

# Sainty eighth grade girls finish basketball season

The eighth grade girls basketball team finished the season with two wins in the Northwest Kansas League tournament, giving them the consolation championship. They began the tournament on Monday with a 39-28 loss to Colby but came back on Thursday on the home court to defeat Quinter 29-20 and then earn fifth place by defeating Oberlin 39-24.

"The second round of the tournament was really a good day for this team," Coach David Morrow said. "All year we have struggled with starting slowly and paying the price by losing close games."

"On Thursday, however, we seemed to have a basketball epiphany and kind of figure things out. Kids who had struggled at times in certain aspects of the game had their best efforts in these tournament games."

## First round 2/18

### Colby 39, St. Francis 28

"This was a frustrating game for many reasons," Coach Morrow said. "Colby has improved since the first time we played them, but our inability to match the intensity of the Eagles was much more of a factor in the outcome of the game."

"We simply did not play tough enough to win the game."

Figgins scored 14 points to pace the Sainty Ladies.

"Towards the end of the game, we still had a manageable deficit to overcome, but Colby scored a couple of easy buckets to put the game out of reach," Coach Morrow said.

Scoring: Figgins 14; L. Hilt 6; Orth 4; Hill, 2 Lambert 2.

## Second round

### St. Francis 29, Quinter 20

"Though our shooting was a little cold in the Quinter game, we were able to make up for it by dominating the Bulldogs in rebounding."

"Quinter got very few second shots, and in the fourth quarter, Kaitlyn Figgins got some easy put-backs from a good offensive rebounding effort."

Figgins had a total of 17 points to lead the scoring.

"We did a good job of pressuring the ball and creating turnovers with a man-to-man defense," Coach Morrow said.

"Late in the game, Jenna Hill and the rest of our guards did a good job managing the clock and putting the game out of reach for Quinter."

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Scoring: Figgins, 17; Hill, 8; L. Hilt, 4.

## Consolation championship

### St. Francis 39, Oberlin 24

"The Oberlin game was really our best performance of the year," Coach Morrow said. It was the only game of the season in which the outcome of the game was determined before the fourth quarter, which is very unusual in junior high basketball. Oberlin has a very good team, and they had beaten us just a couple of weeks prior to the tournament by 4 points.

"What made the difference on Thursday night was the tremendous team effort in all aspects of the game given by the ladies. Every player seemingly had a career night in various ways."

"Ashlynn Lambert thoroughly frustrated Oberlin's point guard and stole the ball a number of times from her, which didn't allow the Red Devils to get into their offense very easily."

"Trista Orth played great defense against one of Oberlin's post players, keeping her off the glass and forcing her take contested shots all night."

"Early in the second quarter, Jenna Hill hit two key three-pointers that seemed to change the tone of the game. After that, Kaitlyn Figgins took over the game and provided a lesson on how to score from the post area. Her 21-point night was one of the most dominating scoring performances I've seen in a long time in junior high basketball."

"The Oberlin game was very exciting from a coach's perspective. The kids did what they've been coached to do, played with confidence, and realized their potential as a team."

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Scoring: Figgins, 21; Hill, 10; L. Hilt, 4; Jacquelyn Ketzner, 2.



**ARRANGING COOKIES** — The Girl Scouts were selling cookies Monday evening. Pictured (l to r) are CarolEve Harris, Christina Harris, Zoe Sundstrum, Sydney Sundstrum, Hannah Stafford and Makayla Rogers.

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increased the operating costs for many businesses, including truck drivers, farmers, and ranchers.

## Health care

The congressman said there are 75 hospitals in his District and he realizes how important small hospitals are to rural communities. He told about a letter he had received from Kody Krien, pharmacist in St. Francis. It told how, if the problem with payments for drugs wasn't fixed, he would be forced to close his business, move and would take three kids out of the school. Congressman Moran said he had taken this letter with him as urban congressmen didn't understand just how important it was to the school and community to not only lose their only pharmacy but how important it is to keep those three students in the school system.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller commended the congressman on looking out for the people, telling how she had two patients who were in the Veteran's Hospital in

Hays and were getting nowhere with reimbursements. She had made a call to Mr. Moran and he had gotten it straightened out.

Rick Reeser, administrator at the Good Samaritan Village, was concerned about Medicare and Medicaid payment reductions. He said to be competitive, the nursing home now pays \$10 for certified nursing aides.

Mr. Moran said that nursing homes are being threatened and he was opposed to reducing reimbursement money.

## Horse slaughter houses

Gary Wickwar, St. Francis, was concerned about the closing of horse slaughtering facilities. Mr. Moran pointed out that most people don't understand that the French aristocrats want to eat horse meat.

With the closing of the slaughter house, there is no place for aging horses or those who need to be put out of their misery to go. There have been reports of horse owners turning their horses loose in pastures and on public lands

because they cannot afford to take care of them and there is no other place to take them.

Mr. Moran said the bill has yet to pass in the congress and he didn't feel that it would. He said that farmers are worrying that, it is horses now, but when will the animal activists start on cattle, hogs and chickens.

## Illegal immigration

One of the high school students asked about illegal immigration and securing the borders. Mr. Moran said that he had a conference with a retired Kansas Bureau of Investigation officer and, it is a fact that most of our illegal drugs come across the borders.

"Rural America is being eaten away by meth and no Kansans should have this fear," he said.

He went on to say that, right now, the system in place is dysfunctional; that there needs to be a system where immigrants can come in legally.

## Faith in government

Mr. Moran was asked about the lack of faith in today's government

and system. He said people need to have more faith in the political institution.

"We have a system that is the envy of the world but it is easy to become cynics," he said.

He encouraged individuals to excel, to help neighbors and make a change for the betterment of people.

"Your life will be determined by what you say and do," he said. "We need to remember that people we didn't know sacrificed so we can live and raise our children in this country."

"We have an obligation to honor what people did to see that this country has a future and, as Kansans, we have to try to make a difference."

There is the satisfaction — not the money, but the difference you make in life, he said.

There were a number of people giving thanks to the congressman for the work he does in the Congress as well as representing Kansas well.

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wear masks. Plenty of fluids, good nutrition, and good rest are all important in helping the immune system do its part to fight the illness.

Be aware that those people especially at risk are the very young, very old, pregnant, or on immune suppressive medicines such as chemotherapy or steroids. It is important for these people to avoid exposure and for those who are sick to make sure they are not exposing others.

"This is a dangerous virus and people can die with it if we don't take it seriously," Dr. Miller said.

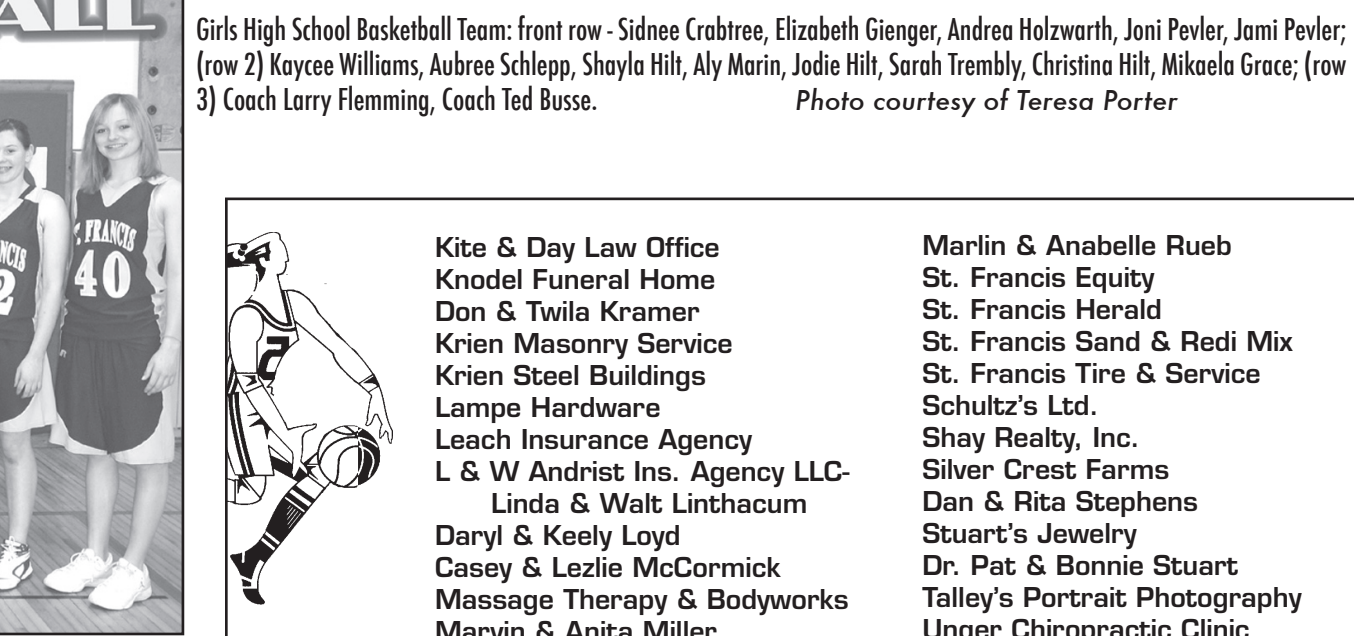


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Boys High School Basketball Team: front row - Trent Kinen, Matt Raile, Trent Raile, Garrett Figgins, Jacob Riedel, Drew Zwegardt, Chance Hobrock; (row 2) Ted Crabtree, Alex Long, Sam Sowers, Ethan Zwegardt, Keaton Frewen; (row 3) Coach Devin Dinkel, Coach Ward Cassidy.

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Girls High School Basketball Team: front row - Sidnee Crabtree, Elizabeth Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth, Joni Pevler, Jami Pevler; (row 2) Kaycee Williams, Aubree Schlepp, Shayla Hilt, Aly Marin, Jodie Hilt, Sarah Trembly, Christina Hilt, Mikaela Grace; (row 3) Coach Larry Flemming, Coach Ted Busse.

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