

# Sports

## Boys take fifth, girls eighth 11 athletes head for state

Oberlin will be sending 11 track athletes — five boys and six girls — to the state meet in Wichita on Friday and Saturday.

The Decatur Community High boys track team finished fifth and the girls eighth at the Kansas High School Region 17 Track meet in Hill City on Friday.

- Junior Jacob Fortin continued to turn heads in the 100-meter dash. He has had a perfect season finishing first in every meet. His time of 11.12 seconds at Hill City was only .15 seconds off his school record of 10.97; set this season.

- He also finished second in the 400-meter dash in 51.24, just three-fourths of a second behind Corey Torres of LaCrosse who snapped the finish line string at 50.99.

- Junior Logan Fortin, Jacob's cousin, will represent the Red Devils

in the javelin throw and pole vault. Logan won regional competition in the javelin with a toss of 164 feet, 3 inches. He finished fourth in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet.

The two Fortin boys will compete in six events at state for Oberlin.

- The boys 4x400-meter relay team of Toby Peters, Everett Urban and the Fortins finished fourth in 3:33.68.

On the girls side:

- Heather Glodt finished third in the 200-meter dash, 27.34

- Brandi Diederich took second in the pole vault, 9.

- The 4x100-meter relay team of Jordan Dreher, Lacey Ream, Diederich and Glodt, third, 52.15.

- The 4x800-meter team of: Tiffany Anderson, Diederich, Ream and Tamara Ketterl, second, 10:24.4.

Smith Center won the boys team

competition with 98 points followed by LaCrosse, 86; Rawlins County, 68; Osborne, 45; Oberlin, 42; Johnson-Stanton County, 41; Oakley, 36; Leoti-Wichita County, 34; Hill City, 33; Syracuse, 24; Stockton, 16; Ellis, 15; Plainville, 13; Brookville-Ell-Saline, 4; and WaKeeney-Trego Community, 3.

Rawlins County girls were first with 73.5 points followed by Osborne, 58.5; Ellis, 57.5; Oakley, 55; Smith Center, 54; Syracuse, 50; Plainville, 41.5; Oberlin, 38; Brookville-Ell-Saline, 27; Hill City, 27; LaCrosse, 21; Leoti-Wichita County, 18; Elkhart, 16; Johnson-Stanton County, 14; and WaKeeney-Trego Community, 7.

Sophomore Daniel Jordan will be an alternate for the boys relay team.



**NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH J.D. Johnson** and his wife Rachel read to their two daughters Madelaine (left) and Gabrielle at their home in Minneola on Thursday. The Johnsons will move to Oberlin in July.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott.

## New coach makes plans

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

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Oberlin's new football coach is already planning his summer training program including holding several camps.

Newly hired head football coach J.D. Johnson confirmed Thursday the Red Devils will be allowed, by a new Kansas State Activities Association ruling, to hold at least three camps this summer.

Although, he isn't moving to Oberlin until the middle of July, he is planning the camps.

"What I would like to do is get the kids familiar with their new offense," said Johnson.

"These camps will enable our kids to get a jump-start prior to the

season, so they will know what to do and what is expected of them, it will also help me get to know the kids."

Johnson comes from Minneola, where he has taught and coached for the past seven years. He also will be the new social studies teacher at Decatur Community High.

"I am excited, even though the school year is winding down, it won't be long before two-a-day drills begin," he said.

Johnson also said that there is a possibility that there might be a camp he would like the Red Devils to attend at Dodge City Community College.

The Dodge City clinic is a 7 on 7 passing camp designed for quar-

terbacks, running backs, receivers, linebackers and defensive backs.

Kansas State University's Ron Prince is also heading up a team high school 7 on 7 camp in Manhattan.

A change in state regulations will allow football coaches to set up five-man plus one additional player summer camps this summer and Coach Johnson said he plans to take advantage of that.

These camps will be broken down into different categories, but only six players will be allowed to participate at a time.

Johnson said he will be setting up an offensive and defensive camp for linemen, quarterbacks and receivers, and a running/defensive backs camp.

## High school golf ends season

The Decatur Community High golf team ended its season in Ellis at the regional meet last Monday.

None of the Red Devils qualified to advance to the state golf championship in Garden City.

Nathan Simonsson and Jordan Tally were the only two golfers to compete for Oberlin, as Red Devils did not have enough players to qualify as a team.

Simonsson led Oberlin shooting 53-51 for 104.

Tally shot a 52-62-114.

"We had a tough day, and we did not qualify our team or any individuals for the state meet this year," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "The weather was hot and windy, which meant high scores.

"This was a rebuilding season. Our varsity gained a lot of experi-

ence, with a lot of summer playing we will be more competitive next year.

"Our junior varsity also got to play more tournaments than normal because of our small squad size. With practice some of these guys will become varsity players.

"Thanks to everyone for their support this season."

## Eighth-grade girls take first

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Oberlin's Kiah Blau led the Decatur Community eighth-grade girls track team with a first place finish in the shot put at the Northwest Kansas League meet on Thursday, May 8, in Oberlin.

The Colby girls won the meet with 162 points followed by Quinter, 86; St. Francis, 58; Oakley, 52; Hoxie, 46; Rawlins county, 38; Oberlin, 25; and Goodland, 13.

**Girls results:**

- Blau, shot put, first, 33-10.5; 100-meter dash, fourth, 13.66; and 100-meter hurdles, sixth, 18.89.

- Samantha Anderson, discus, third, 68-1.5.

- Megan Huntley, triple jump, fourth, 28-4.5.

"Our eighth-grade girls had just an OK day, but they still found a

way to score some needed points," said Coach Keith Grafel. "We had a very nice season; the girls should do very well next year."

Tyler Shields and Brent Juenemann each brought home a second place for the Oberlin eighth-grade boys. Shields in the 3200-meter run and Juenemann in the 100-meter hurdles.

**Boys results:**

- Juenemann, second, 100-meter hurdles, 16.2; high jump, third, 5-0; and 200-meter dash, second 16.2; 200-meter dash, fourth, 26.71.

- Shields, 3,200-meter run, second, 12:37.68.

- Saeger Grafel, triple jump, fifth, 32-10.

- Conner McHugh, 1,600-meter run, fifth, 5:53.18.

- The 4x100-meter relay team of: Juenemann, McHugh, Grafel, and

Shields, fourth, 4:36.82.

- The 4x200-meter relay team of: Grafel, Shields, Matthew Wittman, and Nolan Henningson, fifth, 1:56.12.

- The 4x400-meter relay team of: Shields, Wittman, Garrett Berry, and Henningson, fifth, 4:36.82.

"The eighth-grade boys did fine and I was pleased with their performances," said Coach Grafel. "It was a great year for Oberlin Junior High track. I want to thank my assistant coaches Tim Breth and Cindy Sattler, who did a super job with our athletes. Their help and knowledge has made us a real fine team. I also want to thank all the parents and followers who supported the team. I really appreciate it. Thanks to all who helped make this a really fine year."

## Small pond fishing can be exciting

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

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With the high price of gas, more fishermen are looking closer to home and trying to stretch their recreation dollar.

There are an amazing number of small ponds in Kansas. And, if you know the right people, fishing can be as exciting as fishing at your favorite reservoir.

Farm ponds are for agricultural purposes such as watering holes for cattle. These natural stock tanks also provide irrigation, erosion control and sport fishing.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has helped develop over 2.5

million farm ponds across the country with a cost-sharing program.

Created by bulldozing or blasting a hole and an earthen dam, these ponds range from one-fourth acre to several acres depending on location and the weather.

If properly maintained and aerated, these ponds, which are normally 12 and 20 feet deep, can maintain several species of stocked panfish, catfish and bass.

Talk to any angler in southeast Kansas, and they'll tell you that these ponds can produce lunkers in all categories.

Gravel pits and rock quarries are also areas fishermen should

checkout as they tend to fill with ground water.

In 1977, federal legislation required abandon mine pits to be filled in or restored to their original state unless they were managed for the habit of wildlife or fishing.

Here in dry western Kansas area, there are lots of farmers who understand the importance of maintaining wildlife habitat.

Though some watering holes have dried up, there are still some fine farm ponds out there available to fish for the asking.

Good luck over the summer and remember to take a kid fishing.

## Think before you shoot

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There were 19 hunting incidents (accidents) and one fatality in Kansas last year.

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks defines an incident as the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes injury or death to a human being.

While when someone was hurt, it used to be called an accident, now the state notes it as an incident.

The state estimated that hunters spent about 2.5 million days in the field in Kansas last year.

Of the 19 incidents, 11 of them involved one hunter following game with a weapon and hitting another hunter. In other words, not observing a safe zone of fire.

Wayne Doyle, who heads the Kansas volunteer hunter education instructors program says he believes hunting is safe and getting safer because volunteer instructors are teaching safety to almost a half-million new hunters.

"Be certain of your target and what lies beyond it" he said.

The second most common incident involved careless handling of

firearms. Half of the six incidents were self-inflicted.

Doyle said he believes that all could have been avoided by always controlling the muzzle of the firearm.

"Not pointing it at yourself or resting the muzzle on your foot while taking a break just makes sense," he said. "It will surprise no one that alcohol figured into two of the careless handling incidents."

One incident involved a shooter failing to properly identify his target.

"While walking up turkeys after a beer or two," he said. "The shooter mistook another hunter for a turkey, causing serious wounds.

"Be certain of your target."

The fatality can not be classified until legal proceedings are complete, but involved a young man hunting geese from a layout blind. A shot was fired from a nearby road killing him.

"Not one of these incidents had to happen," said Doyle. "Once a shot is fired, it cannot be called back.

"My advice is think before you shoot, this will help make Kansas an even safer place to hunt."

## Sign up for softball

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at the Decatur Community High School in either Mr. Micek or Mr. Williams room for anyone interested in forming a summer co-ed softball team in Oberlin.

Call Joe Dreher for information at 475-2093.

**Museum Summerfest Car Show**  
**Oberlin, Kansas**  
**May 31st**

Pre-registration due by May 20, 2008  
When coming into Oberlin follow the arrows to the registration area.

**All Classic Cars and Motorcycles Welcome**

Registration Includes:  
Dash Plaque, Goodie Bag,  
2 tickets to the Museum, 2 tickets to BBQ Supper

**Pre-registration - \$20 Day of Show - \$25**

Call Dana at 785-475-2325 or  
Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum at 785-475-2712 for more information.

## Yankees were team to beat

I believe the 1927 New York Yankees was the greatest team ever in major league baseball.

Known as Murder's Row, the Yankees, now known as The Evil Empire, set the standard for all major-league teams.

In 2008, fans can see if their teams measure up to the Yankees in those years, just prior to the Great Depression.

With a team batting average of .307, a slugging average of .489, and 975 runs scored in 154 games, it's hard to disagree with their statistics.

During that amazing season, the Yanks outscored their opponents by a record 376 runs.

We all are familiar with George Herman "Babe" Ruth, the right fielder who batted .356, with 60 home runs and 164 runs batted in, and Lou Gehrig, the first baseman, who hit .373 with 47 home runs and 175 runs batted in.

But, such greats as center fielder Earle Combs, shortstop Mark Koenig, left fielder Bob Meusel, second baseman Tony Lazzeri, third baseman Joe Dugan and catcher Pat Collins are over shadowed by the two baseball legends.

Combs hit .356 as the Yankee lead-off hitter. Few fans know that Koenig, who hit .285, and Combs set the table for Ruth and Gehrig.

Batting just behind Gehrig was Meusel, who hit .337, an average that most modern day players only dream of.

Lazzeri, who cranked out 18 home runs — high for a second baseman — and batted .309, was

education.

He began his basketball coaching career in Oswego, where he coached for three years. After Oswego, Jones coached five years at Ness City.

He and his wife Belinda have three children: two girls, Elisha, who will be a senior, and Kayla, who will enter the seventh grade. He also has a son Dalton, who will be a freshman.

Dreher said that Jones and his

family enjoy hunting and fishing and are excited to move to Oberlin.

Jones will be replacing Greg Olson, who coached part-time for the Red Devils, but did not teach.

This will be the fourth coach the seniors have played under in four years.

Jones will also be an assistant coach for track in the spring.



### The Jayhawker

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almost as a tough out as Meusel Dugan and Collins who batted seventh and eighth gave pitchers a small break. Dugan batted .269 and Collins, .275.

The 1927 Yankees are one of only four teams to have won at least 110 games in a season, going 110-44 and sweeping the World Series over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Only the 1906 Chicago Cubs, with 116 wins, and 1954 Cleveland Indians, with 111, have won more in a 154-game season.

Other teams to win more than 110 games were the 2001 Seattle Mariners and the 1998 New York Yankees with 114 games each. However, those teams each played 162-game schedules.

The '27 Yankees pitching staff led the league in earned run average with a respectable 3.2 runs allowed in each nine-inning game.

Waite Hoyt was the ace pitcher with a 22-7 record while starter Herb Pennock posted a 19-8 record.

Relief pitcher Wiley Moore won 19 games.

Six players and the Manager Miller Huggins have been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Modern teams are still measured against them.

2008 is the final season at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx..

When the Yankees move to their new home, not only will the stadium be lost, but the "House that Ruth Built," will be no more.

### USED EQUIPMENT

1- 1998 Gleaner R62 w/30' Head.....	<b>\$66,500</b>
1- Hesston 565A Baler w/Net Wrap.....	<b>\$11,800</b>
1- MF 124 Square Baler.....	<b>\$3,500</b>
1- Case 8465 Round Baler.....	<b>\$10,500</b>
1- Hesston 560 Round Baler.....	<b>\$7,500</b>
1- New Holland BR780 Round Baler.....	<b>\$25,500</b>
1- New Holland 499.....	<b>\$7,850</b>
1- 5x12 Eitzen Feedwagon with scales.....	<b>\$6,500</b>
1- HT20 Bolens Tractor w/Loader & Attachments.....	<b>\$4,500</b>
1- Case 7140 FWA - w/Loader.....	<b>\$57,500</b>
1- BR780 N.H. Baler netwrap, wide pickup.....	<b>\$34,500</b>
1- 4-175 White Tractor PTO and 3 point dozer.....	<b>\$9,500</b>
1- 2006 H.H. TG 210 Tractor - FWA-800 Hrs.....	<b>\$89,910</b>
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