L&T staff report

The Liberal Bulls traveling basketball team competed in the Mid-America Youth Basketball Winter Kick-off tournament in Newton and was able to earn the championship with a 5-1 record.

The team is 10-1 overall.

The coaches for the sixth grade team are Nick Hatcher, Brandon Hyde and Jason Dunlap.

The Liberal Bulls fifth grade red team also competed at the tournament and earned a third place finish. They finished with a record of 3-2.

A second Liberal Bulls fifth grade team, the black team, finished with a record of 2-2.

The coaches of the fifth grade teams are Mickey Mills, Brandon Williams, Jamal Golden and Todd King.

The participation in the basketball programs at the lower levels was an indication, according to coach Dunlap, that there is a high interest in the game of basketball in Liberal.

“We have gym rats,” he said. “We just don’t have gyms.”

The Bulls will participate in additional tournaments in 2014, and there are girls programs that are expected to compete in MAYB tournaments as well.

Girls Kids Inc. sign-ups will take place in early January with games starting in late January and continuing throughout February and into early March.