

# Buffaloes stomp on Red Devils

By **JIM MERRIOTT**  
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 The effort was there and the hustle, but not the points as the Rawlins County Buffaloes coasted past the Decatur Community boys basketball team 73-38 in Atwood on Friday.  
 Sharpshooter Drew Basgall continued to be a thorn in Oberlin's side for the second year in a row as he led the Buffs with 26 points, mostly from outside the paint on short jumpers. He was followed by fellow juniors Jackson Grafel and Marcus Cahoj with 11 each.

Oberlin junior Lucas Juenemann was the top scorer for the Red Devils with 9 points, followed by Jacob Fortin, 8; Sam Stapp, 7; Logan Fortin, 4; and Toby Peters, Chad Williams, Nolan Wasson, Dakota Soderlund and Cody Haas, 2 each.  
 The Red Devils continued to have trouble scoring from the post position, finding themselves blocked out under their offensive basket and out of position.  
 Oberlin's fast-break offense struggled with turnovers, miscues, and poor shot selection.  
 The 7-0 Buffaloes were hitting

on all cylinders and looked well-prepared coming off Christmas. The Red Devils dropped to 2-5.  
 Other scorers for Atwood were Elijah Kastens, 9; Eric Holub, 8; and Greg Solko and Blake Studer, 4 each.  
 "Our team continues to play with a lot of heart, and never gives up," said Coach Greg Olson. "Atwood shot the ball very well and played a good game in every aspect. Injuries also contribute to some of the obstacles we have to overcome."  
 This was the first game back for J. Fortin and Stapp, starters who have

been sidelined for the past three weeks with ankle injuries.  
 The Red Devils have a full schedule this week playing at home.  
 Oberlin was to play host to Norton on Monday, Hoxie on Tuesday, and Quinter on Friday starting after the girls varsity game, about 8 p.m.  
**Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final**  
 Oberlin 9 10 14 5 38  
 Atwood 20 20 29 4 73

## Hoop shoot set for Saturday

The Hill City Elks Club will sponsor the 34th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a national basketball free-throw contest, for youngsters ages 8-13, at the Hill City High School gym at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.  
 Each contestant will get 25 free throws. The boy and girl in each age division with the best scores will advance through four tiers of competition.  
 Local winners will compete against others from northwest Kansas in the district contest in Russell on Saturday, Jan. 19.  
 For information call Fred Pratt at (785) 421-5560.



**RED DEVIL JEFFREY ISBELL** drove past a defending Rawlins County Buffalo player during the junior varsity game Friday night in Atwood. The Buffaloes defeated Oberlin 58-53.  
 — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

## Junior varsity beats Atwood

The Oberlin girls junior varsity basketball team defeated Rawlins County 46-34 in Atwood on Friday.

The Lady Red Devils got off to a slow start, trailing the Lady Buffs 15-10, but roared back in the second quarter to take a 23-20 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Decatur Community High increased its lead to 33-29 heading into the fourth quarter, then out scored Atwood 13-5 in the final period.

Point guard Annamarie LaRue led the Lady Red Devils with 10 points followed by Ashley Horton, 8; Carissa Wentz and Brandi Diederich, 7 each; Jessica Fredrickson, 6; and Jori Diederich, Erin Jeffrey, Kortnie Fisher and Tiffany Anderson, 2 each.

Wendy Castens, Kayla Cozza and Whitney Green were the top scorers for the Lady Buffs with 5 points each.

The girls were to play host to Norton on Monday and Hoxie on Tuesday and play Quinter after the junior varsity boys game about 8 p.m. in the junior high gym.

**Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final**

Oberlin	10	13	10	13	46
Atwood	15	5	9	5	34

## Junior varsity boys fall to Rawlins County

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 The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball team fell 58-53 to the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Atwood on Friday.  
 Though the young Red Devils lost, they kept the game close until the end.

came off the bench for Oberlin. Williams scored 8 and Soderlund, 7.  
 Nathan Baker chipped in 5 and Cole May, 4.

Atwood varsity substitute Blake Studer led all scorers with 26 points. He was followed by Keaton Brightness with 15; Jaycee Cook, 7; Tyler All, 4; and Greg Solko and James Remley, 3.

This week, the Red Devils will stay busy.

Monday they were to play Norton at home. On Tuesday the Hoxie Indians were visiting. On Friday the Quinter Bulldogs are coming to town.

All games begin at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium.

Oberlin was led by Chris Schiessler with 14 points followed by Nolan Wasson, 10.

Josh Ritter had a nice game at point guard penetrating the Buffs defense passing and dishing the ball to fellow Red Devils. He scored 6.

Dakota Soderlund and Chad Williams, who mostly split time between the varsity and junior varsity,

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