



At the Game

Sainty Lady earns championship

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Congratulations to pole vaulter Dallas Reed, who came home with a first place gold medal at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Championships over the weekend. Dallas soared for a winning vault of 10 feet, her personal best, and in the process set a new school record. The old record was set in 2007 when Lauren Ross vaulted 9 feet 6 inches.

Overall, the team brought home 11 total medals, and showed tremendous effort going up against the best 1A athletes in the state. As a team, the men finished in 18 place with 12 total points, and the women finished in 22 place with 10 total points.

Individual Results

Pole Vault: Mason Schiltz (4) - 13-00. **Medal Winner.**

400 Meter Dash: Derek Queen (7) - 52.58. **Medal Winner.**

4x100 Meter Relay: Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Taylor Rogers, Cade Bracelin, (8) - 45.66. **Medal Winners.**

4x400 Meter Relay: Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Taylor Rogers, Lane Hobrock (5) - 3:33.45. **Medal Winners.**

Individual Results

Pole Vault: Dallas Reed (1) - 10-00. **Medal Winner.**

Congratulations to the Indians and Lady Indians on a great season !!



DALLAS REED, St. Francis Indian trackster, brought home the state gold medal by clearing the pole vault bar at 10 feet.
Herald staff photo by Dick Boyd

Grandson chosen to play in baseball world series

Jesse James Pugh, grandson of Laura Pugh, has been selected to play in the Under Armour Baseball Factory World Series at Pirate City, located in Bradenton, Fla. This World Series is being held July 30 through Aug. 3 at the spring training facility of the Pittsburgh Pirates. While there, Pugh will be competing against the best players and teams in the country, and coached by professional baseball players, pro coaches, and scouts.

Pugh will be a senior at Steamboat Springs, Colo. High School, where he is the starting shortstop and also pitches on the High School Team.

Jesse is accepting donations to help defray the cost of coaching, tournaments, lodging and airfare. If you would like to donate, you can make checks out to Jesse Pugh, Baseball Factory, 27870 Silver Spur St., Steamboat Springs, Colo. 80487.

Lady golfer competes in Sainty tournament

Junior golfers from around the area descended on the Riverside Golf course in St. Francis this past weekend to compete in the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Tournament. George Banister, tournament director, was pleased with the turnout, as 43 golfers, both girls and boys from ages 8 to 17, competed.

Local St. Francis golfer Karly Bandel won the girls 12-13 division, shooting an excellent round of 60.

Congratulations to Karly and all the junior golfers!



Indian football players gear up for eight-man football

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The St. Francis school board voted unanimously last summer to inform the Kansas State High School Activities Association that the school will begin to play 8 man football beginning with the 2014-2015 season. The reasoning was that, as enrollment continues to drop, St. Francis was the smallest school continuing to play 11 man football. Other communities in the area were also experiencing the same enrollment issues as St. Francis, and had opted to move to an 8 man format.

"I think we need to put kids in a position to be successful, because if you can become successful at something big at a young age it will only set you up for success later on in life. I think great things are in the horizon for Indian football and the talent that is clearly coming," said Indians head coach Kyle Buffington.

Some of the changes that will be obvious to the fans will be the size of the field. In 8 man football, the Indians will be playing on a field that is only 80 yards long and 40 yards wide. Greene Field will have to be modified to accommodate this change.

On the offensive side, 3 positions will be eliminated; the two offensive tackles and a wide receiver/running back. The offensive line must consist of a 5 man front line, a center and two guards. The two ends can be used as blockers, tight ends, or split out in a wide receiver position. The backfield usually consists of the quarterback and two running backs.

The scores of most 8 man games are generally higher. Since the Indians are primarily a running team, the 8 man format could favor their style and have a lot of running room for the backs and quarterback.

The most general defensive alignment is the 3-3-2, consisting of 3 down lineman, 3 linebackers and 2 defensive backs. However, the defense can always adjust to whatever the offense is doing.

Due to the field size, the major 15 yard penalty is reduced to 10 yards and on a kick-off a touchback is brought out to the 15 yard line instead of the 20. The mercy rule is still in effect, but in 8 man, the game is stopped if one team is ahead by 45 points in the second half.

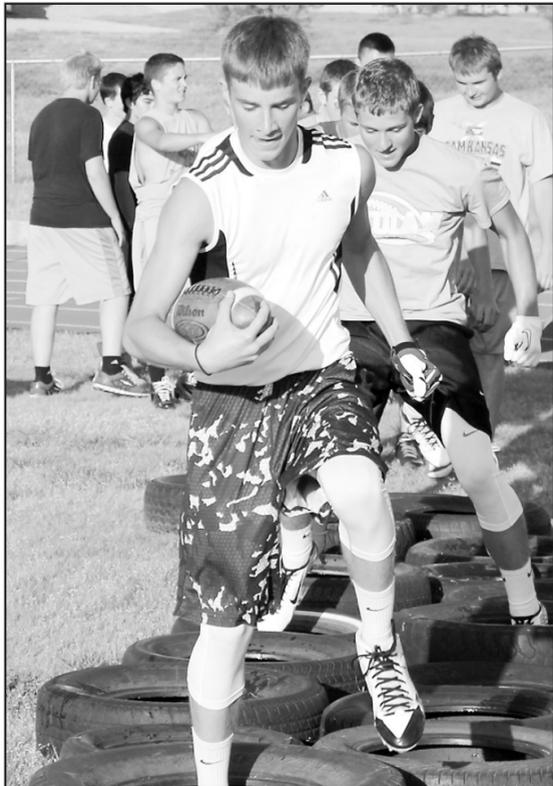
"I see a lot of excitement about the football season from these young men as we are winding down off a very successful track season. Speed is a very big asset to 8 man football and it is evident we have a lot of it, top to bottom" said Coach Buffington.

"We will also have something this year that we haven't had for about the last 6-7 years, and that is depth. We will be able to put a lot of people on the field, both young and old, and not lose any talent at those positions. It could be the key to getting into the post season and being healthy enough to be successful."

"I look forward to big things out of this group of young men, and we are going to get it kicked off with our camp starting June 2-6 at 7 p.m.. We all invite the community to stop by and have a sneak peak."



COACH NICK O'LOUGHLIN watches the footwork of (l-r) Justin Pacheco, Travis Rogers and Clay Cassaw as they work on their cutting skills.
Herald photo by Douglas Sloper



QUINTON CRAVENS runs the fire drill to improve his footwork
Herald photo by Douglas Sloper



COACH SETH SWIHART watches as (l-r) Jeremiah Neitzel, Jude Faulkender, Shakotah Blanka and Lane Hobrock run a play in the new 8-man offense.
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