

Cougars compete at Fairfield

The Otis-Bison High School boys' basketball team competed in the Falcon Classic tournament last week at Fairfield.

The Cougars lost to Cunningham 30-48 in the first round of action on December 8. Kelson Juno had 7 points, Maddox Firebaugh and Louis McVey had 2 treys for 6 points each, Gavin Alloway 5 points including 1 trey, Kolten Cory 4 points, and Marcus Starr 2 points.

Otis-Bison defeated Stafford 60-43 in the second round of action on December 9. Juno had 23 points, Cory 16, McVey 8,

Firebaugh 7, Seth Richardson 1 trey for 3 points, and Alloway 3 points.

Otis-Bison defeated Pretty Prairie 64-59 in overtime on December 11. The Cougars scored 9 points in the overtime period to Pretty Prairie's 4. Stats were not available at press time.

The Cougars are 4-1 for the season. They traveled to Ness City on Tuesday, December 16, and will go to La Crosse on Friday, December 19 to take on the La Crosse Leopards. This will be the last game before the Christmas break.

Lady Cougars compete in Falcon Classic

The Otis-Bison High School girls' basketball team competed in the Falcon Classic tournament last week in Fairfield. The Lady Cougars lost 22-35 to Cunningham on December 8, and lost to Fairfield 22-41 on December 9. They defeated Stafford 37-31 on December 11. Stats were not available

at press time.

The Lady Cougars are 3-2 for the season. They traveled to Ness City on Tuesday, December 16, and will go to La Crosse on Friday, December 19 to take on the Lady Leopards. This will be the last game before the Christmas break.

-Otis City Council Minutes-

Council members Lisa Moeder, Tabbie McVey, Mike Sharkey, Jody Beckham, and Mayor Jenny Landers were present at the Otis City Council meeting held November 12, 2025. Employees present were Vernon VanPelt, John Landers, Shelly DeWald, and Lori Firebaugh. Absent was Luke Pechanec. Our guest was Seth Hoopingarner.

Mayor Landers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jody made a motion to approve the RNR 9-10-2025 meeting minutes as printed. Mike seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to approve the 9-10-2025 Budget Hearing meeting minutes as printed. Tabbie seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Jody made a motion to approve the 9-10-2025 Regular meeting minutes. Mike seconded the motion. 3-0-1. Tabbie abstained.

The bills for September and October were discussed. Mike made a motion to approve the September bills. Jody seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to approve the October bills. Jody seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Vernon reviewed the water reports and discussed with the council the credit from Foley, as well as the renewal of the Caterpillar basin generator's extended coverage. After discussion regarding the extended warranty, Jody made a motion to approve the zero-deductible extended warranty coverage. Mike seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion carried. Vernon also spoke to the council and showed photos of the drainage issue, along with his ideas for fixing the water runoff near Steve Pechanec's house.

At 7:22 p.m., Mike made a motion to transfer the meeting to the Tumbleweed after contacting Kansas Gas to check for a possible gas smell. Jody seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4-0.

Back in session at 7:28 p.m.

The treasurer's report was gone over.

Jody made a motion to give a donation receipt to Sharkey Construction. Tabbie seconded. 3-0-1. Motion carried.

City Clerk Report: gWorks software renewal due December 1st. Lisa made the motion to renew our gWorks software. Tabbie seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: none.

Correspondence: The council reviewed the scoreboard donation letter that was received. After discussion, the council decided to table the matter until the next meeting. Jody made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting in order to ask the school for an update on the donation amount, and Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4-0.

Old Business: Water Service Request: The owner of the property for a resident requesting water service was contacted, and she said she would attend a meeting as soon as she is able. Telemetry backup batteries: Installed October 8th.

New Business: Fire Station: Vernon discussed holding a fundraiser for the fire department by allowing residents to paint fire hydrants however they choose. Lisa made a motion to approve the fire station's fundraiser, and Tabbie seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4-0.

CMS reimbursement: Jody made a motion to approve reimbursing Myron for his Medicare payment. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4-0.

Library Roof/window and heater: The council discussed the leak in the library and the heater's blower motor failure. A new blower motor has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

Closing the Sanitation Fund: Jody moved to follow the accountant's recommendation to close the Sanitation Fund effective January 1, 2026, and merge it with the General Fund. Mike seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Set up a new Equipment Reserve Fund: Jody made a motion to pass a resolution to create the Equipment Reserve Fund and to follow the accountant's recommendation for the monthly deposit amount. Lisa seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Chicken Permit: Tabbie made a motion to approve a local resident's request to keep chickens. Mike seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 4-0.

City office railing: Mayor Landers expressed concern about the city office railing becoming loose and stated that it should be repaired sometime. Jody made a motion to table the discussion until spring, which Lisa seconded. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

At 8:58 p.m., Jody made a motion to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 9:20 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried. The Council returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken.

At 9:25 p.m. Lisa made the motion to return to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried. The council returned to regular session at 9:40 p.m. No action was taken.

Lisa made a motion to grant the new city maintenance worker a 90-day pay increase and to provide back pay to October 1st, due to the lack of a quorum at the previous meeting. Jody seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Room.

Jody moved to adjourn. Tabbie seconded. 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:48 p.m.

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OTIS-BISON JUNIOR HIGH



2025-2026



WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

GAMES BEGIN AT 4 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, December 2	Tescott	Otis
Thursday, December 4	Natoma	Natoma
Tuesday, December 9	Fairfield Tournament	Fairfield
Thursday, December 11	Fairfield Tournament	Fairfield
Friday, December 12	Fairfield Tournament	Fairfield
Tuesday, December 16	Ness City	Ness City
Friday, December 19	La Crosse	La Crosse
Tuesday, January 6	Stafford	Otis
Friday, January 9	Victoria	Otis
Tuesday, January 13	Kinsley	Kinsley
Friday, January 16	La Crosse	Otis
Tuesday, January 20	Wheatland	Wheatland
Tuesday, January 27	Dighton	Dighton
Friday, January 30	St. John	Otis
Tuesday, February 3	Central Plains	Otis
Friday, February 6	Chase	Otis
February 7, 9	CPL Tourney Play-in	Ness City
February 10, 12, 13	CPL Tourney	Kinsley
Monday, February 16	Pawnee Heights	Otis
Tuesday, February 17	Macksville	Otis
Friday, February 20	Ellinwood	Ellinwood
Friday, February 27	Sub-State Quarter Final	TBA
Wednesday, March 4	Sub-State Semi Final	TBA
March 12-14	State	Emporia

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

GAMES BEGIN AT 4 P.M./TOURNAMENTS ARE TBA

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Monday, November 10	Natoma	Otis
Thursday, November 13	St. John	Otis
Monday, November 17	Pawnee Heights	Otis
Thursday, November 20	Victoria	Victoria
Monday, November 24	Ellinwood	Ellinwood
Tuesday, December 2	Western Plains	Bazine
Monday, December 8	Chase	Otis
Tuesday, December 9	LaCrosse	La Crosse
Thursday, December 18	Kinsley	La Crosse
Saturday, January 10	JV Tourn. Otis	Otis
Monday, January 12	La Crosse	La Crosse
Thursday, January 15	Macksville	Otis
Monday, January 26	Ness City	Ness City
Thursday, January 29	Central Plains	Clafin
Saturday, January 31	CPL Tourn.	Ellinwood
Monday, February 2	CPL Tourn.	Ellinwood
Thursday, February 5	CPL Tourn.	Ellinwood

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DECEMBER 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

HS Gym Floor Closed	HS Gym Floor Closed	HS Gym Floor Closed	HS Gym Floor Closed	HS Gym Floor Closed	NO SCHOOL Winter Break	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
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