

**PREPARING TO SWIM** the 50-meter backstroke, Alexis Hissong (left) clung to the wall ready to take off.

She took eighth in the event. Ashley Horton (above) neared the end of the 100-meter breaststroke. She took third.

# Oberlin girls swim well in first meet

Several Oberlin swimmers are keeping their skills sharp by joining the McCook YMCA Devil Rays swim team during the winter months.

Eleven Oberlin girls took part in the team's first meet in Grand Island on Oct. 22.

"Over 100 swimmers from Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings and McCook competed in this event," said Coach Tracy Flaska. "For the first meet, I was very pleased with the performances."

"Most of the kids had times faster than last year. Some of the distances are different than summer leagues, and it can be difficult when a swimmer changes ages groups, from the 8 and under to 9 and 10, for instance, and has to double the distance."

"Alexis Hissong, Kaylee May, Madison Monaco and Jamie Soderlund all swam longer distances and did very well."

"Winter league also offers longer freestyle events. Some of the kids stepped up and tried these new events. Mika Hackney and Kaylee both swam the 100-meter freestyle in good time."

Oberlin swimmers were:

- Kiah Blau, girls age 11-12, first, 50-meter butterfly, 41.35 seconds, and 50-meter freestyle, 31.65; fourth, 50-meter backstroke, 47.89; and fifth, 100-meter freestyle, 1:22.24.

- Kariah Castle, girls 8 and under, first, 25-meter backstroke, 28:37; second, 25-meter freestyle, 24.02; and fourth, 25-meter breaststroke, 32.22.

- Jamie Soderlund, girls 9-10, first, 50-meter butterfly, 50.0; second, 50-meter breaststroke, 56.5; and third, 100-meter freestyle, 1:34.46.

- Ashley Horton, girls 13-14, first, 100-meter backstroke, 1:33.18; third, 50-meter freestyle, 35.03, and 100-meter breaststroke, 1:44.23; and fifth, 100-meter freestyle, 1:26.5.

- Jakobi Blau, girls 8 and under, second, 100-meter individual medley, 2:21.14; third, 50-meter freestyle, 50.19, and 25-meter freestyle, 24.13; and fourth, 25-meter butterfly, 32.91.

- Kelsey May, girls 8 and under, second, 25-meter backstroke, 28:78, and fourth, 25-meter freestyle, 24.35.

- Kaylee May, girls 9-10, third, 50-meter breaststroke, 1:02.74, and 50-meter freestyle, 50.73; fourth, 50-meter backstroke, 58.47; and fifth, 100-meter freestyle, 2:03.95.

- Madison Monaco, girls 9-10, fourth, 50-meter breaststroke, 1:08.92; sixth, 50-meter backstroke, 1:00.94; and ninth, 50-meter freestyle, 1:06.66.

- Mika Hackney, girls 11-12, fifth, 50-meter backstroke, 52.3; ninth, 50-meter breaststroke, 1:16.01; and tenth, 50-meter freestyle, 43.11, and 100-meter freestyle, 1:45.74.

- Alexis Hissong, girls 9-10, eighth, 50-meter backstroke, 1:08.54, and tenth, 50-meter freestyle, 1:09.03.

- Kyleana Blau, girls 8 and under, ninth, 25-meter freestyle, 1:08.06.

The Oberlin girls also took part in several relays:

- Girls 8 and under — first, 100-meter medley, 2:06.92, and 100-meter freestyle, 1:53:03, Kelsey May, Kariah Castle, Jakobi Blau and Olivia Chvatal.

- Girls 10 and under — first, 200-meter freestyle, 3:21.41, Kaylee May, Alexis Hissong, Madison Monaco and Karli Blank.

- Girls 12 and under — second, 200-meter medley, 2:55.93, and third, 200-meter freestyle, 2:35.22, Kiah Blau, Mika Hackney, Ashley Noltensmeier and Hillary Kness.

- Girls 14 and under — second, 200-meter medley, 3:17.14, Ashley Horton, Jessica Hall, Kayla Fahrenbruch and Kimberly Kness.

The next meet will be Saturday in Hastings, Neb.

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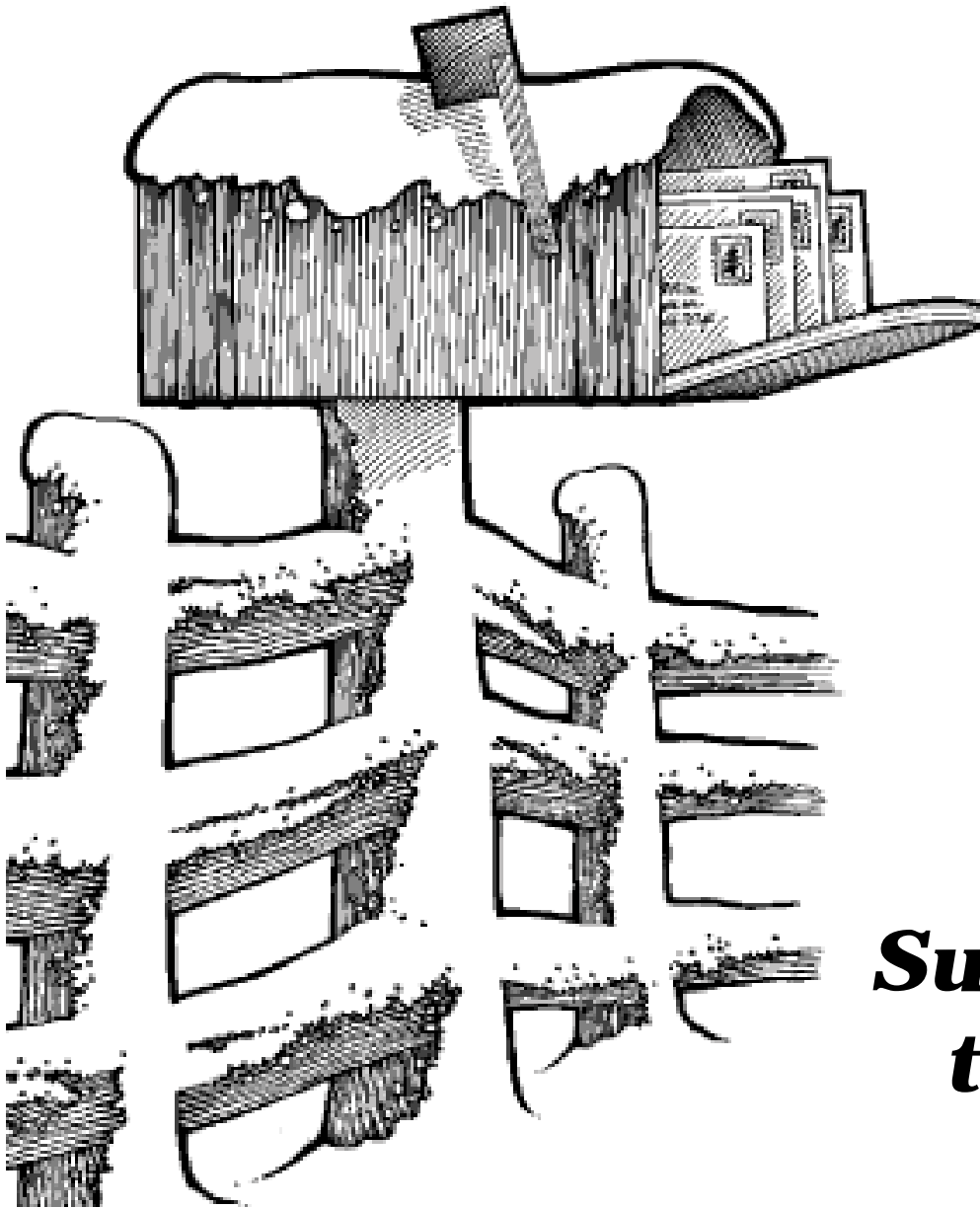
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11/1/05 By - Marilyn Horn,  
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