

Racers take to track in Oberlin for fifth time

By MIKE HUGHES
Racers took to the track at the Oberlin Speedway on Saturday for the fifth out of six dates in the inaugural season for the track.

Marty Clark of Russell and Troy Attwood, Blue Hill, Neb., both picked up their first wins of the season at the Oberlin Speedway on Saturday evening.

Clark took the lead at the start of the 20-lap IMCA Modified main event and led wire-to-wire. Four cautions kept the field close, but each time Clark was up to the task.

Doug Holzmeister of Colby worked his way to second on lap seven and stayed within a car length of Clark. Holzmeister passed Clark for the lead on lap 17, but a caution gave Clark the lead back on the restart. Holzmeister and David Murray tangled on the final lap, allowing Barry Richards to move to second. Rick Schwab, Brice Riley and Jim Arnold rounded out the top five.

Ten cars took the green in the IMCA Stock Car feature with Bob Chalupa in front, but Kelly Ford took the point on lap two. Attwood worked his way to second by the halfway mark, then passed Ford for the lead on lap nine and drove on to the checkers. Ford held on for second, followed by heat two winner Billy Smith, Jason Schoenberger and J.R. McCreery.

Jason Koch of Cambridge, Neb., took the lead on lap four of the IMCA Hobby Stock feature from heat race winner Chris Cuellar and drove on for his second win of the year at Oberlin. Cuellar finished second, followed by point leader Cliff Davis.

Selden's Jason Rogers took the top spot of the Bomber feature from Oberlin's Paul Tally on lap two and sailed on to victory lane. Cory Struckhoff charged to second, trailed by Kelly Karnopp, Dave Meitl and Rick Touslee. It was Rogers' third win of the year at Oberlin. Heat race winners were Jay Hackmeister and Jason Davis. Rex and Jeanette McClain of

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Beaver City, Neb., were in the right place at the right time to score their third Cruiser feature win of the season on the oval. Joey and Jimmy Carter of Russell had a big lead until their rear end broke late in the race, giving the lead and the win to the McClains. Jeff and Mike Doty finished second, followed by Jon Fisher and Dan Morford. Cole Stragey and Britton Scott won the first heat race, while the Carters topped heat two.

The Mini Trucks were also in competition, where Josh Bopp picked up wins in both the heat race and the feature.

The final race of the 2003 season takes place at Oberlin Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 28, starting at 6 p.m.

RESULTS

Bombers

Heat 1: Jason Davis, first; Cory Struckhoff, second; Paul Tally, third; and Larry Ayres, fourth.

Heat 2: Jay Hackmeister, first; Jason Rogers, second; and Rick Touslee, third.

Feature: Rogers, first; Struckhoff, second; Kelly Karnopp, third; Dave Meitl, fourth; Touslee, fifth; Hackmeister, sixth; Ayres, seventh; Wes Eagleburger, eighth; and Tally and Davis, did not finish.

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat: Chris Cuellar, first; Cliff Davis, second; Jason Koch, third; and John Annon, fourth.

Feature: Koch, first; Cuellar, second; Davis, third; and Annon, did not finish.

Cruisers

Heat 1: Cole Stragey/Britton Scott, first; Jeff and Mike Doty, second; Bob Thummel/Cory

Imm, third; and Josh Wonderly/Curtis Black, fourth.

Heat 2: Joey and Jimmy Carter, first; Darin Honeyman/Jim Dirks, second; Rex and Jeanette McClain, third; and Jeff Kleen/Mark Goebel, fourth.

Feature: McClain/McClain, first; Doty/Doty, second; Jon Fisher/Dan Morford, third; Thummel/Imm, fourth; Wonderly/Black, fifth; Jason Gallente/Mark Bailey, sixth; Kleen/Goebel, seventh; Carter/Carter, Stragey/Scott, Honeyman/Dirks, Aaron Ploussard/Kenyon Badsky, did not finish; and Scott Urban/Nathan Wright, did not start.

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: Mark Zorn, first; Bob Chalupa, second; Jason Hudson, third; and Kelly Ford, fourth.

Heat 2: Billy Smith, first; J.R. McCreery, second; Troy Attwood, third; and Tyler Hahn, fourth.

Feature: Attwood, first; Ford, second; Smith, third; Jason Schoenberger, fourth; McCreery, fifth; Zorn, sixth; Hudson, seventh; Randy Clydesdale, eighth; Hahn, ninth; Chalupa, tenth; and Brady Koch, did not start.

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: David Murray, first; Barry Richards, second; and Rick Schwab, third.

Heat 2: Marty Clark, first; Doug Holzmeister, second; Tyson Garrison, third; and Jim Arnold, fourth.

Feature: Clark, first; Richards, second; Schwab, third; Brice Riley, fourth; Arnold, fifth; Holzmeister, sixth; Murray, seventh; Garrison and Milo Lippelman, did not finish; and Pat Bedore and Matt Kasson, did not start.

Firemen's Fun Day to feature magician

By MARY LOU OLSON

The 12th annual Firemen's Fun Day will be held in Jennings on Saturday, with Hoxie native Rex Getz, a comedian and magician, as the featured entertainment.

Mr. Getz will present a program at 8:30 p.m. at city hall and will be strolling about the area during the afternoon. He is a full-time corporate and special events entertainer with emphasis on agricultural humor.

Another attraction will be 75 dozen kolaches, Czech pastries, with a variety of fillings baked by Jennings women and on sale throughout the day.

A Health Fair, sponsored by the Decatur County Hospital, Cottonwood Home Care and Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic, will be in the Senior Center from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

A metabolic profile, which includes 28 blood tests, will cost \$11 and requires the participant to be fasting. A screen for prostate cancer, costs \$17. Blood sugar tests, diabetes counseling, and blood pressure checks are free. Dr. Elizabeth Sliter will be available to do free skin cancer screenings and will have information on laser treatments and the dermabrasion now available at the clinic.

Other morning events include kids games, bicycle and golf cart races as well as kiddie train rides by Greg Otter. The Boy Scouts are hosting a cake walk, beginning at 10 a.m. at the city hall. A wobble trap shoot at the Kenny Wildeman farm is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Terry and Bodie Cooper will be on Main Street with their miniature ice cream truck. The educational storm and fire safety trailer, provided by the McCook Fire Department, will also be on Main Street. Jim Plotts will be operating his antique stationary baler and Daryl Hartzog will be demonstrating his miniature horse-drawn baler.

Inside the city hall, Tim Adrian will exhibit 10,000-year-old artifacts collected from his farm. Larry Mizer, Galen Carper, Don Scott and Calvin Ufford will have displays of Native American tools and arrowheads and Darlene Robben will have show and offer quilts for sale.

The Czech Museum will have free admission throughout the day.

An Eagle Med helicopter out of Hays, an emergency air transport system from area hospitals to larger facilities, will land about 2 p.m. and be available for viewing until 4 p.m. unless an emergency comes up.

The annual parade, with the theme, "Freedom for All," will have as special guest, Benjamin Bird, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, and other veterans. It starts at 1:30 p.m. with the release of white doves, courtesy of Tammy Touslee of Cloud 9. All veterans are welcome to participate. Military and American Legion uniforms are encouraged.

A dunk tank and coin search will open at the conclusion of the parade. The children's tractor pull begins at 3 p.m. and will be followed by the

tug-o-war and the firemen's team barrel competition.

Following a meal of smoked pork, beans, cucumbers, chips and pie, there will be an auction of donated items and drawings for the firemen's raffle items — including a television, boom box, and stereo — and also for a Winchester 870 Wingmaster 12 gauge shotgun being raffled off by the Jennings American Legion.

The evening will conclude with a dance starting at 10 p.m. at the city hall.

Proceeds from the day's events are used to purchase fire fighting and safety equipment and to support community organizations and projects.

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Man pleads guilty in murder

By VERONICA MONIER

A Norton man waived his right to a trial by jury on Friday and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the May killing of his step-father.

Jimmy D. Williams, 21, had been charged with first-degree murder for killing Bill Masden, on May 31 with a claw hammer.

The plea bargain brought the charge down to second-degree murder, a lesser but still serious offense.

District Court Judge Bill Elliott asked County Attorney Doug Sebelius to give him the facts of the case.

Mr. Sebelius said the defendant left J. Gregory's, a bar on State Street at 2 a.m. on May 31. At about 2:30 a.m., the he went to the residence of Bill Masden, 111 S. Archer.

Wearing latex gloves, he said, the defendant used a claw hammer on Mr. Masden, hitting him 12 or 13 times. Mr. Sebelius said the defendant has acknowledged using the claw hammer and killing Mr. Masden.

Mr. Williams' attorney, David Baumgartner, said he planned to file a motion for departure from sentencing guidelines.

There were two types of departure, Judge Elliott said. The first, durational, asks the court to give a jail term less than what Kansas sentencing guidelines suggest. The second, dispositional, asks the court to give a non-prison sentence.

Judge Elliott said in either case, it was up to Mr. Williams to convince him that a departure should be granted.

Mr. Williams could serve anywhere from 147 months (12 years and three months) up to 653 months (more than 54 years, five months) in prison and could be fined up to \$500,000.

After questioning the defendant, Judge Elliott accepted his plea.

A sentencing hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Norton County Courthouse before Judge Elliott. Until that time, Mr. Williams will remain in the Norton County Jail.

At the sentencing, Mr. Sebelius said, both the prosecution and the defense will present witnesses, and the judge will make a finding based on the evidence, state sentencing guidelines and Mr. Williams' criminal history.

Mr. Sebelius said there were several factors involved with the decision to give Mr. Williams a plea agreement. He said there is a history of abuse from Mr. Williams and Mr. Masden. There is evidence that Mr. Masden threatened Mr. Williams' mother, Mary Masden. Mr.

Williams' alcohol dependency and the heavy use of alcohol during this incident, the victims' satisfaction with the proposal, public safety and the public's interest in not spending money on a trial were all contributing factors in the decision, he said.

Mr. Sebelius said Mr. Williams' age and the abuse to the entire family also were factors.

"I'll give him some level of understanding on his anger getting out of control," said Mr. Sebelius, "but he still needs to be held accountable for what he did."

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Enrollment: Wednesday, August 20, and Monday, August 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Decatur Community High School Room 112, Candy DeJmal, 785-475-2179 (home) or 785-475-2231 (school). Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists.

No.	Course	CR.	Instructor	Place	Time/Day
CO126	Presentation Software PowerPoint	1	C. DeJmal	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 5
CO176	Computer Concepts & Applications	3	M. LaRue	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 8
AC101	Accounting Fundamentals	3	C. DeJmal	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 7
EN176	English Composition I	3	B. Breth	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 4
EN110	Medical Terminology	1	R. Wolfram	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
HE101	Basic Nutrition	3	M. Moxter	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 3
PS176	General Psychology	3	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 3
PS276	Developmental Psychology	3	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 7
AR117	Art Appreciation	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
AR106	Elementary Art Education	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
SO176	Introduction to Sociology	3	Staff	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 7
MU176	Introduction to Music	3	Staff	Hi Sc	7:00p/Thr 2
AG237	Structures & Conveniences I (Woods)	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
AG238	Structures & Conveniences II (Woods)	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA1
HI176	American History to 1865	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA1
HI177	American History 1865 to Pres.	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA1
AR123	Introduction to Crafts (Floral Design)	1	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA 1
AR114	Beginning Crafts (Beginning Quilting)	1	N. Carman	TBA	TBA/TBA 1
AR215	Advanced Crafts (Advanced Quilting)	1	N. Carman	TBA	TBA/TBA 1
-----	Adult Basic Education/G.E.D.	NC	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	4:00p/MTW 6

1 Night and starting date will be determined by the enrollment.
2 Class will meet Thursday from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and begin September 4.
3 Class will meet Wednesday at 7:00-10:00 p.m. and begin September 3.
4 Class will meet Monday at 7:00-10:00 p.m. and begin August 25.
5 Class will use IBM computers and PowerPoint Software. Class will meet 5 times at 7:00-10:00 pm.
6 Adult Basic Education and G.E.D. classes meet at the Decatur Community High School Art Room on Monday and Tuesday at 4:00-7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday at 4-6 p.m. Call Terri Woolsey at 785-475-3966 (home) or 785-475-2231 and 785-475-2122 (work) to enroll. Classes are provided free of charge. The G.E.D. test fee is \$65.
7 Class will meet Monday at 7:00-10:00 p.m. and begin September 8.
8 Class will meet Wednesday at 7:00-10:00 p.m. and begin September 3. Microsoft Office will be used in this beginning IBM computer class.

A counselor will be available in Oberlin on Monday, August 25, to answer questions on financial aid, graduation requirements, and career options.

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