



# Hoop Dreams

*Basketball teams head to Missouri for tournament*

Buffalo took three teams to the 60th Annual Neosho Holiday Classic in Neosho, Missouri, over the Christmas holidays. Competing were the varsity Lady Bison, JV Lady Bison and Varsity Bison. When all was said and done, the varsity Lady Bison brought home the second place trophy.

"Neosho was an exciting trip. All of the kids had a lot of fun and competed very well against some schools triple our enrollment," Lady Bison Head Coach Jozette Jenkins said. "I'm extremely proud of the girls."

The Lady Bison met up with Neosho in the championship game. Buffalo led 19-11 after one quarter of play and led 31-22 at halftime. However, the host of the tournament came out on fire in the second half. Neosho took a 41-40 lead going into the final quarter of play. The Neosho girls ended up defeating Buffalo 63-54 to win the tournament for the second year in a row.

"Competing in Neosho was very exhausting, and also fun, but most importantly it benefited us by being able to compete against such big schools," senior Marissa Jones said. "The competition that we had there will help us prepare for the remainder of the season."

Junior Maci Hoffman and sophomore Jordan Jenkins were named to the All-Tournament Team, and the overall experience was a good one for all of the teams.

"Playing in the Neosho Tournament was really great for us as a team. We got to spend time together and grow closer as a team," junior Taylor Shelton said. "Getting to go out of state is always a great opportunity for all of us to see different types of play. I think it prepared us for what we will face in district and hopefully further in the playoffs where we plan on going." - *by Mitchell Pate*

**Steady aim.** Junior Allison Grissett aims for the hoop during a game in the Neosho tournament. (pate photo)



**Don't try it.** Sophomore Bryce Ryder works defense during the Neosho tournament. (pate photo)



**Up and over.** Senior Kendall Lee catches some air as she aims for two during the Neosho tournament. (pate photo)



**Can't get past me!** Senior Lauren Helmcamp guards while sophomore Jordan Jenkins stays ready to jump in on the action during the Neosho tournament. (pate photo)



**Game face.** Senior OT Garcia heads down the court during the first game of the Neosho tournament. (pate photo)



**I've got this.** Junior Maci Hoffman goes in for two during the tournament. The teams traveled to Missouri to play. (pate photo)



**Do what it takes.** Senior Marissa Jones scores two during the Christmas-break tournament. (pate photo)

