

# Team competes at home

The Decatur Community High teams had plenty of competition at the Annual Oberlin Invitational Track Meet last Tuesday.

The boys came in fourth led by Jacob Fortin, who took first in the 100-meter dash, his second first in that event in two weeks, and in the 400-meter dash, where he finished almost two seconds faster than his closest opponent.

The girls, lead by Heather Glodt, who took first in the 100-meter dash, and Brandi Diederich, who took first in the pole vault, came in fifth.

Phillipsburg won the boys events with 105 points followed by Norton, 97; Rawlins County, 74; Oberlin, 64; St. Francis, 56; Smith Center, 49; Oakley, 46; Hoxie, 27; Goodland, 23; and Wheatland/Grinnell, 21.

**Boys results:**

- J. Fortin, 100-meter dash, first, 11.02 seconds, and 400-meter dash, first, 51.72.
- Andrew Richards, 3,200-meter run, second, 11:07.19.
- Logan Fortin, pole vault, sixth, 11 feet, and javelin, second, 164.
- Lucas Juenemann, high jump, fourth, 5-10.
- Nolan Peters, 3200-meter run, fourth, 11:11.12.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of: Toby Peters, L. Fortin, Juenemann and J. Fortin, third, 45.76, their best time.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of: T. Peters, Everett Urban, J. Fortin and L. Fortin, second, 3:38.53.
- The 4x800-meter relay team of: Urban, N. Peters, Richards and Chad Williams, third, 9:05.58, their best time.

The Norton girls won their side of the meet with 106 points followed by Rawlins County, 88; Oakley, 85; Smith Center, 71; Oberlin, 67; Phillipsburg, 60; St. Francis, 39; Wheatland/Grinnell, 20; Southwest Nebraska and Hoxie, 4.

**Girls Results:**

- Glodt, 100-meter dash, first, 12.95, and 200-meter dash, third, 27.47.
- Diederich, pole vault, first, 8-8.
- Kayla Zodrow, 3,200-meter run, second, 13:41.38.
- Rory Wendelin, shot put, third, 37-0.5.
- LeAnna Sheaffer, shot put, fifth, 34-2; discus, fifth, 93-6; and javelin, sixth, 103-8.
- Jordan Dreher, 100-meter dash, sixth, 13.52.
- Tiffany Anderson, 400-meter dash, sixth, 1:07.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of: Dreher, Lacey Ream, Diederich and Glodt, third, 52.73, their best time.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of: Ream, Glodt, Annamarie Larue, Anderson, third, 4:22.93, their best time.
- The 4x800-meter relay team of: B. Diederich, Larue, Ream, Anderson, first, 10:56.13.

The Lady Red Devils traveled to Hill City for a meet.

Friday, Oberlin travels to Colby for the Northwest Kansas League Championship starting at 3 p.m.

Regionals will be held in Hill City Friday, May 16, times will be announced.

# Bridge planks up for sale

The Decatur County Road and Bridge Department has a yard full of used bridge planks, used culverts and other salvageable materials to sell.

Supervisor Tim Stallman told county commissioners last Tuesday that he needs to advertise to get rid of the stuff, especially bridge planks. He said the department will sell the planks as is, with the nails still in them.

Normally, he said, the crew will go through the planks, take out the nails and then use some of them. Right now, though, there are too many to take the time to go through.

Mr. Stallman said the planks cost \$1.25 a foot for a 3-inch-by-12-foot plank. The crew is willing to help people load what they buy as long as they come in the morning or late afternoon, he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the purchase of 12 new grader tires at around \$450 each, not to exceed \$6,000.
- Approved buying a full order of off-road diesel fuel. Mr. Stallman didn't have a price.

# Getting a good start



OBERLIN'S TIFFANY ANDERSON takes the hand off from Annamarie Larue in the 4x800-meter relay at the Oberlin Invitational last Tuesday. —Herald photo by Patti Richards

# Graduate wants to serve others

As the school year comes to an end, another group of seniors will be saying good-bye to Decatur Community High School.

New graduates such as Jared Marcuson will be heading off to new adventures.

"I plan on attending Barton County Community College in Great Bend," said Marcuson. "My current plans are earning a degree in political science."

Marcuson said that he would like to finish his bachelor's degree at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

"My grandfather Gail is the single most inspirational person that I know," he said. "He has always been behind me in athletics whether I won or lost; inspiring me to achieve. He has been active in high school football, wrestling and track."

"My father also went out of his way to help me," he said. "I don't think Dad thought I would ever stick it out when I first started wrestling as a kid."

Marcuson started wrestling in grade school and kept it up for the

next eight years.

In the summers he has helped work on the family farm and raise 4-H animals for the county fair. He also mows lawns.

"I would like to return to Oberlin after I graduate from college," he said. "I would like to run for public office. My goal in life is to serve others."

Marcuson is the son of Brad and Elaine of Oberlin. He has two older sisters Sarah, who works for Addleman Drug Store, and Leslie, who lives in Topeka.

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — Sports Times, distances and heights start to improve

The Decatur Community Junior High track teams keep improving their personal times, distances and heights but still have trouble winning as teams.

On Thursday at St. Francis the seventh-grade girls finished third, the eighth-grade girls, fifth; the seventh-grade boys, second; and the eighth-grade boys, third.

Colby won the seventh-grade girls events followed by Quinter, Oberlin, Tribune and St. Francis.

Oberlin's Miki Dorshorst took first in the triple jump and Taylor MacFee in the discus.

**Seventh-grade girls results:**

- Dorshorst, triple jump, first, 30 feet; 100-meter dash, second, 13.9 seconds; and 200-meter dash, fourth, 31.6;
- MacFee, discus, first, 73-3; shot put, third, 25-2; and long jump, fourth, 11-9.
- Darbi Rouse, 100-meter hurdles, third, 18.6; 1,600-meter run, third, 6:45; and high jump, tie, second, 4-6.
- Jordan Wasson, pole vault, second, 6-0; long jump, third, 12-2; and triple jump, fifth, 26-2.
- Keatra Fisher, shot put, third, 29-6.
- The 4x200-meter relay team of: Fisher, Rouse, Cassidy Shields and Dorshorst, second, 2:08.

The eighth-grade girls events were won by Colby followed by Tribune and Quinter tied, St. Francis and Oberlin.

Kiah Blau led the Oberlin girls with a first in the shot put.

**Eighth-grade girls results:**

- Blau, shot put, first, 35-1; 100-meter hurdles, second, 18; 100-meter dash, fourth, 13.9; and 200-meter dash, fourth, 29.
- Samantha Anderson, discus, second, 65-4; and shot put, third, 32-3.
- Brianna Klima, 400-meter dash, fifth, 1:30.
- Serena Stacy, discus, third, 64-9.
- Megan Huntley, triple jump, fifth, 27-3.

The seventh-grade boys came in second behind Colby. The were followed by Tribune, St. Francis and Quinter.

Oberlin was lead by Zach May, who had three first-place finishes and Kade Brown, with a first in the pole vault.

**Seventh-grade boys results:**

- May, 100-meter hurdles, first, 18; long jump, first, 14-11; and triple jump, first, 33-6.
- Brown, pole vault, first, 7-6.
- Ryan May, triple jump, third, 29-4.
- Matt Glading, 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:28.
- Channing Farr, discus, third, 84-4, and shot put, fourth, 28-4.
- Tyler Bruggeman, shot put, third, 29-8; discus, second, 91-7.

The 8th grade boys finished in the middle of the pack, third behind Colby and Quinter and ahead of Tribune and St. Francis.

The eighth-graders were led by Brent Juenemann, who took first in the 100-meter hurdles and high jump and the 4x100-meter relay team, which also finished first.

**Eighth-grade boys results:**

- Juenemann, 100-meter hurdles, first, 16.9; 200-meter dash, second, 26.9; and high jump, first, 4-10.
- Saeger Grafel, high jump, second, 4-8; and triple jump, third, 32-2.
- Conner McHugh, 100-meter dash, fourth, 14.1; 1,600-meter run, fifth, 6:04; and long jump, fourth, 14-4.
- Garrett Berry, shot put, fifth, 27-3, and 400-meter dash, fifth, 1:09.
- Tyler Shields, 3,200-meter run, second, 13:16.
- Matthew Wittman, 100-meter hurdles, fourth, 19.2.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of: McHugh, Grafel, Juenemann and Shields, first, 55.4.
- The 4x200-meter relay team of: Grafel, Wittman, Shields and Berry, second, 2:04.

"It was not a very good day to compete well with the high winds and cold air," said Coach Keith Grafel. "We did have some kids who did very well. We still need to be more consistent in our throws and jumps."

Oberlin will play host to the Northwest Kansas League Junior High meet at 10 a.m. Thursday

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