



**OBERLIN JUNIOR HIGH TRACK** practice started Thursday at Smick Field. Eighth-graders Saeger Grafel and Conner McHugh led the boys team in opening warm-ups. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott.

## Seventh, eighth graders turn out for track season

The Decatur Community Junior High track team began workouts Thursday at Smick Field.

Coach Keith Grafel has 34 athletes out for the team and a manager.

"We should be very competitive," said Grafel. "We are a little short on numbers, and it may be difficult to be very successful as team totals, but we should have very nice success as individuals."

The team practiced twice before this week's spring break, and will return to practice on Monday.

The seventh-grade squad includes Kade Brown, Tyler Bruggeman, Mikaela Dorshorst, Channing Farr, Mika Hackney, Taylor Macfee,

### — Junior High Track Schedule —

Thursday, April 3,	3:30 p.m.	at Smith Center
Thursday, April 10,	10 a.m.	at Oakley
Tuesday, April 15,	2 p.m.	at St. Francis
Thursday, April 17,	3 p.m.	Quinter/Goodland, Hoxie at Quinter
Thursday, April 24,	3 p.m.	Hoxie/Oakley/Atwood at Hoxie
Thursday, May 1,	3 p.m.	Sainty/Quinter/Colby at St. Francis
Tuesday, May 8,	10 a.m.	League championship at Oberlin

Kaylee May, Ryan May, Zach May, Samantha Meitl, Elizabeth Neland, Darbi Rouse, Cassidy Shields, Cheyanne Soderlund, Jordin Wason and Samantha Wrinkles and Jonathon Rorick, manager.

The eighth-graders are Samantha Anderson, Garrett Berry, Kiah Blau, Darian Bose, Lakota Dennis, Saeger

Grafel, Nolan Henningson, Megan Huntley, Brent Juennemann, Brianna Klima, Amanda Marshall, Shay McChesney, Conner McHugh, Tyler Shields, Serena Stacy and Mathew Wittman.

Oberlin opens the season on the road at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in Smith Center.

## Young wrestlers do well

Saturday, the Oberlin Kids Wrestling team qualified 12 wrestlers at the subdistrict tournament in Goodland.

The qualifiers, who took first through fourth place, will advance to the district tournament in Hays on Saturday.

- 49 pounds, 8 and under, Dawson Kempt, fifth.
- 55 pounds, 8 and under, Nicky McDonald, third.
- 58 pounds, 8 and under, Kaden Van Pelt, fourth.
- 82 pounds, 8 and under, Kyle Van Pelt, wrestled.

- 79 pounds, 10 and under, Tabor Erickson, fourth.
- 85 pounds, 10 and under, Dayton Kempt, sixth.
- 100 pounds, 10 and under, Kelly Brown, first.
- 92 pounds, 12 and under, Dayton Dreher, third.
- 105 pounds, 12 and under, Kade Brown, first.
- 110 pounds, 12 and under, Kolton Paul, wrestled.
- 190 pounds, 12 and under, Channing Farr, first.
- 115 pounds, 14 and under, Brent Juennemann, fourth.

- 150 pounds, 14 and under, Dalton Paul, second.
- 125 pounds, 16 and under, Nolan Peters, fifth.
- 135 pounds, 16 and under, Gatlin Reichert, fifth.
- 145 pounds, 16 and under, Ray Zodrow, fourth.
- 185 pounds, 16 and under, Jaxen Alstrom, first.
- 185 pounds, 16 and under, Jacob Larue, third.

"We qualified 12 of the 18 kids for the district tournament," said Coach Kevin Brown. "All of those who qualified did an outstanding job." Wrestlers who place at district will wrestle at the state tournament starting at 9 a.m. at the Expo Center in Salina on Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30.

## \* Man dies in rollover crash

(Continued from Page 1A) opened if the people had had their seat belts on and stayed in the vehicle," the trooper said. "Luckily, the one wasn't ejected so he could go for help."

The man had to walk to the nearest farmhouse, about a quarter mile to the east, to call 911, he said.

Within minutes, fire fighters and medical technicians were pouring in to help.

Trooper Boydston said as far as he could tell, the driver, who wasn't old enough to have a full license, did not have either a restricted driver's license or a learner's permit. No tickets have been issued so far, he said.

Mr. Dickinson was born April 26, 1973, the son of James and Wanda Dickinson of Oberlin. A 1991 graduate of Decatur Community High School, he graduated from the Northwest Kansas Vo-Tech School in electronics.

He married Kelli Horst on Dec. 8, 2007, in Oberlin. He had been working for Murfin Drilling Co.

Funeral services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin.

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