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The feature page about interesting people, places and things to do

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AT THE REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Friday and Sat- by-play action live on KFNF Radio. Connie Miller (below) with the Oberlin urday at the high school, Adam Kadavy (above left) and Ken Badsky did play- Lions Club put away a large pot in the kitchen.

Fans, families and wrestlers filled the gy

Friday afternoon and Saturday durthe sponsoring school. ing the regional wrestling tournament, as fans stayed all day to watch their wrestlers and support their schools. In all, there were 20 teams from western Kansas for the Class 3-2-1A regional.

The hall outside the high school gym was jammed with wrestlers getting ready, people checking brackets and others peeking through the doors to find a seat.

The gym was packed. The seats were full and action was going on two mats Saturday. Chairs were set up along the mats for the coaches and cheerleaders sat on the floor along the mats to cheer on their

Randy Olson, athletic director at Decatur Community High, said the tournament went well and they appreciated all of the help. It took 48 adult volunteers and 36 students to run the event on Friday. On Saturday, there were four less adult volunteers. Without those volunteers, said Mr. Olson, they wouldn't be able to do the tournament.

Three organizations held fund raisers during the tournament. The Kids Wrestling club had a supper on Friday, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans held a pancake feed on Saturday morning and the Oberlin Lions Club had a feed Saturday afternoon and evening.

It is good for the kids to have the tournament at home, Mr. Olson said. They have the home gym ad-

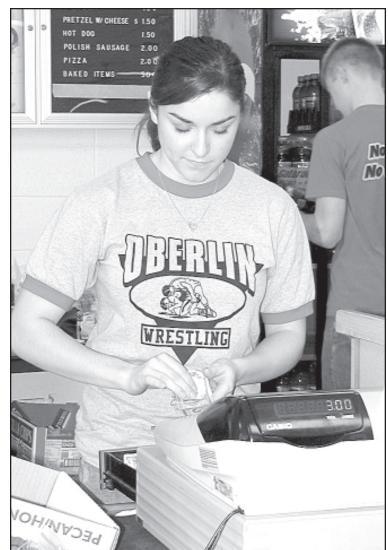
Fans and wrestlers started to show vantage and the school gets a little ism department, which helps raise up in Oberlin early in the afternoon money out of admissions. The Kan-money for them. on Friday to get ready for two days sas State High School Activities Association organizes the event, he to see the regional action at home. The high school gym was packed said, and they split the money with

ganizations who run concession years. stands. FFA, said Mr. Olson, had the opportunity to provide a place to school will be the Oberlin Invitastore coats, bags and coolers. The tional Track Meet on Tuesday, May programs were sold by the journal- 2.

It is also nice for the fans to be able

The tournament rotates around the area, said Mr. Olson, and Oberlin It is also good for the student or- gets to host it about every four or five

The next big event for the high



IN THE CONCESSION STAND, Lora Marietta (above) made change for a customer while Alvina Gamblin (right) sat behind the cash box waiting for the Lions Club's next customer.



