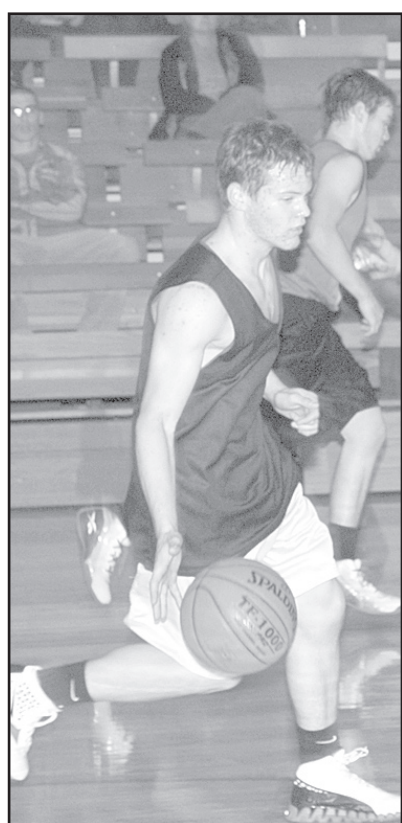




FIGHTING FOR THE REBOUND (from left above) were Dakota Soderlund, Tyler Bruggeman and Josh Ritter, with Konner Fortin backing up the play, during Decatur Community High's annual Food Scrimmage last Tuesday. Keithen Fortin (below) ran the ball downcourt with Kennedy Fortin beside him during the scrimmage.

— Herald photos by Susan May



Boys take speed, maturity onto court

The Decatur Community High boys team will be at home on Friday to play the Oakley Plainsmen in the first basketball game of the season.

The boys will start about 8 p.m. or shortly after the girls game ends.

Oakley has 27 boys out for basketball while Oberlin has only 16. However, Coach Jeff Jones said that he feels his team is more experienced.

"We have five returning starters and we're fast," he said during practice on Monday.

The Red Devils have seven returning lettermen:

Seniors Josh Ritter, Keithen Fortin and Dakota Soderlund are three-time letter winners.

Junior Dalton Jones is a two-time winner and juniors Tyler Shields and Garrett Berry and sophomore Zach May lettered last year.

Others on the team are sophomores Ryan May and Tyler Bruggeman and freshmen Kyle Breth, Baron Green, Jude Walinder, Adam Zillinger, Konner Fortin, Justin Gee and Kennedy Fortin.

Josh Williby is the assistant coach and Samantha Anderson, Kayla Jones and Brittany Urban are the managers.

Next week, the boys will take part in the McCook tournament on Tuesday, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11.



PREPARING FOR A REBOUND, (from left) Jamie Soderlund, Megan Huntley, Hannah May, Taylor Macfee, Miki Dorshorst and Cassidy Shields took part in the annual Food Scrimmage last Tuesday at Decatur Community High. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Girls play Oakley on Friday

The Decatur Community High girls basketball squad will start action at 6:30 p.m. Friday at home against the Oakley Lady Plainsmen.

The Lady Red Devils have four returning letter winners.

• Senior Jordan Dreher, 5 foot, 8 inches, is a three-time letter winner.

• Junior Kiah Blau, 5-8, is a two-time letter winner.

• Senior Tiffany Anderson, 5-8, and sophomore Miki Dorshorst, 5-3, both lettered last year.

Others on the girls team are juniors Megan Huntley, 5-2, and Brianna Klima, 5-7; sophomores Taylor Macfee, 5-6, Darbi Rouse, 5-4, and Cassidy Shields, 5-3; and

freshmen Ashley Witt, Jalyn Shaw, Jamie Soderlund, Alexis Hissong, Emma Borton and Hannah May.

Terry Ream is the coach, with Jeni Henningson assisting.

Next week, the Lady Red Devils will attend the McCook Tournament on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11.

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Sports

First wrestling meet in Goodland Thursday

The Decatur Community High wrestling team will get its first challenge this week as the boys travel to Goodland for a 6:30 p.m. meet (Central Time) Thursday.

The next day, the boys will wrestle in the Hoxie Tournament starting at 9 a.m.

The team will be at home for the first time at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, when Oberlin plays host to a triangular meet with Hoxie and Rawlins County. Then on Saturday, Dec. 18, the team will hold the Oberlin Junior Varsity Invitational starting at 9 a.m.

Seventh grade wins; eighth grade loses

The Oberlin eighth-grade boys basketball team lost 47-38 while the seventh graders beat the Hoxie Indians 31-21 the Monday before Thanksgiving.

This was the Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders' first loss of the season. The seventh graders had lost one previously, so now both teams have a 5-1 record.

The seventh graders beat the young Indians in Hoxie 31-21.

"We jumped out early with a press that caused a lot of Hoxie turnovers," Coach Tim Breth said. "Justice Harris was on fire the first half, which helped. The team does a fine job looking for one another on offense."

Oberlin took a 14-4 lead in the first quarter and outscored Hoxie 9-4 in the second to lead 23-12 at the half. In the last two quarter, Hoxie was able to outscore Oberlin 8-4 and 5-4, but it wasn't enough to overcome the young Red Devils' initial lead.

Scoring for the seventh graders were Harris, 13 points; Noah Nelson 8; Keagen Blau 6; and Andrew

Wade 4.

The eighth graders fell 47-38.

"We played a good, athletic Hoxie team," Coach Breth said. "Once Hoxie's shooters started to hit from the outside, we had difficulty with their big boy inside. Every adjustment we made, Hoxie had an answer to."

Both teams scored 6 in the first quarter and Oberlin outscored the Indians 10-8 in the second to lead 16-14 at the half. However, in the third, Hoxie hit 16 to Oberlin's 11 and in the fourth, 17 to Oberlin's 11, for the victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Regent Erickson 14 points, Kelden Breth 13, Ganon Henningson 4, Kaine Fredrickson 3 and Troy Juenemann and Rex Diederich, 2 each.

The boys had a break for Thanksgiving, but will be on the court again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Atwood to face the young Rawlins County Buffaloes.

The junior high boys last home game will be Thursday, Dec. 9, against St. Francis.

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