



TWO YOUNG RED DEVIL wrestlers Rex Diederich and Kolton Paul practiced their moves last week.
Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Young wrestlers take on Norton

The Oberlin Kids Wrestling team traveled to Norton to take on the little Blue Jays Saturday. Kel Grafel and Kelly Brown took home first place honors.

- Dawson Kempt, 6 and under, 49 pounds, third.
- Kel Grafel, 8 and under, 55 pounds, first.
- Kaden Van Pelt, 8 and under, third.
- Max Diederich, 10 and under, 67 pounds, second.
- Wesley Geihlsler, 10 and under, 67 pounds, fourth.

- Tabor Erickson, 10 and under, 79 pounds, second.
- Dayton Kempt, 10 and under, 85 pounds, second.
- Kelly Brown, 10 and under, 110 pounds, first.
- Dayton Dreher, 12 and under, 92 pounds, second.
- Kolton Paul, 12 and under, 110 pounds, second.
- Rex Diederich, 12 and under, 140 pounds, second.

The Oberlin Kids next tournament will be held in Colby Saturday, Feb. 2.

Wrestlers travel to Beloit tournament

The Decatur Community High School Wrestling team traveled to Beloit Friday and Saturday to wrestle finishing 15th in a 20 team field.

The Red Devils placed three wrestlers in the meet, Gage Reichert, Jared Marcuson, and Colt Diederich.

Clay Center won the tournament with 199 points; Colby, second, 192.5; Manhattan, 175; Smith Center, 154.5; Beloit, 130; Salina South, 85.5; Abilene, 79.5; Concordia, 74; Silver Lake, 73.5; Minneapolis, 59; Hoxie, 49; Stockton, 45; Marysville, 38.5; Plainville, 37; Oberlin, 35; Lincoln, 34; Wellington, 30; Sabetha, 26; Republic County, 25; and Hill City, 22.

Oberlin results:

- 112 pounds, Nolan Peters, 0-2, pinned by Dane Norris, Manhattan; lost 9-2 to Donovan Schamberger, Hoxie.

- 125 pounds, Andrew Richards, 1-2, lost 20-8 to Brad Augustine, Beloit; pinned Jesse Grimm, Sabetha; pinned by Jason Selbel, Salina South.

- 130 pounds, Wiley Farr, 0-2, pinned by Kyle Wichman, Silver Lake; lost 4-2 to Nick McGee, Clay Center.

- 135 pounds, Daniel Jordan, 0-2, pinned by Tommy Knapp, Lincoln; lost 6-2 to Travis Bird, Plainville.

- 140 pounds, Everett Urban, 1-2, pinned Drake Koerner, Wellington;

lost 4-2 to Heath Stephens, Colby; lost 4-2 to Quinton Wuthnow, Abilene.

- 145 pounds, Reichert, 2-3, sixth place, won 11-5 over Devin Smith, Silver Lake; defeated Marshall McCall, Smith Center, 2-0; lost 8-3 to Steve Miller, Manhattan; lost 9-1 to Ryan Wuthnow, Abilene; lost 7-6 to Colin Loomis, Beloit.

- 152 pounds, Ace Manning, 1-2, pinned by Alberto Conteras, Minneapolis; pinned Aaron Dinkel, Plainville; pinned by Jed Sicard, Manhattan.

- 171 pounds, Nathan Simonsen, 1-2, pinned by Jacob Klein, Minneapolis; won 5-0 over Bryant Jones, Marysville; pinned by Ted Miller, Stockton.

- 189 pounds, Marcuson, 3-3, sixth place, pinned Steve Timson, Lincoln; lost 9-8 to Jason Melles, Silver Lake; pinned Brock Boldre, Sabetha; won 3-0 over Dylan Bowman, Wellington; pinned by Treat Bugbee.

- 285 pounds, Diederich, 2-2, fifth place, lost 8-2 to Taylor Brown, Colby; won 5-2 over Cody Tucker, Smith Center; pinned by Dillion Salmana, Hoxie; won 11-8 over Seth Suelter, Lincoln.

"This was a tough tournament with several state ranked teams and wrestlers," said Coach Joe Dreher.

The Red Devils travel to Goodland to tackle the Cowboys starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Kansas Day program Sunday at Jennings

A Kansas Day program will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center in Jennings.

Guest speaker will be Don Rowleson of Cottonwood Ranch at Studley. His topic will be "Out of the Bedroll."

Mayor Bob Jones will give the welcome and Pastor Carrie Buhler will give the invocation. The Jennings American Legion will advance the colors. Terri Hanke will lead the audience in singing patriotic songs, accompanied by Julie Carter. Vocalist Vickie Bailey will sing and her husband, Mike Bailey, will perform with his "bones."

Refreshments will follow. The Czech Museum will be open at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Principal talks to club

High School Principal Charles Haag spoke about the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the importance of testing students for the program at the Jan. 8 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway.

Mr. Haag said the purpose of "No Child Left Behind" is to ensure that each child in America is able to meet common learning standards by the time they graduate from high school. He said that all juniors are tested in science, social studies, reading and math and emphasized that Oberlin students have done well in their test scores.

Thank-you cards were read from Oberlin third graders who received dictionaries from the Rotary Club. Pastor Rick Langness submitted his resignation from the club.

Mr. Haag also gave the program at the Jan. 15 meeting of the club. He spoke about the importance of testing in the school system.

The district meeting is scheduled for Saturday in Russell and Rotary Radio Day will be held Sunday, March 9, on KFNH 101.1.

Guests were Kay Brown, Sid Metcalf and Stephen LaBash. Junior Rotarians present were Chenaniah Langness and Jordan Macfee.

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People in Our Community

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Carol Ogburn returned to her home in Prescott, Ariz., after spending nearly a month visiting her mother, Mabel Zimmerman and other relatives and friends. Linda Gazda, Denver, also spent some time with her aunt, Mrs. Zimmerman, and her uncle, Owen Wilson.

Dave Bergling has been transferred from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., to Madonna Rehabilitation in Lincoln, Neb. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 5401 S. Street, room 145, Lincoln, Neb., 68506. His phone number is (402) 486-8145.

— Brunch Buffet Sunday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Wyatt Amlong, 16-month-old son of John and Nikki Amlong, was dedicated at services held at the Red Line Church of God in Palco on Sunday morning. Pastor Ron Fontenot officiated. Godparents were Kasey Chester and Jess DeClue of Hays. A dinner followed at the church. Additional guests were Wyatt's grandparents, Gary and Becky Alstrom, Oberlin, and Tony and Ramona Amlong, Dresden, and his great-grandparents, Kieth and Dorothy Alstrom and Ruby Wennihan, Oberlin; also Jerry and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Wilma May, Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas. Lows went to Kelva Dryden, Elden Haas, Wilma May, Barb Solko, Aleen Van Vleet, Veanna Carman and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Aleen Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett with lows going to Barb Solko and Elden Haas. Winning highs at bridge were Judy Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Dewaine Stapp, Leone Purton, Cynthia Matson and Dave Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Pena, Ian and Ella of Wichita were belated Christmas guests of Gus and Elsie Wolters from Saturday to Monday.

— Wheat Ridge Terrace, Oberlin, first month's rent FREE. Final sign up is Jan. 31. Call 785-475-1000. 02-05

Jerald Leitner is recuperating satisfactorily at home from recent

shoulder surgery at Community Hospital in McCook.

Rick and Sally Marcuson and Grady of Overland Park were weekend visitors of his parents, Gail and Kay Marcuson, after they all attended the Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament to watch Jared Marcuson wrestle. Other family members attending were Leslie Marcuson, Topeka, and Brad and Elaine Marcuson and Sarah.

— Italian Buffet Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Virgil Cathcart is recuperating at Cedar Living Center after suffering a broken leg and surgery following a recent fall on the ice.

Gene and Jeanette Hutfles of Aurora, Colo., visited Friday afternoon with Luetta Pollnow. They came to attend funeral services for his brother-in-law, Thomas Mowry Sr. on Saturday in Colby. His wife is the former Marjorie Hutfles, formerly of Herndon.

— Winter clearance — The Dresser, 50-60% off all winter merchandise. 04-05

Bob and Deanna Castle returned home Sunday from Atlanta, Ga., where they attended a conference on Friday and Saturday for Reliv products, for which they are distributors. They also visited their daughter, Calise Castle, in Asheville, N.C., and were overnight guests Thursday of Jerry and Nancy Kuhn in Rome, N.C. They were also celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary and enjoyed a tour of the East Coast.

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Karen Burkey of Littleton, Colo., visited over the weekend with her mother, Ila Ray, and sister, Vicky Ray.

David Morris, a junior at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., was named to the fall 4.0 dean's list. He is the son of Ken and Christie Morris of Oberlin.

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Club News

Club enjoys book program

"What are we reading?" was the program topic when Monday Evening Club met on Jan. 14 at the home of Marcia Lohofener. Karol Styles was co-hostess.

Peggy Pratt conducted the business meeting and it was voted to donate \$100 to the annual Telethon. Judy Ladehoff told members that Feb. 3, 16 and 23 will be the dates that club members will assist at Sunflower Cinema.

Barbara Dehlinger named a favorite non-fiction book entitled, "The Most Famous Man in America" by Debbie Applegate. It is the story of Henry Ward Beecher. Others were "A Year by the Sea" by Joan Anderson, and "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. Recommended novels included "My Name is Reo" by Orha Pamuk; "March" by Geraldine Brooks; and for humor, "Straight Man" by Richard Russo.

Kay Gaskill shared portions of the program topic when Monday Evening Club met on Jan. 14 at the home of Marcia Lohofener. Karol Styles was co-hostess.

Two books by Khaled Hoseini, "Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns," were recommended by Jody Betts. The first is about the friendship of two young boys and the other about the relationship of two generations of women in the upheaval of life in Afghanistan in the past 30 years. Also recommended was "Water for Elephants," and non-fiction books by Erik Larson.

The Feb. 11 meeting will be at the Oberlin Covenant Church with Barbara Dehlinger and Sharon Pollnow as hostesses. A program on Civil War history will be given by Jason Ketterl.

Women hear program on joy

Karen Eskew presented "Joy in the Journey" when St. John's Guild of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League met on Saturday at the church. She said that by putting Jesus first and others second, we can have joy — joy is prayer and joy is love.

Pastor Rick and Kim Langness took the altar runner to McCook to be cleaned. Fern Jording, Evelyn May and Peggy Groneweg will be the committee to plan

funeral dinners. April 11-13 will be the dates for the Kansas district Lutheran Women's Missionary League in Topeka. The women decided to have the dinner honoring those over 80 on Saturday, Feb. 16. The Day of Prayer services will be held Sunday, Feb. 24, if the date works out with the church schedule. Connie Olson will find greeters for the year. The meeting closed with prayer.

Auxiliary plans potluck

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the Post on Jan. 9 with seven members present. Carol Morford was hostess.

The Pledge of Allegiance and preamble were recited. It was reported that 66 percent of membership have paid their 2007-2008 dues.

Applications for auxiliary scholarships are due by April 1.

President Angela Corcoran read portions of the district letters. There was no program since the speaker had to cancel.

The next meeting will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Girls who are interested in attending Girls State, and their mothers, will be guests.

Crop and livestock loss programs are available

Diane Barrett, executive director of the Decatur County office of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, reminds farmers that several programs could help those who have had crop or livestock losses in the last three years.

The Crop Disaster Program can provide benefits to farmers who suffered losses for 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops, she said. Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial help if the crop was planted before and would have been harvested by Dec. 31. This has been changed from the previous date of Feb. 28, 2007, she added.

Only farmers who had crop insurance or coverage under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program are eligible. These losses must be in excess of 35 percent, and farmers can receive benefits only for the year in which they had the great-

est loss on all crops, she said. The 2005-2007 Livestock Incentive Program can provide money to owners and contract growers for livestock deaths between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, in designated counties, she said, adding that drought is not an eligible disaster event under this program.

Farmers who think they could qualify for any program should call the office or stop by, she said.

The agency also is taking 2008 wheat acreage reports in preparation for the beginning of the new farm program, she said. Although the 2008 farm bill has not been approved by Congress, farmers can still report their planted acreage of wheat, oats, barley and alfalfa.

For details, stop by the office at 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin or call (785) 475-3131 to schedule an appointment.

Special Olympic games to be held in Oberlin

The Northwest Winds Special Olympics team will play the Oberlin Elementary School teachers and the local volunteer firemen at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Oberlin Elementary School gymnasium.

Coaches for the Northwest Wind team are Ronnie and Marilyn Holub of Atwood. Oberlin participants will be J. Lynn Lohofener, Kyle

Hartzog and Cheryl Hartzog.

Other participants will be Jamie Sattler, Betty Bieker, Scott Holub, Ginger Reeves, Gary Buck, Ryan Olson, Ron Newlin, Mark Reuber, Danny Clark, Richard Griffin, Janey Engleman, Nick Wild and Paul Brown.

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