

## Bulldogs Begin Season

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team began their season in Grainfield on November 3 with a 44-53 loss to the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks. The high school boys, with 21 players on the roster and new head coach Laura Rush, had been hard at work for several weeks and were ready to play.

“We were excited to play,” said Wade Rush, sophomore. “We were a little nervous but relaxed once we started.”

The ‘Dogs scored first to begin the game, but the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks answered and pulled ahead 7-2 before the Bulldogs came back to make the score 8-16 by the end of the first. The Bulldogs worked hard again in the second to add 13 points but allowed the ‘Hawks to hold the lead at 21-34 by the half.

The Bulldogs stayed true to their game in the second half as they were able to hold Wheatland’s top scorer in the first half to only three points in the third as they continued to work the ball to the basket to add 10 points to their score while allowing the ‘Hawks 11.

The Bulldogs finished strong in the fourth adding 13 to their final score holding the ‘Hawks to 8 for the final score 44-53. Leading the Bulldog scoring were senior Caleb Korte with 16 and sophomore Wade Rush with 13. Additional points came from senior Jacob Ritter 6, senior Nolan Ritter 4, junior Austin Patmon 3, and sophomore Kole Butts 2.

“We worked well as a team,” added Rush, “but we need to work on reducing turnovers.” The Bulldogs will face the Wallace County Wildcats on Monday, December 3, for the first round of the Sagebrush tournament in Brewster.