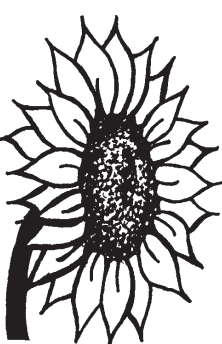


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# At the Game

## Varsity Indians win in overtime game

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The Lady Indians played a more competitive game against the Leoti Indians Friday night, Jan. 9 in Leoti. Unfortunately the Lady Indians again came out on the short end, and dropped a close contest to Leoti. The Indians played a hard fought nail-biter game against Leoti and pulled off a last second victory in overtime. The Indians are now on a three game winning streak, and their overall record stands at 5-3.

The junior varsity Lady Indians played a 3 quarter game against Leoti and pulled out a victory. The junior varsity Indians played a close game against Leoti and pulled out a 3 point victory.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians and Leoti started off playing hard and both teams battled. The Lady Indians held a slim lead 11-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Leoti came back in the second quarter and game was still close at the end of the half with Leoti out in front 18-17.

The lead changed hands several times in the third quarter, as both teams continued to play hard. Leoti increased their lead to four, 32-28 at the end of the quarter.

The fight continued into the fourth quarter, and Lady Indians kept it close. However, Leoti was able to take advantage of St. Francis fouls, and made key free throws down the stretch to pull out a nine point victory, 47-38.

"Our defense played pretty well tonight," said Coach Susan Dinkel. "During the second half, we turned the ball over several times and made some poor shot choices. We didn't quit and we fought hard, the game was a lot closer than the score indicates, we had some fouls at the end trying to get the ball back and they scored on their free throws."

"Energy levels have not been where they usually are due to sickness throughout the team. Hopefully, we are on the mend and will get our energy back to where it usually is."

Lady Indians scoring: Kyla Bandel, 11 points; Justice Wiley,

10 points; Valerie Wurm, 7 points; Kylie Sherlock, 4 points; Kayla Reed, 2 points; Emily Elfers, 2 points; Journey Lee, 2 points.

The junior varsity Lady Indians played a good team game and defeated Leoti 18-10.

Indians

In the first quarter, both teams got off to an even start. St. Francis held a close 13-8 lead at the end of the quarter.

The teams battled hard in the second quarter, with St. Francis continuing to lead 23-16.

In the third quarter, the Indians still held a slim lead, 31-25, as Leoti would not give up.

Leoti had a good rally in the fourth quarter to tie the score early in the quarter. Both teams battled throughout the quarter, with the lead changing hands several times. The Indians had to come up with some great shots to tie Leoti as the clock ran out to end regulation, and send the game to overtime.

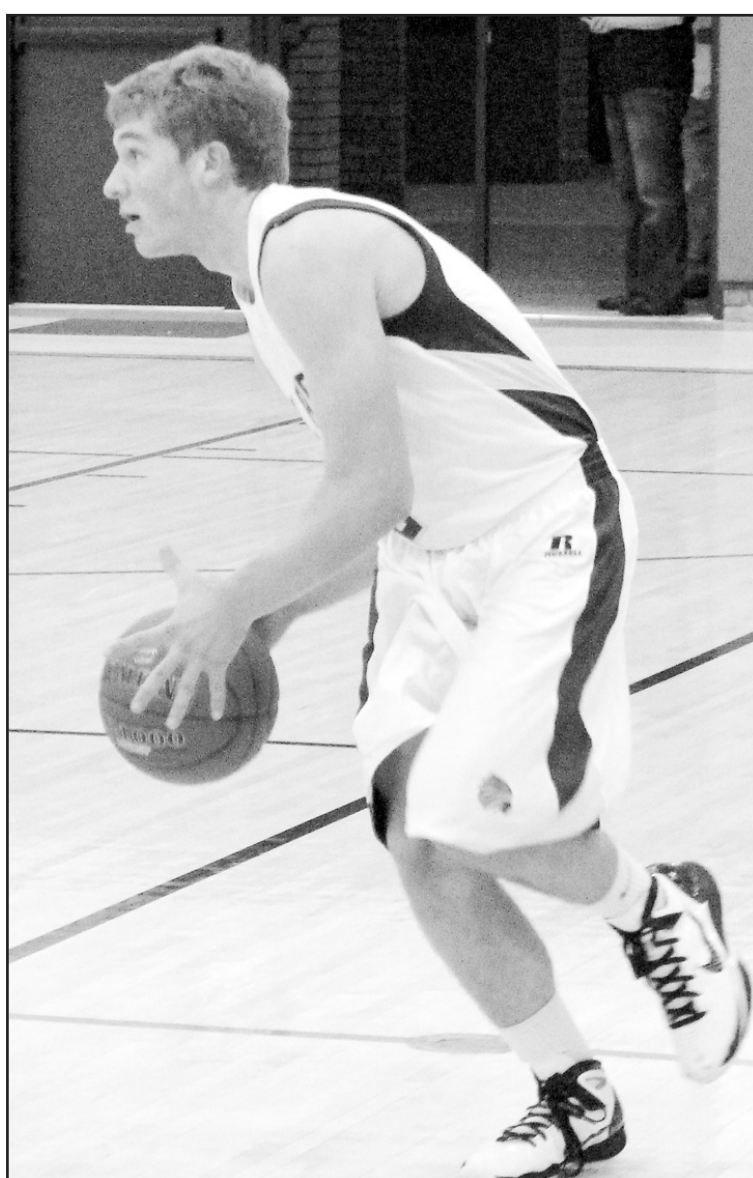
The teams continued to play a close game in the overtime, with Leoti staying ahead through most of the period. The Indians pulled out the game with clutch shooting and free throws in the final seconds to defeat Leoti 48-47.

Indians scoring: Mason Schiltz, 11 points; Wyatt Landenberger, 10 points; Jacob Baxter, 10 points; Cade Bracelin, 7 points; Taylor Rogers, 6 points; Lenny Olivares, 4 points.

"The win over Leoti on the road was good for us," said Coach Jeff Beims. "We led most of the game by 6-10 points, but allowed Leoti to go on a ten point run early in the fourth quarter. We had to buckle down and scratch and claw our way to a win in overtime. I think these kind of wins are great for building the character of a team, (but not real good for the health of coaches.) It shows us that when things are going against us, in a loud environment on the road, we can find a way to win."

The junior varsity Indians pulled off a close 38-35 win.

The next game for the Lady Indians and Indians will be Friday, Jan. 17 against the Dighton Hornets in St. Francis, beginning at 4:45 p.m.



TAYLOR ROGERS is looking to make a pass.

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### Varsity splits games with Idalia

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The St. Francis Lady Indians and Indians traveled to Idalia to take on the Wolves on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Lady Indians played a close first half, but could not keep up with the Wolves and were defeated. The junior varsity Lady Indians played a two quarter game and were also defeated in a close contest. The Indians put together a good solid team effort and blew out the Wolves in their game.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians and Wolves

played a low scoring first quarter. Shots for both teams would not fall. The quarter ended with Idalia out in front 9-7.

The Lady Indians stayed close in the second quarter, but the Lady Indians were still behind as the quarter came to a close, 23-15

The bottom fell out for St. Francis in the second half. The Lady Indians offense and defense was non existent and the Lady Indians were outscored 21 to 4 to fall behind 44-19.

There was no improvement in the fourth quarter, as St. Francis



JOURNEY LEE brings the ball up to set up a play.

Herald photo by Douglas Sloper

could only manage a total of 4 points, while Idalia scored 15. The game ended with Idalia defeating St. Francis 59-23.

Lady Indians scoring Kyla Bandel, 8 points; Valerie Wurm, 5 points; Emily Elfers, 4 points; Justice Wiley, 4 points; Journey Lee, 2 points.

The junior varsity Lady Indians were defeated 15-12.

Indians

Coach Beims had some concerns regarding Idalia. "Idalia has been down for the last couple of years," he said. "I was worried that we were going to take them lightly and I think we suffered the effects of just that early in the game."

In first quarter action, mistakes and turnovers haunted both teams. In spite of it all, St. Francis was holding a close 10 point lead, 23-13 at the end of the first quarter.

As the second quarter progressed, the Indians continued their aggressive play, turning up the heat on the Wolves. They outscored Idalia, 16-5, and took a commanding lead of 39-18 in to halftime.

With the Indians bench seeing more playing time in the third quarter, the teams played even

basketball. The Wolves tried to

make a game of it, but the Indians lead was too much. The score at the end of the third quarter was St. Francis 57, Idalia 32.

The Indians were in their groove in the fourth quarter, and kept up the strong offensive and defensive play, and continued to pull away. Final score, St. Francis 74 Idalia 44.

Despite the win, Coach Beims was not pleased with the effort of the Indians. "We turned the ball over too much, and were out of sync defensively, early in the ball game. We turned things around to get a convincing win, but we have a lingering issue of playing great one night, then just "showing up" the next. If we expect to have success this season, we have to be able to bring the same high level of play consistently through the season," said the coach.

High scorers: Mason Schiltz, 24 points; Cade Bracelin, 13 points; Jacob Baxter, 7 points; Wyatt Landenberger, 6 points; Jude Faulkender, 6; Taylor Rogers, 5 points; Lenny Olivares 4 points; Quinton Cravens, 2 points; Jon Hoard, 2 points; Jeremiah Neitzel, 2 points; Francisco Fernandez, 2 points; Jakob Church, 1 point.

This win improves the Indians record to 4 wins, 3 losses.

## Thirteen Saintry kid wrestlers attend tourney

There were 13 wrestlers attending the Atwood Tournament Saturday. There were close to 300 participants in the tournament. Five local kids wrestled in their very first tournament and did very well. They were Asher Robbins, Joel Gilliland, Shane Todd, Caleb Todd and Brady Ketzner. Rylan Doyle was entered but there was no one for him to wrestle.

Logan McCarty and Asher Robbins brought home first place. There were four who placed second, four thirds, one fourth and one fifth.

"This was a very good day for our young Indian wrestlers, and fun to have so many new ones. They all wrestled well and had fun, which is important," said Coach Shawn Blanka.

Every wrestler competed at a high level, and showed great improvement throughout the day, said Dylan Loyd, coach. This group of kids is a good group of competitors, they all push one another to be great and it is a lot of fun to watch this group of kids compete.

Results

The 6 and 8 and under were all round robin brackets.

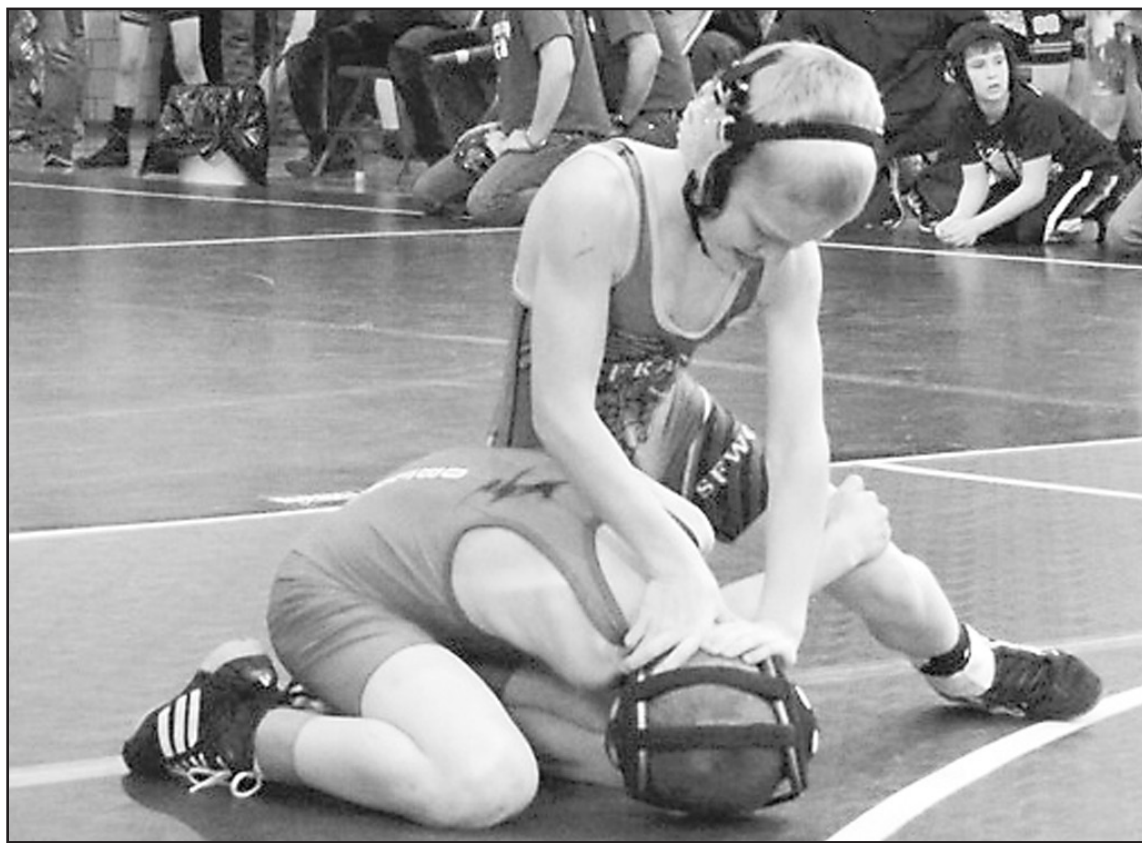
In the 6 and under: Jaxon Nelsen, 43B pounds, placed third. He lost his first match by a fall, won 6-0 decision, won 9-4 decision, lost by fall.

Asher Robbins, 46B pounds, placed first. He won two matches by falls and won by forfeit.

Joel Gilliland, 52C pounds, placed third. He lost 1-4 decision, lost 0-13 major decision, won by fall and won 11-10 decision

Shane Todd, 52D pounds, placed second. He won by fall, lost 0-8 decision and won 4-1 decision

In the 8 and under: Brady Ketzner, 55B pounds, placed



KOBE TICE, at 76 pounds, had his opponent where he wanted him.

second. He won 11-10 decision, won 12-0 major decision lost 9-10 decision

Logan McCarty, 58 pounds, placed first. He won first two matches by falls, won a 4-2 decision

Ben Busse, 70 pounds, placed second. He won 12-1 major decision, won two matches by falls, lost 0-3 decision

In the 10 and under they were all eight-man brackets: Caleb Todd, 73 pounds, participated. He lost his first match 1-16 technical fall and lost by fall.

Kobe Tice, 76 pounds, placed fifth. He won by fall, lost 1-12 major decision, and won 10-0 decision

Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds,

placed second. He had a bye, won by fall and lost by fall.

Colton McCarty, 110 pounds, placed fourth. He won by a 12-4 major decision, lost by fall, won 9-1 major decision, lost by fall.

Adam Krien, 110 pounds, placed third. He won by fall, lost by fall, won by fall and won by fall.

In the 12 and under: Brady Dinkel, 130 pounds, placed third. He won by fall, lost by fall, a bye and then won by fall.

Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the high school wrestling room. For more information contact Shawna Blanka at 785-332-5363.

The kids wrestling season is meant to be fun and these kids do

have a lot of fun, said Coach Loyd. It's a lot of fun for us coaches and parents to watch these kids as well build friendships that will last a lifetime. We always tell them that there is a sense of family that comes with the sport of wrestling. Parents and wrestlers spend all day on Saturdays in gyms, sitting in the stands supporting our wrestlers and it's amazing how we all become like one big family, and its special because there really is nothing else like it. As a coaching staff we are very proud of these kids and the effort they give every practice and every time they step on a mat. It's going to be a lot of fun watching these kids develop throughout their wrestling careers.



CRISTIAN SILVA, won a bicycle in the Western State Bank Christmas drawing.

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