

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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LINED UP FOR AN OFFENSIVE PLAY, Decatur Community High sophomore Jacob Larue prepared to hike the ball to junior Toby Peters. On the line were sophomore Dalton Dolan (on the left) and junior Donovan Bowman. Coach J.D. Johnson watched the play on Saturday, the last day of Oberlin football camp. A few plays later, Coach Johnson (below) enjoyed a little horseplay with senior Sam Stapp. — Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

Players learn, work out

Twenty-two Red Devils answered the call to get in shape and learn some new plays last week at the annual Decatur Community High football camp.

Coach J.D. Johnson said he had a good mix of experienced players and freshmen and sophomores during the camp, which ran from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

While the temperatures climbed into the 100s almost every day, the weather wasn't too bad in the early morning, Coach Johnson said.

"It stayed fairly cool for us," he said. "And we got a lot accomplished."

The boys were working from a new offensive and defensive play book, the coach said, so those that were able to attend camp should be ahead of the curve when practice starts on Monday, Aug. 18.

The coach said that he expects to have about 30 boys out for football this year. He said he had heard from several, who had prior commitments and couldn't attend camp.

Practice will start with two-a-days, he said, starting at 6 a.m. and again right after school through Thursday. After that the boys will just practice in the afternoons.

There will be a parents' meeting



at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 in the high school. The coach said that he doesn't know which room yet, but will post a note on the front door.

Oberlin football fans will get their first glimpse at the team during the

annual Football Soap Scrimmage on Thursday, Aug. 28.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the Osborne Bulldogs will come to town for the first game of the season. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. at Smick Field.

Max and Veanna Carman returned home Friday from Kearney, Neb., where she had been hospitalized for 118 days at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Guests at their home Friday evening for a "Welcome Home" pizza supper were their mothers, Aleen Van Vleet and Myrtle Waldo.

Eula Juenemann is recuperating from a broken ankle which she suffered in a recent fall. Mail will reach her in care of her daughter, Erma Mottley, 603 Dumbille Ave., Suffolk, Va., 23434.

Cheryl Votapka and Joy Votapka took Howard and Janette Votapka to Indianola, Neb., on Thursday for a Mexican supper to honor them on their 50th wedding anniversary.

A.J. and Kara Russell of Wichita came Wednesday to spend a week visiting their grandparents, Neal and Joy Russell, and other relatives.

Ashley Wolters and Tracey Taylor were Friday dinner guests of Gus and Elsie Wolters at Hays.

Dwayne and Betty Jones met their daughter, Tina Jones of Long Beach, Calif., in Denver on Sunday and she accompanied them home to spend a week with relatives. She came especially for the open house on Sunday afternoon which honored her father on his 80th birthday at Sappa Valley Manor.

Edna Swafford of Seattle, Wash. and her daughter, Debbie Gunnderson, Shirley Mae and Jordan of Buckley, Wash., came July 15, to visit her sister, June Fortin, and family, for a month.

Alan and Judy Marietta honored her sister, Marcia Emig, with a supper at their home on Wednesday in observance of her 60th birthday. Those present were Marlin and

Dana Marintzer, Connie Grafel, and Richard and Marcia Emig of Goodland.

Young people from the United Methodist Church who spent Friday and Saturday at Camp Lakeside at Scott City included: Shane McEvoy, Channing Farr, Dakota Cook, Darbi Rouse, Samantha Wrinkle and Lara Zodrow. Sponsors were Robert and Robyn Rouse, the Rev. Doug Hasty and Melissa Hasty. The group helped with projects at the camp on Friday and enjoyed canoeing and swimming on Saturday.

Weekend houseguests of Ben and Wendy Letourneau, Jane, Jonas and Canaan were his parents, Hank and Denise Letourneau of Concordia. They came to help Jonas celebrate his second birthday.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy returned home Thursday night from Hotchkiss, Colo., where they spent two weeks visiting their son, Evan McEvoy, and Alex.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Kelva Dryden and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Floyd Edgett, Dorothy Moore and Neil Marshall. Pitch highs were won by Dorothy Moore and Barb Solko with lows going to Neil Marshall and Aleen Van Vleet. Winning highs at bridge were Carol Shirley, Ila Ray, Leone Purton and Phyllis Lohofener. Commodity distribution begins at 9 a.m. Friday at Golden Age Center.

Kylie Dirks of rural Ludell was honored with a pizza party on her first birthday on Friday at the home of her parents, Brandon and Kristi Dirks and Kaci. Others present were Jerry and Jolene Fortin, Ardis Roe, Larry and Peggy Roe, Daren and

Erica Fortin, Jaci and Jenna, Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry and Eli, and Clay and Jennie Anderson, Oberlin; Coop and Donna Spresser, and Kjell and Laressa Nordgren and Kiah, Atwood; and Ethan and Lacy Walker, Ludell. Other invited guests were Dan Dirks, Stacey Hurst, Kristin and Brianna and friend, Jared, North Platte, Neb.; Linda Dirks, Bill Lanning, Larry and Meghan Anderson, Brice, Andrew and Eric, Ludell; Kevin and Lori Fortin, Jessie and Erin, Wamego, and Corey Fortin, Fayetteville, Ark.

Funeral services were held in Scott City on Saturday for Jason Kanak, 31, son of Joe and Lynette Kanak of Atwood. He was killed Wednesday night after a deer, hit by another vehicle, flew into the windshield of his pickup on Kansas Highway 4 in Scott County. His wife, Lisa, and their four-year-old son were taken to a Scott County Hospital, but are all right. His maternal grandparents are Ed and Eileen Leinwetter of Bella Vista, Ark., but formerly of Atwood and Oberlin. Mr. Leinwetter is a native of Herndon and his wife is from Norton.

Among out-of-town relatives who attended funeral services for Mildred Cochran on Friday were Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Lori Lowrance, Denver; Esther Jording, Kurt Fredrickson, Salina; Mike and Judy Macy, Bob Kelley, McPherson; Doyle Fredrickson, Wichita; Larry and Cel Kruse, Lawton, Okla.; Larry and Nancy Kruse, Kayla Stewart, Mason and Josie, and Halley, and Kelly and Jessica Kruse, Russellville, Mo., and Kyle and Dena Kruse, Hannah and Brady, New Haven, Mo.

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Golf pro to teach at Oberlin

Sean Riley, a golf professional from Cambridge, Neb., will be offering a golf clinic for women next week at the Oberlin Country Club.

There will be two sessions at 5:30-7 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. each night Monday, Aug. 11, through Thursday, Aug. 14. The cost is \$25.

For information or to sign up, call Carol Brown at 475-3644.

Volleyball tips off with team meeting

The Decatur Community volleyball players will have a team meeting after school on Friday, Aug. 15, and start practice on Monday, Aug. 18.

There will be a team scrimmage at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, and a parents' meeting directly after.

"We are looking forward to the 2008 volleyball season," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "We have a very competitive schedule ahead of us. This year we have several girls with varsity experience and many young talented girls coming up. The girls have been attending many volleyball camps and working out in the

weight room this summer."

The Lady Red Devils will get to put their work to the test at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, when they travel to Hoxie to take on the Lady Indians and the Shockers of Wheatland and Grainfield.

The first home matchup will be against the St. Francis Indians and the Colby Eagles at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

The Lady Red Devils finished their season 17-18 last year, with a much less-experienced team than in 2006, when the girls suffered their only two losses at the state tournament.

Sports Reporter wanted

Sports enthusiasts, this may be your chance to tell the whole town about the Oberlin Red Devils' activities on the field, the court and the road.

The Oberlin Herald is looking for a part-time sports reporter, so give us a call at 785-475-2206 for all the details. EOE m/f/h



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