



DURING THE ANNUAL FOOD SCRIMMAGE, the Decatur Community High boys basketball team showed the fans what they could expect this season. — Herald staff photo

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Sports

Devil boys win five, lose one in first half

Oberlin beats three in tourney, Sainty, Hill City

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
The Decatur Community High boys basketball squad finished the first part of its season with a 5-1 record. Before Christmas, the Red Devils lost to Oakley in their opener then won the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster, beating Grinnell, Golden Plains and Brewster in the championships. Then they beat Hill City and St. Francis in the last games of 2003. The win over the Sainty Indians gave the Red Devils a Northwest Kansas League record of 1-0. The Oberlin junior varsity and the freshman team are both 2-1. Senior Egan Grafel leads the varsity team in scoring with 28.8 points per game. After the tournament in Brewster, where he scored 40 points against Golden Plains, he had an average of 31.8 points a game — more than 4

points higher than anyone else in northwest Kansas — according to *The Salina Journal*. Following Grafel are senior Matt Mondero with 13.3, junior Lance Fortin at 9.5 and senior Chase McKittrick, 6.5. Grafel also leads in rebounding with 13.8 per game, followed by Mondero, 8.2; Fortin, 4.5; and sophomore Jesse Juemann, 3. Mondero has a small edge, 4.3 to 4.2, over Grafel in assists. Other assist leaders are McKittrick, 2.3; Juemann, 2.2; and Fortin, 2. McKittrick led in three-point shots with a 53.3 percent average. Fortin was second with 27.3 and Juemann third at 25 percent. Grafel led in two-point hits with 65.4 percent, followed by Mondero, 60.3; and Fortin, 51.6. Mondero and McKittrick were dead at the free-throw line, hitting 71.4 percent of their shots, while

Grafel hit 63.8 percent. As a team, the Devils hit their charity shots more often than not, with 55.9 percent of the balls going through the hoop. Fortin led the team in deflections with 15 followed by Juemann, 11; McKittrick and Grafel, 10 each; and Juemann, eight. Grafel led in recoveries with eight and in blocked shots with 5.2 per game. The statistic that Coach Dick Ahlberg would like to change is turnovers. Oberlin had 17.9 per game to their opponents' 14.6. The freshman team planned to play in a tournament in Hill City Monday, Tuesday and today. The varsity takes to the floor at home on Tuesday against Norton, with tip-off for the girls game at 6:30 p.m. and the boys about 8 p.m.

Jennings High Coyotes beat Golden Plains, fall to Healy

The Jennings High Coyotes beat Golden Plains on Dec. 16, but the boys fell to Healy three days later. The Coyotes went to Rexford to take on the Golden Plains Bulldogs in basketball competition, and Adam Miller led the team with 30 points. In the first quarter, the Coyotes jumped out to a 16-10 lead as Miller found the basket for 10 points. In the second quarter, it was the Bulldogs' turn to howl, as the home team outscored Jennings 24-12, hitting eight out of 10 at the charity line. At the half, it was Golden Plains 34-28, but the third and fourth quarters belonged to the Coyotes.

In the third, Miller hit 8 points and Adam Wahlmeier put six out of six in the basket from the free-throw line. Golden Plains dropped behind with 12 points to give Jennings a 48-46 lead. In the fourth quarter, Jennings again came on strong, hitting 16 points to Golden Plains' 12 for the win. Also scoring were Grant Bailey, 16 points including a three pointer and three out of five free throws; Wahlmeier, 12 including 2 three pointers; and Brett McKenna, 6. Miller was the top rebounder with 17; followed by Grant Bailey and Nick Wahlmeier, six each; McKenna, two; and A. Wahlmeier, one. Bailey was the top thief with four steals

while Marcus McKenna, B. McKenna and A. Wahlmeier had one each. Bailey also led in assists with eight while B. McKenna had four and N. Wahlmeier and Kyle Kinser had one each. On Dec. 19, the Coyotes traveled to Healy. The Eagles got the upper hand, downing the Coyotes 53-46. Healy took the lead in the first quarter 17-12 and even though Jennings outscored them 10-8 in the second, the home team held on to a 25-22 lead at the half. At the end of three, Jennings came close to tying the game. The Coyotes third quarter count of 13 was better than the Eagles' 11, but Healy still led 36-35 at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, though, Healy outscored the Coyotes 17-11 despite A. Wahlmeier's nine points on three baskets. That was the second time in two quarters he had scored three straight three pointers. Scoring were A. Wahlmeier, 24 including six three-point shots; Miller, 12; Bailey, 6; M. McKenna, 2; and B. McKenna and N. Wahlmeier, 1 each. The Coyotes were six for eight at the free-throw line. McKenna led in rebounding with five, followed by Bailey and N. Wahlmeier, four each; A. Wahlmeier, three; Kinser, two; and M. McKenna and Miller, one each. Bailey led the assists with nine, followed by Miller with three and B. McKenna with

a pair. In junior varsity play, the Coyotes fell 65-50 to the Golden Plains Bulldogs. Scoring were Kinser, 14; Seth Ritter and Brian Miller, 12 each; M. McKenna, 5; Brett Linden, 4; and Josh Vahling, 3. The Coyotes will take on the Cheylin Cougars at 4 p.m. Tuesday at home.



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JANUARY

Decatur County Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.</p> <p>Hansen Mueller</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Oberlin Herald</p> <p>NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Happy New Year</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>February ACT Registration Deadline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus Masonic District meeting, Oberlin, 9 a.m.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Eastern Star Turkey Dinner at Temple, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dr. Rubinowitz, Dr. McGowan, cardiology, Decatur County Hosp.</p> <p>Norcatour Rebakahs</p> <p>Lions Club Medical Arts Bldg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Masons, 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin High Basketball, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin High Wrestling at Norton, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Oakley, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; OBA, LandMark Inn, Noon; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m. AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Chamber Board, Dec. Co-op board room, Noon</p> <p>City Council meeting, Gateway, 6:30 p.m. Public meeting about waste water</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Oberlin Royal Neighbors. Golden Age. 4 p.m.; End of Semester; Oberlin High Basketball at Atwood, 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Wrestling, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin High Speech Lock-in, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Jennings High Basketball, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Oberlin High Wrestling JV Tourney at Dundy County, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Jennings High Basketball at Brewster, 3 p.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Antique Car Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Oberlin, No School, Teacher work day; Oberlin C-team Basketball at Goodland, 5 p.m.; Oberlin High Northwest Kansas League Scholar Bowl; Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Jennings High Basketball Western Kansas League Tourney.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Oberlin High Basketball, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin High Scholar Bowl at Norton, 4 p.m.; Jennings High Basketball Western Kansas League Tourney.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; Legion Auxiliary meeting 7:30 p.m.; Norcatour Royal Neighbors; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce 15 Annual Meeting and Banquet Gateway, 6:30 p.m.; Convention Visitors Bureau meeting, LandMark, Noon; Oberlin Junior High Girls Basketball, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Wrestling at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Oberlin High Basketball, at Quinter, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jennings High Basketball, Western Kansas League Tourney</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Oberlin High 17 Invitational Wrestling Tourney, 10 am.</p> <p>Jennings High Basketball, Western Kansas League Tourney</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Oberlin Arts & Humanities, Gateway, Mollie Marcuson, Harpist, 2 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.</p> <p>Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Gifted Seminar, Grades 6-8.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Basketball Tourney; Jennings High Basketball at Herndon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Curtis, Cardiology; Dr. Curry, Urology; Thallium Testing, Dec. Co Hospital; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; Winter Sports Pictures; College Financial Aid Night, 7-8:30 pm.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Oberlin American Legion meeting</p> <p>Oberlin Junior High Girls Basketball, 4:30 pm.</p> <p>Jennings High Basketball at St. Pats, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Oberlin High Basketball Tourney, here Oberlin Wrestling Tourney, Beloit, 3:15 p.m. Jennings High Basketball, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Oberlin High Basketball Tourney, Here</p> <p>Wrestling Tourney, Beloit, 9 a.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Oberlin High C-Team Basketball, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 pm. Oberlin High School Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>32</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital</p> <p>Gifted Seminar Grade 12</p>	<p>33</p> <p>Oberlin Junior High Girls Basketball at Hoxie, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oberlin Junior High Wrestling, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Oberlin High Wrestling, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>34</p> <p>Jennings High Basketball at Tribune, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>35</p> <p>Oberlin High North-west Kansas Wrestling, here, 9:30 a.m.; Oberlin Speech at Hill City; Oberlin Arts & Humanities, Gateway, Laughing Matters, 7:45 p.m.; Jennings Junior High Basketball, GNEC Tourney; \$3 Bag Day, Bargain Box Plus</p>

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