

**STRANDED TRAVELERS** were entertained with games and movies. Lauren Ross, Maddie Knodel, Susan Dinkel and Addie Swihart were among a few of the volunteers that helped by serving food. The photos on this page were sent to the Herald Office by Jan Deeke, Arvada, Colo.

# More letters from travelers caught in blizzard

It has been a month since the Thanksgiving blizzard left around 300 people stranded in St. Francis but the letters and pictures are still coming in. They are from people who are thankful for the shelter and generous St. Francis residents. The pictures were taken by Jan Deeke, Arvada, Colo., and sent to The Herald. They will be passed on to the high school for people there to enjoy.

Dear Editor:  
We were among your guests the weekend of Thanksgiving and again we want to thank you for all the fine hospitality, which we received while visiting St. Francis over the Thanksgiving Weekend. We truly were very fortunate to have your doors opened to us.

Enclosed are some pictures, which we took during our Thanksgiving visit. Please share them with those involved and feel free to use them however you wish.

I am a "scrapbooker" and would love to have copies of any of the articles, which appear in your newspaper of our adventure. I would be more than happy to pay for any issues, which you send me. Please use

the above address. Thank you!

Again, thank you for everything and have a beautiful blessed Christmas!

Sincerely  
Jan Deeke  
Arvada, Colo.

P.S. Did anyone ever do anything with the signup sheet, which we filled out? I would love to know how many cities and states, which were represented. Were you ever able to come up with a head count?

This letter was received by Kenny and Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis, following the Thanksgiving blizzard which stranded over 300 people in St. Francis.

Dear Kenny,  
Thank you very much for helping me out while I was stranded there in that blizzard. You and Gloria, and the whole town, for that matter, were absolutely wonderful.

It affirms all that is good in life when so many good people turn out for travelers in desperate need. Gloria was so generous to work around the clock for all of us and a special thanks to her. Also, thanks

to the principal and superintendent of the high school, the firefighters, the police, and sheriff for going out into that storm to rescue those who were stranded on the road, and for all their help in assuring our safety and well-being. Also, thanks to Mark Cooper at the tire store who gave me his coat when I had none.

I hope this letter speaks for all of us who found ourselves taken care of in St. Francis. I'm sure everyone is as grateful as I am.

Sincerely,  
Jay Fraser

To The Editor:  
My daughter was one of the many Denver bound stranded travelers who were graciously housed and cared for in your school during this Thanksgiving blizzard.

As much as she was not delighted to be spending her birthday in a gym with her dog and no winter clothes, she could not say enough for the kindness shown by your town. Every time I spoke with her she was telling me about the food provided, the blankets, the games, movies, internet support....the list goes on.

I cannot thank you enough for opening up your hearts and your town to a very large group of strangers.

No matter how old our children become, we worry when they travel and I was grateful to know that she was safe, warm and well fed....If you are ever in Medicine Lodge in similar circumstances, I hope we rise to the occasion as generously as St. Francis. Again many thanks

Maureen Meador  
Medicine Lodge



**EMERGENCY DIRECTOR, Gary Rogers visits with Carl Werner and Scott Carmichael.**



**WOW — As you can see, visibility was close to zero during the blizzard.**

## County Health Talk

By Susan Roelfs

Kids Making A Connection Coalition in Cheyenne County was awarded a \$750 grant for the second year to support the "Talk About Touching" curriculum in the Cheylin School system for 2005-2006.

The grant award was presented by the Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas on Dec. 12.

The object of the curriculum is to foster understand of various safety issue students may encounter in kin-

dergarten through second grade. A "parent's night" is planned for Jan. 25 at the school to introduce and explain the curriculum before the program is started in the school system to promote understanding and support in the home setting.

A representative from the Regional Prevention Center will be the speaker. A support based panel of legal, medical, and social services within the community will also be present the pizza social.



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## THE ST. FRANCIS EQUITY ANNUAL MEETING

Which is on the School Calender for Jan. 5 has been **POSTPONED** until a later date.

## The Saint Francis Herald

and

### The Bird City Times

Papers will be printed one day later next week.

**All Ads & Copy MUST be in**

**Tues., Jan. 3**

## The Saint Francis Herald

### Will be CLOSED

**Mon., Jan. 2nd**

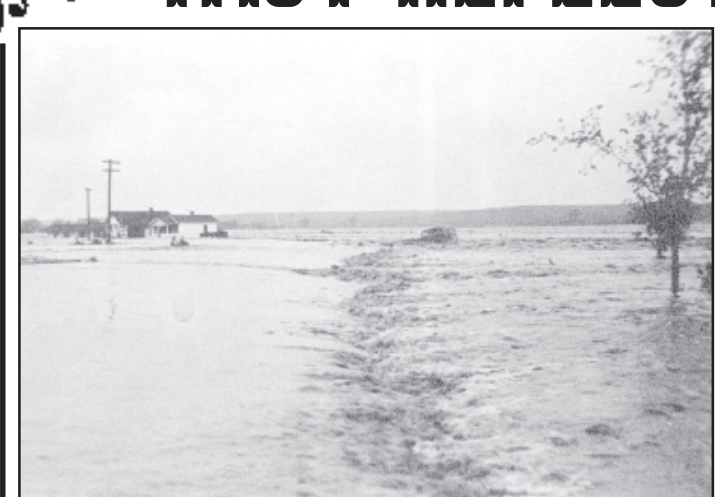


### Advocate ads must be in by

### Noon on

### Fri., Dec. 30

## PAST REFLECTIONS



Flood of 1935  
Juhl Cabins

Photo courtesy  
of Tobe Zweygardt

St. Francis  
785-332-2113  
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## St. Francis EQUITY

In Memory Of  
**ALLAN RAY KING**

Al, on December 31, 1995, you left us to begin your glorious journey to go home to be with the Lord you loved.

It's been 10 years, but you are alive in the hearts of those who love you. You had this delightfully quirky sense of humor, a gentle person who never met a stranger, a friend to everyone. You loved your family, your faithful dog "Jagar," and life.

Big Al, we will always remember you with fond memories and love.

Your Mom & Sisters  
& all your friends who loved & miss you.

