



# At the Game

## St. Francis well represented at Kansas Shrine Bowl

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Former St. Francis Indian football players Levi Weeden and Joel McAtee are in Salina preparing for the Kansas Shrine Bowl which will be played on Saturday in Hays. Game time is 7 p.m.

McAtee and Weeden are among the 68 Kansas high school seniors who were honored by being chosen to participate in the game. The players reported to camp on Friday, July 20.

The St. Francis players will be

playing on the West team which is practicing at St. John's Military Academy in Salina. The West head coach is Jason Kenny of Ulysses.

Coach Kenny says the number one priority is to try to "build a team."

The East team, under Coach Blake Pierce, Topeka Seaman, gathered at Emporia State University.

The coaches and players had just enough time to get acquainted and run through some drills on Friday

before preparing for the next day, which was a busy one.

Saturday morning the players left by bus in the wee hours where the two squads met at the Kansas City International Airport to board a flight to St. Louis. The teams visited the St. Louis Rams training center before having lunch, then took a bus to the St. Louis Unit of Shriners Hospitals to visit with the reasons the game is played...the children who are patients at the hospital. After the game they flew back to Kansas City for a picnic in Overland

Park before heading back to their respective camps.

Hays has been busy preparing for the big game plus numerous other related activities.

"We were very excited when we got the news that the Kansas Shrine Bowl board had accepted our bid for this year's game," Janet Kuhn, convention marketing manager of the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau said. "Our planning for the game has been going on for a few years, and people have been working tirelessly since the announce-

ment to get ready." This year's game will be the first in Hays since 1997.

Besides the football game, which showcases top senior players, the weekend will highlight the Shrine Bowl Banquet on Friday and the annual Shrine Parade Saturday morning.

Several other events will also take place in Hays over the weekend including an Arts and Crafts Fair, a 5 K run, a Fun Run/Walk, a Kid's Fair, a high school combine, a football coach's clinic, a Charity

Poker Run, and a clinic to examine children to determine if they might be candidates for care at Shriners Hospitals.

Proceeds from the event support the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 hospitals that provide expert, no-cost orthopedic and burn care to children under 18. Children are admitted totally free to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Additional information is available on the web site, www.ksshine.com.



**FOOTBALL IS ON** the minds of many boys in St. Francis this week. In the upper picture those attending the high school boys camp are working on tackling during a hot Monday night's practice. Above Coach Tim Lambert is making sure Jordan Easter's helmet fits correctly during equipment check in on Saturday. Josh Teeters is waiting to have his equip-

ment checked. These boys are attending the camp for the fourth through eighth graders. Above several of the younger youth are practicing the best way to protect the running back as he carries the ball. The Indians have a reputation for good football and these boys are preparing for the future.

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## Hunter safety course scheduled from Aug. 7 through Aug. 11

According to the Kansas law, people who are 27 years old or younger and want to hunt must carry a certification card along with their hunting license.

Certification cards can be obtained only after the individual has completed a hunter education course and all hunters who were born on or after July 1, 1957, must complete the course.

There is only one course offered each year in St. Francis. That course, held through the Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and sponsored by Weis Oil and

Chet Gardner will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, Thursday, Aug. 9, Friday, Aug. 10, and at 9 a.m. on Aug. 11. The Saturday class will last much of the day. There is no charge for the class.

The classes are held at the Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. club house.

This year the class is being limited to 30 and those interested will need to pre-register by calling Chet Gardner at (785) 332-2776.

Those attending must be 11 years old or turn 11 by the last day of class.

Younger ones will not be accepted. Others who have previously taken the class might want to renew their hunting knowledge and skills by taking the class. Instructors for the class are Chet Gardner and Tim Stimbert.

### Lost certification

Have you lost your hunter education certificate?

Replacement certificates may be obtained by writing to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, R.R. 2, Box 54A, Pratt, KS 67124. Enclose your full name, date of birth and \$5.50.

## Junior golfers earn first place

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Kyla Bandel and Darcy Vernon came home winners Monday from the Regional junior golf tournament in Phillipsburg.

Bandel and Vernon had qualified for Regionals by placing in the top three in their age division at a tournament held during the season. Both girls had placed at the top or near the top in more than one league competition during the summer.

At Phillipsburg, Bandel hit a 56 to place first in the girls 8/9 division.

"The girl that place second last year hit a 60 and placed second again this year with Kyla placing first," Riverside coach George Banister said.

Vernon hit a 47 and won the girls 12-13 division.

"She had a good round," Coach Banister said.

"There were over 80 golfers at Phillipsburg. The girls had a good day.

"The greens were challenging.

They were tough greens with slopes.

"I am proud of them."

Bandel and Vernon were the only two Riverside junior golfers who qualified for the Regionals.

