



DALTON STRAUB takes off with the basketball in a recent game.

Herald staff photo by Douglas Sloper

Junior high Indians win at Leoti Wichita County

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The St. Francis junior high Lady Indians A team suffered their first loss of the season, while the Lady Indians B team remained undefeated. The Indian boys A and B teams continued to look impressive in downing Leoti in their respective matches.

Leading scorers for the Lady Indians were: Hanna Bracelin, 10 points; Lindsay Johnson 2 points; Joslyn Ketzner, 2 points and Jylian Laten 1 point. In B team action, the St. Francis Lady Indians, crushed Leoti by 30 points, 43-13.

The Indians A team started slowly in the first half, but coming together in the second half pulled away and beat Leoti 35-15. "We started out a little sluggish in this game, but the guys pulled it together quickly and began to play well. As with all our games so far, the full court pressure worked well for us, and allowed us to take a comfortable lead by the end of the third quarter," said coach Rob Schiltz.

In the first quarter, Leoti stayed close to St. Francis and the Indians lead was only 8 points, 12-4 at the end of the first quarter.

St. Francis pulled away slightly in the second quarter, and led by 11 points, 19-8 at the end of the first half.

As the third quarter progressed, the Indians full court pressure began to wear down Leoti, and St. Francis outscored Leoti 16-3 to jump in front 35-11 as the quarter ended.

With the game in hand, the St. Francis bench chipped in, playing the entire fourth quarter, and preserved the victory, 35-15.

Leading scorers for the Indians: Dalton Straub, 14 points, Trayton Doyle 11 points, Tate Busse, 5 points; Luin Norris 3

points; Luke Lampe, 2 points.

Coach Schiltz is planning some new offensive strategy, "We plan to work on a man-to-man offense this week in practice to see if the team can be more confident in ways to score in the half court. We get a lot of points from the press and the fast break, but we need some work with the half court offense."

The Indians B team had no trouble knocking off Leoti 39-19.

The next game for the Indians will be Tuesday, Nov. 19 against the Greeley County Jackrabbits in Tribune, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

County Commissioners meet

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At the Oct. 31 the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting, the commissioners met with a group of people representing the hospital and hospital board. One of the main things to come out of the meeting was the fact that the commissioners wanted to meet with a representative each month.

At the Nov. 15 meeting, Kari Gilliland, hospital board member, and Heidi Tice, chief financial officer, were there. However, they were unsure exactly what information the commissioners were wanting.

We don't understand your budget, Dale Patton, commissioner, told the hospital representatives.

The difference is, the hospital operates on an accrued base - not cash, Mrs. Tice said. When we see the revenue each month, it isn't the cash amount.

If the hospital takes in more money (if we make money), it has to be paid back (Medicare, Medicaid), Mrs. Gilliland said.

In 2010, we had a huge receivable that we had to pay back to Medicare, she said. It is a guessing game.

We need communication and education, Mr. Patton said. When you don't get paid from Medicaid for three months, it is a lot of money on the books that is carried by the hospital. I have lived my life on a cash basis - never on accrued.

What I have heard, said Brett Poling, commissioner, is from my patients - that you want to cut staff. I want you to know that, as commissioners, we do not want anything cut. What we want to know, is there a reason you can't take money out of funded depreciation to subsidize the cuts.

Funded depreciation is the board's decision, Mrs. Tice said.

Back to the information wanted by the commissioners, Mrs. Gilliland said a guideline for what they wanted was needed. You get the hospital board packet with the information in it. What other questions do we need to answer?

We need the hospital, said Mr. Patton. We need the schools, cities, Good Samaritan. I guess what we really want is a face to face report on what we are gaining, what we are losing, and how the county

can help. We need to understand in greater detail what it takes to run the operation.

If you are really that desperate that you are cutting staff, he said, then you need to prove it to me, and then we will consider more money. We will work through this.

911 and emergency management

Terry Rieger and Vanessa Feldman, representing 911 dispatch, reported that the equipment in dispatch was bought in 2008 and needs to be updated. The company which has carried the maintenance agreement said that, as of Oct. 14, 2014, they will no longer support the system. There are 52 other dispatch centers that are in the same boat as Cheyenne County, Mr. Rieger said.

Mr. Rieger had contacted the Kansas State Adjutant General, who had advised the county, if possible, to wait to purchase the equipment, as the criteria for the needed equipment has not yet been set.

There could possibly be grants, but only if counties join forces. Mr. Rieger explained that it would mean that the main equipment, which would probably cost over \$100,000, would be shared, purchased jointly, and placed in one county. Each county would still have its own dispatchers.

There are several counties which might be interested in joining with Cheyenne County. The main problem could be if the dispatch system went down after Oct. 14, 2014, and there is nothing in place. Our equipment, Mr. Rieger said, is antiquated and we won't have a maintenance agreement. We just need to come up with a plan.

They also discussed the need to fix the addressing problems in the county, noting that is not good to send an ambulance to the wrong address.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager, and Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked to put survey cameras at the emergency building. J.R. Landenberger, city supervisor, said the city would approve the installation of the cameras.

They had gotten two bids. One was from Watch Point Surveillance for \$10,000. The other was from

Jason Padgett, St. Francis, for \$650 for the building in St. Francis. The commissioners thought that, while they were getting one, they should also get a camera for the Bird City emergency building.

They thought that they would be able to install the cameras. They would probably need additional cable, estimating the entire cost to put the cameras up on both buildings would be \$1,400.

Mrs. Bowers reported \$1,607 in ambulance adjustments. The commissioners approved the write off.

Dirt moved

Rod Klepper, representing the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Bird City, asked that the county road and bridge crew move some dirt at the show grounds. A new building will be erected and they will turn it into a museum.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said to talk to Dave Flemming, public works supervisor. Because of the tight budget, the county has had to charge for the fuel used, but will not charge for the labor on equipment.

Workforce One

Deb Scheibler, executive director of Kansas Workforce One, said that the organization served 62 counties in western Kansas. The goals are to provide workforce investment activities that increase employment, retention, and earnings of participants, as well as increasing occupation skills attainments by participants. Another goal is to improve the quality of the workforce and reduce dependency on federal and state assistant program.

Look for more information on the organization in The Herald and Times.

In other business

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- The commissioners agreed to give county employees Christmas bonuses. Full-time employees will receive \$100 in Christmas Bonus money, and part-time employees will receive \$50.

Next meeting

The next regular commissioners meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the courthouse.

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