

# Boys ready for scrimmage as basketball season starts

The Decatur Community High basketball teams' annual Food Scrimmage is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school gym. This is the public's first opportunity to see this season's high school teams.

Boys' coach Dick Ahlberg has five returning lettermen — seniors Egan Grafel, 6-foot, 7-inches; Chase McKittrick, 5-foot, 10-inches; and Matt Mondero, 6-foot, 3-inches; and juniors Andy Anderson, 6-

foot, 2-inches; and Lance Fortin, 6-foot, 1-inch.

Also on the squad will be senior Chase Juenemann, at 5-foot, 9-inches, and sophomores David Edgerton, 6-foot; Josh Fortin, 5-foot, 11-inches; Teryn Grafel, 5-foot, 10-inches; Andy Inman, 6-foot; Jesse Juenemann, 5-foot, 10-inches; Bruce King, 5-foot, 7-inches; Zeke Ruzicka, 6-foot, 1-inch; Brent Stallman, 5-foot, 9-inches; and Jason Thomas, 5-foot, 9-inches;

Freshmen include Jobey Black, 5-foot, 6-inches; Corey Cook, 5-foot, 3-inches; Andy Gilliam, 5-foot, 11-inches; Kyle Glodt, 5-foot, 7-inches; Mitchell Hitt, 6-foot; Andy Leitner, 5-foot, 9-inches; Nolan May, 6-foot, 3-inches; Kurt Olson, 6-foot; and Jace Robinson, 5-foot, 10-inches.

The Red Devils went 12-9 last year, losing their first substate match 64-58 to Hoxie.

Coach Ahlberg will be aided by

assistant coach Keith Grafel, who will handle the freshman and junior varsity squads, and managers Dane Anderson, video, and Rebekah Hasty, statistics.

Tuesday, the price of admittance will be a can of food. All will be donated to the Oberlin Food Panty, run by the Decatur County Ministerial Alliance out of the United Church.

The first varsity game will begin about 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in Oakley.

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## Sports

### Herndon takes second in football

After their best year in a long time, the Herndon High School football team brought home the second-place trophy from the Nebraska Six-Man Championship game in Bartlett, Neb., on Thursday.

The Beavers started out the season with a loss to Wheeler County, Neb., then won nine straight as they rolled over Arthur, Taylor, Litchfield, Syracuse Christian Academy, Arcadia, Tryon, Brady, and Santee, and then whipped Arthur again in postseason play.

On Thursday, though, the boys and their fans made the long trek back to Bartlett to take on Wheeler County in the championship game. The Nebraska team was too tough and the Kansas boys had to settle for second after a 56-6 loss.

"The kids worked hard all year

long," Coach Ryan Becker said. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids.

"We played a real good team and have nothing to hang our heads about."

The coach said he wanted to thank each and every player — seniors Lance Basgall, Dan Riener, Caleb Kastens, Abe Marintzer, Ted Juene-mann and Curtis Brown; juniors Ben Grafel and Jeremy Wahrman; sophomores Rodney Rippe, Jeff Riener and Arthur Larson; and freshmen Corey Mercer, Jesse Niemeth and Brett Sagel.

The Beavers will now turn their attention to basketball as their final winter sports season gets underway. The high school is closing this spring and students will attend Atwood High School next year.

### Girls team expects to have good year

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team will hit the court on Thursday during the annual Food Scrimmage starting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The team will have five seniors, including Abby Ream, who averaged 10 points per game and 4.2 assists last year, and Kelsey Dorshorst, who averaged five rebounds per

game last year.

"I fully expect us to be a contender in our league as well as in sub-state," said Coach Paul Nepodal.

"Our schedule provides us with challenges, as there is no night off. We have five excellent leaders in our senior class, along with some new people who could push for varsity time.

"This should provide us with more depth than anyone we play," Coach Nepodal said the Lady Red Devils' strengths were quickness, team speed, experience and depth. Their weaknesses include shooting and height.

Also on the team this year are seniors Leah Marietta, Kerrie Olson and Rena Unger; juniors Jamie

Elwood and Megan Barrett; sophomores Kaitlyn Stapp, Lydia Karnopp, Christa Hardy, Anne Wasson and Danica May; and freshmen Heather Williams, Tricia Dorshorst, Lauren Fortin, Whitnee Ashley, Sarah Murray and Nichole Walters.

### Bowling

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Stan Miller, 245, 200 - 750; Rocky Courange, 211 - 714.

### Seventh graders take second

Oberlin's seventh-graders took second in a B-team basketball tournament in Colby on Friday, beat Oakley on Tuesday and lost to Quinter on Thursday.

"It was a very busy week of basketball," Coach Tim Breth said, as this Decatur Community Junior High boys finished their fourth game of the week.

On Tuesday, the seventh-graders traveled to Oakley and brought home a 46-10 victory.

"We jumped on them early and secured the game," Coach Breth said.

came on strong to outscore Quinter 11-6 for a third quarter score of 35-32 in Quinter's favor.

In the last quarter, however, Oberlin faded and Quinter shot well, outscoring the young Devils 11-2.

Scoring were Stapp, 17 points and 14 rebounds; L. Fortin, 9; Juenemann, 3 points and five rebounds; J. Fortin, 3 points and three steals; and Farr, 2 points and six rebounds.

On Friday, the boys were in Colby for a B-team tournament.

They won the first game 22-18 from Colby but then fell 30-15 in the championship round to Goodland to place second.

The next game for the young Devils will be on Thursday at home versus Hoxie.

The seventh grade will tip off at 4:30 p.m. After that, the boys will travel to Atwood on Monday for a 4:30 p.m. game.

points and nine rebounds; Jacob Fortin, 3; and Jordan Tally, 2 points and four steals.

Back at home on Thursday, Quinter won 47-34 in a close game.

"I'm proud of their effort," Coach Breth said. "We missed some easy shots and gave some up, too. Quinter played with much more discipline than we did."

Quinter took the lead in the first quarter 14-10 and kept it at the half 29-23. In the third quarter, Oberlin



### Eighth-grade boys take one win, lose three

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade basketball team had a tough time last week, winning only one game in four.

Last Tuesday, the young Devils were in Oakley but lost 43-8 in a one-sided match.

"We ran into a good team and continued to shoot poorly," Coach Tim Breth said.

The home team outscored the Devils in every quarter, 14-0, 7-6, 17-2 and 2-0.

Scoring for Oberlin were Ace Manning, 4 points and four steals; Colt Diederich, 2 points and five rebounds; Spencer Young, 2 points and four rebounds; and Ethan Long, seven rebounds.

Back home on Thursday, the boys lost to Quinter in another lopsided game, 54-27. Again the other team outscored the young Devils in every quarter, 5-2, 12-10, 15-7 and 22-8.

"We played a very inspired first

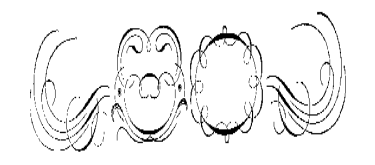
half," Coach Breth said. "Eventually, Quinter's speed and press took its toll on us. Afterward, our team received praise from the Quinter coaches about our progress.

"I am proud of their continued hard work."

Scoring were Diederich, 8 points and 11 rebounds; Manning, 6 points and three steals; Royal Fisher, 5 points and three rebounds; Jared Marcuson, 4 points and five rebounds; and Gage Reichert, 4 points and four rebounds.

On Friday, the boys traveled to Colby for a B-team tournament, losing the first game to Colby 35-21 and winning the second from Oakley 22-20 for third place.

The boys' next game will be at home on Thursday against Hoxie. They will tip off right after the seventh-grade game. The seventh graders start at 4:30 p.m. Then the boys will travel to Atwood on Monday.





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