**Beatrice Basketball**

The Beatrice Orangemen Basketball Team started their season with two-a-day practices on Monday, November 16. During practices Coach Struck wants all players to be involved.

Beatrice opened the season with an 86-41 victory at Nebraska City on December 3rd.  The following day Beatrice faced Columbus at home where they defeated them 66-42.   The team is coached by Tyler Struck and assisted by Lucas Laflin, Arnie Cerny, Brady Vancura, and Larry Zarybnicky. This is Struck’s fourth season at Beatrice and when asked if he has enjoyed his time at Beatrice, he said, “Yes, because it has been a great living condition for my wife and daughter.  It has been enjoyable and easy because every kid works hard.”

Struck went on to say, “I want each and every player to accept their role, but not necessarily be happy with it, strive to get better and move up a role.” After the team made it to the state tournament last year, the coaches and team are looking forward to another great season.  Struck said, “We have as good a shot as any. The main thing is to get ourselves into the state tournament and give ourselves an opportunity to win.”

The team’s senior point guard Landon Zarybnicky is planning on attending Doane University next year and play basketball at the collegiate level.  Struck and the team look forward to a tough schedule with rivals Norris, Pius X, Crete, York, and Hastings St. Cecilia providing some tough matchups, but the Orangemen plan to work hard and bring another state championship to BHS.