

TONY VANDIKE AND his two sons, Casey and Derek take a break during wrestling practice which is held in St. Francis.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

The New Year of 2003 slipped in quietly without much going on in the way of celebrations. The nice wet snow on New Year's Day kept people inside, just being grateful for the moisture that did fall.

Alvin and Marie Holzwarth of St. Francis were Monday visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison. On Sunday, Amelia and Karlyne and Jim and Cheryl Banister were guests of Tammi and Wade Carmichael to celebrate Ty's seventh birthday. Kent Banister spent Sunday afternoon with his mother.

Shirley Swihart and family in St. Francis.

Jerry and Betty Knapp enjoyed a post-Christmas celebration on Saturday in Goodland with Stan and Becky Purvis and family. They were Sunday afternoon visitors of Zelda Knapp.

Gary and Penny Loker were Thursday supper guests of Tunney and Leila Loker.

Dorothy Cahoj was a Saturday supper guest of Laddie and Vera Kacirek at the Frosty Mug. Later in the evening Kenny and Phyllis

Wilkinson were guests of the Kacireks to help Dorothy celebrate her birthday.

Joan Tongish and June Beamgard returned Saturday from a trip to Northville, Mich. They had spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays as guests of Dick and Cheryl Beamgard and family.

Jacob Felde of Fort Collins, Colo. and Jake Felde of Atacadera, Calif. were Christmas and holiday guests of Ruth Winkelman.

South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Myra Miller returned home on Saturday after spending Christmas and New Year's in Denver with her daughter, Iris McIntosh and other family members. While there they visited Harley and Ellen Williams in Fort Collins.

Karlyne Atchison was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Myra Miller. Gail and Kay Miller returned home on Saturday after spending two weeks in Aguanda, Calif., visiting Jamie and Robin Miller and Autumn. Enroute home they visited Lori and Dennis Driskill in Wichita.

Eleanor Swihart was a Friday overnight guest of Bruce and

Jim and Cheryl Banister were Sunday dinner guests of Wade and Tami Carmichael and children. They helped Ty celebrate his seventh birthday.

Michael Officer returned home to Tulsa Tuesday. Melissa and Randy Regier and family returned home Wednesday. Mark and Dawn Officer and children returned to Tulsa Thursday. They all enjoyed spending the holidays at home with their parents, Lynn and Rita Officer.

Sunday evening guests of

Lavern and Bethel Golt were Bonnie Thompson and her children, Josiah, Rebecca and Elizabeth Goodley, all of Goodland.

Christmas dinner guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer were Dennis Kramer of Manhattan and John and Phyllis Scott. Ryan and Diane Shay and children of St. Francis joined them that afternoon.

Tom and Judy Crawford, T.J. and Kenney, all of Indianapolis, Ind., were Sunday afternoon callers of Joe and Charlene Kramer. She is Charlene's cousin.

Former resident receives award of service in Colorado

The Prehospital Care Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recently presented six awards to individuals and agencies throughout the state for their outstanding delivery of emergency medical services to Colorado's citizens and its thousands of visitors.

The fifth annual awards were presented at the annual Colorado Emergency Medical Services conference held in Breckenridge on Saturday, Oct. 26. Award recipients included:

Debra J. Moellenberg, daughter of Melvin and Dorothy Mast of Bird City, and who is director for Idalia Ambulance Service, Idalia, re-

ceived the Emergency Medical Services Administrator of the Year Award for her outstanding leadership and mentoring contributions. The award honors an individual who serves as a role model for emergency medical services managers statewide.

In addition to the State Emergency Medical Services Awards, the Prehospital Care Program acknowledged the special contributions of Dr. Ben Honigman, Emergency Medical Services medical director for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and director of University Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Honigman

was honored with a special award as a major contributor to the advancement of the state's Emergency Medical and Trauma Services System.

The sponsors of the annual awards are the University of Colorado Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Prehospital Care Program.

Michael Armacost, Prehospital Care Program director and co-host of the ceremony, said, "Any accident victim has a better chance of survival because of the work and dedication of these individuals."

Moran announces his stops during seventh annual tour

Congressman Jerry Moran has announced that his seventh annual "Big First Listening Tour" will get underway early in January. Each year since 1996 when he was first elected to Congress, the congressman has traveled to all counties in the First District of Kansas, holding

a town-hall meeting in each with area residents. The tour gives people the opportunity to ask questions and give input concerning issues at the federal level.

"With so many challenges in Washington, D.C., and such difficult times in Kansas, common sense

advice from the people of Kansas is more important than ever," Congressman Moran said. "It is essential to my job in Congress that I hear the thoughts and concerns of the people I represent."

During the next few months, he will travel over 5,000 miles and meet with thousands of Kansans in courthouses, cafes and city halls while visiting all 69 counties in the First District, including the newly added counties of Geary, Greenwood and Nemaha.

County commissioners deal with end-of-year business

At the Dec. 31 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, end of the year business including transferring and encumbering funds were among the items of business.

Resolutions signed included: 1) transferring funds from the Rural Fire budget to the Rural Fire Capital Outlay Fund; and 2) transferring funds from the Road and Bridge budget to the Special Machinery Fund. Funds encumbered from different departments included: 1) Landfill, \$7,900 to dig one more landfill pit; Bridge Building, \$10,000 for culvert replacement; treasurer's office, \$1,200 for new phones and installation; and county attorney, \$411 to purchase office equipment.

The River Road project will not be started at this time but the supervisor felt there was funding to complete the Olofson Bridge project north of St. Francis.

In other business

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- County attorney Kevin Berens had the license agreements concerning the taking of gravel with River Valley Ranch Trust 1 and 2, Gale Walz, which the commissioners reviewed. The commissioners agreed to accept the licenses.
- The Emergency Medical Technician classes and instructors were discussed. See related article in this issue.
- Emergency Medical Service director Larry Gabel and Janelle Bowers, bookkeeper, presented \$3,134.99 in ambulance write-offs which were allowed. Mrs. Bowers was questioned about the number of hours she was working. She said she

was working 40 to 48 hours each week, depending on the workload. The month of November had 17 ambulance runs to bill.

The appointment to the Western Plains Resource Conservation and Development Committee was discussed. If no one is found, Eric Fiala, who is the present representative, has agreed to serve, however, he felt that, at this time, he did not have the time needed to properly represent the organization.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.

Still on hold for first baby of the year 2003

By Karen Krien

The "First Baby of the Year 2003" contest began Jan. 1 and, as of Tuesday, there had been no new baby claiming the title.

The only requirement is that the baby be born to any parents living in Cheyenne County for one month or more. These parents and their new born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The rules are simple:

- As stated, the parents must have lived in Cheyenne County for at least one month.
- The St. Francis Herald office must be notified as soon as possible. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162.
- The parents of this year's first

baby winner will receive a full car wash from the St. Francis Equity, \$50 savings bond from Bankwest, \$50 savings bond from First National Bank, a toy from Van Allen Inc., \$15 gift certificate for baby food or formula and new born diapers from Saintry Super Foods, \$15 gift certificate from KM Clothier, and a year's subscription to *The St. Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*. Check ad elsewhere in this issue for more information.

The parents receiving the gifts should pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2002 will be born.

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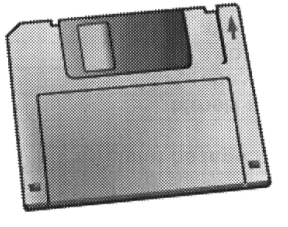
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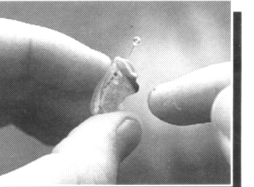
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