

Ladies have low shooting percentage in two contests

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The Lady Indian basketball team finished the final round of the Sagebrush Shootout and competed with Oberlin in action over the weekend.

At the Shootout on Saturday, St. Francis was announced as the winner of the Sportsmanship Award. This speaks well of the athletes and fans that support the St. Francis Community High School activities.

An All-Tournament team was announced following action on Saturday and Lady Indian Sidnee Crabtree was named to the team.

The Shootout had two additional contests during the tournament: a free-throw contest, and a three-point shooting contest. Joni Pevler was the St. Francis representative in the free-throw contest. She made 14-of-25 in the preliminary round and did not qualify for the finals. Sarah Trembly was the three-point shooter for St. Francis and she made 8-of-25 and did not qualify for the finals.

A 43-29 loss to Idalia in the finals had the Lady Indians finishing in the fourth position out of the eight teams involved.

The game with the Lady Red Devils was played in Oberlin on Friday evening with St. Francis

falling 59-35.

Oberlin 59, St. Francis 35
The only period which the Saintry Ladies scored in double figures was in the fourth quarter. In that period they collected 16 points. This was close to half of their total output for the evening.

Oberlin consistently was in double figures during the four quarters which earned the victory.

The halftime score had Saintry down 31-13.

"We didn't shoot well," Coach Ted Busse said.

The team had a field goal average of 26.7 for the night hitting 3-of-13 three-point attempts and 12-of-24 attempts from inside the arc.

Elizabeth Gienger collected 10 points during the evening. She was very effective from the free-throw line where she was 4-of-4. She hit 3-of-6 from two-point range for 50 percent in that area.

A plus for the evening was at the free-throw line where eight of 11 attempts connected. Not only was Gienger 100 percent but Andrea Holzwarth was 2-of-2 and Jami Pevler 1-1.

Gienger was also the leader in rebounds. She had six for the night with four of the six defensive.

Turnover caused a problem for

the Lady Indians in this contest according to Coach Busse. They had 29.

Saintry had 17 steals with Holzwarth having five.

SF	09	04	06	16	35
O	17	14	15	13	59

Scoring: Gienger 10, Joni Pevler 6, Jami Pevler 5, Kaycee Williams 5, Jodie Hilt 4, Crabtree 3, Holzwarth 2.

Rebounding: Gienger 6, Jami Pevler 3, Trembly 3, Joni Pevler 2, Williams 2, Holzwarth 2, Aubree Schlepp 2, J. Hilt 1, Crabtree 1, Shayla Hilt 1, Christina Hilt 1.

Idalia 43, St. Francis 29
St. Francis had their best scoring period early in the game and Idalia had their worst. In this game the Lady Indians had a 9-5 first quarter advantage. Although Idalia picked up 10 points in the second quarter, Saintry still led at halftime 17-15.

Unfortunately the Lady Wolves collected 28 points in the second half and walked away with victory. St. Francis could only score 12 points in this frame.

A low field-goal shooting percentage and turnovers were again the culprits.

In this game Saintry was 17.8 percent from the field. They did not connect on 11 three-point attempts and were 8-of-45 in the



SARAH TREMBLY has the opportunity to add to the Lady Indians' score as she stands at the free-throw line.

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two-point area.

Again a high point was at the free-throw line where three players were over 65 percent. J. Hilt was 4-of-6 for 66.7 percent and Crabtree and Gienger were each 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

Crabtree was the leading scorer with nine points.

Idalia outrebounded Saintry 29-18. Holzwarth and Crabtree each had four board for Saintry, all of them defensive. Saintry had a problem under their own basket as they only accounted for three offensive rebounds, giving them no chance for a second shot.

Leading in steals was Holzwarth

with five and Gienger with four.

SF	09	08	06	06	29
I	05	10	15	13	43

Scoring: Crabtree 9, Gienger 7, J. Hilt 6, Williams 3, Aly Marin 2, Holzwarth 2.

Rebounding: Holzwarth 4, Crabtree 4, J. Hilt 3, Gienger 3, Joni Pevler 2, Williams 2.

Eighth grade boys compete at season-ending tourney

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The eighth grade boys have completed another sport, basketball. The second half of their final year in junior high will find them competing in wrestling and track.

The basketball season ended with the team having a 0-10 record after losing three games in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament held Monday, Dec. 10 and Thursday, Dec. 14.

Goodland and St. Francis competed in the opening round with Goodland winning 59-24. The second round found St. Francis losing to Colby 61-26 in the semifinals and to Oakley in the seventh/eighth placement game. Oakley defeated St. Francis 34-27 to win seventh place.

The complete Indian roster included: Jonathan Butler, Ty Zweggardt, Logan Whitmore, Isaac Schiltz, Lucas Raile, Jonathan Hilty, Brock Zweggardt,

Gavin Cooper, Martin Hnizdil, Josh Robinson and Sam Reed.

Goodland 59, St. Francis 24
Schiltz was the leading scorer in the Goodland game with 11 points. He was followed closely by Reed with 10.

St. Francis was 8 of 13 from the free-throw line for 62 percent while Goodland had a low 25 percent, making 1 of 4.

Goodland took control early in the game, scoring 18 points in the first quarter to four for the Indians.

"This was the first round of the tournament," Coach Larry Flemming said. "Goodland showed us that they are still the best team in the league."

SF	04	06	08	06	24
G	18	16	16	09	59

Scoring: Schiltz 11, Reed 10, T. Zweggardt 2, Butler 1.

Colby 61, St. Francis 26
The results of the official scorebook of the St. Francis/Colby game were unavailable to St.

Francis by the newspaper deadline.

Oakley 34, St. Francis 27
"The team finished the season with a fantastic effort to complete!" Coach Flemming said.

"We tied the game twice in the second half, but just were unable to take the lead."

One aspect of the game were St. Francis proved strong was at the free-throw line where they were 5 of 10 for 50 percent while Oakley was 5 of 23 for 22 percent.

Saintry had 21 rebounds, 18 steals and two assists.

Schiltz had a strong scoring game. He pushed 25 points through the hoop.

Reed led the rebounding with nine.

SF	02	10	06	09	27
O	09	09	10	06	34

Scoring: Schiltz 25, Reed 2.

Leading rebounders: Reed 9, Cooper 5.

Several reports presented to County Commissioners

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The commissioners were told that the new 911 system equipment will be in on Monday, Dec. 17, dispatchers will start training Tuesday and they will start dispatching on Wednesday. When the decision was made to establish the 911-dispatch office in the courthouse, there were a few questions if it could be done before the first of the year.

"We did it," said Carol Gamblin, communications director.

All calls will go through the 911 system, she said.

She said much of the work had been done "in house" with Craig Van Allen doing a great deal of the work. The wiring had been installed the week before and she said it had been a tedious job and Ron Wieck and his helper had done a very well.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the backup radios at the city plant are not in working order and, if something were to happen to the courthouse, the city plant would be the backup base. He said that the backup radios would need to be purchased in the future.

Deborah Farland, new St. Francis Chief of Police, introduced herself, then reported that she had hired one new officer and another would be hired after the first of the year. She has one portable radio for the officer coming in December but needed another one. She wondered if the cost could be taken out of the 911 fund. She also said that the base radio used in the city police office had been moved to the sheriff's office so they needed a new base radio.

The total for these items will cost \$1,595 and the money will be taken out of the 911 fund.

The commissioner again turned to paying the bill for the sheriff's deputy's training. The city of St. Francis had sent a bill of \$15,000 to the county for the training of Mike Blehm, who had started with the city, then transferred to the sheriff's office.

Earlier, an officer trained in Cheyenne County transferred to

WaKeeney, and the county had charged only for wages. The city had charged not only for wages but had also charge benefits, lodging and mileage.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed to sent a check for \$8,158.46, which is what it cost for Officer Blehm's salary during training.

Snow removal

Snow removal was discussed. The county's policy is to not remove snow from private roads or drives unless an emergency vehicle needs to get through. Most people living in the county have their own tractors or something they can use to remove snow. If they do not, there are private businesses which will remove the snow for them.

Mr. Flemming said he had received some complaints about snow being pushed from a private drive onto County Road 14. The commissioners agreed that any landowner causing obstructions onto county roads is liable for any accidents caused by the obstruction.

Bridge plans

Road and Bridge Supervisor Dave Flemming presented state contracts for the commissioners' signatures. These were for the Runzel Bridge Project. The bridge part will cost \$135,000 and the dirt work will cost \$180,000. The recent bridge study was reviewed but no decisions were made.

Permission was granted to purchase a used snowplow lift for a road grader.

The supervisor asked for five minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. At 10:30, Chairman Beikman announced no decisions had been made. However, the supervisor noted he will look into hiring someone part-time after the first of the year.

In other business

In other business:
• The county meal allowance will go from \$10 per meal to \$12 per meal.
• The commissioners approved the county's share of the household

hazardous waste bill \$1,759.79.

• Commissioner Ernie Ketzner was appointed as the commissioner's representative to the Resource Conservation and Development advisory council.

• A warrant from the appraiser's office was held from approval until more mileage documentation could be provided. This was under the advisement of the auditor.

• Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness director, said President Bush had agreed with Governor Sebelius in declaring all 105 counties in Kansas as emergency disasters. The commissioners signed a resolution declaring Cheyenne County as a state of local disaster emergency area. Mr. Rogers noted the State and Local Assistant funding of \$2,500 had been received from the state of Kansas and that one-half of that amount will go toward paying his part-time help.

Kim Zweggardt and David Butler, representing Cheyenne County Development Corporation, discussed the Cheyenne County Strategic Plan. After review and discussion, the Strategic Plan was approved. Mrs. Zweggardt said the corporation is in the process of becoming part of the multi-county Northwest County Enterprise Zone.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 31.

Seventh grade basketball team finishes first year of competition

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The seventh grade team placed eighth in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. They were defeated by Oberlin in the opening contest by a score of 57-13.

Thursday's action included a 29-18 loss to Oakley and a 31-14 loss to Quinter.

The seventh grade roster included Joey McCormick, Casey Keller, Foster Grant, Dalton Davenport, Keegan Sherlock, Mikey Leibbrandt, Dylan Wolaver, Zach Gienger, Thomas Douthit, Josh Teeters, Tony Meyer, Dylan Peter, Jordan Easter, Lucas Carmichael and Dillion Straub.

"I enjoyed working with these young men," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I could see improvements in some area of the game nearly every day. We have a long ways to go, in developing our skills, but hopefully the guys will work on their skills in the off season so that future season will be better."

Oberlin 57, St. Francis 13

Oberlin scored in double figures in each quarter to reach their total of 57.

St. Francis had three players score in this game with Zach Gienger having six.

"We did not play real well at times, but also did some things better than we ever have thus far," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We did not handle their pressure defense very well at all. We did, however, look to the post areas a little better."

"Oberlin has a good team with several good players that have been playing together for four years now. We just have not developed the skills and knowledge of the game as they have.

"We must begin at earlier ages with out basketball skill development."

SF	04	04	00	05	13
O	14	15	18	10	57

Scoring: Gienger 6, Wolaver 5, Carmichael 2.

Oakley 29, St. Francis 18

"We did a lot of good things in both games (on Thursday)," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We still made way too many ball handing errors which limits our shot attempts and gives the opponents extra attempts.

Gienger and Peter, with six point each, were the leading scorers for this game.

SF	06	04	06	02	18
O	08	08	11	02	29

Scoring: Gienger 6, Peter 6, Sherlock 4, McCormick 2.

Quinter 31, St. Francis 14

"In the Quinter game, we worked the ball in for a lot of good shots, but just had a really tough time of making anything," Coach Kechter said.

"Our shot attempts were the best we had worked for all season, but they just would not fall."

Sherlock was the high scorer in this game with six.

SF	02	04	08	00	14
Q	11	02	12	06	31

Scoring: Sherlock 6, Peter 4, Wolaver 2, Dillion Straub 2

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 12-10

Team standings: Majestic 35-13, Ringneck Country 31-17, P and L Meat Market 27-25, Monday Night Hustlers 27-21, Earl's Gals 24-24, Neitzel Insurance 23-25

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 204, Erica Harlan 188, Janice Krien 179, Bud Erskin 175, Troy Meyer 169, Kary Joy Meyer 144; (handicap): Harlan 242, Michael Hanson 233, Krien 225, Warren Harkness 219, Zimbelman 217, Vanessa Wieck 208

High series (scratch): Zimbelman 534, T. Meyer 496, Krien 476, Erskin 450, K. Meyer 410, Harlan 408; (handicap): Hanson 642, T.

Meyer 622, Krien 614, Harkness 587, Wieck 582, Harlan 570

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 12-12

Cancelled

Wednesday Night Mens 12-12

Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 37-15, Bonny Solutions 31-21, Haigler One 31-21, Wray Lumber 30-22, Wright & Wrong 28-24, Haigler Two 25-27, Cheyenne Bowl 21-31

High game (scratch): Ed Schauer 226, Bill Carpenter 211, Eddie Zuege 192

High series (scratch): Carpenter 582, Kale Zimbelman 515, Schauer 510

Ladies Nite Out 12-13

Team standings: Stockman's Strikers 36-20, Mel's Gals 31-25, Jersey Maids 30.5-25.5, Bankwest Alley Kats 30-26, Dundy Ag 29-27, Wright Carpet 25-31, Western State Bank 22.5-33.5, Wray Meat Packing 20-36

High game: (scratch): Pat Confer and Vicky Harford 200, Kathy Blecha 191; (handicap): Harford 247, Confer 241, Linda Mahon 234

High series: (scratch): Mahon 532, Blecha 508, Confer 505; (handicap): Mahon 667, Confer 628, Tammy Overlease 606

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