



KAITLIN FIGGENS put up nine points and four rebounds in the Atwood game held before Christmas. The photo above was taken at the Golden Plains game.

Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

Lady Indians lose to Atwood in December

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 The Lady Indians' varsity team lost out to the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Monday, Dec. 19, by a score of 57-50.

"In the first half of the game, we just were sluggish offensively," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We did set good screens, didn't rebound well and didn't play great defense. Basically, we somewhat went through the 'motions' of basketball without really being aggressive. In fact, we only made five of 19 shots that we took. Really, a disappointment! Our shot selection was great though - 99 percent of them were in the lane - we just didn't make them.

"In the second half, we came out and played much more aggressively. We got several steals, several rebounds and looked to shoot several more times. We shot 38 times and only made 14 of them, but again, they were great shot choices- we just didn't connect. At one point, we were ahead of them, but then we just didn't play as good defensively as we needed to keep that lead. Missing a few chip shots didn't help either."

Stats for the Lady Indians were Jenna Hill with 12 points and two rebounds, Kaitlin Figgins with nine points and four rebounds, Clarice Neitzel, eight points and three rebounds, Laura Brunk, six points and four rebounds, Justice

Small businesses loans available

Small, nonfarm businesses in nine Kansas counties and neighboring counties in Colorado and Nebraska are now eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration. Primary counties in Kansas include Cheyenne and Rice.

"These loans offset economic losses because of the combined effects of reduced revenues caused by excessive rain, high winds and lightning that occurred in Cheyenne and Rice counties from Aug. 8 - 10," said Alfred E. Judd, director of the administrator's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Neighboring Kansas counties: Barton, Ellsworth, McPherson, Rawlins, Reno, Sherman and Stafford; Colorado counties: Kit Carson and Yuma; Nebraska county: Dundy.

"Small Business Administration eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Mr. Judd said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4 percent for businesses and 3 percent for private, nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, non-profits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," he said.

By law, the Small Business Administration makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster at the request of Governor Sam Brownback.

Businesses primarily engaged

in farming or ranching are not eligible for Small Business Administration disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the secretary's declaration.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via Small Business Administration's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from Small Business Administration's Customer Service Center by calling the administration's toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting the Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is June 27.

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coyote's tail. A two-pointer, Rueb said, is easily detected and it is very apparent that almost all the hair in the tip of the tail is white.

Kill block

A new style of kill block was used last year. It is a "bench mark" in the contest-calling industry. This newly designed kill block dramatically stops the chances of pooling coyotes and cheating.

The Midwest Coyote Event will have their kill blocks laser engraved with a special logo. This stops teams from making extra kill blocks of their own and also stops teams from pooling coyotes from other hunters in order to increase their harvest count.

"This is another effort that we are taking to make sure that the Midwest Coyote Calling Event is honest and promotes the rules of fair chase," Mr. Rueb said. "The masters of coyote calling just keeps getting better and stronger."

2011 results

Of the 129 teams participating in the 2011 event, 129 teams returned Sunday for check in. The hunters reported seeing 803 coyotes and killed 364.

Last year's top four winners in the Dead Coyote class were: first place were Matt Hebert, Hyannis, Neb., and Justin Brandon, Yuma, Colo., 14 coyotes; second place: Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, 12 coyotes; third place: Cenny Burnell, Kaycee, Wyo., and Dave McCartney, Chadron, Neb., 10 coyotes; fourth place: Josh Mahar and Eric Rice, Gothenburg, Neb., 10 coyotes.

Taking first place in the Hevi-Shot Class were Nick Bowley, Loveland, Colo., and Dustin Pat-

terson, Ogden, with eight coyotes. Second place went to Travis Fonte and Eric Schafer, Wray, seven coyotes; third, Johathan Bopp, Loveland, and Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., seven coyotes; fourth, Lance Long and Matt Smull, St. Francis, seven coyotes.

SAFETY

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If the student's answer "no" to any of these guidelines, then it is suggested that they click "ignore," and not bother with the friend request anymore. It is as simple as closing and locking a door.

Keeping out the profiles or people that they do not want to see their online life, and letting in those who they know and trust, consider a friend/relative and have formed a caring, loyal relationship with is necessary. These are the only types of "friends" the students need on their list, for their safety and the safety of other students.

In addition to Facebook "friend" guidelines, NetSmartz informs teens about online dangers such as cyber bullying, posting personal information, scams, and online predators. As the ITEKK/NetSmartz trainer in Manhattan, I am scheduled to deliver presentations to St. Francis schools and also the St. Francis PTA. Please contact, the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan for more information: Katie Fox, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, projects@bgclubmanhattan.com

Kids urged to participate in free throw contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, Jan. 15, in the St. Francis high school gym. All boys and girls, ages 10 through 14, as of Jan. 1, are eligible to participate in their own age and gender group.

Those interested in participating may get an application from either the grade school or high school office or may contact Mike Antholz at 332-3482. It will need to be filled out and signed by both the participant and their parent, then brought to the competition along with a copy of their birth certificate.

The doors will open at approximately 1 p.m. with the competition to start at 2 p.m. The winners will move on to the District contest in Atwood on Saturday, Feb.4. Anyone who goes to school in either Cheylin or St. Francis may participate.

In case of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to Sunday, Jan. 22.

To make this a successful competition, Mr. Antholz said, we need to have participants in each of the age groups. You may also sign up at the competition as long as you bring a copy of your birth certificate.

So, Mr. Antholz said, bring your kids, age 10 through 14, out and let's all have some fun!



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Rice Crispy Cookies

Kary and Audrey Meyer

1 c. granulated sugar
 1 c. softened butter
 1 t. baking soda
 1 c. Rice Crispies
 1 c. brown sugar
 1 egg

1 t. vanilla
 1 c. oats
 1 c. vegetable oil
 1 t. salt
 3 1/2 c. flour
 1/2 cup coconut

Preheat over to 350 degrees. Mix sugars, oil, egg and butter until blended. Stir in baking soda, salt and flour. Mix well. Add vanilla, Rice Crispies, coconut and oats. Mix well.

Drop by teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes or until edges are golden.

2012 DOG TAGS ARE AVAILABLE



Come to the City Office, 209 E. Washington, to register your dog(s). ALL Dogs that live in the city need 2 tags: a rabies tag from a veterinarian and a city dog tag from the city office.

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Community District Hospital

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