

# Girls beat Norton in first round

## Oberlin plucks Jays in substate

The Decatur Community High girls advanced to Round 2 of the substate basketball tournament last Monday after downing the Norton Lady Blue Jays 46-42 in Norton.

Oberlin was led by Lauren Fortin with 15 second-half points.

Prior to Fortin's run Sarah Murray carried the load, scoring her 12 points through three quarters. Tricia Dorshorst also chipped in eight of her nine points before Fortin caught fire.

The Lady Red Devils led in every category on offense and defense except for turnovers and assists.

Oberlin out rebounded the Lady Blue Jays 28 to 21 and hit 15 of 36 two-point shots for 42 percent compared to Norton, which hit only nine of 28 for 32 percent.

The Lady Red Devils hit five of 10 three-point shots for 50 percent and the Lady Blue Jays hit six of 14 for 43 percent.

Oberlin hit seven of 13 from the free-throw line for 43 percent and Norton sank six of 12 for 50 percent.

Oberlin had 11 steals to the Lady Blue Jays' eight, but Norton had 12 assists to Oberlin's nine.

Other Oberlin scorers were Emmie Pauls and Lacey Ream, 4 points each, and Kim Wessel, 2.

Oberlin took a 10-6 lead into the second quarter and had a 23-21 lead at halftime.

Norton made the game interesting with a comeback in the third quarter, taking the lead with 36-35, outscoring Oberlin 15-12.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin ended the Lady Blue Jays' season with a 11-6 run.

Lauralee Baird kept the Blue Jays in the game with 23 points including four three-point shots.

Other Norton scorers were Hayli Bozarth, 9; Taylor Rossi, 7; and Kara Jo Jones, 3.

"This was a real good game to start our sub state action," said Coach Terry Ream. "We both won against each other during the regular season, we were close to home and both teams were ready to play. We got into foul trouble early and our bench players did a great job of keeping us in the game. The girls did a great job of keeping focus and ended the game strong to earn the win."



**OBERLIN SENIOR LAUREN FORTIN** looked for a teammate to pass to during the first round of the substate tournament against Norton last Tuesday. Oberlin won 46-42 in Norton to advance to the second round. — Herald photo by Dick Boyd

# Belleville stops Lady Devils at substate

The Oberlin girls basketball team ended its season after the second round of Class 3A substate play Thursday in Phillipsburg when it lost to the Republic County Buffaloes from Belleville, 45-40.

Decatur Community High senior Sarah Murray was top scorer with 11 points followed by Lauren Fortin with 10 to lead the Lady Red Devil offensive.

They were followed by Lacey Ream, 8; Emmie Pauls and Tricia Dorshorst, 4 each; and Kim Wessel, 3.

Oberlin shot 19 percent from two-point range, hitting only seven of 36 shots. However, they hit 38 percent

of their 3-point shots, sinking five of 13.

They ended the night hitting only 12 of 49 tries for 24 percent.

"We played a heck of a defensive game, but really didn't have any answers for their two big girls inside," said Coach Terry Ream. "Rebounds really hurt us as they were able to go over and through our block outs."

Murray also had eight rebounds, a blocked shot, and an assist. Fortin had three assists, a blocked shot and five steals. Ream hit two three-point shots and had four rebounds, an assist, a steal and a blocked shot. Dorshorst had six rebounds and two

assists and Pauls had two rebounds and an assist.

"We ended our season with this game, but the girls left everything on the floor, as it should be," Ream said. "I was really proud of the girls efforts throughout the entire game."

Amanda Pierson, with 19 points, led the Lady Buffaloes' scoring. She was followed by Karen Brown, 10; Sara Ritterling, 8; Mandi Valek, 6; and Ashley Moore, 2.

Belleville out rebounded Oberlin 32-24, but turned the ball over 12 times to the Lady Red Devils' nine.

The Lady Buffaloes hit 13 of 37 two-point shots for 35 percent and three of 10 three-point tries for 30

percent. They were 16 for 47 overall for 24 percent.

Oberlin out shot Belleville from the free-throw line, hitting 11 of 17 for 73 percent while the Lady Buffaloes hit 10 of 19 for 53 percent.

"This entire team from freshmen to the seniors has been a joy to be around," said Ream. "Being able to watch them improve not only fundamentally but also seeing their confidence grow to new heights has been special. As for all the seniors, Lauren, Tricia, Heather, Sarah, Whitnee, Kim and Emmie, I wish them the best. They know they have what it takes to be successful in any challenge that may come their way."

# Quail Unlimited wants farmers to plant more cover

Quail Unlimited, a nonprofit group, has seed for farmers interested in planting cover for nesting and brood-rearing next year.

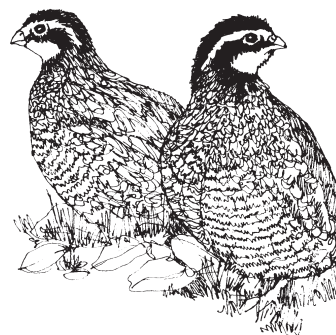
The mixture varies according to the annual rainfall in the farming area.

The national group and state wildlife biologists say there is a need for additional nesting and brooding cover.

Sharp Brothers Seed Co. and Quail Unlimited have put together the low-cost program for landowners, quail enthusiasts and wildlife observers. The native grass and forb mixes are designed to provide the short bunch-grass growth ideal for bobwhites.

The forbs should provide overhead cover and attract insects for quail chicks.

The seed company says these mixes should be planted along field borders, small non-farmed areas, forest openings and aban-



doned fields. They can also replace non-native species such as fescue and Bermuda, which provide poor quail habitat.

The cost of each mix is \$45 per acre plus shipping and handling, with a one-acre minimum order.

Orders can be placed by writing Quail Unlimited, 868 Road 290, Americus, Kan., 66835, by calling (620) 443-5834, or through email at roger@qu.org or qukansas@bluestemtelco.com.

# Sprint car racers have new courses

The United Rebel Sprint Series has added 10 new race tracks to its series.

Last season races were held at Oberlin Speedway; RPM Speedway, Hays; Rooks County Speedway, LaCrosse; Sherman County Speedway, Goodland; Jetmore Motorplex; and Elmwood Park Speedway, Norton.

Oberlin native Rick Salem has helped organize several new tracks sized from one-quarter to one-half mile.

Coming on board this season from Nebraska will be Dawson

County Raceway in Lexington; I-80 Speedway, Greenwood; McCook Speedway; and Lincoln County Speedway, North Platte.

New from Kansas will be Hutchinson Raceway Park; Salina Speedway; Fairgrounds Speedway, Liberal; WaKeeney Speedway; and Dirtona Speedway, Hugoton

New from Colorado is May Valley Speedway, Lamar.

For more information go to www.unitedrebelsprintseries.com, e-mail Salem at rksalem@eagle.com.net or call (785) 485-7010.

# Kid wrestler takes first place in Hays

Kelly Brown led the Oberlin Red Devils Kid Wrestling team, taking a first-place medal at Hays on Saturday, in the largest tournament in the northwest Kansas area.

Just under 1,000 youngsters came from all over the state to wrestle.

Brown won first place in the 8 and under, 95-pound class.

Other Oberlin medal winners were:

- Tabor Erickson, 8 and under, 70 pounds, second.

- Kade Brown, 12 and under, 96 pounds, second.

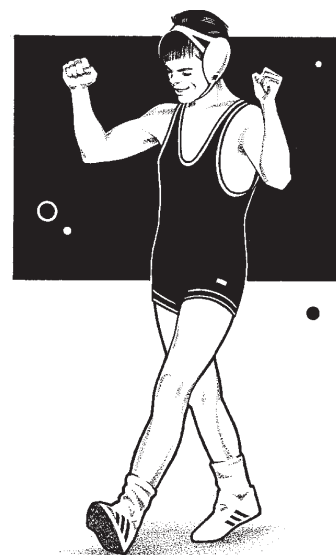
- Jacob Larue, 14 and under, 165 pounds, fourth.

- Dalton Dolan, 14 and under, 265 pounds, third.

- Everett Urban, 16 and under, 150 pounds, second.

- Nathan Simonsson, 16 and under, 160 pounds, fourth.

Other Oberlin wrestlers who participated were Dawson Kempt, Max Diederich, Dayton Kempt, Jordan Baker, Andrew Heller, Dayton Dreher, Regent Erickson, Rex



Diederich, Kolton Paul, Channing Farr, Gatlin Reichert, Dalton Paul and Jaxen Alstrom.

"With over 950 entries from all over the state, the Hays tournament was very tough," said Coach Kevin Brown. "The tournament was a good tune up for our subdistrict tournament in Colby on Saturday."

The Decatur County Health Department will be doing the annual blood draws on March 13th & 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (785) 475-8118.

**Summer Job Offers:**  
The City of Oberlin is accepting applications for temporary summer jobs until positions are filled. These include labor jobs in the maintenance of park, streets, cemetery, swimming pool and public utilities. Must be 15 years old for pool position, 18 for all other positions.

Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager. Swimming pool manager must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid. Experience as pool manager or assistant manager would be helpful.

Application forms can be pickup at the City Office, #1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS 67749

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