

It's time to think football

Even though the temperatures are in the high 80s and 90s, it's time to start thinking about high school football, and Decatur Community High coach J.D. Johnson is looking forward to the coming season.

Johnson said the schools' annual football camp in mid-July drew 23 players, who practiced the basics of the game. He said he had seven freshmen, two sophomores, seven juniors and six seniors at the camp but expect more players to sign up next week.

"We hope to have anywhere between 25 and 30," he said on Monday. "We've got some move-ins and kids who didn't come to camp."

Camp was special this year, the coach said, because Anthony Davis, a former Kansas City Chief who played on the Baltimore Ravens' Super Bowl team, helped out. Davis also spoke at last year's sports banquet, Coach Johnson said.

Besides Johnson, this year's coaching staff will include Caleb Howland and Shane Bird. Joe Dreher, high school activities director and wrestling coach, will take over Howland's job coaching the junior high football team, Johnson said.



LAST YEAR, the Oberlin Red Devils' helmets looked like this one. This year, the team's headgear will have a new look. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Football practice will start on Monday with two-a-day's, Johnson said. The first practice will be from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. before school and the second from 4 to 6 p.m. after classes. Boys should bring T-shirts, shorts and cleats to practice, he said, and a water jug would be a good thing.

There will be a parents' meeting

at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 21, at the high school cafeteria.

The Red Devils will have a new look this year, the coach said, with new helmets in new colors and an updated logo. Money for the helmets came from private donations, he said.

The team should have about 12 returning lettermen, the coach

added.

The public will get its first glimpse of the 2009 Red Devils at the annual preseason scrimmage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug 27. While this game has traditionally been called the Soap Scrimmage, it too has been updated. Now a bottle of some sports drink pays the price of admission.

Sports

Golf, meal to help Oberlin hospital

Decatur County Hospital's annual golf tournament and benefit dinner will be Saturday at the Oberlin Country Club and Golf Course and the American Legion.

While the hospital has a full slate of teams for the ninth annual golf tournament, people can still buy tickets for the dinner that night.

Tickets, which cost \$30, need to be purchased by today for a head count. The menu includes prime rib, baked potato, salad and dessert.

During the benefit, the hospital

will raffle off three prizes, said Administrator Lynn Doeden. Those include a Traeger grill with tickets costing \$5 for one or \$25 for six tickets. Other items are a Wii console with a fitness game and a putter, with tickets for either costing \$1 for one or \$5 for six.

Tickets can be purchased at the Dresser, the Bank, Ward Drug Store and the Chamber office, or at the dinner.

People don't have to be present to win.

Youth shoot planned

Pheasants Forever and the Oberlin Gun Club will hold a free youth shoot from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the club on U.S. 36 east of town.

The event is for young people in fifth through 12th grades. Firearms,

targets and ammunition will be provided.

Students should pre-register with either Dale's Fish 'N' Fun at 475-2201 or Custom Trophy and Engraving 475-2877 by Tuesday, Aug. 25.

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