Racing

By JIM MERRIOTT

jtmerriott@nwkansas.com The Blood, Sweat and Tears series will open dirt track racing at noon, Saturday April, 12, at the Oberlin Speedway.

Racing fans know this as the BST Racing Series.

Promoter Joe Bellm and the **International Motor Contest** Association representative Ed Beckley hammered out an agreement in early March to run sanctioned modified races this season.

The merger will allow top race car drivers from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming to compete headto-head with a point system to find out who is the top driver in the four-state region.

In Oberlin, next Saturday, racers will open up the season with warm-up "Hot Laps," starting at noon to see who qualifies for the pole position in each race.

Racing follows at 2 p.m. Race promoter Joe Bellm from Broomfield, Colo., has scheduled three races for local fans this season.

Racing will be held on Saturday, April 12; Monday, June 16; and Monday, Aug. 4.

Bellm will be in Oberlin Thursday promoting the se-

The modified series is one of the top racing series in this part of the country.

The Blood, Sweat and Tears Modified Series started Oct. 1, 2004. with its first competition in 2005. It originated at the I-76

Speedway in Fort Morgan, "The series popularity has

continued to grow each year," said Bellm. It has grown to 16 tracks

from as far east as Beatrice, Neb. to Las Vegas.

For information, contact Bellm at (720) 422-5244 or email joe@bstracing.com.



White House.

Chapter Two - by Kay Hively

Scotty carried his backpack to his bedroom and flung it on a chair. It lay there untouched until the Brown family finished supper.

Then, with a heavy sigh, Scotty carried it to the dining room table where he did his homework. Slowly, he pulled out his math workbook and turned to page 44. In only a short time, the two assigned pages were filled out.

Scotty admired what he had done in his workbook. Math was easy, and he liked to see his workbook looking neat so he wrote his letters and numbers clearly.

But now, with regular homework done, Scotty knew he should start his research project. Downhearted, he reached into his backpack and pulled out a book. The book was small with a big color picture of President Truman on the cover.

Slowly, Scotty opened the book. The first thing he saw a picture of a young boy wearing glasses. The boy in the photograph looked almost like Scotty himself. Scotty smiled. He never thought of himself looking like a President of the United States. He had imagined looking like Harry Potter, but never like a president.

Scotty read the words under the boy's picture. The caption said this was a picture of Harry Truman when he was 12 years old. This time, Scotty laughed right out loud because he was 12 years old, the same age as the boy in the photograph.

Scotty's attitude began to change as he turned another page in the little book.

As Scotty began to read, again came the smile. President Truman was born in Missouri – and that's where Scotty was born. The boy stopped and thought for a moment. It seemed spooky that he had so much in common with President Truman.

Maybe, he thought, learning about President Truman wouldn't be so bad after all. Scotty turned another page, but he didn't read the words, he just looked at the pictures. For almost an hour he studied the photographs in the book. As he turned each page, he could see the young boy in the round glasses growing up. There were pictures of him working on a farm, clerking in a clothing store, wearing a military uniform and, at the very end, there were pictures

Next Week: Chapter Three - The man in the white suit

of Mr. Truman living with his wife and daughter in the

In one picture, there was a sign on the President's desk. The sign said, "The Buck Stops Here." Scotty didn't know what that meant.

his room and placed them on his desk.

But it was bedtime. Carefully, Scotty carried the books to

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Things to Think About and Do

A. Scotty tried to keep his workbook neat. Why is it important to write letters and numbers correctly? Write a paragraph on the importance of neatness and cleanliness in homework and in life.

B. From a list of Presidents, find one that is like you in some way. Look for one who has the same first or last name as you. Or find one who has the same initials or who was born in the same state or town as you. Do a timeline of that President, starting with his birth date and place and include important events in his life.

C. Look through the newspaper and find five photographs of people who resemble you in some way, such as same hair color, same age, etc.

Visit the Truman Presidential Museum & Library at www.trumanlibrary.org

Track teams lead the way at Atwood meet Both the Oberlin boys and girls 63, and Quinter, 54. The Oberlin boys finished with six first places, eight seconds, five thirds and four fourths. Leading the way for Oberlin was

junior, Jacob Fortin with first place

finishes in the 100-meter dash and

the 400-meter dash; Nolan Peters,

3,200-meter run; Lucas Juenemann,

high jump; Logan Fortin, javelin;

• J. Fortin, 100-meter dash, first

Daniel Jordan, 200-meter dash,

• Jay Wessel, 110-meter hurdles,

• Toby Peters, 300-meter hurdles,

• Andrew Richards, 800-meter

• N. Peters, 3,200-meter run, first,

• Nolan Wasson, 3200-meter run,

• L. Fortin, javelin, first, 143-2;

• Jeb Fortin, pole vault, fourth,

• Sam Stapp, shot put, second,

• Dakota Soderlund, shot put,

· Colt Diederich, discus, second,

• The 4X100-meter relay team of

• The 4X400-meter relay team of

• The 4X800-meter relay team of

"The kids competed well despite

T. Peters, Juenemann, J. Fortin and

T. Peters, Juenemann, L. Fortin, and

Jared Marcuson, Urban, N. Peters,

the lack of practices with spring

break," said Coach Joe Dreher. "It

is obvious we have some work to do

Hoxie at 3 p.m. Friday to face the

The Oberlin teams will be in

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oberlin will

but it's early in the season."

Indians.

and Wasson, second, 10:43.12.

Chad Williams, first, 47.03

Everett Urban, third, 3:56.99

high jump, second, 5-2; and pole

run, fourth, 2:18.53, and 1600-me-

second, 19.24, and triple jump,

11.69; 200-meter dash, third, 25.15;

and 400-meter dash, first, 59.24.

second, 59.34

fourth, 35-2.5.

second, 45.68

11:55.09

ter run, third, 5:17.21

fourth, 13:14.62

vault, second, 11-6

third, 35-9.25.

and the 4X100-meter relay team.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

brought home first-place honors from their first track meet of the

The Decatur Community High School teams opened the season on Friday in Atwood against Rawlins County and Quinter high school.

The girls scored 69 points while Atwood had 61 and Quinter, 45.

The girls were led by senior Heather Glodt, who won the 100and 200-meter dashes; senior Nikki Wessel, in the triple jump; Kayla Zodrow, 3,200-meter run; the 4X100- meter relay team and the 4X800 meter relay team.

The girls ended the day with seven first-place finishes, eight seconds, five thirds and three fourths.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

• Glodt, 100-meter dash, first, 13.9 seconds, and 200-meter dash, first, 28.72.

•Wessel, triple jump, first, 28-feet, 7-inches, and long jump, third,

• Zodrow, 3,200-meter run, first,14:29.22

• Jordan Dreher, 100-meter dash, second, 14.43.

• Rachelle Scott, 200-meter dash, third, 32.02, and shot put, third, 29-11.5

• Tiffany Anderson, 400-meter 42-6, and discus, third, 98-5 dash, second, 67.88, and 800-meter run, fourth, 3:24.81 • Sydney Grafel, 100-meter hur-

dles, second, 22.2. • Jori Diederich, 800-meter run,

third, 3:14.44. • Adrienne Pauls, triple jump, second, 28-7

• Sara Kyte, high jump, second,

• LeAnna Sheaffer, shot put, second, 30-10,5; discus, third, 79-6; and javelin, second, 93-9.

• The 4X100-meter relay team of Dreher, Lacey Ream, Brandi Diederich and Glodt, first, 54.93.

 \bullet The 4X400-meter relay team of Ream, Tamara Ketterl, Glodt and Annamarie Larue, second, 4:34.72

•The 4X800-meter relay team of Ketterl, Ream, Anderson, and B. Diederich, first, 11:53.06.

The Oberlin boys scored 68 be back in Atwood to face the Buf-

in the 3,200 meter run Friday at the meet with Quinter and Rawlins County in Atwood. She

points for first followed by Atwood, faloes again.

-Herald photo by Patti Richards.

Hunting, fishing seems on decline

OBERLIN SENIOR KAYLA ZODROW started off the season with a first-place finish

dropped to slightly more than 30

Where does it end? None of us

With a rapidly growing popula-

tion and more and more rural habitat being bulldozed for new develop-

ment, it is no shock that our envi-

ronment is changing. Whether it is

progress or not, northwest Kansas,

eastern Colorado and southwest

Nebraska landowners may see more

problems with wild game crop dam-

age, overpopulation and disease.

Roosevelt and William Holden is

fading away.

the horizon.

The mental picture of big hunters such as Ernest Hemingway, Teddy

With the three states fighting over

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Being an outdoorsmen can be a selfish thing. Just like most hunters know. or fishermen, outdoorsmen want to hoard their knowledge and favorite honey hole, be it a pond or a wooded

Whether, we blame the X Box 360, the Internet, or not being able to find a place to hunt, statistics, from as far back as 1975 show that hunting and fishing licenses are on a downward spiral.

Good you say, "That leaves more for me." It may leave more game for present outdoorsmen, but the future is bleak.

Fewer and fewer young adults are heading into the field and when water, even more problems are on people do not use the out-of-doors. it effects the economy.

License sales produce income for the preservation of habitat and game. From sporting goods sales to the purchase of gasoline, it all effects our economy.

Motels, cafes or clothing, somewhere down the line an outdoorsmen's dollar floats through the economy.

Whether it is based on the economy or on a changing diversified culture and society, the mental picture of the rugged outdoorsman struggling to fight Mother Nature is disappearing.

The Associated Press has come up with some numbers:

- Hunting reached its peak in 1975 with about 17 million people or 10 percent of the population hunting.
- In 1975, 41.3 million fishing license were purchased. • In 1991 hunting license sales

dropped to 7 percent of the popula-

tion or a little less than 14 million

- By 1991about 35.6 million people were fishing or roughly 19 percent of the population.
- The last survey in 2006 recorded another drop in license sales. About 12.5 million licenses were purchased, or about 5 percent of the growing population, which was in the neighborhood of 250 million legal residents.
- At the same time, fishing

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