



**PREPARING TO PASS**, Denton Bailey (No. 3) was able to complete seven of 17 through the air for 76 yards. His receivers were Jesse Juenemann, Lance Fortin and Jason Thomas.

He was being protected by blockers David Morris (No. 72), Jebb Tally (No. 34) and Drew Martin (No. 50).

— Photo by Jonna Inman

# Red Devil football ends with loss in postseason play

The Decatur Community High football season ended with a thud last Tuesday as the team ran into the Smith Center Redmen, an immovable object, in the Class 2A bi-district playoffs. Undefeated Smith Center won, 61-0.

It was the first time an Oberlin team had been in the playoffs in more than a decade, though, and the Red Devils ended their season with a 4-6 record after beating the Quinter Bulldogs, Atwood Buffaloes, Stockton Tigers and Hill City Ringnecks. They took second in the district behind Hoxie, winning two games and losing only to the Indians.

The Devils lost to St. Francis, Colby, Goodland, Oakley and

Hoxie before traveling to Smith Center to play the Redmen.

Colby did not make it into bi-district play, but all the other schools which beat the Red Devils did.

In the second round of playoffs Saturday, Hoxie got knocked off by Claflin, which won state in Class 3A last year. St. Francis, Oakley and Goodland won their bi-district and regional matches and are scheduled for sectional games on Saturday.

Last Tuesday, Oberlin had its first taste of post-season play in a long time. The Red Devils were not able to score on the Redmen machine, but the Smith Center team racked up 16 points in the first quarter, 24 in the second, 7 in the third and 14 in the fourth.

“Tuesday’s game at Smith Center was a disappointing way for our team to end their season,” Coach Trevor Williams said. “We had difficulties all night maintaining anything. Smith Center is a real good football team that is playing very good football.”

“Being the last game for our six seniors is always a hard thing, but I felt, that Andy Anderson, David Barth, Lance Fortin, David Morris, Jake Padgett and Gannon Reichert not only had really good senior years, but were part of the Red Devil football family throughout high school and will be missed.

“I personally, want to say thank you to the players, coaches, parents and fans for their support this year.”

Top rushers for Oberlin were Jebb Tally, 53 yards on 24 carries; Jason Thomas, nine yards on four carries; Denton Bailey, seven yards on three carries; and Jace Robinson, four yards on one carry.

Bailey was seven for 17 in the air for 76 yards with one interception.

Jesse Juenemann caught the ball three times for 47 yards. L. Fortin grabbed it twice for 21 yards and Thomas twice for eight yards.

Defensively, Thomas led the Devils with 19 tackles, followed by Jon Richards and Barth, seven each; Terry Urban, six; Reichert, Drew Martin, Padgett and L. Fortin, five each; Juenemann, four; and Anderson and Bailey, three each.

# Junior High boys win one game, lose one

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys started their basketball season with a 39-30 victory over St. Francis, while the seventh graders lost 23-12 to the young Indians on Thursday in Sainty.

The eighth grade took off, scoring 14 points to the Indians’ 2 in both the first and second quarters to lead 28-4 at the half. In the third quarter, it was Sainty’s turn to hit the basket, and the Indians put up 12 points while the Red Devils added 5. At the end of three, Oberlin led 33-16.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians kept up the pressure and added 14 more points to Oberlin’s 6. It wasn’t enough, however, and the Red Devils won 39-30.

“I was very pleased with our performance in the first half,” Coach Tim Breth said. “In the second, we showed signs of not being in game shape and were sloppy with our play.”

“We will continue to work on things to make us a tough team to beat.”

Top players were Lucas Juenemann, 14 points, 7 rebounds and 4 steals; Logan Fortin, 13 points, 3 steals; Sam Stapp, 8 points and 8 rebounds; and Ryan McEvoy, 4 points.

The seventh graders started out slow and didn’t get going until the final quarter.

In the first quarter, Sainty put up 4 unanswered points and in the second, the Indians hit 6 points to the Red Devils’ 2 to lead 14-2 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin was

again only able to score 2 while Sainty sank 6 points to lead 16-4. In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils finally found the basket and were able to put up 8 points while the Indians hit 7 to win the game 23-12.

“I learned a lot about the players today,” Coach Breth said. “We have some potential, but must work on team defense and composure on offense. It was a fair start to the season, and we will work hard to improve.”

Top players were Toby Peters, 6 points, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks; Wiley Farr, 4 points and 4 steals; and Chris Schiessler, 2 points.

The junior high teams will be at home this week as Oakley comes to visit on Thursday. The seventh-grade game will start at 4:30 p.m., with the eighth-grade game to follow.

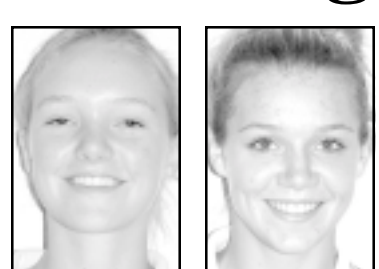
# Girls receive all-league honors

Two Decatur Community High volleyball players won spots on the all-league teams and one received honorable mention for their season this year.

The Northwest Kansas League coaches named juniors Lydia Karnopp and Kaitlyn Stapp to the all-league team, while junior Christa Hardy received honorable mention.

The Lady Red Devils, with only a handful of seniors, completed their season with a 16-13 year under the direction of Coach Pat Dorshorst. The Oberlin girls lost to Hoxie in the final round of sub-state play.

Others named to all-league hon-



L. Karnopp K. Stapp C. Hardy

sophomore Dani Bedore, Goodland; and freshman Lissa Mazanec, Colby.

Also receiving honorable mention were seniors Allison Mense, Hoxie; Jessica Brenner, Oakley; Bridgit Gourley, Quinter; and Chelsie Kramer, Rawlins County; junior Jordan Frazier, Goodland; and sophomores Rishonna Martin, Colby, and Megan Rice, St. Francis.

ors were seniors Jacie Hoyt and Crystal Follis, Hoxie; Veronica Kuhlman, Oakley; Ariel Dunker and Shantel Leitner, Rawlins County; and Amber Havel, St. Francis; juniors Dani Pratt, Hoxie, and Melissa Swager, Goodland;

# Swimmers take first at meet

Swimming isn’t just for summer for many Oberlin residents.

Thirteen Oberlin students are members of the McCook YMCA Devil Ray swim team.

Eight Oberlin swimmers attended the first meet in Grand Island on Oct. 23.

Oberlin swimmers were:

• Jamie Soderlund, girls under 8, first, 50-meter freestyle, 25-meter butterfly, 25-meter breaststroke and 25-meter freestyle.

• Kiah Blau, girls 9-10, first, 100-meter freestyle; second, 100-meter individual medley; third, 50-meter breaststroke; and fifth, 50-meter backstroke.

• Ashley Horton, girls 11-12, second, 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter breaststroke, and third, 50-meter freestyle.

• Tyler Shields, boys 11-12, sec-

ond, 200-meter freestyle; third, 200-meter individual medley; and fifth, 100-meter freestyle and 50-meter breaststroke.

• Alexis Hissong, girls under 8, fourth, 25-meter breaststroke; fifth, 25-meter freestyle; and sixth, 25-meter backstroke.

• Cassidy Shields, girls 9-10,

fifth, 100-meter individual medley; sixth, 50-meter breaststroke, eighth, 50-meter freestyle; and ninth, 50-meter backstroke.

• Caitlin Shields, girls under 8, sixth, 25-meter freestyle; and seventh, 25-meter backstroke.

• Jacobi Blau, ninth, 25-meter freestyle.

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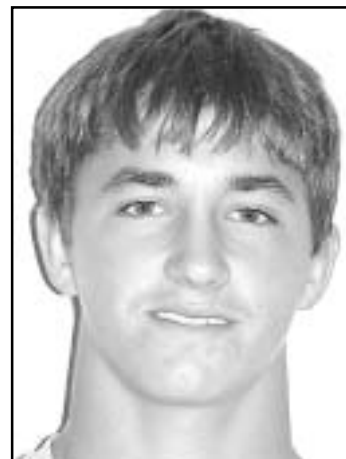
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# Senior Profile

## David Barth



**Name:** David Barth  
**Parents:** Mick and Rhonda Barth  
**Age:** 17  
**Activities:** Wrestling, football, track, DCHS Singers, D-club, Science club, robotics team, student council treasurer and the musical.  
**Plans after high school:** I plan to go to either Fort Hays State University or Kansas State University and major

in something about math or science.

**Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what?** No, but I will come back to visit.

**10 years from now I see myself:** Working as a lab technician or an accountant.

**Favorite movie, book, music, game:** “The Hatchet,” book; country, music; “Armagedon,” movie and spades, game.

**How do you want the community/school to remember you?** I went to state in wrestling and I volunteered at my school for lots of things.

**Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you:** When I was losing a match everybody was behind me and told me I could do it. Never quit because you will succeed if you try.

**Favorite Quote:** “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” This is the golden rule from The Bible.



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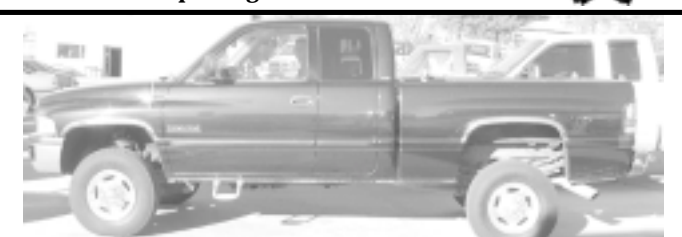


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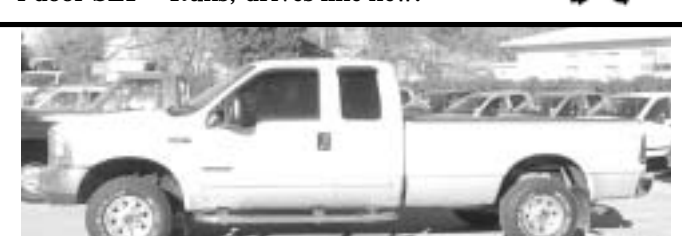


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