

Sports

Bantam League baseball ends season with tournament

The Decatur Recreation Bantam League finished up its season with games on June 21 and a tournament on June 28.

The teams all had identical 3-3 win-loss records for the season but Pauls finished first; Countryside Vet, second and Fredrickson Insurance, third.

Fredrickson won the tournament, Pauls was second and Countryside, third.

On June 21 it was Fredrickson over Countryside, 8-7; Countryside

over Pauls, 9-4; and Pauls over Fredrickson, 17-4.

On June 28, Pauls beat Fredrickson, 12-8; Fredrickson downed Countryside, 8-7; and Countryside overcame Pauls, 9-4.

“The Bantam League consisted of three equal teams, which made for an exciting tournament and season,” said Recreation Director Joe Dreher.

Little League
In Little League play, First National Bank kept its lead and moved

to 4-0 while Ward Drug moved from third to second with a pair of wins. It was First National over The Bank, 24-11, and Ward over A&W, 21-1 on June 22.

Last week, Ward edged The Bank, 12-11, and First National beat A&W, 16-1.

There were no games scheduled this week due to the Fourth of July holiday. On Tuesday, First National will face Ward at 6:30 p.m. and A&W will go against The Bank at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 20, the first and fourth place teams will play at 6:30 p.m. and the second and third place teams will play at 7:30 p.m. The winners will play each other for the championship at 8:30 p.m.

Pony League
In the Pony League, Centennial Bowl moved up to second with a win, a loss and a tie while Raye's

hung onto first and High Plains Vet fell to third with a pair of losses.

On June 21, it was Centennial over Raye's, 8-6, then Centennial and High Plains in an 11-11 tie.

On June 28, Raye's beat High Plains, 10-3, and Centennial, 11-3.

With no games this week, the Ponies will hit the field on Monday with Raye's playing High Plains at 6 p.m., High Plains playing Centennial at 7:30 p.m. and Centennial playing Raye's at 9 p.m.

The championship will be determined at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14.

T-Ball
The T-ball players will have their last games on Tuesday, July 13, as Prairie Petals meets Salem Graphics at 6:30 p.m. and Addleman Drug goes against Fidele Electric at 7:30 p.m. There are no winners and losers in the league, as no scores are kept.

Rains, harvest slow softball season

Despite rain and harvest, the co-ed softball teams got in a lot of games over the last couple of weeks.

While Purple Pack still led the league, adding three wins to their total, Fortins moved from fourth to second with three victories.

Lincoln Repair and R&R each had two wins and a loss and Fredrickson Ins. had two wins and two losses.

On June 20, it was Purple Pack over R&R, 12-2, and over H&B Construction, 23-4; H&B over BC Consulting, 4-3; and R&R over Salem Graphics, 14-7.

The last game of the night, BC versus Salem, was rained out and will be played on Sunday, July 11.

On June 22, Fredrickson beat H&B 15-6 in a makeup game.

Then it was Lincoln Repair over Dupree One, 15-1, and over Custom Trophy, 17-2; Fortins beat Dupree,

21-1, and Fredrickson, 14-4; and Fredrickson downed Custom Trophy, 16-1.

The next day, Salem beat Custom Trophy, 17-0; Purple Pack overcame Fredrickson, 17-3; Fortins downed Lincoln, 10-3; R&R beat BC, 29-13; and Dupree defeated H&B, 12-1.

The games scheduled for last week were canceled for harvest and will be played this week. Games from Sunday, June 27, will be played tonight and games from Tuesday, June 29, will be played on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m.

The adults will play again on Sunday, July 11; Tuesday, July 13; Wednesday, July 14; and Sunday, July 18.

The final tournament for the co-ed league will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 21-23.

Baseball Standings

Bantam Standings				
Team	Wins	Losses	Runs	
Pauls Funeral Home	3	3	54	
Countryside Vet	3	3	50	
Fredrickson Ins.	3	3	35	

Little League Standings				
Team	Wins	Losses	Runs	
First National Bank	4	0	69	
Ward Drug	3	1	55	
The Bank	1	3	48	
A&W Restaurant	0	4	12	

Pony Standings				
Team	Wins	Losses	Tied	Runs
Raye's Grocery	2	2		56
Centennial Bowl	2	2	1	34
High Plains Vet	0	4	1	28

Co-ed Softball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Purple Pack	7	0	119
Fortins	6	1	101
Lincoln Repair	6	1	99
R&R	5	2	102
Salem Graphics	3	3	70
Fredrickson Ins.	3	5	64
BC Consulting	1	5	59
H&B Construction	1	6	41
Dupree One	1	6	32
Custom Trophy	1	6	15

Cross country team getting ready to run

With seven returning lettermen, the Decatur Community High cross country team should have a good chance at some medals this year.

“Both our girls and boys teams should be competitive this year,” Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

“We have three returning girl lettermen — Molly Coleman, Lora Marietta and Whitney Beinke. They are all quality runners with experience. We have the potential in girls to be very good, with the addition of some new runners.”

“We have four returning boy lettermen — Teryn Grafel, Andy Leitner, Aaron Helm and Kellen Doeden — plus some other experienced runners. We can go from a developing year in 2003, to a

competitive team in 2004. To achieve this, we need good summer running, and to add some depth — more runners.”

The season will start at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16, with a team meeting in Coach Ahlberg's classroom at the high school.

The coach said he encourages team members to start their summer running early this month so they will have built up some stamina before practice starts. The first practice will be right after the meeting.

The public's first view of the team and of the school's football team will be during the annual Soap Scrimmage and Run at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

Basketball team takes third place

The Oberlin Cyclones, a ninth- and 10th-grade basketball team, took third place in a Mid America Youth Basketball tournament in Beloit last month.

The three-day tournament had 11 teams competing on June 26-27. Mid America Youth Basketball holds tournaments throughout the central U.S. The teams can play 25 to 30 games in the summer months, allowing players to improve their skills.

The Cyclones will compete in five tournaments this season; the next will be Friday to Sunday in Colby.

Members of the Cyclones are

Kyle Glodt, Kurt Olson, Teryn Grafel, Jason Thomas, Josh Fortin, Jesse Juenemann, Brent Stallman and Andy Inman. Coaches are Ryan Ruf and Rusty Grafel.





Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Stormy weather carries many risks

Stormy weather may prompt even the dog to crawl under the kitchen table, which may also prompt a chuckle or two from its owner. In reality, learning how to protect yourself during storm watches and warnings is advisable for everyone.

Think through how you will respond to a severe weather watch, which means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. Think also what additional actions should be taken when a warning, which means that severe weather is imminent, is issued.

Having a plan in place can reduce the time needed to respond and reassure family members. Possible storm shelters might include a basement, closet in the center of the house, or designated neighborhood storm shelter.

Stock a storm shelter, basket or box with emergency supplies:
- NOAA weather radio with extra batteries;
- flashlight with working batteries;
- cell phone, if available;
- bottled water or juices;
- shelf-stable snacks (cereal bars, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit or snack kits);
- medications, such as an asthma inhaler;
- wallet or purse with identification;
- change of clothes;

- blanket and pillows, and
- games. Games can often be played in low light such as that in a storm shelter. They are interactive, and can help pass the time and relieve anxiety.

Rotate shelter supplies. One way to make children less fearful in storms is to ask their help in stocking and re-stocking the family shelter area or kit. Play a game and eat up emergency foods before they become outdated. Then ask children to help choose new foods to replace them.

Having a plan in place—knowing what to do and where to go—reduces risks. Practice how you or your family will respond to a storm watch or warning. Talk with your child about what he or she will do if a storm strikes when parents are away from home. Discuss what should be done if children are away from home, at school or a friend's house, for example. If separated, plan how to reestablish communication or where to meet after a weather warning is canceled.

Tranda Watts is Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at 785-443-3663 or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Not Just for Teens

Wondering if you can wear contacts?



Contact lenses are a great option for people of many ages. There is no minimum age for someone to wear contact lenses, and they can be exceptionally comfortable. The majority of contact lenses are made from a soft material that is made mostly of water. The material and design allow them to conform to the unique shape of your eye.

When they're replaced often, your lenses feel clean, fresh and comfortable. Certain contact lenses (extended-wear lenses) can be worn at night. Dr. Stamm & Dr. Gray will help you determine whether or not contact lenses are right for you.

They can also determine which type of lenses are best for your vision correction needs, and teach you proper contact lens care and wear.

Visit us during June, July or August and receive a COMPLIMENTARY 3 MONTH SUPPLY OF SELECTED CONTACT LENSES WITH FIT & REFIT.

Call for your appointment today!

LIFETIME EYECARE

105 S. Penn. - Oberlin, KS
785-475-1200

Robert A. Stamm
Dr. Dirk M. Gray
OPTOMETRISTS

www.mccookeyeclinic.com

ANN HARVEY

The European Collection of Carpets

*Berbers * Velvets * Friezes*



20% Off through July 16, 2004

“You Stand On Our Reputation!”

Carpet King


308-345-8007

We're on the Bricks

McCook, NE 69001
Ken & Nora Rasmussen

DAZZLING DEALS

Fireworks aren't the only brilliant displays you'll see this week. We've got spectacular deals on our most popular models through Fourth of July Weekend



2004 Ford Taurus SES — 18K, spruce green metallic with tan interior, nicely equipped, like new. A lot less money.

616 Grasshopper — 48" deck
618 Grasshopper — 52" deck
Woods 20 H.P. — 52" deck
Lots of New Mowers and We're Ready to Deal SUV'S:

2000 Explorer Sport — 82K, lots of equipment and ready for school.
1999 Honda CRV 4X4 — 66K, great, grey interior, great gas mileage.

CARS:

2004 Nissan Altima S — 18K, tan with tan cloth interior, sharp and great gas mileage too.
2003 Mitsubishi Galant E.S. — 27K, eggshell white with grey interior, lots of car for the money.
2001 Grand AM Pontiac — Dark blue, 60K, sunroof, spoiler, equipped nicely.
2001 Lincoln LS — Black with black leather interior, sunroof and all the rest. Sharp!
1999 Mercury Sable — 74K, clean and nicely equipped
1999 Chrysler 300M — 80K, lots of equipment, well kept car.
1997 Chevy Malibu LS — White, spoiler, great school car.

USED MOWERS:

616 Grasshopper — 44" deck with catcher

2003 GMC Sierra SLE — Red, Extended cab, 2 WD, PW, PL, CD, tilt, spotless, 83K, great price, red/silver with grey interior.
2002 Ford F150 FX4 Off Road Package — Extended cab, long box, 35K, white, grey interior, very clean, CD, PW, PL, tilt
2001 Ford Super Crew 4X4 — XLT, white, loaded, 103K, Great Price!
1999 Ford F150 4X4 — XL regular cab, 95K, lots of driving left and priced right.

ENGEL'S

SALES AND SERVICE CENTER INC.

209 West Lincoln, Norton, KS; FAX: (785) 877-3392
Office: (785) 877-3391 • (785) 877-2857

Lawnboy • Toro • BCS • Grasshopper • Dixon • Stihl • Husqvarna

“STARTING OUT SALE”

Mary Kay products on sale through July 15th
10% off purchases \$1 - \$100
25% off purchases \$101 and up!!

Contact Jen Reese, Independent Beauty Consultant at (308) 493-5389, email jenreese@marykay.com or visit website www.marykay.com/jenreese

*Also have FREE facials and Business Opportunities available.

