

Harvest, weather hit teams

This week, the summer baseball and softball teams not only battled their opponents, but Mother Nature and the needs of agriculture.

The coed softball games for Wednesday and Sunday were postponed due to the wheat harvest. The youth leagues contended with rain and lighting at times.

Sunday, June 18, the adults took to the field. The Fortins kept up their winning ways, downing the Freshmen 5-1. Pauls kept hot on the heels of the Fortins in their run for first place, defeating the Rambos 19-9. The Purple Pack's offense exploded to give LYF its first loss of the season 16-1. Team Culligan recorded its first win of the season, defeating High Plains Vet 11-6. Edgerton Auto Repair quieted the bats of Lund Covenant, winning 13-3.

In Little League last Monday, Fredrickson Dental clobbered Countryside Vet 26-4. Countryside then put up 20 runs against Ward Drug to win 20-4. Fredrickson Dental edged Nelson Construction in the finale 8-6.

Tuesday night, it was The Bank's turn to play a doubleheader in Pony League play. The Bank battled the first place Black Gold team, playing them close but losing 11-7.

In the final game of a night cut short by lighting and rain, The Bank battled back in the final inning after trailing 4-1 to tie Farmers Bank and Trust 4-4.

In girl's Bantam action Wednesday night, Salem Graphics beat Countryside Vet 8-3. In game two, Fredrickson Insurance squeezed by Countryside 3-2. In the final game of the evening, Salem made it a clean sweep for the night by downing Fredrickson 8-5.

Thursday night, the K-18 boys traveled to Quinter, losing 23-12 in a slugfest.



SAMANTHA ANDERSON WORKED on her swing during an early-morning practice session at the city ballpark.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Summer Ball Standings

Co-ed Wednesday Softball

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
LYF	4	1	54
High Plains Vet	3	2	52
Freshmen	3	2	37
Lund Covenant	1	4	27
Rambos	0	5	21

Co-ed Sunday Softball

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Fortins	4	1	77
Pauls	4	1	78
Purple Pack	4	1	60
Edgerton	2	3	48
Culligan	1	4	58

Little League

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Fredrickson Dental	4	1	92
Nelson Construction	2	2	54
Countryside Vet	2	3	58
Ward Drug	1	3	40

Pony League

Team	Wins	Losses	Tie	Runs
Black Gold	4	0	0	43
The Bank	1	2	1	19
Farmers Bank & Trust	0	3	1	20

Bantam League

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Countryside Vet	3	3	27
Salem Graphics	5	1	51
Fredrickson Ins.	2	4	39

K-18 Jayhawk League

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Colby No. 1	2	0	36
Quinter	2	1	45
Oberlin	1	3	37



The Jayhawker

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Lake provides fun, fishing and history

This week's Kansas Get-Away is Lake Scott State Park, just west of U.S. 83 between Oakley and Scott City on K-95, about 95 miles south of Oberlin.

Grab your belly-boat, waders, and fins, because this lake is a dream.

This hidden 100-acre lake, constructed in 1930, cannot be seen from U.S. 83. Looking westward from 83 it looks like normal Kansas wheatland. As you travel the three miles westward on K-95, a western Kansas prairie canyon appears. Nestled in a deep wooded ravine is an oasis with cedar, walnut, willow, elm, hackberry, ash and cottonwood trees lining the hills.

This unique setting has been featured as one of the top 50 camping areas in the U.S. by *National Geographic*. Not only is it breathtaking, the park has a fascinating history.

It is the home of the Herbert Steele Homestead Museum. Steele located in this area in 1888, building his home out of sandstone from the surrounding bluffs. The museum is only open on weekends.

Steele was responsible for the creation of the 1,280-acre park, which includes 640 acres of the original homestead. His dream became a reality when the Kansas State Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission was formed in 1928.

More than 200 years prior to the

Steele homestead, the Taos Indians migrated to the park, fleeing the Spanish. They constructed what is now called El Cuartelejo Pueblo.

El Cuartelejo, which means "old barracks or building," sheltered the Indians, who, cultivated crops and built one of the first irrigation ditches in Kansas. It is believed they occupied the area for 20 years before returning to New Mexico.

Others lived at the pueblo for short periods. Then it was abandoned. The last known reference to El Cuartelejo was recorded in 1727.

Steele discovered the ruins in the mid-1890s, and allowed Prof. Handel T. Martin and Prof. Samuel W. Williston of the University of Kansas to research and restore the site.

Lake Scott State Park is about 12 miles north of the last Indian battle held in Kansas known as the Squaw's Den battle ground.

In 1878, Dull Knife and Little Wolf, war chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne, escaped from the Indian reservation near Fort Reno, Okla. They took with them braves, women and children and headed north.

On Sept. 27, they encountered U.S. Cavalry troops under the command of Col. William H. Lewis. The site became known as Squaw's Den because the Cheyenne hid their women and children in a cave during and after the battle. Col. Lewis



EL CUARTELEJO PUEBLO RUINS dating back to 1604 are among the sites at Lake Scott State Park, just north of Scott

City. *National Geographic* magazine has named the park one of the top 50 in the lower 48 states.— Herald photo by Jim Merriott

was wounded and is listed as the last casualty of the American Indian wars in Kansas. A marker describing this fight is just outside the park. It was the Army's last Indian battle in Kansas.

This same band of Cheyenne traveled north toward Decatur County, where a few days later they killed 17 settlers, then crossed the Beaver Creek into Rawlins County and killed more settlers before traveling north to Nebraska.

Rick Stevens, park manager, estimates the lake has 150,000 visitors a year, making it one of the most popular in Kansas.

The park has 60 camping sites with utility hookups. Water is available at some sites, with modern shower and toilet facilities nearby.

The lake has a swimming beach, playground and concession building. Canoe and paddle boat rentals are available.

Trails accommodate hikers, horseback riders and naturalists. These provide an opportunity to view wildlife including wild turkey, deer, beaver and bobcat. Within view is a privately owned herd of buffalo and elk.

Public hunting is allowed on the wildlife area, but landowner permission is required to hunt on surrounding private land.

If you are a fisherman, channel catfish are the No. 1 species on the lake. Walleye, black and white crappie and largemouth bass also flourish.

October through April, the lake is

stocked with put-and-take rainbow trout. If you fish during this time you will need a state Trout Stamp, which runs \$12.

Stevens, who has been the park manager for 30 years, believes the 2005-'06 walleye creel census is one of the top per acre-feet in the state.

The park has two boat ramp areas along with "Lee's Beach House" marina and restaurant. The marina is home to the public swim beach.

The marina hours are Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The restaurant features sandwiches and appetizers during the week and ribeye steaks on the weekends.

The marina rents paddle boats and canoes by the hour and sells live bait.

If you are planning a trip, make your camping reservations early by calling the 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, plus a camping permit if you're staying the night. A one-day motor vehicle pass is \$7, an annual pass is \$46.65. Both are available on the Internet.

Daily camping permits are \$8.50; 14-day permits, \$70.50; and an annual permit, \$150.

Remember: Take a kid fishing. Until next time, I'll see you soon in the Great Kansas Outdoors.

You can hear the Jayhawker 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KFNH 101.1 FM "Songs of Faith."

Oberlin swim team places third in Burlington, Colo., meet

Captain Heather Glodt smashed two more pool records Saturday in Burlington, Colo., leading the Oberlin Swim Team to a third-place finish in the Northwest Kansas League meet.

Glodt broke the pool records for the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.68 seconds and for the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 18.25 seconds. She also finished first in the 100-yard flystroke with a 1:09.99 time.

Twenty-one Oberlin swimmers competed in the all-day event.

Placing first for Oberlin were Jakobi Blau, Ganon Henningson, Kelsey May, Jamie Soderlund, Cassidy Shields, Kiah Blau, and the 8-and-under girls 100-yard freestyle

relay team (J. Blau, Albany McDonald, Kyleana Blau and K. May), 1:51.51. Oberlin also finished first in the 11-12, 200-yard mixed-medley relay (Nolan Henningson, Tyler Shields, Kiah Blau and Darbi Rouse) with a time of 2:58.05.

Results for the Red Devils:

- J. Blau, 8 and under, 25-yard freestyle, first, 19.28; 25-yard breaststroke, first, 25.91; 100-yard individual medley, first, 1:53.78.

- Nicky McDonald, 50 freestyle, third, 54.88; 25 freestyle, fourth, 24.78; 25 flystroke, fourth, 38.34.

- G. Henningson, 8 and under, 25 freestyle, sixth, 29; 25 backstroke, second, 27.07; 25 breaststroke, first, 26.29.

- K. Blau, 8 and under, 25 free-

style, 17th, 33.64; 25 backstroke, 16th, 37.61; 25 breaststroke, no recorded time.

- K. May, 8 and under, 50 freestyle, ninth, 1:14.06; 25 flystroke, first, 24.47; 25 breaststroke, no score, 29.81.

- A. McDonald, 50 freestyle, ninth, 1:14.06; 25 freestyle, 11th, 29.01; 25 breaststroke, eighth, 28.07.

- Kariah Castle, 9-10, 25 freestyle, sixth, 17.55; 25 flystroke, fourth, 20.43; 25 breaststroke, ninth, 25.10.

- Caitie Shields, 9-10, 25 freestyle, 16th, 25.06, and 25 breaststroke, 15th, 28.68.

- Jamie Soderlund, 9-10, 100 freestyle, first, 1:15.77; 25 fly-

stroke, second, 17.25; 100 individual medley, first, 1:23.87.

- Cas. Shields, 9-10, 25 flystroke, seventh, 21.97; 25 breaststroke, first, 21.50; 100 individual medley, fifth, 1:42.34.

- Keagen Blau, 9-10, 100 freestyle, sixth, 1:54.28; 25 freestyle, fifth, 18.81; 25 backstroke, third, 24.19.

- Ki. Blau, 11-12, 50 freestyle, first, 30.16; 50 backstroke, first, 37.62; 50 flystroke, first, 35.26.

- D. Rouse, 11-12, 100 individual medley, fourth, 1:31.94; 50 flystroke, ninth, 43.56; 200 freestyle, fifth, 3:00.81.

- Kaylee May, 11-12, 50 freestyle, 14th, 37.80; 50 breaststroke, 12th, 48.31; 50 flystroke, 11th, 51.22.

- Brittany Urban, 11-12, 50 freestyle, 29th, 55.25; 50 backstroke, 16th, 1:17.89; 50 breaststroke, 23rd, 1:17.84.

- T. Shields, 11-12, 50 flystroke, second, 44.29; 50 breaststroke, third, 44.93; 100 individual medley, second, 1:34.87.

- N. Henningson, 11-12, 50 backstroke, fifth, 50.86; 50 breaststroke, 11th, 1:01.72; 100 individual medley, fifth, 1:54.62.

- Ashley Horton, 13-14, 100 backstroke, second, 1:21.28; 100 breaststroke, third, 1:27.34; 200 freestyle, third, 2:45.15.

- Daniel Jordan, 13-14, 50 freestyle, fifth, 31.74; 100 backstroke, second, 1:43.22; 100 breaststroke, third, 1:43.51.

- Gabe Moore, 15-18, 100 freestyle, fourth, 1:05.93; 50 freestyle, third, 27.78; 200 freestyle, fourth, 2:38.26.

Relay team results:

- 8 and under mixed 100 medley, third, 2:30.44 (A. McDonald, G. Henningson, N. McDonald, K. Blau).

- 9-10, 100 girls freestyle, second, 1:17.61 (J. Soderlund, Cai. Shields, K. Castle, Cas. Shields).

- 9-10, 100 mixed medley, third, 1:36.69 (K. Blau, Cai. Shields, Cas. Shields, K. Castle).

- 11-12, 200 girls freestyle, fifth, 2:43.73 (K. Blau, K. May, D. Rouse, B. Urban).

The team will travel to Oakley Saturday for its next meet.