

Swimmer breaks records at Holyoke

Eleven swimmers and seven relay teams took medals and scored points for the Oberlin swim team Saturday and Heather Glodt set three pool records in Holyoke, Colo., at the first meet of the season. Heather, 13, took first in all three events she participated in and swam faster than anyone in her age bracket ever had at the Holyoke pool in the 50-yard freestyle, 26.88 seconds; 100-yard breaststroke, 1:18.94; and 200-yard individual medley, 2:41.29.

Molly Coleman, a longtime swim team participant, also broke a pool record, in the 200-yard individual medley, but came in second in the event.

Swimming for Oberlin were:
 • Saeger Grafel, boys 9-10, first, 100-yard individual medley; second, 25-yard breaststroke; and fourth, 100-yard freestyle.
 • Molly Coleman, girls 15-18, second, 100-yard backstroke, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley.
 • Leanna Sheaffer, girls 13-14, second, 100-yard freestyle; and third, 50-yard freestyle; and third, 100-yard breaststroke.
 • Sydney Grafel, girls 9-10, second, 25-yard freestyle; fourth, 25-

yard backstroke; and 11th, 25-yard breaststroke.

• Darbi Rouse, girls 8 and under, second, 25-yard freestyle, and seventh, 25-yard backstroke.

• Tyler Shields, boys 9-10, third, 25-yard breaststroke; third, 100-yard individual medley; and seventh, 100-yard freestyle.

• Matt Coleman, boys 15-18, third, 100-yard butterfly, fourth, 100-yard freestyle; and fourth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Andrew Dempewolf, boys 13-14, third, 200-yard individual medley; fifth, 100-yard breaststroke; and sixth, 100-yard freestyle.

• Kellen Doeden, boys 15-18, fourth, 100-yard breaststroke; and sixth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Gabe Moore, boys 15-18, fourth, 100-yard butterfly; fifth, 50-yard freestyle; fifth, 100-yard freestyle.

• Nolan Henningson, 8 and under, fifth, 50-yard freestyle; seventh, 25-yard backstroke; and eighth, 25-yard freestyle.

• Matthew Wittman, boys 9-10, seventh, 25-yard backstroke, and 12th, 25-yard freestyle.

• Tamara Ketterl, girls 13-14, eighth, 100-yard butterfly, eighth,



MAKING WAVES with the breaststroke, Oberlin swimmer Matt Coleman participated in the Holyoke Swim Meet on Saturday. He ended the day with a third and two fourth-place medals.

—Photo by Mirla Coleman

200-yard individual medley; and 17th, 50-yard freestyle.

• Ashley Horton, girls 11-12, eighth, 50-yard breaststroke; 10th, 100-yard freestyle; and 25th, 50-yard freestyle.

• Sara Copeland, girls 11-12, ninth, 50-yard breaststroke, and 10th, 50-yard freestyle.

• Macy Rouse, girls 13-14, 10th, 100-yard backstroke, and 21st, 50-yard freestyle.

• Makenzie Nelson, girls 11-12, 10th, 50-yard butterfly; 19th, 50-yard breaststroke; and 27th, 50-yard freestyle.

• Cassidy Shields, girls 8 and un-

der, 12th, 25-yard freestyle, and 22nd, 25-yard backstroke.

• Chase Copeland, boys 9-10, 13th, 25-yard freestyle.

• Farra McChesney, girls, 11-12, 15th, 50-yard backstroke, and 24th, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Chelsea Warta, girls 11-12, 17th, 50-yard freestyle; 17th, 50-yard backstroke; and 25th, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Kelsey Padgett, girls 11-12, 28th, 50-yard freestyle, and 30th, 50-yard breaststroke.

• The 100-yard freestyle relay team of Sydney and Saeger Grafel, Shields and Wittman, took first in

the mixed 9-10 class.

• The 200-yard medley relay team of Nelson, Horton, Warta and S. Copeland, took second in the girls 11-12 class.

• The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Matt and Molly Coleman, Doeden and Moore, took second in the mixed 15-18 class.

• The 100-yard medley relay team of Copeland, Sydney and Saeger Grafel and Shields, took third in the mixed 9-10 class.

• The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Glodt, Ketterl, Sheaffer and Rouse, took third in the girls 13-14 class.

• The 200-yard medley relay team of Nelson, Horton, Warta and Rouse, took third in the girls 13-14 class.

• The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Nelson, Horton, Warta and Padgett, took fourth in the girls 11-12 class.

The swimmers will be in Goodland on Saturday to try out the pool there.

After that, the team will go to Oakley on Saturday, June 21; Burlington Colo., Saturday, June 28; and back to Burlington for the league meet on Friday and Saturday, July 11-12.

Leave baby animals alone

Well-intended "rescues" of wildlife often result in suffering and death.

It's common to encounter young wild animals, especially in spring and summer.

Some people have an irresistible attraction to these young animals and want to take them home. But every year, the lives of young wild animals are needlessly jeopardized by well-intentioned people who take them from the wild in the mistaken belief that the animals are abandoned or orphaned, and will die if not given care.

In fact, rescuing wildlife from the wild often results in the death of the animal.

There are a variety of problems and health hazards, to humans and animals alike, when people try to "adopt" a baby cottontail, fawn or other young wildlife. All of these problems can be avoided if people follow one simple rule: leave them alone.

From the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website, www.kdwp.state.ks.us, here are five good reasons to leave young wildlife alone:

• They're not abandoned. Bird and animal mothers will often leave their young while they search for food during the day. This is the time when the young are most vulnerable to well-meaning humans.

Young fawns, for example, are quite safe when left alone because their color pattern and lack of scent help them to remain undetected until their mothers return. The adult may even be waiting for you to leave so it can return to care for its young.

• It's illegal. Picking up young animals is against the law. Both the Kansas Department of Wildlife and

Parks and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment have regulations against it. Fines can be up to \$1,000. State permits are required to legally possess most species of wild animals. For some species, federal permits are required and fines are more severe.

• They may carry disease. Even though they may look cute and fuzzy, wild animals carry a number of potential health threats. Rabies can be transmitted from a bite or even saliva contacting an open wound. Distemper and rabies are the most common illnesses that household pets acquire from wild animals. Ticks and fleas borne by some animals carry Lyme and other diseases. Wild animals may also carry bacteria, roundworms, tapeworms, mites, and/or protozoans that can cause diseases in humans or their pets.

• They're not pets. Although young animals may be cute, they are wild creatures. Many well-meaning people have taken young animals home, then quickly learned that they're not equipped to handle the animal as it matures. Adopting young wild animals may be an irresistible urge, but wild animals make poor pets. Many people have been injured by animals that initially seemed easily tamed.

• Good intentions can be deadly. Many animals taken into captivity soon die. Those that don't are de-

nied the opportunity to learn how to survive in their natural environment, so they seldom develop the skills necessary for them to survive when they are eventually returned to the wild. Their ability to find food is hindered and wariness — usually learned from their parents — is impaired.

Young wildlife raised in captivity often develop an attachment to humans. Upon release to the wild, they may have little fear of people and return to make nuisances of themselves or put themselves in danger of traffic or attack from domestic animals or other wildlife.

Further, when released to the wild they may be thrust as unwelcome intruders into the home range of another member of their species. If they carry disease, they may also threaten local wildlife.

All in all, it's best just to leave these cute babies along.

Wildlife Corner

By Richard Kelly, wildlife conservation officer

Ball programs start season

The first week of baseball and softball play saw the fields in Oberlin well used as five Wee Wee teams, four Bantam, four Pee Wee and eight adult co-ed teams took to the diamonds.

Last Monday, the Wee Wees were the first to play this season, and the teams had lots of runs.

First National Bank beat The Bank 28-3; Custom Trophy overcame Countryside Vet 34-3; and Ward Drug broke The Bank 26-7.

Last Tuesday, the Bantam girls took to the field for their first outing of the year. R&S Repair sank Fredrickson Insurance 22-1 and D&M Service beat Prairie Petals 11-9.

On Wednesday, the Pee Wees had their turn. Johnson Realty beat Centennial Bowl 10-5 and Atwood edged The Re-Load 7-6.

Last Wednesday, it was time for the adults to play some softball, and with a pair of shutouts and three teams with scores in double digits, it was a wild night.

Lincoln Repair downed First National Bank 25-2; the Fortins

shutout H&B Construction 6-0;

the Purple Pack ran over BC Consulting 26-0; and Photos by Jeanie downed Custom Trophy, 14-2.

The teams were on the field this week, as the Purple Pack took on Photos by Jeanie, BC Consulting met Custom Trophy, First National saw H&B Construction and Lincoln Repair took on the Fortins and H&B Construction on Sunday.

Tonight, First National will meet the Fortins at 6 p.m.; Lincoln will take on the Purple Pack at 7 p.m.; BC will meet Photos by Jeanie at 8 p.m.; and H&B will face Custom Trophy at 9 p.m.

On Sunday night, it will be H&B versus BC at 6 p.m.; the Fortins against Photos by Jeanie at 7 p.m. and against BC at 8 p.m.; Lincoln versus Custom at 9 p.m.; and First National against Purple Pack at 10 p.m.

The T ballers will take to the field on Thursday, with Raye's versus Pauls at 6:30 p.m. and Addleman versus Hair Gallery at

7:30 p.m.

In baseball, the Wee Wees had Custom Trophy against Ward Drug, First National saw Countryside Vet and The Bank faced Custom Trophy on Monday.

Next Monday, First National will go against Custom at 6 p.m.; The Bank will face Countryside at 7 p.m.; and First National will play Ward Drug at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, the action was between D&M Service and Fredrickson Insurance, and R&S Repair and Prairie Petals, as the Bantams took to the field again.

Next Tuesday, R&S will face D&M at 6:30 p.m. and Fredrickson Insurance will play Prairie Petals at 7:30 p.m.

The boys of the Pee Wee league will play tonight, as Atwood faces Centennial Bowl at 6:15 p.m. and Johnson Realty plays The Re-Load at 7:45 p.m.

Next Wednesday, it will be Johnson Realty against Atwood at 6:15 p.m. and Centennial Bowl versus the Re-Load at 7:45 p.m.



Jennings junior Grant Bailey, No. 231, took fourth place in the 800-meter run at the state track meet in Wichita.

Congratulations

to the Jennings track team for a good year and Grant Bailey for taking 4th at state.

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