

At the Game

Ladies lose in Grinnell

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Gove County Classic

The Lady Indians traveled to Wheatland / Grinnell on Saturday, Sept. 8, for the Gove County Classic. They lost matches to Weskan, Wheatland / Grinnell, Trego Community and Stockton to finish in eighth place.

Weskan

The Lady Indians played Weskan first in the day, losing in two sets 25-16 and 25-23.

Justice Wiley's serves early in the first set allowed Saintry to take the lead 6-5, but errors let the Lady Coyotes take the lead right back again. Both teams were fairly evenly matched, and errors killed them both. Weskan took the set 25-16.

Saintry did much better in the second set, jumping out to a 10-4 lead with kills by Clarice Neitzel, Aly Schlepp and Wiley. The team was able to build up a five point lead with kills from Neitzel and Schlepp but the Lady Cougars came back to tie it 16-all. Neitzel got an ace and stuff block to regain the lead 18-16 but the score soon tied again 21-all. Weskan got four consecutive kills to close out the match 25-23.

Wheatland / Grinnell

The Lady Indians started the set strong, Schlepp getting two kills and Echo Jones with a serving ace, but a foot fault and serving error tied the set at 5-all. The Lady Thunderhawks capitalized with a strong attack to gain the lead, but Schlepp stuffed the next attack to tie it up 6-all. Unfortunately, Saintry fell behind and couldn't make up the lost ground, losing the set 25-17.

Saintry fell behind early in game two 9-5, but a Neitzel stuff and errors by Wheatland / Grinnell let the Lady Indians tie it up 9-all. The Lady Thunderhawks pulled ahead but a save by McKayla Taylor tied it up at 10-all again. Saintry jumped ahead 13-10 with Neitzel serving and Lady Thunderhawk errors, but Saintry errors allowed the score to become tied again. Errors again plagued the team, Saintry losing the set 25-17.

Trego Community

The Lady Indians came out sluggish against the Trego Community Lady Eagles, quickly falling in a hole 12-3 from poor passes and out-of-bounds attacks. That gap increased to 21-10. Neitzel scored twice for the Lady Indians with a stuff block and tip, but the team was eventually beaten, the final score 25-12.

The second set was more competitive with Neitzel and Jones serving aces to take the lead early 5-2. Wiley served two aces to take a strong 9-4 lead. But Trego Community came back with a tip kill and stuff block, and benefited from three passing errors by Saintry to tie it up 9-all. Errors had both teams taking the lead, then falling



SENIOR LAURABRUNK serves against the Wauneta / Palisade Lady Broncos on Thursday, Sept. 6. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

behind. Seemingly demoralized by errors, Saintry never caught up again, losing this game 25-20.

Stockton

Saintry entered a consolation round, squaring off against the Stockton Lady Tigers. Schlepp scored first for the Lady Indians in the set with a kill. Schlepp, Wiley and Neitzel kept scoring kills to tie it up 6-6, but Stockton scored seven points due in large part to six consecutive ball handling gaffs by Saintry. The damage was already done, the final score 25-14.

Stockton kept up their momentum in the second game, quickly gaining a 4-1 lead. This didn't deter the Lady Indians though, as they had a nine point run, taking advantage of their opponents' errors, and help from saves by Taylor and Jones, and two stuffs and two kills from Schlepp. At one point, Saintry was in the lead 16-12, but they could not keep it due to errors and the Lady Tigers getting kill streak. The game ended 25-21.

Trego Community

The Lady Indians again played the Lady Eagles in the consolation round, competing for seventh place.

St. Francis got off to a slow start, soon trailing 5-1, then 13-4, largely from ball-handling mistakes. The team started to catch up though, from a stuff by Neitzel and two serving aces by Taylor, to make the score 14-9. Saintry fell further down the hole from serving aces by Trego Community and the set ended 25-16.

In the second set, Saintry jumped out to a 9-4 lead, thanks to Trego Community's serving errors. Taylor and Neitzel again helped

Indians keep up streak with 48-6 win in Benkelman

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The Indians scored a 48-6 win over the Dundy County Stratton Tigers in Benkelman last Friday night, moving to a 2-0 record so far.

Clay Cassaw scored first for Saintry with a quarterback run into the end-zone. Foster Grant intercepted a pass and ran it back 25 yards for the second Indian touchdown. Mikey Leibbrandt ran in the third touchdown of the first quarter to bring the score to 18-0.

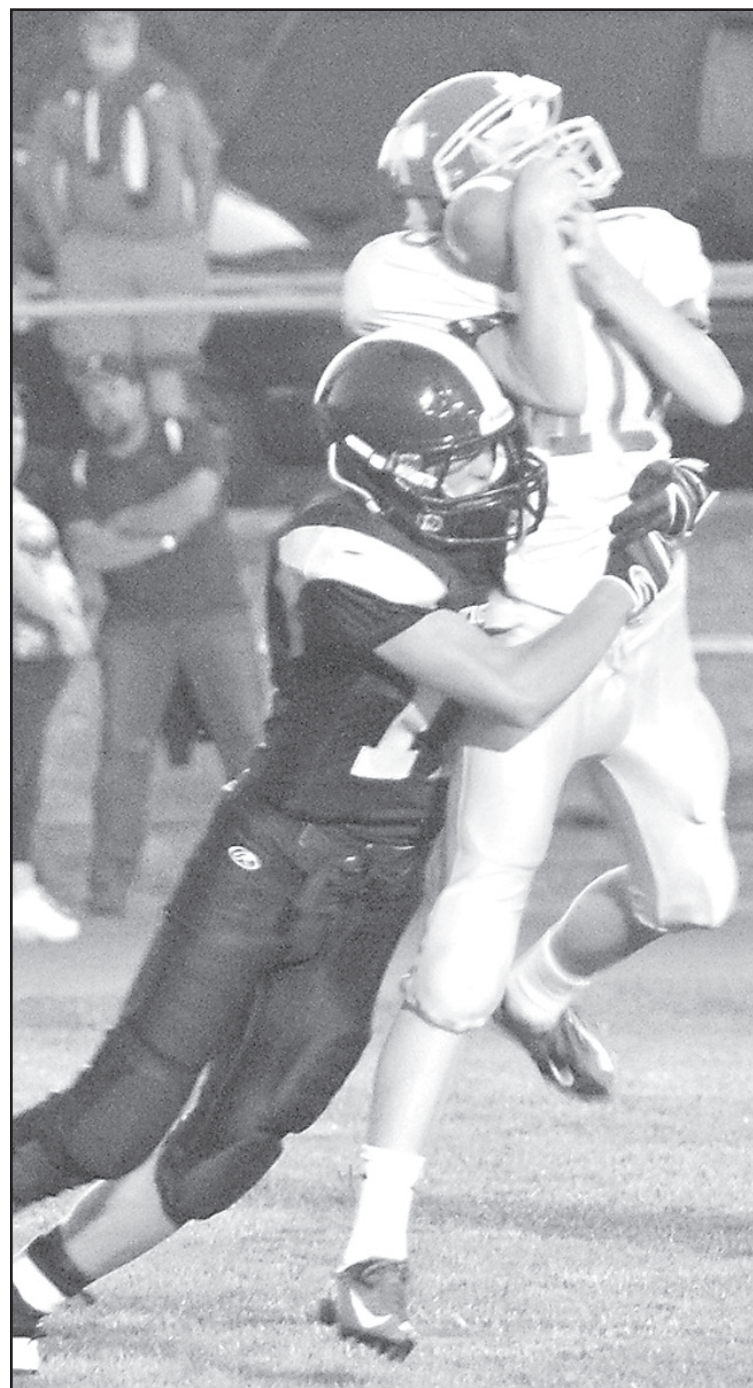
Leibbrandt again scored in the second quarter and Wyatt Landenberger had a 37-yard run to make the score 30-0. Lane Hoffman passed to Casey Keller for the conversion points, the score now 32-0. Cade Bracelin scored next, and again a Hoffman to Keller pass for the conversion points let the Indians go to halftime with a 40-0 lead.

Younger Indians played in the second half with Bracelin running in the last touchdown of the game for the Indians, and Derek Queen scoring the conversion points on a short run, the score 48-0.

The Tigers returned the next kickoff to make the final score 48-6.

"This game was just simply a lot of fun to play," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "We came out of the gates a little bit flat, but quickly recovered. We spent a lot of time this week working on the smaller mistakes we made in game one, and we certainly made great improvements. Dundy County gave us everything they had by putting 11 people in the box defensively and we simply hit harder longer."

Stats for the game were: Mikey Leibbrandt with seven carries for 75 yards and two touchdowns. Thomas Douthit had seven carries for 56 yards. Dylan Wolaver had seven carries for 37 yards. Cade Bracelin had seven carries for 46 yards and two touchdowns. Wyatt Landenberger had three carries for 49 yards and one touchdown. Derek Queen had two carries for 25 yards and scored a two-point conversion. Justin Pacheco had eight carries for 56 yards. Clay Cassaw had one carry for two yards and one touchdown. Garret Brunk had one carry for two yards. Foster



SENIOR CASEY KELLER receives one of his two extra-point passes in Benkelman last Friday. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Grant returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown. Casey Keller received two passes from Lane Hoffman to score two two-point conversions.

On special teams, Bracelin had eight kickoffs for a total of 360 yards, an average of 45 yards each kick. Bracelin also returned one kickoff.

For team stats, the Indians had 348 rushing yards, compared to Dundy County's 18; Saintry had zero passing yards, compared to

Dundy County's 102; Saintry also had 23 first downs, compared to Dundy County's four.

"There just isn't a whole lot to say about a win like this, other than we know we still have a lot of room to improve and the pursuit of competing at our very best for every single game always starts over on Monday," Coach Buffington said.

The Indians will travel to Johnson to take on the Stanton County Trojans this Friday at 7 p.m.

Junior varsity Indians beat Tigers

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The St. Francis junior varsity football team hosted the Dundy County / Stratton Tigers on Tuesday, Sept. 10, winning the game 38-6.

Cade Bracelin scored first for the Indians with a 63-yard run. Conversion points were also scored thanks to a Lane Hoffman pass received by Wyatt Landenberger.

In the second quarter, Justin Pacheco dove for a touchdown from two yards out to score again for the Indians. Landenberger ran in the conversion points to bring the score to 16-0. Derek Queen ran in a touchdown and Garret Brunk intercepted a pass and ran it into the end-zone to bring the score to 30-0 at halftime.

With the lead, the Indians decided to work on their passing

game, with Hoffman finding Landenberger with a 16-yard pass. Clay Cassaw ran in the conversion points, bringing the score to 38-0 at the end of the third quarter.

The Tigers were able to score off a two-yard run in the fourth quarter. The final score 38-6.

The junior varsity team will travel to Wray on Sept. 24 to play at 5 p.m. central time.

Junior high volleyball schedule changed

The junior high Lady Indians volleyball team will not be attending the Oakley tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15 as previously scheduled. Oakley

has changed leagues to become a part of the Great Western Athletic Conference and since Saintry is in the Northwest Kansas League, is no longer invited.

Emergency Medical Services Director

Sherman County is accepting applications for Emergency Medical Services Director. Prefer more than 3 years emergency medical administration. Requirements: EMT Certification; CPR Instructor; Kansas Certified Training Officer or Instruction Coordinator. Applications can be picked up at the Sherman County Clerk's Office, 813 Broadway, Goodland, KS 67735. Applications will be accepted up until September 17, 2012. Sherman County is an EOE.

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