



BRANDI DIEDERICH (No. 14 above) prepared to pass the ball during the annual Food Scrimmage basketball contest Tuesday. Junior LeAnna Sheaffer (No. 20) played defense and sophomore Cindy Murray (center) looked for the pass. Sophomore Nathan Baker (left) put up a shot during the boys game. The boys gray team defeated the reds, 32-7. Freshman Kaden Macfee (center) and sophomore Cole May prepared for the rebound.

— Herald staff photos by Jim Merriott

Jr. high wins one, loses one

A week ago Monday, the Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball squads split a doubleheader with Rawlins County.

The seventh grade lost a close one, 41-34, and the eighth grade skinned the young Buffaloes 54-25.

The seventh grade got off to a slow start trailing 14-8 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Red Devils made up some ground, but trailed 24-16 at the half.

Oberlin played Atwood even in the third quarter and outscored the Buffs 12-11 in the fourth, but could not make up the seven-point difference.

Saeger Grafel led the Red Devils with 12 points followed by Brent Juenemann, 10; Shane McEvoy, 8; and Garret Berry and Shay McClesney, 2 each.

"Our boys played hard, but sometimes the other team is just better prepared," said Coach Jason Ketterl.

The seventh graders have a 3-3 record.

The eighth graders improved their record to 4-2.

Josh Ritter caught fire and led the Red Devils with 13 points followed by Dalton Dolan, 8; Chad Williams, 6; Jacob LaRue, 4; and Keithen Fortin, 1.

"The boys played tough tonight," said Coach Tim Breth. "It is good going into the Thanksgiving break with a win."

Oberlin's next game is Thursday against Goodland at home starting at 4:30 p.m.

Basketball teams show off for fans

By JIM MERRIOTT

Decatur Community High introduced the 2007 basketball squads Tuesday night at the annual Food Scrimmage.

Admission to the scrimmages was a non-perishable food item, which goes to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

Girls coach Terry Ream had his veteran team on hand.

This season the Lady Red Devils squad will have seven seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and nine freshmen.

Seniors include Kim Wessel, Heather Williams, Tricia Dorshorst, Whitnee Ashley, Lauren Fortin, Sarah Murray and Emmie Pauls.

Juniors are Heather Glodt, LeAnna Sheaffer, Lacey Ream and Nikki Wessel.

The sophomores are Cindy Murray and Heather Ploussard.

The freshmen are Jessica Fredrickson, Kelsey Padgett, Kortnie Fisher, Mary Olson, Brandi Diederich, Kira Meitl, Adrienne Pauls, Ashley Horton, and Stephanie Bruggeman.

The girls played a close scrimmage ending in a 26-24 win by the gray team.

On the boys side, Oberlin has two new coaches, Rusty Montgomery and Greg Olson, who hope to bring a new attitude and direction to the team.

The Red Devils will field seven seniors, three juniors, eight sophomores and five freshmen.

Seniors include Jobey Black, Andy Gilliam, Kyle Glodt, Andy Leitner, Nolan May, Kurt Olson and Seth Ritter.

Juniors are Cody Haas, Ace Manning and Cameron Weishapl.

The sophomores are Nathan Baker, Joe Dunham, Logan Fortin, Jacob Fortin, Lucas Juenemann, Cole May, Ethan Merrill and Sam Stapp.

Freshmen members are Kaden Macfee, Toby Peters, Christian Rittman, Chris Schiessler and Nolan Wasson.

The boys game was a blowout as

Montgomery's gray squad crushed Olson's red team, 32-7.

Oberlin will play host to the Oakley Plainsmen Friday with the girls game starting at 6:30 p.m. and the boys game afterward, about 8 p.m.

Tuesday Oberlin will be in Brewster for the annual Sagebrush Shootout, competing against Rawlins County/Atwood, Cheylin/Bird City, St. Francis, Golden Plains, Stratton and Idalia, Colo. and Brewster.

The tournament starts at 3 p.m. Tuesday and continues on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9. Admission is \$4 a day.

Lake provides game birds for hunting

The Norton Wildlife Area at Sebelius Reservoir attracts game birds during the hunting season.

The reservoir is about 28.6 feet below the suggested conservation water pool leaving about 900 surface-acres of water.

Despite the lack of water, the lake was good for game birds last year and is expected to be about the same this season.

Migratory waterfowl are dependent on weather conditions.

The first flight of ducks has passed through headed south. As the weather cools in November and December, expect more mallards and Canada geese to visit the area. Last year's snow geese numbered approximately 40,000.

The seasonal waterfowl refuge is in effect from Nov. 1 to March 1. During this time the area is off-limits.

Norton park ranger retires

Jim Ray, ranger at the Prairie Dog State Park in Norton, has retired after 20 years. He began his duties on June 18, 1986.

Ray Dreyer, Bob Annon and Brian Shannon will continue as rangers at the park.

Mindy Yeager will take over as administrative assistant, replacing Becky Jones who resigned to teach in the Logan School District. Jones was the intermittent/seasonal office manager since January 2001.

brood surveys. Even with the number of birds predicted to be lower than last year, pheasant hunters have harvested fairly well so far.

During surveys over the past few years pheasant hunters averaged a bird a day.

Quail numbers are usually lower in this part of the state compared to the center and east. Coveys are scattered throughout the area depending

on cover.

Quail are the icing on the cake when out pheasant hunting.

Small game such as rabbit and squirrel are often overlooked.

Fox squirrels are abundant and can be hunted June 1-Feb. 28 and cottontail season is open all year.

Fall turkey season is becoming increasingly popular. The majority of turkeys winter roosting in heavy tree thickets.

Abundant mule deer, white-tail and hybrids cover northwest Kansas. Surveys show that the white-tail population has doubled since 1999. Look for them around food plots, heavy cover and river bottoms.

Coyotes and other fur bearers can be trapped and hunted along with raccoons and bobcats.

For information, call the Prairie Dog State Park at (785) 877-2953.

Oberlin Wrestling



Friday, Dec. 1: Oakley — Away	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2: Hoxie Tournament	9 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2: Goodland JV Tournament	10 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 8: Colby Tournament	2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9: Colby Tournament	8 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 15: St. Francis — Home	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16: Oberlin 9-10 Invitational	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2: Phillipsburg/McCook — Home	5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5: Atwood — Away	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6: Dundy County JV Tournament	10 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13: Oberlin Invitational	10 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 19: Beloit Tournament	2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20: Beloit Tournament	9 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 26: Goodland — Home	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27: NWKL Tourney — Hoxie	9:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 2: Colby — Home	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3: Goodland JV Tournament	9 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3: Republican Valley Tournament	9:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 9: Hoxie/Quinter — Hoxie	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10: Colby Novice	9 a.m.
Friday & Sat., Feb. 16-17: Regional Tour	TBA
Friday & Sat., Feb. 23-24: State Tour	TBA

Wrestlers ready to go

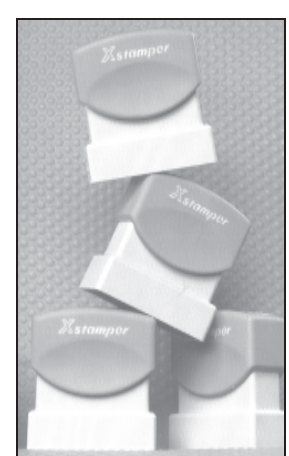
The Decatur Community High wrestling team will open competition against the Plainsmen at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Oakley.

"We have some holes to fill on the varsity level," said Coach Joe Dreher. "There are some freshmen who have stepped up. Daniel Jordan

is one of them. He is a scrappy kid, who isn't afraid to mix it up."

Friday's match will be a tuneup for the varsity tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday in Hoxie.

The junior varsity will be in Goodland for a tournament starting at 10 a.m.



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Oberlin Basketball Varsity



Friday, Dec. 1: Oakley — Home	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Friday & Sat., Dec. 5, 8 & 9: Brewster Tour	TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 12: Hill City — Home	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15: St. Francis — Away	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2: Norton — Away	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5: Atwood — Home	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9: Hoxie — Away	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12: Quinter — Home	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Thurs. & Friday, Jan. 16, 18 & 19: Oberlin Invit	TBA
Friday, Jan. 26: Goodland — Away	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26: Grinnell — Home	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2: Colby — Away	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6: Norton — Home	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9: Hoxie — Home	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13: Golden Plains — Away	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20: Phillipsburg — Home	6:30 p.m.
Tues. - Sat., Feb. 26, March 1-3: Sub-State	TBA
Tues. - Sat., March 6-10: State	TBA

Freshman/C-team

Friday, Dec. 1: Oakley — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 4: Atwood — Away	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12: Hill City — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat., Dec. 28-30: Hill City 9th Tourney	1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2: Norton — Away	5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 8: Goodland — Home	5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 22: St. Francis — Away	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26: Goodland — Home	4:30 p.m.
Mon. & Thur., Jan. 29 & Feb. 1: Colby JV Tournament	5 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2: Colby — Away	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6: Norton — Home	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13: Golden Plains — Away	4 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 19: Norton — Away	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20: Phillipsburg — Home	4:30 p.m.

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