

Devils ready for state

Boys take first at regionals in WaKeeney

Thirteen Decatur Community High athletes will be heading for the state track meet after qualifying at the regional meet at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney on Friday.

The Oberlin boys placed first at the meet with 74 points; followed by Leoti, 62; and St. Francis, 57. The Oberlin girls came in eighth with 28.5 points. First for the girls were Osborne, 91; Hoxie, second, 62; and Syracuse, third, 58.5.

Other schools in the competition were Trego Community, Stanton County, Ellis, Sublette, Plainville, Atwood, Satanta, Stockton and Hill City.

Six girls and seven boys jumped, ran and threw fast enough and far enough to make the cut by being in the top four finishers in their events.

Six students will be in one event, six will be in two events and one — David Eldridge — will be running his legs off in four events including the 3,200-meter, 1,600-meter and 800-meter runs and the 4x800-meter relay.

Two-event athletes include Abby Ream, pole vault and javelin; Teryn Grafel, 110-meter high hurdles and 300-meter intermediate hurdles; Brett Beinke, 400-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay; and Brett Keck, Ryan Ruf and Dustin Ketterl, 4x400-meter and 4x800-meter relays.

Running in one event will be Leah Marietta, 100-meter dash; Lance Fortin, javelin; and Kelsey Dorshorst, Keely Witt, Lora Marietta and Whitney Beinke, 4x800-meter dash.

Scoring for the Oberlin boys in WaKeeney were:

- Eldridge, first, 1,600-meter run, 4 minutes, 50.4 seconds; second, 3,200-meter, 11:00.1; and second, 800-meter run, 2:04.8.
- Beinke, first, 100-meter dash, 51.8.
- Grafel, second, 110-meter high hurdles, 15.8; and third, 300-meter intermediate hurdles, 43.5.
- Fortin, third, javelin, 162 feet,



ALMOST FINISHED with her heat, Kaitlyn Stapp was doing well in a race in St. Francis earlier this month.

— Herald photo by Brad Larson

- 11 inches, and sixth, high jump, 5-8.
- Ketterl, sixth, 800-meter run, 2:15.8.
- The 4x800 relay team of Keck, Ruf, Eldridge and Ketterl, took first in 8:32.7 and the same team took third in the 4x400-meter relay in 3:35.6.
- Scoring for the girls were:
- Ream, first, pole vault, 9-6, and fourth, javelin, 118-11.
- Leah Marietta, third, 100-meter dash, 13.
- Beinke, fifth, 400-meter dash, 1:03.2.
- Trina Shields, sixth, triple jump, 31-9.5.
- The 4x800-meter relay team of Lora Marietta, Beinke, Dorshorst and Witt, took fourth in 10:44.6, and the 4x100-meter relay team of Lindsay Fortin, Lydia Karnopp, Kaitlyn Stapp and Leah Marietta, tied for fifth in 52.6.
- The state meet will be at Wichita State University on Friday and Saturday.

Coyotes take one first at league

The Jennings High girls came in seventh and the boys eighth in the Western Kansas Liberty League meet in Oakley on May 16, winning one first place.

"We had a lot of personal records

at this meet," Coach Russ Aumiller said. "I was pleased with the overall performance of each athlete."

"Grant Bailey was our only gold medal winner. He did a super job in the open 800-meter — he had a great opening 400 split (57 seconds) and finished with a personal best of 2 minutes, 3.9 seconds."

Other highlights of the meet were:

- Jake Kramer, personal best in 200-meter dash, 26.25, and personal best in 400-meter dash, 57.17.
- Josh Vahling, fourth and personal best, 3,200-meter run, 11:25.47, and sixth, 1,600-meter run, 5:17.27.

Benefit set for youths

A benefit rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church to help Andrea and Anthony Marshall, and Kelsey and Destry Jackson, who plan to attend CHIC, a Christian conference this summer.

There will be several large items on a silent auction, which ends at 4 p.m. Saturday. They will be selling tickets on a Kit-n-Kaboodle Basket full of kitchen items., with the winner to be drawn at 4 p.m. on Saturday. There will also be baked goods, with cookbooks for those who would like the recipe.

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Sports

Golfers win spots at state



M. Mondero



J. Richards

Two Decatur Community High golfers won spots at the state tournament in Junction City on Tuesday.

Jonathan Richards shot an 87 and Matt Mondero an 89 to qualify for state at the Class 2A-1A Regional Tournament in Oberlin last Monday, May 19.

The top two teams and top 10 individual golfers at the regional meet get a trip to state. Richards finished fourth and Mondero ninth in regional play.

As a team, Oberlin finished fifth

with 389 strokes, behind Atwood, first with 353; Hoxie, second with 355; Hill City, third with 360; and Grinnell, fourth with 376. Other teams in the tournament were Tribune, Leoti and Sharon Springs.

Bradley Stewart of Hoxie finished first with an 83, followed by Andy Fikan, 84, and Jordan Hagler, Atwood, 85; Richards; Nathan Goetz, Grinnell, and Carter Atkins, Hill City, 88; Darren Oelke, Hoxie, 89; Tim Miller, Hill City, 89; Mondero; and Mike McDonald, Hill City and Kevin Schoendaler,

Grinnell, who tied for 10th at 89.

- Shooting for Oberlin were:
- Richards, 41 and 46, 87.
- Mondero, 50 and 39, 89.
- Egan Grafel, 45 and 57, 102.
- Chris Brown, 53 and 58, 111.
- Erik Ahlberg, 56 and 56, 112.
- Jeremy Tally, 58 and 62, 120.

The state tournament was to be held on Tuesday at the Rolling Hills Golf Club in Junction City.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said that he wanted to give a special thanks to Oberlin Golf Club greenskeeper Tom Garrett and Decatur Rec Center Manager Bob Russell for all the help they provided during the annual Oberlin Invitational, the league meet and the regional tournament. He said that he got a lot of help from the D Club, the booster club and country club volunteers, including Lee Copeland, Dwayne Jones, John Wright, Kevin Brown, John Stanley and Randy Ostmeier.

Jennings runner off to state

Grant Bailey snared a first place for the Jennings High track team at the regional competition at Fort Hays State University on Friday, earning him a trip to state.

"The highlight for our team was the gold medal Grant Bailey won in the open 800," Coach Russ Aumiller said. "Not only was it the winning time (2 minutes, 3.5 seconds), it was also a personal record for him. This will be Grant's third trip to Wichita to compete for a place at state. He has a great chance of winning a medal this year."

"He is also aiming to break the school record set in 1971 by his dad, Mike Bailey. Grant will have to run a 2:00.5 in order to tie the 880-yard record."

"We were faced with extremely talented athletes in the events in which we competed. Our 4x400 and 4x800-meter relays did not perform well enough to qualify for state competition. We knew we had our work cut out for us going into this meet. Unfortunately, not all of the relay team members were at their best on this particular day."

Another highlight of the day was

freshman Nakita Graf, Coach Aumiller said.

She broke the 1,600-meter school record, running the race in 6:01.97. The old record was 6:04.36 set in 1988 by Angie Krizek. Graf's time was not enough to get her a trip to state, however.

Competing at regionals were:

- Bailey, first, 800-meter run, 2:03.5.
- Jake Kramer, 200-meter dash, 26.43, and 400-meter dash, 58.1.
- John Vahling, 1,600-meter run, 5:28, and 3,200-meter run, 11:45.44.
- Brett McKenna, 110-meter high hurdles, 19.95.
- Nick Wahlmeier, discus, 107-feet, 8-inches.
- Tyler Bolt, shot put, 35-5; javelin, 127; and long jump, 18-3, a

personal record.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Miller, 56.05; Bailey, 54.51; McKenna, 58.07; and Kramer, 58.7, came in at 3:47.33.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Bailey, 2:19.3; McKenna, 2:10.45; Kramer, 2:20.87; and Vahling, 2:20.65, came in with 9:11.27.

The Jennings athletes were up against Triplains, Otis-Bison, Ness City, Logan, Eastern Heights, Ramsom, Sharon Springs, Tribune, Weskan, Victoria, Grinnell, Quivira Heights, Golden Plains, Wilson, Bazine, Northern Valley, Palco, Dighton, Natoma, Brewster, Kensington, Wheatland and Healey, Cheylin, Lucas-Luray, Natoma and Sylvan, all Class 1A schools.

Authority gives away cash

The Decatur County Improvement Committee met recently to make plans to disburse \$2,000 from the Amusement Authority.

Recipients included: Oberlin Speedway, \$375; Dusty Britches 4-

H and Tripple Creek Riders, \$375; Jennings Library, \$250; Jennings Museum, \$250; Gateway Sign committee, \$950 (\$200 of this amount was held for this project previously).

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