# Indian football team rebuilding in 2016 after graduation losses

By MIKE GILMORE Even when Larned High School football coach A.B. Stokes doesn't say much, his demeanor speaks volumes. The wheels are always turning. In the 2016 preseason, his mental tachometer is probably hitting the red zone.

In his fifth year as LHS head coach with an overall 18-19 record,

Sept. 2

Sept. 9

Sept. 16

Sept. 23

Sept. 30

Oct. 7

Oct. 14

Oct. 21

Oct. 27

Good Luck

Local Athletes!

some of Coach Stokes' thoughts are still hearkening back to the fall of 2015. Those graduating seniors, which Stokes continually referred to as "his boys," set out to do great things on the gridiron.

Talent, coachability and drive levels of players were off the charts. Some things, though, just didn't fall the Indians' way.

Larned football 2016

PRATT

**@Smoky Valley** 

**NICKERSON** 

@Phillipsburg

HOISINGTON

@Ellsworth

@Hesston

@Lyons

HALSTEAD

The Indians finished 4-5 on the season, with a 3-3 showing in the Central Kansas League and a 1-2 finish in Class 3A district play that even heading in, the Indians thought they could win.

Last year's season ender in Pratt is a prime example.

After a scoreless first quarter, Larned senior quarterback Evan Skelton finally broke free for a 6-yard score just over three minutes into the second stanza. David Valadez added the cruicial PAT, and the Indians took the 7-0 lead into the halftime conference.

Pratt's Devon Koehler answered with a 9-yard scoring run at the thirdquarter midpoint; Noah Meyer added the PAT and the score remained deadlocked at 7-all through the remainder of regula-

In Pratt's try in OT, the Larned defense held tight for three downs. Larned was cited for a head-to-head contact penalty that brought the ball to the 2-yard line. Quarterback Travis Thies ran it in and Meyer added the PAT.

In Larned's turn, the Indians started from the 25 due to a leverage penalty. Skelton made up the first 10 yards and senior

running back Landon Erway advanced to the 10. Skelton then found senior receiver Isiah Perez in the corner of the end zone.

The question to go for the win, Coach Stokes said later, was left up to his seniors. They wanted the win and Stokes relented. On the conversion, Skelton broke the plane for 2 that gave the Indians the 15-14 decision.

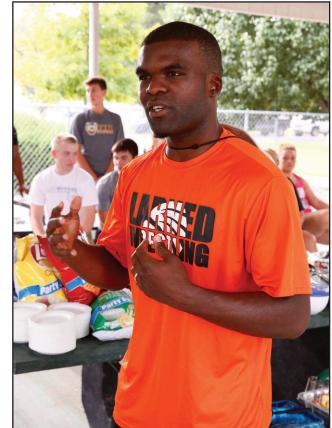
All this, mind you, was

done in the rain. Pratt goes from the last on the list to the Indians' season opener on Sept. 2. While the Indians graduated 11 seniors from just about every skill position, most of the Pratt crew will be headed to the longtime rivalry game at Earl Roberts field.

"We will have returning experience on the defensive side of the ball," Stokes noted.

Offensively, though, the 2016 Indians will have to replace Skelton at QB; Erway at RB; Tanner Galliart and Perez at WR; Marcus Allen and Lukus Anderson on the offensive

The good thing is there are more seniors: Kolby Keith, WR/DB; Nate Williams, RB/LB; De'Shawn Clark, OL/DL (Clark weighs in at 320); Dalton Bright, WR/DB; Jonathon Herter, TE/LB; Brandon



Stokes at preseason camp

Bartz, RB/LB; Wes Davis, RB/LB and Max Easley to pick from, but more importantly, to lead.

The Indians have 18 lettermen coming back to face the same CKL opponents (with Phillipsburg and Smoky Valley thrown into the mix) and Lyons, Hoisington and Ellsworth in district play as a welcome breather from much tougher districts in the past.

Meanwhile, Stokes is keeping his thoughts mostly to himself. Of course, he is sharing them with his coaching staff: Tad Remy, LBs/Ols; Mike Hensley, special teams, WRs/DLs; Rustyn Kerbs, RBs/DBs; Alex Nuss, QBs/LBs and Tre Addison, Ols/DLs.

The rest of us will just have to glean what we can from the traditional Black and Orange scrimmage.

# Healthy iving CHIROPRACTIC, LLC

1114 W. 11th Street · 620-285-6914 · Larned

www.diversicareoflarned.com

## DR. LINDSEY VANSICKLE, DC

606 Topeka, Larned 620-285-6190

Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

#### Wilson takes command of LHS volleyball By MIKE GILMORE

Amy Wilson is stepping cautiously into the Lady Indians' volleyball schedule in 2016.

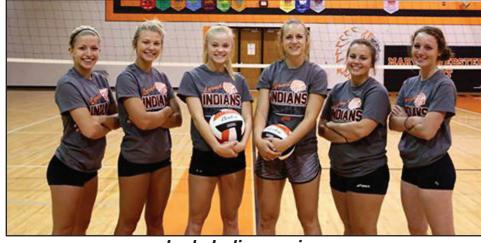
For Larned, which finished 2-9 in a tough Central Kansas League, the preseason tournament that will be played Aug. 27 at Pratt is a pretty tough test. So is the Lady Indians' postseason schedule, which ended in the semifinals at Kismet ron 25-22, 25-19 and end the season at 10-26.

Graduation took five starters as well as hitters and the height at the net. Five starters return, including seniors Ally Aldrich; Erin Smith; Kelsey Parr and Madison Erway.

"Our first goal would be finishing in the top two

in their Class 3A regional, losing narrowly to Cimar-

> lacks height. "Defense is going to



Lady Indian seniors

in pool play in the CKL tournament and earning a spot in the bracket play," Wilson said. "Challenges include losing our starting middles from last season and having a roster that

be a key for us, because of

a shorter lineup." The Lady Indians have two home matches in a row on Sept. 6 and Sept.

8, with home matches at the Larned Middle School gym on Sept. 22; Oct. 4 and Oct. 18.

### Larned volleyball 2016

| Aug. 27    | CKL @Pratt      |  |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| Aug. 30    | @Hays           |  |
| Sept. 6    | HOME            |  |
| Sept. 8    | HOME TRI        |  |
| Sept. 13   | @Halstead       |  |
| Sept. 17   | @Russell Tour.  |  |
| Sept. 20   | @Hesston        |  |
| Sept. 22   | HOME TRI        |  |
| Sept. 27   | @Hillsboro      |  |
| Oct. 1     | @Kingman Tourn. |  |
| Oct. 4     | HOME            |  |
| Oct. 11    | @Nickerson      |  |
| Oct. 18    | HOME            |  |
| Oct. 22    | Sub-state       |  |
| Oct. 28-29 | State           |  |



# **Community**

• Farm Store • Grain Storage • Grain Contracts • Feed Mill • Ag Chemicals and Fertilizer • Service Station On The Farm Tire Service • CardTrol Gas Service • Fuel Delivery











#### Your Hometown Coop

| Roz             | el          |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Main Office     | 527-4216    |
| Service Station | 527-4250    |
| Toll Free8      | 66-527-4216 |

| Burdett   |              |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Office    | 525-6226     |  |
| Toll Free | 888-330-6226 |  |
|           |              |  |

| Sanford  |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Sanford  | 527-4306            |
| Garfield | 569-2250            |
| Larned   | 285-2333            |
|          | Sanford<br>Garfield |



# Wishing All Area Athletes Success This Season!



L to R: David Sanger, MD; Christian Whittington, MD; M. Crystal Hill, MD Kara Keenan, MSN, APRN, FNP; Jenny Manry, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC; & Bonnie Landgraf, MSN, APRN, FNP

#### **Providing Quality Healthcare Services**

Health & Wellness Checks . Family Medicine . Women's Health . Prenatal/OB Care Pediatric Care including: Well Baby & Child Exams, Immunizations, Newborn Care, Circumcisions Sports/School/Daycare Physicals . Employee Physicals . DOT Physicals Colon Cancer Screenings . Botox and Juvederm Treatments

Pawnee Valley Medical Associates

A HAYSMED PARTNER

**Clinic Hours:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon Saturday

For an appointment call: 620-804-6007 713 West 11th, Larned KS