

# Swim Club gets 2nd

The Oberlin Swim Club finished second in a field of 10 teams at the Holyoke, Colo., Invitational Swim Meet on Saturday.

Oberlin swimmers set five pool records and every swimmer brought home a medal, said Coach Stephanie Blau.

"The swimmers exploded off the starting blocks this week," said Coach Blau. "I was very proud of the team effort."

Jamie Soderlund set three pool records to win the 25-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard intermediate for 9-10-year-olds.

Heather Glodt won three gold medals in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke.

Also bringing back first-place medals were Kelsey May in the 25-yard butterfly; Tyler Shields in the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard intermediate; Kiah Blau in the 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard freestyle; and three relay teams.

• Nicky McDonald, 8-under, 25-yard freestyle, sixth; 25 backstroke; and 25 breaststroke.

• Kyleana Blau, 8-under, 25 freestyle, 11th; 25 backstroke; 25 butterfly.

• Albany McDonald, 8-under, 25 freestyle, 10th; 25 backstroke, 11th; 25 breaststroke.

• Kelsey May, 8-under, 25 freestyle, third; 25 butterfly, first; 25 breaststroke, third.

• Jakobi Blau, 8-under, 25 freestyle, first; 50 freestyle, fourth; 25 butterfly, second.

• Caitie Shields, 9-10, 25 freestyle, 12th; 25 backstroke, 13th; 25 breaststroke, 10th.

• Cassidy Shields, 9-10, 25 backstroke, fifth; 25 butterfly, fourth; 25 breaststroke, 10th.

• Soderlund, 9-10, 25 butterfly; 100 freestyle; 100 intermediate, first, all pool records.

• Keagen Blau, 9 and 10, 100 freestyle, third; 25 freestyle, sixth; 25 backstroke, fourth.

• Tyler Shields, 11 and 12, 50 butterfly, second; 50 breaststroke, first; 100 intermediate, first.

• Kiah Blau, 11-12, 50 freestyle, first (pool record); 50 butterfly, first (pool record); 50 breaststroke, fourth.

• Kaylee May, 11-12, 50 freestyle, 12th; 50 butterfly, sixth; 50 breaststroke, 15th.

• Darbi Rouse, 11-12, 100 freestyle, fifth; 50 butterfly, fourth; 100 intermediate, third.

• Ashley Horton, 13-14, 50 freestyle, third; 100 backstroke, fourth; 100 breaststroke, second.

• LeAnna Sheaffer, 15-18, 100 freestyle, second; 50 freestyle, third; 100 butterfly, second.

• Glodt, 15-18, 50 freestyle, first; 100 butterfly, first; 100 breaststroke, first.

• 8-under, 100 freestyle relay (N. McDonald, J. Blau, A. McDonald, and K. May), first.

• 8-under, 100 medley relay (K. Blau, J. Blau, A. McDonald, and K. May), first.

• 9-10, 100 medley relay (K. Blau, Cai. Shields, J. Soderlund, and Cass. Shields), second.

• 11-12, 200 medley relay (K. Blau, D. Rouse, K. May, and T. Shields), first.

Oberlin's next meet is Saturday in Goodland.

It's a hit!



**TY BENNETT, 4, RACED TO FIRST BASE** in his first game at the city baseball field last Monday. Ty, who plays in the T-ball league, is a grandson of Frank and Karen Bennett of Oberlin

—Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

## Baseball bats busy as practice gets going

Youth baseball is under way, with the Oberlin baseball diamonds filled nightly with practice sessions, and *The Oberlin Herald* wants to know who the stars are.

Coaches, please fax or drop by information about what happened in

your games so players' names and what they did can be reported.

Get this information in by noon on Monday. If we're not here, there is a slot in the front door. The fax number is 475-2800, or send an e-mail to jtmmerriott@nwkans.com.

## Co-ed Softball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Fortins	2	0	37
Pauls	2	0	36
Purple Pack	1	1	4
Culligan	0	2	20
Edgerton	0	2	17

# Indianola man wins modified car race

By MIKE HUGHES

Racing action returned to the Oberlin Speedway on Saturday with the six regular divisions in action.

Brice Riley of Indianola was in the right place at the right time to win the IMCA Modified feature. Riley led the first seven laps of the 15-lap feature, but then gave way to David Murray Jr. of Oberlin, who chased Riley from the drop of the green.

Murray was about to keep his winning streak intact at his hometown track, but had motor problems on lap 14 and had to pull out. Riley retook the lead and won. Rick Schwab took second, followed by Darren Pollmann, Jason Schoenberger and Jay Schilling. Heat race winners were Schilling and Schwab.

Josh Hudson, Kensington, became the fourth driver to find his way to Oberlin's winner's circle in four races this season in the IMCA Stock Car division.

Jason Rogers, Selden, led the first five laps of the 15-lap, then Hudson made his move and roared to the front. Hudson hung on to win over Rogers and Caleb Peters. Cory Struckhoff and heat 1 winner Jason

Davis rounded out the top five. Hudson won the other heat race.

The IMCA Hobby Stock feature saw four leaders. Hometown driver Jebb Tally led the opening lap before Brent Schoen took command. Brady Schoen then made his way to the front on lap 4.

Then Norton's Kelly Karnopp made a move on lap 12 and won with Brady Schoen and Dustin McClurg close behind. Adam Balthazor and Brent Schoen finished fourth and fifth. Heat race winners were Karnopp and Gene Sneath.

Larry Pollmann, McCook, took the lead on lap 2 from early leader Max Pollmann in the 10-lap Classic Modified feature and took his second victory at the 3/8-mile oval. A.C. Werner and Troy Wentz finished second and third. Karl Wickizer and Larry Pollmann were the victors in the heat races.

Hometown driver Cindy Murray led all eight laps to win the Mini Truck feature. Sister Sarah Murray finished second, followed by heat race winner Dale Heyen. The girls are Dave Murray's daughters.

Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton were able to hold off heat

race winners Jim Carter and Josh Hudson four laps forward and four laps backwards to win the Cruiser division. After the field took the flags at the halfway mark of the eight-lap feature, the caution was thrown and the cars were turned around and had to run clockwise the final four laps. Jeremy Simmons and Roger Deal finished third.

The next races will be 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

### RESULTS

**IMCA Hobby Stock**  
Heat 1: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Jebb Tally, 3. Brady Schoen, 4. Dustin McClurg.

Heat 2: 1. Gene Sneath, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Justin Wagner, 4. Phil Hinger.  
Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. McClurg, 4. Balthazor, 5. Brent Schoen, 6. Wagner, 7. Jay Hrabe, 8. P. Hinger, 9. Andrew Richards, 10. Laura Hinger, 11. Tally (DNF), 12. Sneath (DNF).

**IMCA Stock Car**  
Heat 1: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Jay Hachmeister, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. Jason Schoenberger.

Heat 2: 1. Josh Hudson, 2. Caleb Peters, 3. Jason Rogers.  
Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Rogers, 3. Peters, 4. Struckhoff, 5. Davis, 6. Hachmeister, 7. Dan Lauer.

# Cedar Bluff State Park makes a good getaway trip

It has been a few years since I ventured to Cedar Bluff State Park, just south of WaKeeney and just west of Hays. I am sure many of you know the reservoir much better than I do, but it is my second Jayhawker Kansas Getaway trip of the season.

I once worked for Warren Zimmerman, who grew up not far from the park and is now retired and living in Denver. He would tell me of stories of big catfish being pulled out of "The Bluff," as he called it.

Just 13 miles south of Interstate 70 is Cedar Bluff State Park, which straddles the reservoir—the Bluffton area on the north shore, and Page Creek area on the south.

The reservoir was constructed between 1948-50 and filled during the wettest rainy season in modern day Kansas history in 1951. The lake was stocked with smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, and crappie. The majority of catfish came from the inlet river basin, which produced flatheads and channel cats.

Over the years, the predominate fish have been white bass and channel catfish but walleye are coming on strong.

"This spring 2006," says District Fisheries Biologist Lynn Davignon, "was the first time in the history of the lake that the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks gill netted and cage trapped walleye during the spawning season to milk the eggs for reproductive purposes so they could be transferred to the Junction City Fish Hatchery."

"Cedar Bluff currently ranks second in the state in walleye density after the 2005 fall sampling. The tremendous gizzard shad forage population has developed Cedar Bluff into a quality productive reservoir."

Two dry-dock convenience stories are available. On the north side is Sportshaven, about a half mile from the entrance. On the south side is Burt's Corner, about a mile outside the park. Both stock live bait, including minnows and night-crawlers.

The area park office is open year-around Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. From April 15 to Labor Day, the office extends its hours Friday/Saturday from 8



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a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Vehicle, camping, and utility permits, required year-around, are available from the office or self-pay stations.

The lake is open to fishing, boating, windsurfing and skiing. Trout fishing is available in the stilling basin just below the dam, where rainbow trout are stocked in the spring and fall. The lake has five boat ramps, two in the Bluffton area and three in the Page Creek area.

The park offers wildlife viewing, with food plots and a waterfowl refuge. Species present include turkey, pheasant, Canada geese, pelicans, deer and eagles in the winter months. Part of the Page Creek area has been designed for handicap hunting and fishing access.

Both bluffs are soft limestone. During the winter months, moisture seeps into the limestone formation causing cracks and crevices. When the moisture freezes it works as a wedge, splitting the soft limestone which crumbles down the bluff. The fractured rock becomes boulder and gravel structures that make ideal cover for smallmouth and walleye.

The Bluffton area is the most developed and receives the most usage, but Page Creek is fast becoming popular. The Page Creek camping area offers some beautiful primitive sites and 37 sites with electrical hookups. Prickly Pear camping area has 17 water/electrical sites. The park water system is active from mid-April to mid-October.

Cedar Bluff offers 121 sites with utilities and a group campground with 12 utility sites (some have electricity, water, and sewer), and large areas set aside for non-designated primitive camping. The Butterfield campground has reservable sites, and Cedar Bluff offers rental cabins

in the Bluffton Area with bunk beds, camping gear as needed (stove, water jug, lantern) and a wood stove. A volleyball pit, swimming beach, and horseshoe pit are within walking distance.

Other camping areas on the Bluffton side are Arapahoe, Overland, Broken Spur, and Dispatch. There is a wildflower nature trail on the north Bluffton side.

On the Page Creek side, the camping areas are White Tail, Comanche, Apache, Pronghorn, and Muley.

The lake can get choppy, so the best times to fish are early mornings and after dusk. Water skiers and jet skiers usually take up the main body of the reservoir during the day.

If you are planning a trip, make your camping reservations early by calling National Recreation Reservation Service toll free at (877) 444-6777, or visit the Internet site at www.ReserveUSA.com.

You will need either an annual state parks pass, or a day pass. You will need an overnight camping pass as well as the day pass if you're staying the night. A one-day motor vehicle pass is \$7, an annual motor vehicle permit is \$46.65. Both are available on the Internet.

Daily camping permits are \$5.50-\$6.50, and an annual camping permit is \$11.50-\$130.50. Fourteen-day camping permits run \$60.50-\$70.50.

If you are putting in a boat larger than 14 foot with any kind of motor, it will have to be registered with the state. The fee is \$30 for a three-year permit. An annual resident fishing license is \$20.15.

Cedar Bluff is the second stop of many I will be making this summer on "The Jayhawker's Kansas Getaways."

Remember: Take a kid fishing!

# Wild turkey has own flavor

By JIM MERRIOTT

One thing I have learned about wild turkey hunting over the years is that each bird is different. There is definitely a difference between domestic and wild turkey.

The turkey a family buys in the store is just what they say it is: a "but-terball." They are like couch potatoes that watch television, soft and lazy.

On the other hand, wild turkeys are healthier and in better shape, because they have to be able to stay alive in the wild. That means they taste different and the meat is much tougher than their store-bought cousins.

There is nothing I hate worse than eating a tough, overcooked wild turkey on Thanksgiving day. I guess

that's why I like spring turkey best.

My mother was part Cherokee Indian. Her roots go as far back as the "Trail of Tears" migration from Georgia to Oklahoma in the 1840s. There probably isn't a wild game dish or organic herb she didn't use at one time or another. One of the recipes we used after we pretty much finished the turkey was this:

### Wild Turkey Fajitas

- Chop up the leftover turkey into 3/4" strips (if possible).
- Heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil.
- When oil is hot, sprinkle some garlic powder on the turkey (optional); add the turkey and one sliced onion (I like red onion).
- Stir until meat is no longer pink and onions are transparent.

• Add thinly sliced peppers (about a cup of each: yellow, red and green). If you like it hotter, add a few Anaheim green peppers when in season.

• Stir mixture over medium heat until thoroughly heated.

• Sprinkle a package of fajita seasoning over mixture and stir gently until coated.

• Turn heat to high and stir in 1/4 cup of hot water to create a glaze.

• Stir gently until water evaporates.

• Place the fajita mix on a soft warm tortilla and garnish with grated cheese and your favorite salsa.

This is what it is all about – taste – southwest Kansas style. Enjoy!

# Two softball teams win pair

The summer adult co-ed softball season got under way Sunday evening with two teams starting off with a perfect record.

In game one of the Fortins' doubleheader, the Fortin Nation put on a slugfest against Team Culligan, defeating the water softeners 22-6.

Game two for the Fortin family wasn't much different, as they crushed the Purple Pack 15-0.

In game three of the evening, the Paul Family edged Team Culligan 15-14 in a hard-fought slugfest.

The Purple Pack reached back for some "purple pride," slipping past Edgerton Automotive Repair 4-3.

The finale game's score looked more like a football score, as the Paul Family defeated Edgerton 21-14.

Sunday, the Purple Pack (1-1) takes on the Pauls (2-0) starting at 5 p.m., followed by Team Culligan (0-2) against Edgerton (0-2) at 6

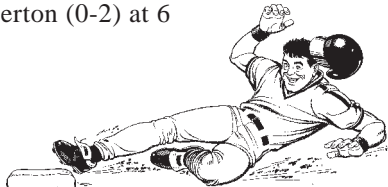
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In game three, Purple Pack faces Team Culligan. The hard-fighting Fortins (2-0) put their unblemished record on the line versus the Pauls at 8 p.m. in the first key showdown of the season.

In the final game of the evening, the Fortins tackle Edgerton starting at 9 p.m.

Team coaches please fax or drop off to *The Herald* information about your games so team players who did well can be recognized. Information must reach the newspaper office by noon Monday.

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