

Oberlin wins Atwood meet

The Decatur Community High boys track team won the Rawlins County Track and Field Invitational last Tuesday in Atwood with a total of 171 points.

Also participating were high schools from Goodland and Colby and Dundey County and Hitchcock County, Neb.

Oberlin athletes took first in two of three relays and in shot put, javelin, the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and the 3,200-meter run.

Jacob Fortin won four gold medals, in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes and for being a member of the first-place 4x100-meter relay team.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Logan Fortin, Brent Juenemann, Lucas Juenemann and J. Fortin won in 46.96 seconds.

The 4x800-meter relay team Dalton Jones, Everett Urban, Nolan Peters and Andrew Richards, won in 9:07.72.

The 4x400-meter relay team, L. Fortin, Jones, Urban and Richards ran second in 3:46.68.

In individual events:
Shot Put: Dakota Soderlund, 40 feet, 7.05 inches, first; Sam Stapp, 39-7, third.

Javelin: L. Fortin, 174-4, first; L. Juenemann, 131-6, third.

Triple Jump: L. Juenemann, 37-7.25, second; Derek Chambers, 37-5, third.

High Jump: L. Juenemann, 5-6, fourth.

Pole Vault: L. Fortin, 12-6, second.

100-meter dash: J. Fortin, 22.46, first.

100-meter hurdles: Jay Wessel, 19.09, sixth.

200-meter dash: J. Fortin, 23.75, first.

400-meter dash: J. Fortin, 54.34, first; Urban, 57.06, fourth.

800-meter run: Jones, 2:13.84, third.

1,600-meter run: Richards, 5:08.89, second; Peters, 5:21.65, third.

3,200-meter run: Richards, 11:20.96, first; Peters, 11:35.24, second; and Tyler Shields, 11:52.43, third.

Oberlin's next track meet starts at 3 p.m. Friday in Oakley. At 3 p.m. Monday, the freshmen and sophomores will be at the Atwood 9-10 meet. On Tuesday, the whole team will be in St. Francis for a 3 p.m. start for the last meet of April.



AT THE HIGH SCHOOL on Friday during cheerleader try-outs, Erin Jones (left) helped Brooklyn O'Hare (above) do a stunt while Serena Stacy spotted. Megan Wentz (below) did a cheer for the judges.
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Golfers attend tourney

The Oberlin golf team came in 10th at the Goodland Invitational last Tuesday on a windy day.

Colby High won the tournament at the Sugar Hills Golf Club with 330 points, followed by the Hays junior varsity, 346; Goodland, 350; Ulysses, 354; Hoxie, 369; Atwood, 369; Quinter, 373; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 379; Norton, 385; Oberlin, 405; Scott City, 408; and Oakley, 424.

"This was our first meet of the year," said Decatur Community High Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Most of the teams played last week. We will work hard to improve. It was a tough day."

Scoring for Oberlin were Garrett Berry, who shot 48-48 for 96; Jordan Tally, 49-51 for 100; Nathan Simonsson, 50-51 for 108; Chris Larson, 55-56 for 111; and Jaxen Alstrom, 62-70 for 132.

The Oberlin Invitational scheduled for Saturday was canceled because rain made for poor playing conditions on the course here. It has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday at the Oberlin Country Club.

On Tuesday, the golfers were to go to McCook to play the Heritage Hills Golf Course.

Jr. Devil track meet to be May 1

The seventh annual Junior Devil Track Meet is set for 4 p.m. Friday, May 1, at Smick Field in Oberlin for students in the first through sixth grades at Oberlin Elementary School.

First through third graders will compete in the standing long jump, softball/baseball throw and the 50- and 100-meter dashes.

The fourth through sixth graders will have the long jump, softball/baseball throw and 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes.

Ribbons will be given to the top six placers in each event.

Entry forms are available at the school office and can be returned there. There is no cost to participate but donations will be accepted for Decatur Community High School athletics.

Girls take third in Rawlins County

The Decatur Community High girls placed third last Tuesday in Atwood at the Rawlins County Track and Field Invitational with 103 points.

Dundy County, Neb., took first with 166 points and Colby second with 110. Goodland and Hitchcock County, Neb., also participated.

The Oberlin girls took firsts in the 4x800-meter relay, pole vault, 100-meter dash, 400-meter run and the javelin, where Jordan Dreher broke the school record with a throw of 125 feet, 10 inches.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Tamara Ketterl, Jessica Fredrickson, Tiffany Anderson and Brandi Diederich won in 11:30.59.

The 4x400-meter relay team, Anderson, Diederich, Dreher and Ketterl took second in 4:38.71.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Dreher, Ketterl, Adrienne Pauls and Anderson ran fifth in 57.12.

In individual events:
Shot put: Mary Olson, 26'6.75", fifth; Farra McChesney, 26'4", sixth.

Discus: Olson, 76'1", fourth.

Javelin: Dreher, first; Elisha Jones, 92'10", third; and McChesney, 80'3", sixth.

Triple jump: Megan Huntley, 29'8.75", fourth.

Pole vault: Diederich, 8'6", first.

100-meter dash: Dreher, 13.72, first.

100-meter hurdles: Kiah Blau, 18.50, fifth.

400-meter dash: Anderson, 1:11.00, second.

800-meter run: Diederich, 2:42.31, first.

1,600-meter run: Ketterl, 6:36.90, third.

3,200-meter run: Fredrickson, 13:52.84, second; Jones, 15:29.94, sixth.

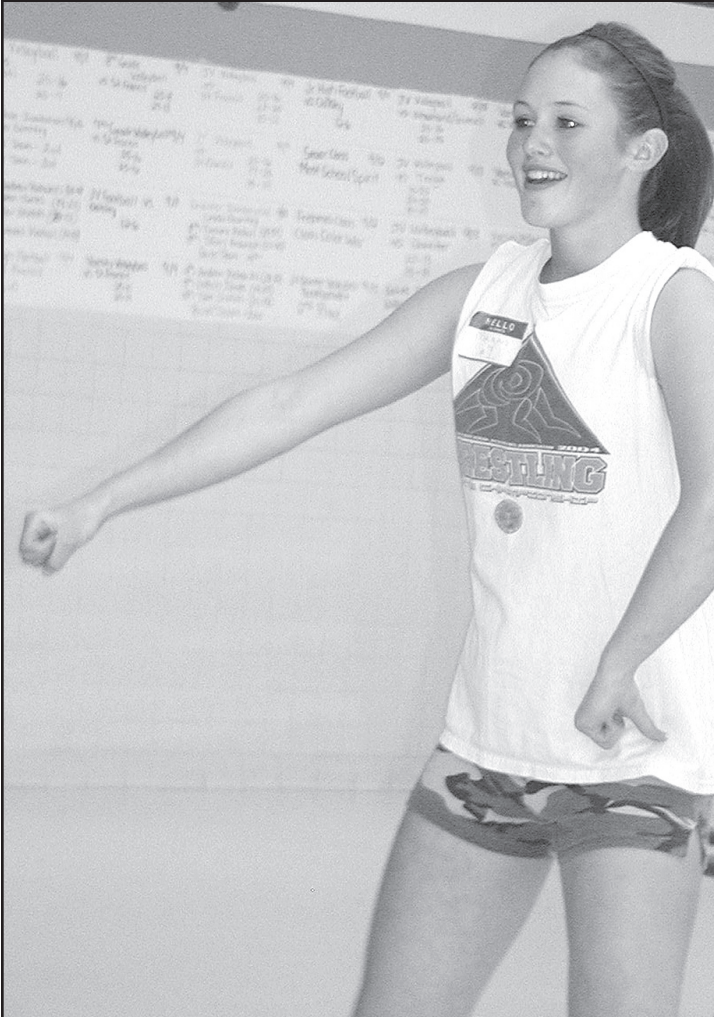
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Judges pick girls for squad

A panel of four judges selected the cheer squad for the Red Devils for the next school year last week.

Coach Brenda Ploussard said she had 11 girls interested and can only have seven at each event. The girls participated in tryouts, doing cheers, jumps, kicks and stunts.

Chosen for the football and volleyball season were Sara Kyte, Sammy Meitl, Megan Wentz, Brooklyn O'Hare, Samantha Anderson, Erin Jones and Serena Stacy. Chosen for the wrestling and basketball season were O'Hare, Meitl, Cheyanne Soderlund, Darian Bose, Sarah Campbell, Wentz and Anderson.



Race schedule set

Stock-car racing season in Oberlin will start on Saturday, May 2, at the Decatur County Speedway.

So far, four races have been scheduled for the 2009 season by the Decatur County Fair Board.

The race will feature the United Rebel Sprint Series on the second of a three-day weekend between Hays on Friday, May 1, and Lexington, Neb., on Sunday, May 3.

"This should ensure a great field of cars, as this will be their opening points weekend for 2009, and many cars are expected to make the tour," said Rick Salem, Oberlin driver and promoter who's helping schedule the races.

"Scheduled with the sprint cars will be the Sport Mods and the wild and always entertaining Tuff Trucks."

The next race in Oberlin will be Saturday, June 6, in conjunction with the Last Indian Raid Museum's Summerfest Car Show.

The sprint cars will again return to town along with vintage racers. Many of the racers will be arriving early and will have their cars displayed on Penn Avenue before heading to the track.

The vintage racers will also be running on Sunday, June 7, to top off the Summerfest weekend motor activities.

The last two scheduled races will be on Saturday, July 18, and Saturday, Sept. 26, when the sprint cars will return along with the Sport Modifieds and the Tuff Trucks.

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