

* Schools get ready for students, teachers

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Sports

Runners start practice Monday



The Decatur Community High cross country team will start its season next week.

The team will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday and the first practice will be right after the meeting.

The first run of the season will be during the annual Soap Scrimmage, starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, from the football field.

The team's first meet will be in Norton at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4.

The annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country meet will start at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the

Oberlin Country Club.

"It will be a rebuilding year for the boys," said Coach Dick Ahlberg, "with only one returning letterman,

sophomore Teryn Grafel.

"It is always kind of fun to develop a team from young runners, and we are excited about that challenge. There are plenty of varsity spots open.

"Our girls team will be very competitive. We have three returning lettermen, seniors Kelly Witt and Krista Fowler and Junior Molly Coleman. We are expecting some good track runners from last season to join our team this year and are hoping for some more young runners to go with our veterans."

Jennings will have four new faculty members on staff when classes begin on Monday.

Students will begin with full day classes from 8:35 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Stepani Overbaugh is the new junior and senior high math teacher. She will be married on Aug. 23 to Travis Loflin and they will make their home in Norton. She is a graduate of Ottawa University.

The new band and vocal music teacher will be Joanna Zayac, a graduate of Southwestern College in Winfield. Dennis Burge will be teaching industrial arts, and Vickie Schmitz of Marysville is the new social science teacher.

GOLDEN PLAINS

The new school year will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Golden Plains School.

Classes are held from 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday for full days. Pre-school classes meet Tuesday and Thursday beginning

Aug. 21 from 8:20 to 11:20 a.m.

Three new faculty members will join the present staff. Travis Betz will coach forensics, assist in football and basketball, and be the high school's head track coach. He will also sponsor the school newspaper.

Denise Shoff will be vocal and instrumental teacher for the middle school and high school. She has been instrumental director for Oakley High School and will continue conducting Oakley's high school band in the mornings, then travel to Rexford. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Winona.

Melody Leach of Rexford will be the language learner coordinator for all grades. She and her husband, Bob, moved to Rexford from Dallas and they have one grown daughter, Meagan, who is a nursing student at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

HERNDON

Herndon School will not open until the day after Labor Day. A story will be carried later.

* Contest draws artists to town

(Continued from Page 1A) showdown. So far this year she has performed in WaKeeney and Oberlin, and she plans to sing at the Stockton Fair.

She started competing in the showdown four years ago and keeps up on when and where the contests will be by checking the Internet.

Mrs. Deines said ever since she was 8, she has wanted to be a singer. The competition is the best opportunity to pursue a career, she said.

She performed "I'm Yours" by Linda Davis and "Born to Fly" by Sara Evans.

Next to her, Debbie Gosser of WaKeeney said that she finds a song she sings well and then practices it over and over again. She tries different variations for the best performance.

Mrs. Gosser said she started singing when she was 13, although she has only been on stage in the last five or seven years. That's how she met Mrs. Deines.

Mrs. Gosser said she writes her own music but didn't perform any of it Friday night.

She sang "Almost Home" by Mary Chapin Carpenter and "455 Rocket" by Kathy Mattea.

Before performing, she said she gets very nervous and tries to remember that it is all in fun. Part of the reason she does the contest is for

the experience of being in front of people and also to show her kids, who are 11 and 13, that a person is never too old to do something like this. It is all a part of life, she said.

Mrs. Gosser took third place at the Trego County Fair talent show.

Walking on the stage was Derek Brett from McCook. He said he started singing country music in 1993, and before that, he concentrated on Christian music.

"I love to have people hear me sing," he said. "If I could sing and get paid for it, now wouldn't that be the life?"

Mr. Brett said if he gets famous in country, he can always go back to

singing gospel music. He said he has always been told that if he didn't get nervous before performing, it wasn't worth doing anymore.

He performed the "Gospel According to Luke," although he didn't know the artist, and "You Can't Make a Heart Love Somebody," by George Strait. Mr. Brett said the second song was off the first George Strait tape he bought.

Others who performed were Big Country from Indianola, Jill Hansen of McCook, Larry Henderson of Norton, Bill Welch of Fort Leavenworth, Roxanne Wade of WaKeeney and Harold Karr of Indianola.



Cover Your Acres Irrigated Field Tours

Partnership between K-State and Northwest Crop Residue Alliance August 19th, 2-9 p.m. 2 miles west of Norcatour. In addition to the 27 grain sorghum, 10 sunflower, 29 corn hybrids and 11 grain sorghum herbicide programs, this site will also have the following:

Nitrogen study in corn, Phosphorus study in grain sorghum, Various types of sprayers, Rainfall Simulator, Sunflower herbicides, Forage sorghums, Equipment, seed and chemical dealer displays. Dinner Speaker - Bob Wolf on spray technology.

-30 corn hybrids from 12 companies will be evaluated at two sites.

- Danny Rogers and the Mobile Irrigation Lab from K-State will discuss irrigation scheduling software

-No registration needed

August 20, 9 a.m. to noon - 1 mile north of Grainfield along the highway. Refreshments by the State Bank in Hoxie.

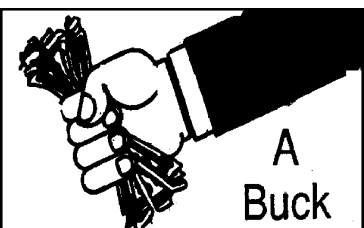
August 21, 9 a.m. to noon - 3 miles northeast of Alma along the highway. Refreshments by the Alma State Bank.

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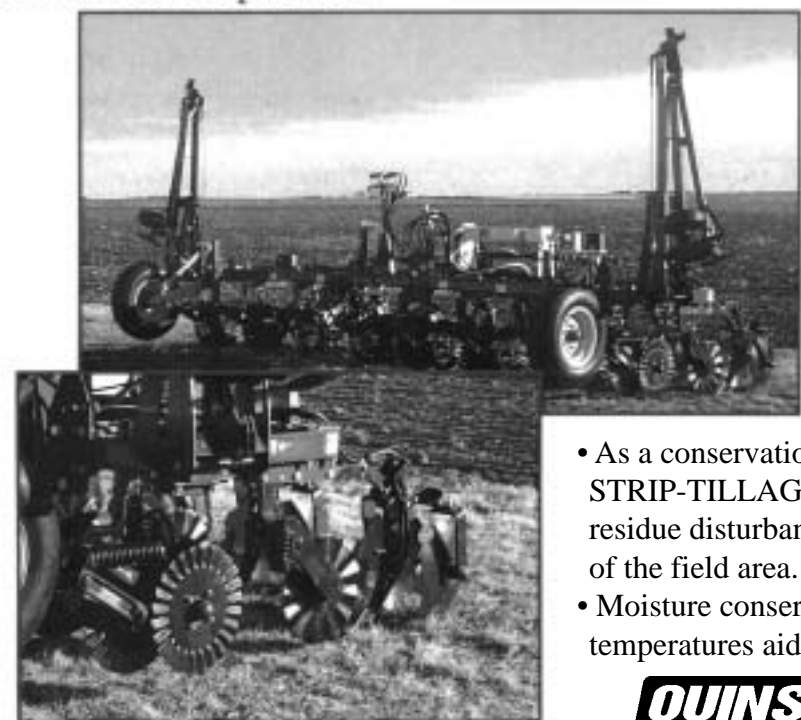
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