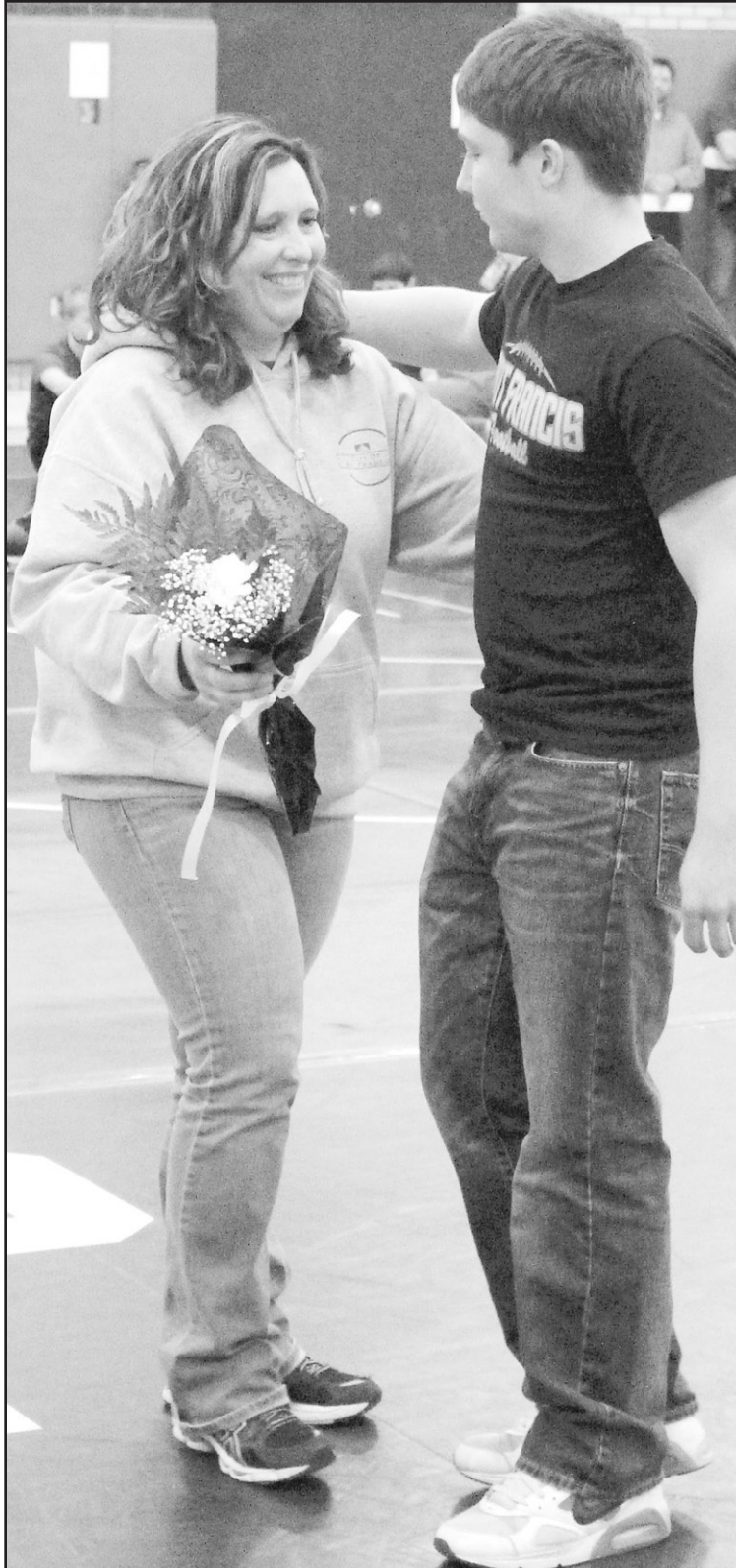




JACOB BAXTER gets a hug from **Kathy Biggs** during the Senior Night presentation. *Herald staff photo by Douglas Sloper*



JENNIFER BLAIR receives a hug and flowers from her son, **Lane Hoffman** at Senior Night. *Herald staff photo by Doug Sloper*

Senior wrestlers and cheerleaders honored

The St. Francis senior wrestlers and cheerleaders and their parents were honored at the junior high wrestling match in St. Francis on Feb. 20. Honored were cheerleaders Aly Schlepp (who was unable to attend) and Rande Grover. Senior wrestlers honored were Lane Hoffman and Matt White.

St. Francis drops three straight to Cheylin Cougars

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The St. Francis Indians and Lady Indians went up against cross county rivals the Cheylin Cougars in St. Francis on Tuesday, Feb 18. The results were not good, with the junior varsity boys the only team to come away with a victory.

Lady Indians
In the first quarter the Lady Cougars got off to a fast start. Taking advantage of a strong inside game and outside shooting, they ran past the Lady Indians 14-5 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Indians offense woke up in the second quarter, and St. Francis began to climb back into the game. As the quarter progressed, the Lady Indians still had no answer for Cheylin's inside game, which controlled the offensive boards and continued to score easy layups. The Lady Cougars continued to throw up 3 point shots, in which many went in. Cheylin still held a large lead, 31-20 at the half.

Both teams played even basketball throughout the third period. St. Francis made several runs, and cut into Cheylin's lead, but the Lady Cougars continued to answered back to help them keep their lead at nine, 45-36.

The hard play kept up in the fourth quarter. Cheylin's inside game continued to work, and their outside 3 point shooting continued to keep the Lady Indians from gaining any ground. The final horn sounded with Cheylin winning 64-51.

Indians scoring: Kyla Bandel, 26 points; Kylie Sherlock, 12 points; Valerie Wurm 6 points; Justice Wiley, 4 points; Kayla Reed, 2 points; Emily Elfers, 1 point.

"This may have been one of the best games we have played this season from beginning to end," said Coach Susan Dinkel. "After the loss on Monday night to Brewster, I wasn't exactly sure how we would fight back, but, I was extremely pleased with our focus and effort. We got into some foul trouble, which always hurts us. Hopefully, we will continue to work hard, with two games left in the regular season."

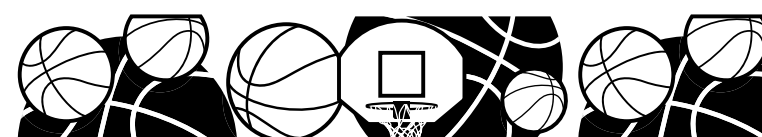
Indians
The Indians got off to a low scoring start in the first quarter. Shots would just rattle off the iron and would not drop for St. Francis. This problem plagued the Indians at key points throughout the game. Cheylin marched ahead and held a 10-5 lead.

In the second quarter, the Indians found their shooting touch and began hitting key baskets. Carl Fabre hit on several 3 point shots and the Indians offense got into gear. They outscored the Cougars 18 to 11 and took a 23-21 lead into the half.

Cheylin came out in the third quarter, and took the game over. Outscoring the Indians 21-14, the Cougars held a slim 5 point lead 42-37 at the end of three.

Both teams continued to battle in the fourth, and were evenly matched in scoring. Unfortunately for the Indians, they could not overtake the Cougars, who pulled out the victory, 57-50.

Indians scoring: Cade Bracelin, 17 points; Carl Fabre, 9 points; Mason Schiltz, 8 points; Jacob Baxter, 7 points; Wyatt Landenberger, 6 points; Lenny Olivares, 2 points; Jude Faulkender, 1 point.



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