

# Sports

# Swim team finishes second for fifth week

The Oberlin Swim Club finished second on Saturday in a meet in Wray, Colo.

This was the fifth week in a row the Oberlin team finished in second place.

Coach Stephanie Blau took 26 swimmers to Colorado to compete against nine other teams in a field of more than 200 swimmers.

Colby won 299 points to finish first for the fourth week in a row. They were followed by Oberlin, second, 218; Burlington, Colo., 204.5; Wray, 192.5; Goodland, 143.5; Holyoke, Colo., 107; St. Francis, 56; Flagler, Colo., 45; Oakley, 44; and Limon, Colo., 9.5.

Swimming for Oberlin were:

**Girls 8 & under:**

- Jakobi Blau, 25-yard freestyle, second, 17.35 seconds; 25-yard butterfly stroke, first, 23.22; and 25-yard breaststroke, second, 23.71.

- Kyleana Blau, 50-yard freestyle, fifth, 58.28.

- Jenna Long, 25-yard butterfly stroke, fourth, 33.41; 25-yard breaststroke, fourth, 27.57; and 25-yard breaststroke, first, 23.56.

- Albany McDonald, 100-yard individual medley, second, 1:59.03; 25-yard butterfly stroke, second, 23.91; and 25-yard backstroke, third, 24.41.

- Dana Risewick, 25-yard breaststroke, seventh, 35.61; and 50-yard freestyle, eighth, 1:04.50.

- Dani Rouse, 25-yard freestyle, 34th, 1:10.58, and 25-yard backstroke, 24th, 52.50.

- Jean Soderlund, 25-yard freestyle, 26th, 37.15.

**Boys 8 and under:**

- Nicholas McDonald, 100-yard individual medley, first, 1:52.94; 25-yard breaststroke, third, 24.66; and 25-yard butterfly stroke, second, 21.66.

- Keagen Blau, 25-yard butterfly stroke, first, 21.63; 25-yard freestyle, third, 16.71; and 100-yard individual medley, third, 1:55.25.

- Kariah Castle, 25-yard butterfly stroke, first, 18.88; 100-yard freestyle, third, 1:22.92; and 100-yard individual medley, first, 1:34.63.

- Kelsey May, 25-yard freestyle, third, 17.72; 100-yard individual medley, second, 1:44.90; and 100-yard freestyle, fifth, 1:29.31.

- Caitie Shields, 100-yard freestyle, 16th, 1:50.99; 25-yard butterfly stroke, fifth, 22.09; and 100-yard individual medley, sixth, 1:51.65.

**Girls 11 and 12:**

- Mika Hackney, 100-yard individual medley, fourth, 1:24.63; 100-yard freestyle, fourth, 1:16.28; and 50-yard backstroke, second, 37.53.

- Kaylee May, 50-yard butterfly stroke, ninth, 48.59; 50-yard backstroke, eighth, 46.07; and 100-yard freestyle, ninth, 1:20.38.

- Darbi Rouse, 100-yard individual medley, third, 1:23.06; 50-yard butterfly stroke, second, 35.69; and 100-yard freestyle, second, 1:11.87.

- Cassidy Shields, 100-yard freestyle, seventh, 1:18.08; 50-yard backstroke, seventh, 46.02; and 50-yard breaststroke, fifth, 43.53.

- Jamie Soderlund, 100-yard freestyle, first, 1:10.22; 50-yard freestyle, second, 30.4; and 100-yard individual medley, second, 1:22.35.

- Brittany Urban, 50-yard breaststroke, 21st, 1:02.28; 50-yard backstroke, 16th, 1:05.7; and 50-yard freestyle, 44.56.

**Boys 11 and 12:**

- Nolan Henningson, 100-yard individual medley, sixth, 1:34.88;

- 50-yard butterfly stroke, second, 42.03; and 50-yard backstroke, third, 45.01.

**Girls 13 and 14:**

- Kiah Blau, 50-yard freestyle, first, 29.97; 100-yard butterfly stroke, first, 1:20.22; and 200-yard individual medley, second, 2:58.

**Boys 13 and 14:**

- Tyler Shields, 400-yard freestyle, second, 6:56.5; 200-yard individual medley, third, 3:37.4; and 100-yard butterfly stroke, third, 1:53.42.

**Girls 15-18:**

- Ashley Horton, 400-yard freestyle, third, 5:46.47, and 100-yard breaststroke, third, 1:28.29.

**Boys 15-18:**

- Daniel Jordan, 50-yard freestyle, second, 28.81; 100-yard butterfly stroke, first, 1:23.44; and 100-yard freestyle, fourth, 1:08.93.

**Relay results:**

- The 8 and under, 100-yard girls freestyle team of Long, Rouse, Soderlund and K. Blau, sixth, 2:55.97.

- The 8 and under, 100-yard girls medley team of Risewick, Rouse, Soderlund and McDonald, second, 3:11.97.

- The 9 and 10, 100-yard mixed freestyle team of Castle, May, Shields and Blau, first, 1:13.50.

- The 9 and 10, 100-yard mixed medley team of Castle, May, Shields, and Blau, first, 1:33.35.

- The 11 and 12, girls 200-yard freestyle team of May, Rouse, Shields and Hackney, second, 2:18.53.

- 11 and 12 200-yard mixed medley team of Henningson, Shields, Soderlund and Rouse, first, 2:44.84.

The club will be in Goodland on Friday and Saturday.

## Summer fun with basketball



**OBERLIN'S TYLER BRUGGEMAN** pulled down a rebound over the outstretched hands of Atwood's Marcus Portschy helping the Red Devils win the summer youth league basketball championship game in Atwood last week. Kade Brown (5) helped Oberlin win the game, 39-28.

— Photo by Susan May

## Three golfers win in Goodland

Oberlin Junior Golf Club members Breck Simonsson and Kade and Kelly Brown won their age division competition Monday at the Sugar Hills Golf Course in Goodland.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

**Girls 10-11:**

- Hannah May, third, 58.

**Boys 8-9:**

- Kelly Brown, first, 38.

- Chance Uehlin, second, 44.

- Mason Ahlberg, 57.

**Boys 10-11:**

- Channing Farr, 68.
- Ryan May, 69.

**Boys 12-13:**

- Zach May, 61.

**Boys 14-15:**

- Kade Brown, first, 87
- Nathan Simonsson, 105.

**Boys 16-17:**

- Simonsson, first, 79;

In Kansas Junior Golf Association action at Southwind Country Club in Garden City last Wednesday, Simonsson shot a 79 in the 16-

17 division.

Kelly Brown finished sixth in the 11-year-old division, shooting a 53. Kade Brown qualified for the section team championship to be held at Salina Municipal Golf Course on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24-25, by shooting an 88 in the boys 12-13 division, finishing third.

However, Kade will not compete in Salina as he will be in the national junior tournament in Florida that weekend.

## Black Gold wins Pony League

For the third year in a row, Black Gold won the Pony League regular season title even though they lost to The Bank, 9-4, last Monday.

Both R&M Service Center and Black Gold finished the season with a 4-2 record, but because Black Gold defeated R&M twice, they were named the champions.

In the final regular season game in Pony League, R&M defeated The Bank, 6-5.

The Pony league tournament will begin at 6 p.m. Monday with Black Gold playing The Bank.

At 7:30 p.m. The Bank will play

R&M and at 9 p.m. R&M will meet Black Gold.

In Little League action last Tuesday, Metcalf Real Estate clobbered Ward Drug, 22-11; Fredrickson Insurance edged Nelson Concrete 11-10; and Nelson Concrete downed Ward Drug, 15-9.

Metcalf won the regular season title by allowing the fewest runs. Nelson and Fredrickson and Metcalf all had 4-2 records.

The Little League tournament begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday when Metcalf tackles Ward Drug. At 7 p.m. it will be Nelson Concrete against Fredrickson Insurance. The

winners will play for the championship at 8 p.m.

In the girls Bantam league last Wednesday, Pauls Funeral Home won the league championship with a 4-1 record hammering Prairie Petals, 18-3.

Pioneer Seeds finished the season with a 3-2 record downing the Petals (1-5), 16-2.

The girls tournament will be played on Saturday, July 14, starting at 6 p.m. with Pauls playing Prairie Petals.

Then Prairie Petals will take on Pioneer Seeds at 7 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Pioneer Seeds will play Pauls.

## Meeting planned to start season

The Decatur Community High School cross country team will begin its season at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 with a team meeting and practice.

The pre-practice meeting will be held in Coach Dick Ahlberg's social studies room at the high school.

Coach Ahlberg said he hopes his runners will start or continue their summer running program early in July.

"We had over 20 interested runners come to the spring meeting," he said. "By runners starting early on

their own, they will have established a strong running base before organized practice begin.

"The challenge to all Oberlin runners, is to come into the season in the best possible condition, and to get a friend to go out for the team.

"Several runners are going to summer running camps in late July. The training that they receive will certainly carry over into the season."

The Lady Red Devils will return four letter winners — Becky Helm, Kayla Zodrow, Rory Wendelin and

Ali Samson.

On the boys side, Oberlin will return All-Northwest League runner and letter winner Andrew Richards along with Nolan Wasson and Gage Reichert.

"For both teams to be competitive this season, we need our runners to log as many miles as possible over the summer," said Ahlberg.

For information about the cross country team, call Coach Ahlberg at 475-7223.

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## Tips for choosing a fishing rod

By **JIM MERRIOTT**  
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If you're planning to do a little fly fishing this summer, here are a few tips on choosing a rod for high-country trout fishing.

1. For dry flies, nymphs and wet flies, find a rod that will handle flies from size 8 to 20, and will handle American Fly Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTM) 4-weight to 6-weight line.

A rule of thumb is, heavier setups are easier for the beginner.

2. Generally rods from 8 to 9 feet are standard, but shorter rods are more accurate and don't wear you out as much.

The problem with shorter rods is they are not suited for good line control and mending. It also depends on the size of stream or river you plan to fish.

3. Rod actions are broken down into three types:

- Fast-action rods are designed with the butt section to be very stiff, with a flexible tip. This action makes the bending and unbending of the rod during casting quicker.

- Slow-action rods have a butt section that actively flexes. Here the rod tip is relatively stiff in order to drive the line.

- Moderate actions have a butt section that is in between. They are somewhere between very stiff and extremely flexible.

Most fly fishermen prefer a fast action rod, but it depends on two variables — cost and personal preference.

4. Preference for finishes, fittings and ferrules (guides) differ between fishermen.

Some fishermen must have that high-quality and high-gloss finish, but that doesn't mean it helps you catch any more fish. The important thing to remember is, have good wrappings with strong epoxy seals.

Some anglers like unpoking reel seats and reverse wells cork grips for better leverage. I don't feel this is as important as having a good set of guides, and quality snake ferrules are the best. (Snake guides are the ones that have a twist in them.)

5. Some fishermen like four-piece rods, especially if they back-pick, because they take up less room.

I like two-piece rods because there is less of a chance the rod will

come apart when you have a big fish on it, and you can feel the strike better.

6. Buy a rod with a guarantee (warranty) and keep the receipt in the bottom of the rod case. More than 40 years ago, I bought a lifetime warranty on a Wright & McGill fly rod, which they do not make anymore. The guarantee said if anything went wrong with the rod, they would replace it.

7. Finally, buy odd and even rods. Choose one or the other to start until you get the hang of the rod.

Today rods can be over-lined, which enables the fisherman to throw more line sizes and do more types of fishing. For example, if you buy a 5-, 7-, and 9-weight rod, you can use these to fish 4- through 10-weight lines.

**Cost Share Funds (Non-Point Source)**

The Decatur County Conservation District will be taking cost share applications from July 9 - 27.

"Funding is provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund".

Eligible practices include:

- Household septic systems, livestock practices (waste lagoons, feedlot windbreaks, livestock wells/pipelines, and the plugging of abandoned wells).

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