



RUNNING LAST YEAR at the annual Oberlin Invitational, senior Zeke Ruzicka will again be part of the Decatur Community High cross country team this season. — Herald staff photo

Cross country team ready to start year

The Decatur Community High cross country team will meet and hold its first practice at 4 p.m. Monday at the high school.

Coach Dick Ahlberg, a Fort Hays State College graduate, will be leading the running Red Devils for the 29th year.

The coach said he expects a good one.

"The team has been preparing this summer," he said, "putting in their mileage and getting ready for a good season."

The boys will have seven returning lettermen from the state-qualifying team of last year, including seniors Kellen Doeden, Teryn

Grafel, Zeke Ruzicka, Brent Stallman and Scott Miller, and juniors Andy Leitner and Aaron Helm.

The girls team will have three returning letter winners led by state-qualifying sophomore Becky Helm and seniors Lora Marietta and Whitney Beinke.

"We are excited about the season and are ready to see where our new runners will fit in," Coach Ahlberg said.

The annual football Soap Scrimmage and Run will be on Thursday, Aug. 25, and the 38th annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country Meet will be Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Oberlin Country Club.

Oberlin Cross Country

Thur., Aug. 25:	Soap Run	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 1:	Norton Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8:	Quinter Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15:	McCook Invitational	5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22:	Hill City Invitational	5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27:	Oberlin Invitational (37th Annual).....	5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6:	Phillipsburg	4:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 15:	NWKL @ Hoxie	11 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 22:	Regional TBA	TBA
Sat., Oct. 29:	State @ Wamego	TBA

Coach: Dick Ahlberg (29th Season)

Oberlin golfers take 12th in Goodland

The Goodland team stopped Norton's win streak at three during the 16th annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic Golf Tournament held July 31 at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Twelve teams of 11 golfers each competed in the event, with the top three teams finishing within five strokes of each other. Goodland's score was 774, three strokes better than three-time defending champion Norton. Colby placed third with 778, while Oberlin was last at 12th place.

Goodland's Dev Mull was the tournament's champion, shooting a three-under-par 68. Scott Focke of Colby finished second with a round of 70. Kevin Largent and Joe

Herman both shot 72 to lead Norton.

Oberlin was led by Jon Wishon, who shot a 78. Other team leaders include Arnie Hoxsey of Atwood, who shot a 73. Dale Crabtree of St. Francis and Oakley's Kevin Shaw both shot a 75. Mike Grinnan led Burlington with a 76.

Jeff Cameron and Jarod Spillman of Hoxie both shot 78, as did Rich Johnson and Zach Loker of Benkelman. Skip David led Sharon Springs with an 80 and Eric Arnold led Tribune with an 81.

Atwood was fourth with a 787. Burlington finished fifth followed by, in order, St. Francis, Sharon Springs, Tribune, and Oakley. Hoxie and Benkelman finished in a tie for 10th.

OBERLIN SPEEDWAY

Oberlin, KS
Sunday
August 14
7 p.m.



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We Welcome Valerie Loop, Occupational Therapist... Rebuilding Lives and Encouraging Independence

Community Hospital is pleased to announce that Occupational Therapist Valerie Loop has joined our staff.

Occupational therapy assists patients suffering from arthritis, head injuries, birth defects, and a variety of other diseases and disabilities. Valerie Loop especially enjoys helping patients improve their fine motor skills so they can more easily perform everyday activities like eating, grooming, dressing and writing.

Valerie graduated from McCook Senior High before earning degrees in

Psychology from Doane College and Occupational Therapy from Creighton University. For the last eight years, she has provided occupational therapy service for McCook and ESU 15 schools.

Valerie and her husband Jason reside in McCook with their seven-year-old son and five-year-old daughter.

For more information about our occupational therapy department which includes Mary Dettman, Occupational Therapist, please call 308-345-8538.

In addition to providing services to the patients of Community Hospital, our occupational therapy staff provides services to Hillcrest Nursing Home, Cambridge Memorial Hospital, El Dorado Manor, Cambridge Manor, and Valmont Industries.



Valerie Loop
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NOTICE OF HEARING 2005-2006 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 294 will meet on the 22nd day of August, 2005 at 7:30 A.M., at 131 East Commercial for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the District Office located at 131 E. Commercial and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2005-2006 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	2003-2004 Actual		2004-2005 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2005-2006			
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	3,483,370	20.000	3,318,486	20.000	3,222,549	486,885	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	578,420	16.334	593,968	18.085	790,814	595,144	21.869
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	160,962	4.000	389,007	4.000	566,000	108,857	4.000
Driver Training	18	7,953		8,271		33,709		
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	209,997		199,323		280,436		
Professional Development	26	1,892		223		43,262		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	437,572		327,974		590,524		
Vocational Education	34	150,000		152,330		200,000		
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0		
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0		
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0	0	0.000
Federal Funds	07	213,037		211,803		183,869	0	0.000
Gifts and Grants	35	0		0		0		
At Risk (4 Yr. Old)	11					0		
At Risk (K-12)	13					100,040		
Declining Enrollment	19					0		

Fund—Continued	2003-2004 Actual		2004-2005 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2005-2006			
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KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51			145,902		206,910		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	15,417		15,223				
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0		0				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	5,258,620	40.334	5,362,510	42.085	6,218,113	1,190,886	45.869
Less: Transfers	105	938,993	xxxxxxxxxxx	786,481	xxxxxxxxxxx	571,189	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	4,319,627	xxxxxxxxxxx	4,576,029	xxxxxxxxxxx	5,646,924	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,007,597	xxxxxxxxxxx	1,088,005	xxxxxxxxxxx	1,190,886	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	1,007,597		1,088,005		1,190,886		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$23,503,767		\$24,302,691		\$24,344,228		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$26,383,148		\$27,189,955		\$27,214,200		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2003		2004		2005		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
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