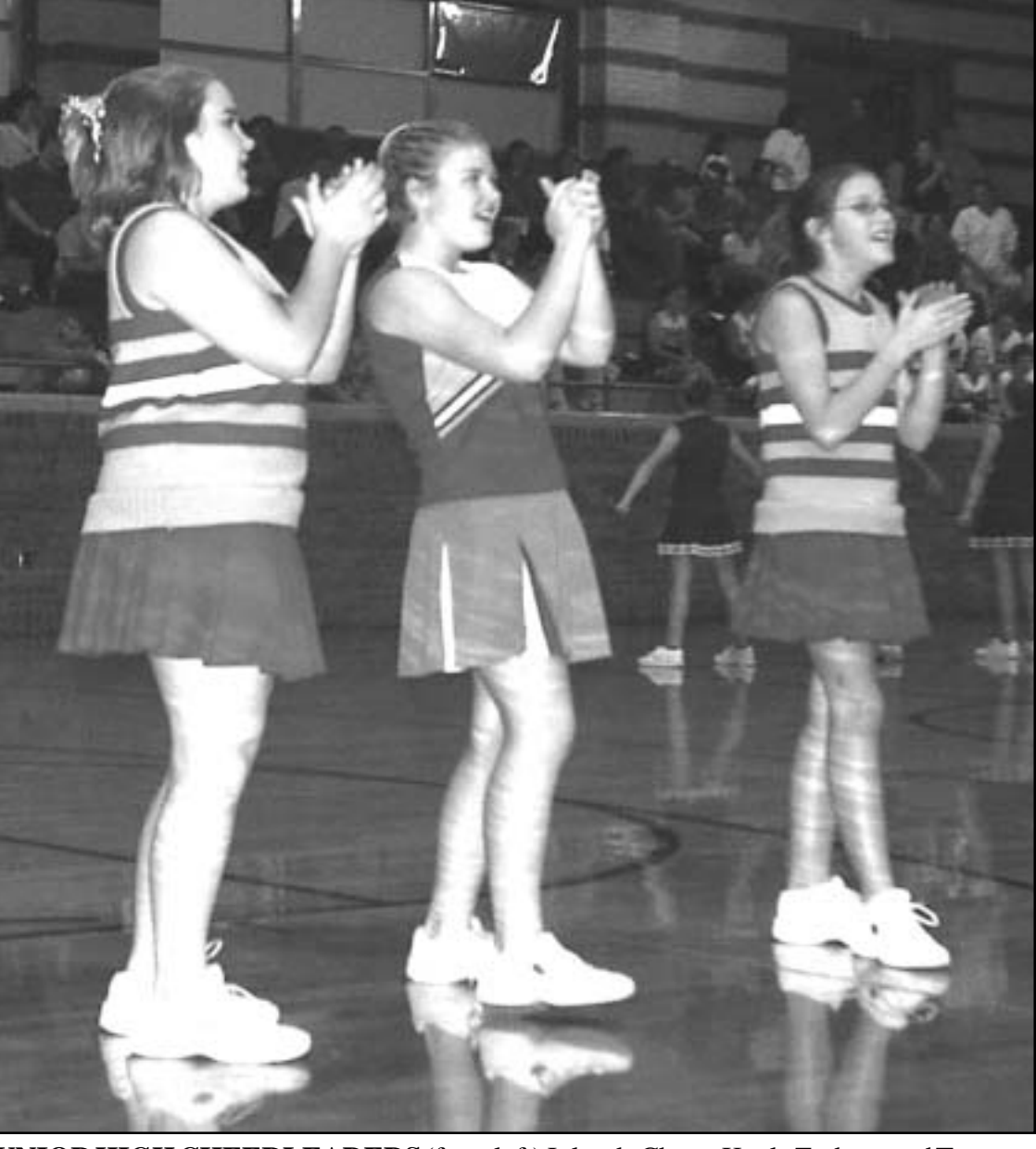




THE DECATUR COMMUNITY HIGH basketball girls (above) waited for the ball to fall through the basket. The boys played keep away during the annual food scrimmage last Tuesday. — Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

Devils show off for fans

It was the one game all year where every player got a chance to hit the court. The annual Food Scrimmage gives fans a chance to see the Decatur Community High basketball teams and it gives the girls and boys a chance to be seen, even if they don't normally get much playing time. It was the silver team versus the red, and the payoff was two big tubs of food, which will be delivered to the Decatur County Food Pantry at the United Church. "Two weeks of practice and going OK," boys' Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We are in competition for playing time at all three levels." The first game will be Friday at Oakley, with the freshmen hitting the boards at 4 p.m. and the junior varsity at 6 p.m. The girls game will start at 6:30 p.m. and the boys at 8 p.m. On Monday, the freshman will play Atwood at 6 p.m. and on Tuesday the varsity teams will travel to Brewster for the opening round of the Sagebrush Shootout.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS (from left) Jolynda Chase, Kayla Zodrow and Tamara Ketterl clapped and yelled during a seventh-grade game against Hoxie last month. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Players named all league

Four Jennings High players have been named to the Western Kansas Liberty League all-league teams. Seniors Grant Bailey and Nick Wahlmeier were named to the first team in football. Bailey, the son of Mike and Vickie Bailey, is a tailback and linebacker. Wahlmeier, the son of Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, is a center and linebacker. Senior Adam Wahlmeier received honorable mention in football. He is the son of Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier and is a running back and linebacker. Junior Tiffany Wheeler was the only Jennings volleyball player named. She received honorable mention. She is the daughter of Mark and Julianna Baker. Others named to the first team in football were: senior Jarrett Carpenter, sophomore Branson Gilley, senior Joel Selby and senior Sean Swanson, Brewster; sophomore Josh Meyer, Cheylin; junior Jesse Miller

and senior Landon Truetken, Golden Plains; senior Jake Houston, junior Andrew Reuber and sophomore Henry Sloan, Greeley County; junior Matt Wolf, Grinnell/Wheatland; junior Mark Johnson, Healy; junior Jordan Barrett and senior Nathan Plummer, Triplains; junior Reid Rains, junior Tyrell Robben and senior Hale Sloan, Wallace County; and junior Beau Cox, junior Nolan Cox, sophomore, Macy Sexson, junior Sage Sexson, and senior Laren Steele, Weskan. Named honorable mention in football were junior Jake Long, Brewster; senior Tyler Knapp, Cheylin; senior Brent Moss, Golden Plains; junior Nathan Schmidt, Greeley County; senior David Goetz, junior Derek Herl and senior Dwayne Tuttle, Grinnell/Wheatland; junior J.D. Johnson, Healy; senior Jake Harper, Triplains; senior Bailey Fischer, junior Kevin Heyl and sophomore Kyle O'Connor, Wallace County; and sophomore Shaun McKinney, Weskan.

On the first team in volleyball were junior Andrea Horney, Brewster; senior Sara Moore, Cheylin; senior Tanya Beckman and senior Alicia Ostmeier, Grinnell; senior Stacey Horn, Weskan; and senior Jenna Kennedy, Wheatland. On the second team in volleyball were sophomore Jalyn Reid and senior Miranda Starns, Brewster; senior Erin Bixenman, Grinnell; senior Jordan Shay, Healy; sophomore Brandi Bertrand, Wallace County; and senior Whitney DuBois, Weskan. On the third team in volleyball were sophomore Caitlan Rush, Brewster; junior Darcie Spresser, Golden Plains; junior Mona Shafer, Greeley County; senior Kayla Beckman, Grinnell; junior Susanna Smith, Triplains; and senior Ashley Randall, Wheatland. Others receiving honorable mention in volleyball were seniors Amanda Banister and Hayley Young, Cheylin. The league teams are chosen by the coaches.

Junior High loses to Atwood

The Decatur Community Junior High boys lost to Atwood last Monday in their last games before the Thanksgiving break. The Atwood seventh-graders edged the young Devils 46-44 while the eighth-graders lost 46-8 in the road games. Oberlin jumped out to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter of the seventh-grade game. By the half, the Red Devils still led 21-19. Atwood crept a little closer in the third quarter, outscoring Oberlin 13-12, and in the fourth quarter they were able to make the vital extra points for the win. "We held their best scorer to 8 points by half time, but couldn't come up with the timely defense," Coach Tim Breth said. "There are many good seventh-grade teams in the league this year." The seventh-grade now has a 3-2 record. Scoring for Oberlin were Logan Fortin, 20 points; Luke Juenemann,

9 points, 14 rebounds and three assists; Jacob Fortin, 5 points and four rebounds; Sam Stapp, 4 points and 10 rebounds; Jordan Tally, 4 points; and Kevin Farr, 2 points, five rebounds. The eighth-graders just couldn't find the basket, scoring only 2 points in each quarter. "We were hit by illness and were not able to have our full team," Coach Breth said. "Atwood was just better. We will be back at full strength after Thanksgiving break. I hope. Our performance was a bit disappointing before the break." The eighth-graders have a 1-4 record. Scoring were Royal Fisher, 4 points, four rebounds; Ace Manning, 2 points, five rebounds; Spencer Young, 2 points; and Ethan Long, nine rebounds. The boys will travel to Goodland on Thursday, with the seventh-graders starting play at 4:30 p.m.

Girls get a chance to cheer

During the first weeks of winter, the Decatur Community Junior High girls have no sport to play, so they all get a chance to be cheerleaders. In the fall, the junior high girls play volleyball and after the first of the year, they get to play basketball while the junior high boys wrestle. But between the end of volleyball season and the first of the year, while the boys are playing basketball, there isn't any team for the younger girls. Nothing, that is, except the opportunity to put on peppy outfits, learn song-and-dance routines, practice cheers and stand up in front of the crowds in the gym and strut their stuff. All junior high girls can go out for cheerleading, said

sponsor Rhonda Barth. This year's junior high cheerleaders are seventh-graders Haley Barrett, Jolynda Chase, Sabrina Dellere, Tamara Ketterl, Annamarie Larue, Cherish Manning, Farra McChesney, Emma Merrill, Cindy Murray, Heather Ploussard, Desirae Shields, Chelsea Warta, Danny Wolters and Taylor Young. Eighth-graders include Chantelle Beneda, Jessica Bovee, Jessica Bremer, Kassia Bryan, Kenzie Fisher, Heather Glodt, Malenda Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery, Jennifer Ploussard, Amie Ritter, Leanna Sheaffer and Kayla Zodrow. Gina Montgomery also sponsors the young cheerleaders.

Speedway banquet honors racers

By MIKE HUGHES Promoters Don and Paula Bolt put on the first Oberlin Speedway awards banquet Nov. 15 at The Gateway in Oberlin. Following a social hour and dinner, awards were presented to the top five drivers in each of the five divisions.

Champions in each division got special recognition. They included Rex and Jeanette McClain, Beaver City, Neb., cruisers; Chris Cuellar, Indianola, Neb., IMCA hobby stocks; Jason Rogers, Selden, Neb., IMCA stock cars; and Doug Holzmeister, Colby, IMCA modifieds.

Rookies of the Year in four of the divisions including Jason Koch, Cambridge, Neb., IMCA hobby stock; Cory Struckhoff, Kensing-

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