MS Boys Open Season at Home By McKinzie Horobik

The Golden Plains Middle School Boys opened their season at home against Rawlins County on November 9. The B-team started the night, followed by one-quarter of C-team, and ended with the A-team game.

The B-team boys played first. The Bulldogs were unable to stop Rawlins County from scoring 14 in the first while they didn't put in any. In the second quarter, the Dogs came out ready to play as Ruxin Arnberger scored the six points for the team as they held Atwood at 6 as well for a 20-6 Buffaloes lead at the half. The Dogs were again unable to make a basket in the second half as the Buffaloes extended their lead with 16 in the third and 5 in the fourth for a 41-6 Buffalo win. "I feel we did okay; we need to hustle more," said Ruxin Arnberger, sixth grader. "It felt amazing to have scored the only points and my first points in middle school."

The C-team followed with one 6-minute quarter; the Buffaloes won 0-2.

The A-team finished the night with a 17-29 loss to the Buffaloes. In the first quarter, the Bulldogs worked hard and scored three while the Buffs scored 6. The Bulldogs hustled in the second and added four while Rawlins added seven.

After half time, the Dogs still struggled to hold Rawlins County ending the quarter 9-21. In the last quarter, the Dogs and Buffs added eight a piece for the 29-17 Rawlins County win.

"We need to work on defense and take the chance to steal the ball," said Cristian Garcia, eighth grader who led the team with 8 points. "We were scared on how to run our press and on some of our plays, but we did well on driving the ball and looking to pass the ball." Along with Garcia's 8, Adam Ritter put in 3 and Dalton Miller, Parker Vahling, and Arnberger each added 2.

The boys basketball team traveled to Oberlin on November 14 to compete against Decatur County and will play Logan/Palco in Damar on November 16.