

# Volleyball Schedule

## for Decatur Community High

Date	Scheduled	Time
Friday, Aug. 25	Hoxie/Grainfield, home	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 29	Oakley/P-burg/Leoti at Oakley	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Colby/St. Francis at Colby	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9	JV Tournament	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Hill City/Oakley Hill City	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16	McCook Tournament	11 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Oberlin C-team Tournament	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	St. Francis/Cheylin, home	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Oberlin Invitational (varsity/jv)	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	At./Good./Brew. (at Atwood)	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Colby/Quinter (senior night)	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	League Tourney at Atwood	10 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Substate tournament, TBA	
Saturday, Oct. 28	State tournament, TBA	

# Volleyball coaches view season

Coach Pat Dorshorst says the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils will begin volleyball practice at 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14.

While the girls don't play their first games until Friday, Aug. 25, they will be busy until then.

Dorshorst said she expects to return eight seniors and nine letter winners among about 35 players out for this year's squad.

Returning seniors are Lauren Fortin, Tricia Dorshorst, Heather Williams, Emmie Pauls, Sara Murray, Karli Fredrickson, Marci Metcalf and Whitney Ashley.

Returning juniors are LeAnna Scheaffer, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, Shelby Jeffery, Alyssa Montgomery, Nicki Wessel and Malenda Johnson.

Sophomores are Desirae Shields, Cindy Murray, Danyel Jeffrey, Cherish Manning, Farah McChesney, Alyssa Rippe, Chyanne Lahe, Jordan McHugh and Heather Plousard.

The team manager is Annamarie Larue. Sherri Ruf is the assistant coach.

The Lady Devils are coming off a strong finish that landed them in the substate tournament last year after winning the North-

west Kansas League championship with a 27-8 record.

"The Northwest Kansas League is always tough," said Ruf. "Colby who finished fourth in (Class) 4A is back, along with Goodland and Hoxie.

"The race is wide-open and Oberlin will be in the mix."

Dorshorst and Ruf combine almost 30 years of volleyball coaching experience.

"Teamwork and communication on and off the court will be the key factors to a successful season," Dorshorst said.

# Boys get to work

## Football wins will depend on linebackers

By JIM MERRIOTT

The 2006 edition of the Decatur Community High School Red Devil football camp is over, and Coach Trevor Williams has delivered his message to this season's team.

"Get yourself mentally and physically ready to play football," Williams told the boys.

Two-a-day practices start Monday, Aug. 14, with equipment checkout, physicals turned in and shiny new cleats to break in.

With the weight room blasting hard rock music from AC/DC and Metallica, the players concentrate on ways to pump themselves up in preparation for another Red Devils season.

Defense wins championships, and linebackers will be the key to a strong defense.

This year's linebackers are headed up by two returning lettermen, Garrit Peters and Jacob Unger, both seniors on a mission.

"We feel we want to be known as the toughest players on the field," said Peters. "We feel we are the most vocal on the field, as we have to dictate to the other players what defensive scheme we will be running each play of each series," added Unger.

"We want to be better prepared than last season's team, which finished 6-4," Peters said. "We all have personal goals, but our main goal is



**OBERLIN SENIOR LINEBACKER GARRIT PETERS** lined up for wind sprints at last week's Red Devil varsity

football camp. The linebackers will be a key to the defense this season.

to improve our record and win in the playoffs this season.

"We want to put Oberlin on the map, and our plan is to start the tradition this year."

"We are focusing on one game at a time," Unger said. "We want to be prepared for our first home game versus St. Francis. They have battl-

ed us hard each year, and the games have been close, so we will have to work hard to defend our home turf."

Williams said the Red Devils will run multiple defensive sets this season, with the hope that they can keep improving each week.

This year's linebacker corps also includes junior Royal Fisher, sopho-

more Sam Stapp and Derek Chambers and freshman Toby Peters, Garrit's younger brother.

Only time will tell how the linebackers will develop.

"We feel that wrestling has been a key factor in helping us learn how to keep our balance on the football field," said Garrit Peters, "and we

are lucky to have Coach (Joe) Dreher, our wrestling coach, for our linebacker coach, too. It helps a lot."

Football equipment checkout is Sunday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m.

First two-a-day practice is Monday, Aug. 14, at 6:30 a.m.-8 a.m. Afternoon practice will be 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

# Golfers do well at home

The Oberlin Junior Golf Association was host for the regional tournament here last Monday, with Kade Brown leading the team by taking first in the 10-11 boys division.

Brown coasted to victory by 12 strokes on his home course, shooting a 40 on the par-36 nine.

Eighty-one players from Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Oakley, Quinter, Phillipsburg, Smith Center, WaKeeney, Hill City, Hays, Russell and Rooks County (Plainville/Stockton) came for the all-day affair.

"Bill Ridell, the groundskeeper, had the course in great shape for the youngsters," said Junior Golf coordinator Brian Simonsson. "We started at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m. Play was a little slow, as it was hot Monday, but everything worked out great."

Regional results:

- **8-9 boys:** Dayton Dreher, second, 46; Logan Berry, 59; Chance Uehlin, 72.
- **8-9 girls:** Hannah May, 82.
- **10-11 boys:** Brown, first, 40; Zach May, 52; Garrett Berry, 52; Channing Farr, 60.
- **12-13 girl:** Ashleigh Peterson, 69.
- **16-17 boys,** 18 holes: Breck Simonsson, 81 on par 72, lost sudden-death playoff to Nathan Smith, WaKeeney, second.

Results for July 17, Colby, tournament:

- C. Uehlin, 8-9 boys, third, 78.
- H. May, 8-9 girls, 82.
- Z. May, 10-11 boys, 57.
- Ryan May, 10-11 boys, 59.
- J. Peterson, 10-11 boys, 73.
- A. Peterson, 12-13 girls, 74.
- Jay Wessel, 14-15 boys, 131.

# Get away to Antelope Lake

On week five of the "Kansas Getaways," Charley, my Lab, and I headed south to Sheridan County.

Tucked away just east of Hoxie and about 14.5 miles west of Hill City, north of U.S. 24, is Antelope Lake.



## The Jayhawker

By Jim Merriott  
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This 106-acre-foot lake doesn't get the publicity its neighbor Sheridan State Lake gets, but shouldn't be overlooked for a short weekend getaway.

Since the lake is roughly an hour away from Oberlin, it is possible to take the whole family out for a great one-day picnic and fishing trip. The area is quite, serene and clean.

If you are looking to see antelope, don't expect much; the lake is named after Antelope Creek which flows into it.

The lake has flooded timber areas which make it a great structure lake, so there is plenty of cover to help hold fish. Lots of wildlife lives in this area and is easy to view.

On our trip Charley and I saw beaver, muskrats, western painted turtles, various types of ducks, white-tail deer, pheasant, mergansers, grebes, quail, coots, woodpeckers and song birds.

Antelope Lake provides a different setting than Sheridan, as it is set in a rocky terrain which provides ideal vegetation and habitat for several species of snakes and lizards.

Fishermen will find channel catfish, saugeye, bass, crappie and panfish.

It has a boat ramp, but it is a no-wake lake. It also has one of the best fishing docks I have run across so far.

There are plenty of picnic tables around the lake and nice restrooms. The area only provides primitive camping, so there is no electricity. From what I could see, there are about 20 good places a guy could pitch a tent.

My suggestion would be to bring your own drinking water just to play it safe.

At some point, people built a

stone cabin which still stands, with a solid rock stairway that can be viewed.

As always, the usual regulations exist for fishing and camping. Be sure and bring a camera.

If you like to visit historical sites, then stop by the Cottonwood Ranch. The State of Kansas purchased this 23-acre ranch in 1982.

The Kansas State Historical Society is in charge of the property, described as one of the state's last surviving legacy English settlements.

The ranch has five of the original six buildings, including the house, bunkhouse, washhouse, stable and shearing shed.

The historical society offers a slide show and tour of the home, once owned by sheep rancher Fenton Pratt.

The Pratt family was one of only a few permanent settlers who made a go of it on the High Plains after 1878.

Pratt was responsible for helping many homesteaders by financing their spreads, enabling the area to develop into an agricultural community.

The ranch is on U.S. 24 a half mile west of Studley. It is about three-four miles east of the lake.

Until next time, this is the Jayhawker, hoping to see you in the Great Kansas Outdoors.

# Oberlin sprint cars race around the state

Ensign native Brandon Fisher won his first sprint car feature in Jetmore on Saturday night, capturing the Straite Farms/Hilker Trucking URSS vs. JVSS Sprint Nationals on his home track.

Fisher competed in a full field of 24 cars, taking the lead and the checkered flag in the final lap by passing pole-position racer Tyler Knight.

For the second week in a row, the United Rebel Sprint Series competes against the Jetmore Victory Sprint Series on Saturday night in LaCrosse starting at 7 p.m.

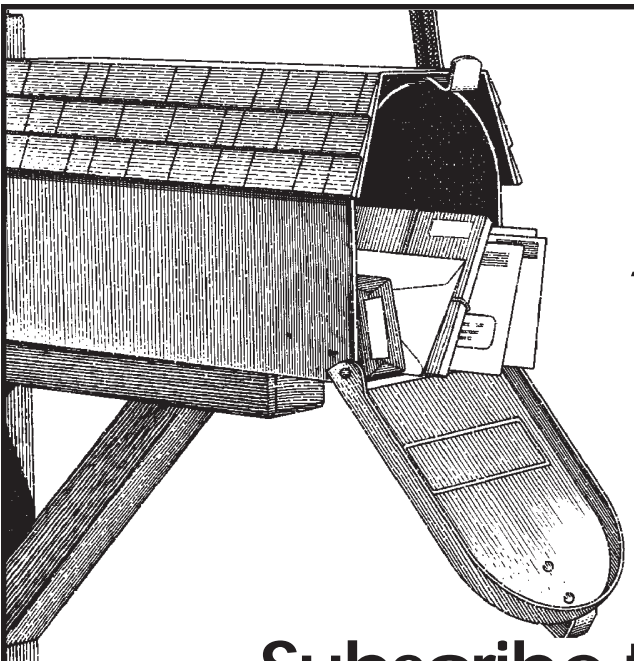
Friday, Aug. 11, the United Rebel

cars will travel to Hutchinson State Fairgrounds Raceway Park.

Saturday, Aug. 12, the drivers will be at Rolling Plains Motor Speedway in Hays.

The top three finishers Saturday night in the "A" feature race at the Jetmore Motorplex were: B. Fisher, first; Brooke Boyd, second; and Jon Johnson, third.

"We picked a good time to finally win one," said Fisher.



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