

# Track season begins

The Decatur Community High track team will have its first meet at 3 p.m. Friday, March 28, in Atwood.

Coach Joe Dreher returns 34 athletes from last season's squad and 13 freshmen.

Dreher went over the correct techniques of warming up and stretching at the teams first practice Thursday.

"We have a good group of kids out," he said. "We return six athletes that have state experience."

2007 state qualifiers from last year are seniors Heather Glodt (4x100 meters) and Lacey Ream (4x800 and 4x100); juniors Annamarie Larue (4x800) and Tamara Ketterl (4x800); sophomore Brandi Diederich (4x800) and Junior Jacob Fortin (400-meter run).

Senior girls include: Glodt; Ream, Rory Wendelin, LeAnna Sheaffer, Nikki Wessel, Kayla Zodrow and Rebecca Helm.

Juniors are Larue, Ketterl, Ariel Coon and Farra McChesney.

Sophomores are Diederich, Adrienne Pauls, Mary Olson, Stephanie Bruggeman, Erin Jones, Kira Meitl and Kortnie Fisher.



**THE OBERLIN RED DEVILS** opened spring track practice on a warm, mild day Thursday. Decatur Community High's first track meet will be Friday, March 28, starting at 3 p.m. against Quinter and Rawlins County in Atwood.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott.

Freshmen are Jori Diederich, Jordan Dreher, Rachele Scott, Tiffany Anderson, Sara Kyte and Sydney Grafel.

On the boys side, seniors include Jared Marcuson, Andrew Dempe-wolf and Colt Diederich.

Juniors are J. Fortin, Andrew Richards, Logan Fortin, Jay Wessel, Lucas Juemann, Cole May and Sam Stapp.

Sophomores are Wade Juemann, Nolan Wasson, Jordan Crow, Toby Peters, Hunter Nedland, and Daniel Jordan.

Freshmen are Keithen Fortin, Chad Williams, Nolan Peters, Da-

Friday, March 28	3 p.m.	Quinter/Rawlins County at Atwood
Friday, April 4	3 p.m.	at Hoxie
Tuesday, April 8	3 p.m.	at Atwood
Friday, April 18	3 p.m.	at Oakley
Monday, April 21	3 p.m.	9-10 grade at Atwood
Tuesday, April 22	3 p.m.	at St. Francis
Tuesday, April 29	3 p.m.	Oberlin Invitational
Monday, May 5	4 p.m.	at Hill City
Friday, May 9	3 p.m.	League meet at Colby
Friday, May 16	TBA	Regionals
Friday-Saturday, May 23-24	TBA	State at Wichita

kota Soderlund, Jeb Fortin, Tim Larson and Dalton Paul. will be to find out which events the athletes will excel at, with 40-some kids," Coach Dreher said.

## Shootout planned to raise money for basketball

The Oberlin Elementary fifth-grade boys, who hope to become the Decatur Community High basketball team of 2015, are sponsoring the annual Sappa Valley Shootout Youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

It will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 12. Boys and girls in grades 1-12 are eligible to participate.

The tournament will be held in the Decatur

Community Junior and Senior High gymnasiums and will help pay for future summer clinics, camps and leagues.

Boys and girls will participate in separate divisions. T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winning teams in each division. Second place teams will receive medals.

The entry fee is \$30 per team. Entries can be downloaded off the Internet at sappa-

valleyshootout.com. They may also be picked up at area schools.

Entries must be returned to Angie Erickson by Friday.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Players and children under 5 will be admitted free. Concession will be available.

For information, call Erickson at (785) 322-5338.

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# Sports

## Nine Devil golfers ready to hit links

Decatur Community High School will have nine golfers this year, the smallest squad in almost 30 years.

Coach Dick Ahlberg, who is in his 29th season with the team, said this is the fewest players he's ever had.

The team is young, he said, with only one senior, Kenzie Fisher.

Other returning players are junior letterman, Jordan Tally, juniors Nathan Baker, Chris Larson, Ethan Merrill and Nathan Simonsson; sophomore: Jaxen Alstrom; and

freshmen Jacob Larue and Josh Ritter.

The Red Devils will play in Class 3A in the Northwest Kansas League. The Oberlin team won the league championship in 2006.

Coach Ahlberg played varsity golf and graduated from Fort Hays State University.

The Red Devils hit the link at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in Goodland.

— High School Golf Schedule —

Tuesday, April 8	2 p.m.	Goodland
Saturday, April 12	9:30 a.m.	Oberlin
Tuesday, April 15	9 a.m.	McCook
Friday, April 18	3 p.m.	Hill City
Tuesday, April 22	3 p.m.	Hoxie
Saturday, April 26	9 a.m.	Atwood
Monday, April 28	TBA	Hays
Thursday, May 1	3 p.m.	Colby
Monday, May 5	1 p.m.	Phillipsburg
Friday, May 9	3 p.m.	League tournament at Atwood
Monday, May 12	TBA	Regionals
Monday, May 19	TBA	State

## Oberlin girls do well with league statistics

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Even though the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils ended their basketball season with a 5-16 record, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic for next year.

Looking over this season's statistics, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic as this team grows to maturity:

- Oberlin had two of the top 10 scorers in the league and five more in the top 20. The Lady Red Devils were led by freshman Jordan Dreher, who finished fifth in the league in scoring, averaging 11 points per game.

- Sophomore Adrienne Pauls finished seventh in scoring with a 9.5 per game.

- Another frosh to be reckoned with next season is Erin Jones, who finished 12th in scoring with 7.2 points per game. She switched from junior varsity and only played in seven of the 21 games.

- Mary Olson finished 13th in scoring, averaging 5.7 points per game in 19 games.

- Olson, Pauls and Dreher make up a formidable front line for next year's squad.

- Senior Lacey Ream finished 14th this season with 5.6 points per game and senior Heather Glodt was 15th at 5.2 point per game.

- Cindy Murray came off the bench for the Lady Red Devils in limited time, but finished 18th in scoring with 2.5 points per game.

- Murray gives the Lady Red Devils a punishing rebounder and competitor for next year's squad.

- Ashley Horton finished 19th in scoring with 2.1 points per game average. She too came off the bench and received valuable playing experience this season.

- Brandi Diederich finished 22nd in scoring with 1.3 points per game. She must fill the bill at point guard with the loss of Ream and Wessel.

- Annamarie Larue finished 27th in scoring with an 0.9 average. She

will share duties with Diederich and another newcomer, Carissa Wentz.

Wentz finished 28th in scoring in the league. Considering that she was only a role player in the last few games, she did well, averaging 0.8 points per game.

- Oberlin has never been afraid to shoot the three-point and the Lady Red Devils had five of the top 10 three-point shooters in the league.

- Jones led the Lady Red Devils, finishing third in the league with 22. Ream was fourth with 14, Dreher seventh with four, Murray ninth with two and Glodt 10th with one.

- Oberlin also had three players in the top 10 in blocked shots. Pauls finished third in with 17, Olson fifth with seven and Dreher ninth with four.

- In rebounding, Pauls finished fourth with 128; Dreher eighth, 108; Olson, 11th, 68; Ream, 12th, 67; Murray, 13th, 60; Glodt, 16th, 49; Jones, 17th, 47; Horton, 21st, 30; Wessel, 22nd, 30; and Diederich, 24th, with 21.

- Ream finished second in the league with 63 steals; Dreher, sixth, 35; Glodt, 11th, 27; Pauls, 15th, 20; Jones, 17th; Wessel, 18th; Murray, 19th; Horton, 23rd; and Diederich, 24th.

- Ream outperformed all Northwest Kansas League players with 105 assists this season, 37 more than second-place finisher Macy Migchelbrink of Atwood. Dreher finished eighth with 32; Glodt and Pauls 12th and 13th, 24; Wessel, 14th, 17; Jones, 17th; Murray, 18th; Olson, 19th; and Horton, 20th.

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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 picked up at the **City Office, #1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS 67749**