

## Boys Suffer Loss in Bazine By Judy Rogers

The A-team boys basketball team struggled against the Western Plains Bobcats in Bazine on January 6. Following a long, cold bus ride, the boys thought they were ready to play, but the Bobcats jumped to an early 15-4 lead by the end of the first quarter with Devin Carter putting in all four points for the visiting Bulldogs. “We had to make adjustments since we were missing one of our players,” said Clayton Bange, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Things did not improve for the Bulldogs as Dylan scored two points for the Bulldogs in the second quarter, but their defense allowed the Bobcats to post up 11 for a 26-6 lead at half time. As the ‘Dogs couldn’t find the basket in the third, the Bobcats extended their lead to 37-6 going into the fourth.

In the final six minutes, Jeron Schutte found the basket and put in 8 points along with 2 from Jacob Ritter. The Bobcats only made two in the fourth, but their earlier lead carried them to the 39-16 win. “We still need to work on hustling more than we did in this game and we need to make better passes,” added Bange

The boys will get another chance to play this week as they travel to Cheylin on January 9 before taking some time off while the high school plays in the league tournament.