

It's time to run

The Decatur Community High cross country team will check out equipment at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, in Coach Dick Ahlberg's room at the school and then have its first practice.

"We are excited about our upcoming season," Coach Ahlberg said. "We had a good spring meeting, with six guys and eight girls attending. We want to encourage everyone to be part of our team."

There are three returning all Northwest Kansas League runners this year, he said, Tiffany Anderson, Dalton Jones and Tyler Shields. Jones and Shields qualified for the state meet last year.

"We encourage our runners to be prepared for the season," Coach Ahlberg said. "Run and log your summer miles."

Aside from seeing young men and woman running around town, the first glimpse the public will get of the cross country team will be at the annual Soap Scrimmage and Run at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug 26, at the football field.

The first meet will be in Norton at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2.

The annual Oberlin Invitational and the Northwest Kansas League meet will start at 5 p.m. Tuesday,



Dalton Jones



T. Anderson



RUNNING IN LAST YEAR'S Oberlin Invitational was Tyler Shields, who later won Northwest Kansas League honors and a trip to state in the 2009 season.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Sept. 28, at the Oberlin Country Club. Since Colby and Goodland have dropped out of the league, Mr.

Ahlberg said, the schools decided to run the league meet concurrent with the Oberlin Invitational. Runners

from league schools will score for both the invitational and the league meet.

Principal hits hole-in-one shot

Fourth of July weekend provided more excitement than expected for Decatur Community High Principal Charles Haag, who hit a hole-in-one while playing golf with his sons in Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Haag said he and his sons, Nate and Nick Haag, were playing at the Crooked Creek Golf Club on July 2. They were on the fourth hole when he let fly and needed no

second shot.

Mr. Haag said he was using a pitching wedge when he hit the 122-yard shot from tee to hole.

"The boys were more excited than I was," he said. "I was mostly in shock."

This is the first time in more than 30 years of golf that he has hit a hole-in-one, he added.

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Swimmers win awards at league

Several Oberlin swimmers received high-point awards for their efforts in the Northwest Kansas Swim League this year.

After the league meet in Colby this month, the high-point awards were given for the season. Award points are based on the top six placings of each event swam at each meet for the season.

"These awards are very hard to receive," said Coach Stephanie Blau, praising her team for its hard work and dedication.

Winners included: Hunter May, sixth place for boys 8 and under.

Kyleana Blau, fifth place for girls age 9-10.

Jakobi Blau, first, and Jenna Long, fifth, for girls 11-12.

Jamie Soderlund, second, and Kariah Castle, third, for girls 13-14.

Keagen Blau, first, for boys 13-14.

Kiah Blau, fourth, and Darbi Rouse, sixth, for girls 15-18.

Daniel Jordan, second, for boys 15-18.

Jakobi Blau received 35 points for first place for girls 11-12 at the two-day league meet.

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