

# College signs ballplayer

Former Decatur Community High basketball player Egan Grafel has signed a letter of intent to play at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb this fall.

Grafel, a 6-foot, 8-inch, 225-pound forward, played for Cloud County Community College in Concordia for two years. He helped the Thunderbirds win the 2006 Jayhawk Conference West championship team.

Grafel appeared in 27 games last season, averaging 6.1 points per



Egan Grafel

"He's very athletic, runs the floor extremely well and can face up and post up well. He is extremely versa-

tile for a big guy, along with being strong."

Grafel lettered three times in high school. His senior year he was named to the *Topeka Journal Capital* All-State Class 2A Second Team, averaging 22.7 points-per-game and 13 rebounds. He was named to the *Salina Journal* and *Hays Daily News* All-Area teams and the *Wichita Eagle* All-Class 2A squad.

He was a two-time All-Northwest Kansas League selection.

# Bikes provide good exercise

By JIMMERRIOTT

It's summer, and it's time to wash off the old bicycle, buy new inner tubes and get back in shape.

Besides, just think how much gas you will save bicycling in town. We all need exercise, and riding a bike is a healthy lifestyle. In many countries, it's common to see thousands of bicyclists every day riding back and forth to work and to do errands.

Three-wheeled bicycles designed for older folks are ideal for making trips to the market and are easy to handle and to pedal.

If you are skeptical, newer bikes have 25 speeds to make it as easy as walking. Besides, I would much rather sit down and pedal a bike

across town than walk.

Bicycling the Sunflower State can be an enjoyable experience. Cycling is one of the healthiest activities families can do together. The state has put together a bicycling map designed to encourage safe bicycling which shows all of the safest routes. Decatur County is on the list.

U.S. 36 and U.S. 83 are listed among the safest routes to travel by bicycle because of wide shoulders.

The state suggests that only experienced cyclists, 16 years and older, having a valid driver's license and several years of cycling experience, travel the Kansas State Highway System.

Beginning adults and younger

riders might begin by riding off-road trails to gain the skills necessary to travel main highways.

The Kansas Bicycle Guide map shows ranges of daily traffic volume and the availability of paved shoulders three feet and wider.

For information on attractions in the state, call 1-800-2-KANSAS (800-252-6727), write to Kansas Travel and Tourism or visit the website [www.travelks.com](http://www.travelks.com).

Maps are available free from the Bureau of Transportation Planning, Kansas Department of Transportation. For information on bicycling the Sunflower State, e-mail: [bikeped@ksdot.org](mailto:bikeped@ksdot.org) or call (785) 296-7448.

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor [mlolson@nwkansas.com](mailto:mlolson@nwkansas.com)

Marie McKisson and her sister, Carol Jean Barkley of Dallas, spent the past two weeks in San Diego, visiting Mrs. Barkley's son, Michael Barkley. En route to California, they spent the night with Lowell and Sundi Harp in Silt, Colo., and also visited Baron Ferguson and friend, Willow, in Rifle, Colo. En route home they spent a night with Duane and Phyllis Berry in Grand Junction, Colo.

Phil Erickson, who recently lost his home in a fire, has moved to the home of the late Odene Koehler at 310 W. Ash, which he has purchased.

Kevin and Sue Renk of Plainville spent Saturday with her mother, Elaine Bryan.

Sandra Allen of Littleton, Colo., brought her mother, Nora Bearley, to Oberlin on Friday after she had visited with her and her husband, Jim Allen, for two weeks. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Jessica Luck and Corbin, Wichita; and Jerry and Montine Alstrom.

Elmer Forbes and his daughter, Jolene Zum Dahl, of Spokane, Wash., came Wednesday and are

spending a week visiting Dick and Linda Weber.

Helen Riepl of Cimarron accompanied Wanda Pierce to Oberlin Monday. Mrs. Riepl visited her sisters, Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson, and Mrs. Pierce visited her daughter and family, Jennifer and Thaniel Monaco.

Charlene Barber of Hays, but formerly of Oberlin, is hospitalized in Wichita. Mail will reach her at Via Christi Rehab Center, Lady of Lourdes, 1151 Rock Road, room 3015, Wichita, Kan., 67206-1262.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Veanna Carman, Max Carman, Wilma May, Dewaine Stapp, Donna Kent and Doris Gilbert. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Floyd Edgett, Donna Kent, Aleen Van Vleet, Helena Bruggeman, Henry Edgett and Wilma May. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Dorothy Moore and Henry Edgett. Bridge winners were Charlotte Meints and Beth Sebaugh. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

## —Adult Softball Schedule—

### Sunday, July 2

5 p.m. Pauls vs. Edgerton Auto  
6 p.m. Purple Pack vs. Edgerton Auto  
7 p.m. Pauls vs. Culligan  
8 p.m. Fortins vs. Purple Pack  
9 p.m. Fortins vs. Culligan

### Wednesday-July 12

6 p.m. Freshmen vs. Purple Pack  
7 p.m. Rambos vs. Edgerton Auto  
8 p.m. Fortins vs. High Plains Vet  
9 p.m. Pauls vs. LYF  
10 p.m. Culligan vs. Lund Covenant

### Sunday, July 9

5 p.m. Lund Covenant vs. High Plains  
6 p.m. Rambos vs. Lund Covenant  
7 p.m. Freshmen vs. High Plains Vet  
8 p.m. Rambos vs. LYF  
9 p.m. Freshmen vs. LYF

### Sunday-July 16

5 p.m. Culligan vs. High Plains Vet  
6 p.m. Edgerton vs. Lund Covenant  
7 p.m. Fortins vs. Freshmen  
8 p.m. Purple Pack vs. LYF  
9 p.m. Pauls vs. Rambos

Tournament — Tuesday-Thursday, July 18, 19, & 20

## Run, walk planned in Culbertson

The annual Fourth of July Country Mile and 10k Road Races will be Tuesday at the city park in Culbertson, Neb.

The 10k run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m., with registration from 6:30 to 7:20 a.m. The one-mile road race

begins at 9 a.m., with registration from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

The Culbertson Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m.

Runners and walkers are welcome at each race. The 10k course is 6.2 miles, mostly flat and fast on

paved roads. The one-mile course is run on the first part of the 10k course. Bagels, fruit, drinks, finishing medals, and tank tops will be provided to participants. Trophies will be given to the top finisher in each age division.

Cost to enter is \$20 for the 10k and \$15 for the mile. Registrations will be accepted the day of the races.

To pre-register, go to [www.countrymile10k.com](http://www.countrymile10k.com) or call Susan at McCook Community Hospital at (308) 345-8550.

## K-State gets rated last by *The Sporting News*

By JIMMERRIOTT

If you're a Kansas State Wildcats football fan, now is the time to complain to *The Sporting News*.

The St. Louis publication has picked the Cats to finish last in the Big 12 under new coach Ron Prince. Prince hopes to improve on last year's 5-6 record, 2-6 in the Big 12 conference.

The Wildcats will be looking for leadership from quarterback Alan Evridge (102-213-7, 1,365 yards, six touchdowns) in the air and Thomas Clayton on the ground (137 attempts, 637 yards, and four touchdowns).

First-year coach Prince brings with him a wide-open "West Coast" offense, which will debut Sept. 2 against Illinois State in Manhattan. Prince has hired ex-Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive coach Raheem Morris to design a scheme to stop the likes of Texas, Nebraska, Iowa State, Colorado, Oklahoma State, Missouri and arch-rival Kansas.

Morris will be defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. He brings the Buccaneer philosophy of cover 2 and cover 3 defense, which works as half man-to-man coming off the ball and then releases into a deep zone coverage. K-State fans must hope they have great safety coverage to succeed.

Key defensive players include:

- Senior right defensive tackle, Quinton Echols, 6 foot, 2 inches, 305 pounds.
- Sophomore left tackle, Alphonso Moran, 6-1, 290 (*Sporting News* freshman All-American).
- Junior left end, junior college transfer Moses Manu, 6-3, 260.
- Senior weak-side linebacker, Brandon Archer, 6-2, 230.
- Senior linebacker, Maurice Mack, 6-0, 215.
- Junior free safety, Marcus Watts, 6-2, 180.

Key offensive players:

- Sophomore quarterback,

Evridge, 6-1, 210.

- Senior running back, Clayton, 6-0, 220.
- Junior wide receiver, Jordy Nelson, 6-3, 210.
- Junior tight end, Rashaad Norwood, 6-5, 240.

Key special team players:

- Senior place kicker, Jeff Snodgrass, 6-2, 200.
- Senior kick returner, Yamon Figsurs, 6-0, 185.
- Junior punter, Tim Reyer, 6-0, 195.

Top newcomers:

Prince pulled the steal of the recruiting year when he sweet-talked Grandview, Mo., senior quarterback Josh Freeman (Rivals.com No. 92 overall recruit) to sign with the Wildcats. Freeman was expected to sign with Nebraska.

Prince was the offensive coordinator at the University of Virginia. His style brings a breath of fresh air to the old, stuffy style Coach Bill Snyder left behind.

It will be up to Prince to convince the Wildcats that they can compete for the title in the Big 12 Conference North. Prince's style has landed future games with the University of Miami and UCLA. He is trying to improve the quality of the product that hits the field, but must improve the caliber of recruit if the Wildcats hope to be a top contender.

If K-State can defeat Kansas on the road, edge Colorado at Boulder, and Prince can find the magic to defeat Nebraska at home, it will be a successful season. There are a lot of holes to fill. He must figure a way to excite and motivate the demoralized Cats from last year.

In the past 111 years, K-State had only 35 winning seasons in football, but 11 have been since 1991.

*Sporting News* Northern picks: (1) Nebraska, (2) Iowa State, (3) Missouri, (4) Kansas, (5) Colorado, and (6) Kansas State.

*My pick:* fifth, record (6-6); possible bowl game.



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