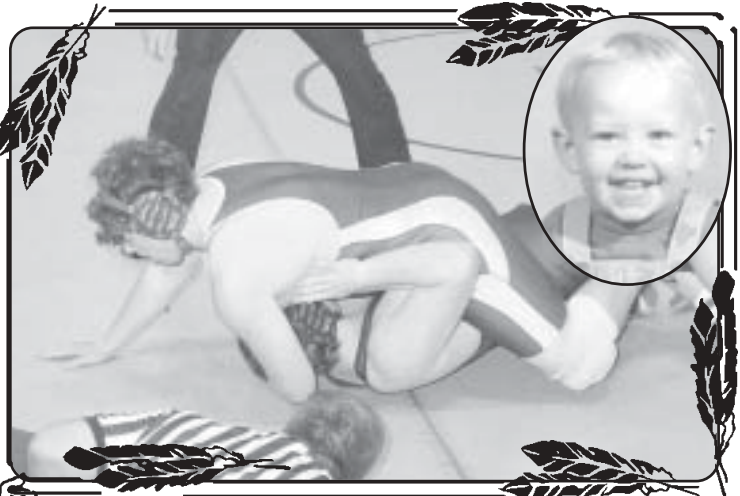
**Derek Ross ~ 6 lbs. 10 ozs. ~ 171 lbs.**



**Jordan Gienger ~ 6 lbs. 2 ozs. ~ 130 lbs.**



**Trevor Richard ~ 5 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs. ~ 103 lbs.**



**Seth Swihart ~ 8 lbs. 6 ozs. ~ 275 lbs.**

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