

# Seventh grade wins fifth game; eighth grade loses

The Oberlin eighth-grade boys basketball team continued its winning ways on Thursday while the seventh graders suffered their first loss of the season, dropping a game to Oakley at home.

The seventh graders fell 22-18 to the Plainsmen while the eighth grade won 36-22.

While the seventh grade took an early 4-2 lead in the first quarter, the young Red Devils were not able to maintain their momentum. That allowed Oakley shut them down 9-0 in the second quarter, giving the visitors an 11-4 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin came back to outscore Oakley 9-4, but the Plainsmen still lead 15-13. Oakley upped the lead by two in the fourth period by outscoring the Red Devils 7-5.

"We were bound to play a poor game sometime this season," Coach Tim Breth said. "It happened tonight. The team didn't do the things that have made us successful up to this point. Shooting percentage and key turnovers were our downfall."

Scoring for Oberlin were Keagen Blau, 6 points and 10 rebounds; Noah Nelson, 6 points; Andrew Wade, 4 points and five rebounds; and Justice Harris, 2 points and three steals.

The seventh graders now have a 4-1 record.

The eighth graders didn't have a great first half, outscoring Oakley 5-2 in the first quarter and being outscored 6-5 in the second to take a 10-8 lead.

In the third quarter, however, the young Red Devils exploded with 21 points to Oakley's 8. In the fourth, they let up and Oakley edged them 6-5, leaving the score 36-21.

"We came out flat," said Coach Breth, "but give credit to Oakley's 1-3-1 defense. It made our offense look sloppy at times. Once we made some adjustments at the half, we played better, with a very good third quarter."

The eighth graders remain undefeated at 5-0 record.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Kelden Breth, 11 points and three steals; Kaine Fredrickson, 4 points and seven rebounds; Troy Juenemann, 4 points and five rebounds; and Rex Diederich, 4 points.

The junior high teams were to play at Hoxie on Monday night in their last game before the Thanksgiving break. After that, the boys will be in Atwood at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, to play the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

## Commissioners OK specs for new van

The Decatur County commissioners approved specifications of a new transportation bus at their meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Commissioner Ralph Unger went to Topeka on Monday, Nov. 8 to order the bus, a Diamond VIP 2000 with a composite body and side wheelchair lift.

The bus is equipped to hold two wheelchairs, including one oversized chair. It will hold 10 passengers and allows for two children to ride in child seats.

Mr. Unger said he ordered the bus with one extra-large seatbelt too.

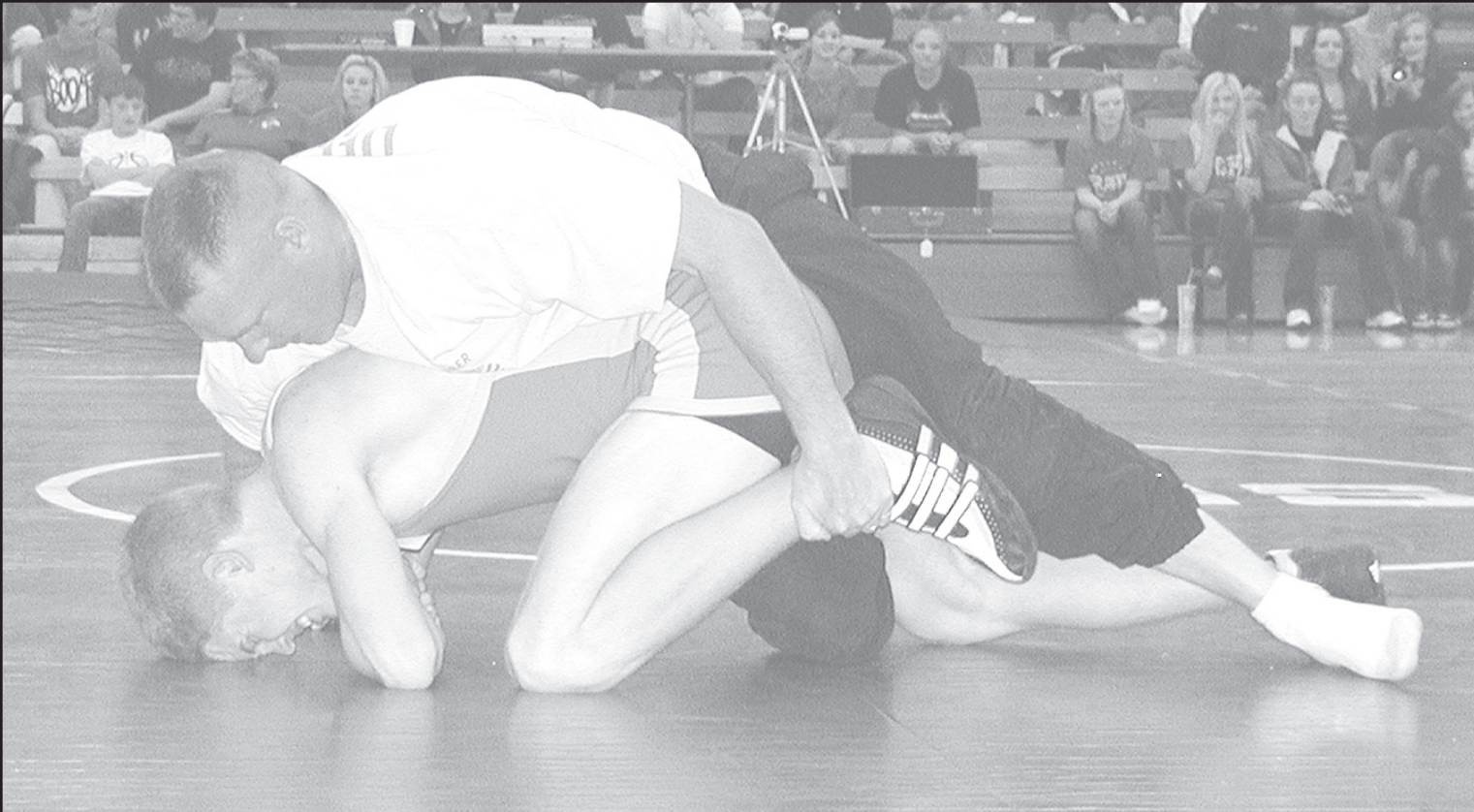
He said he could order a bus with a

flat floor or one with a hump over the tires. Mr. Unger said he went with the hump, which meant fewer stairs to climb. It also seemed easier for the passengers to see out.

The paperwork shows that the bus should be done in 90 to 120 days. It will cost \$47,831, with the county to pay 20 percent of the total cost at \$9,566.

Mr. Unger said if the commissioners want something else on the bus, they could call the Kansas Department of Transportation and change the order.

They approved what Mr. Unger ordered.



**WRESTLING THEIR SONS**, Randy McHugh (above) and Coach Joe Dreher (below) took part in a father-son wrestling match on Monday at the Decatur Community High School

gym. Their sons – Conner McHugh and Dayton Dreher – won the matches.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Fathers, alums face kids

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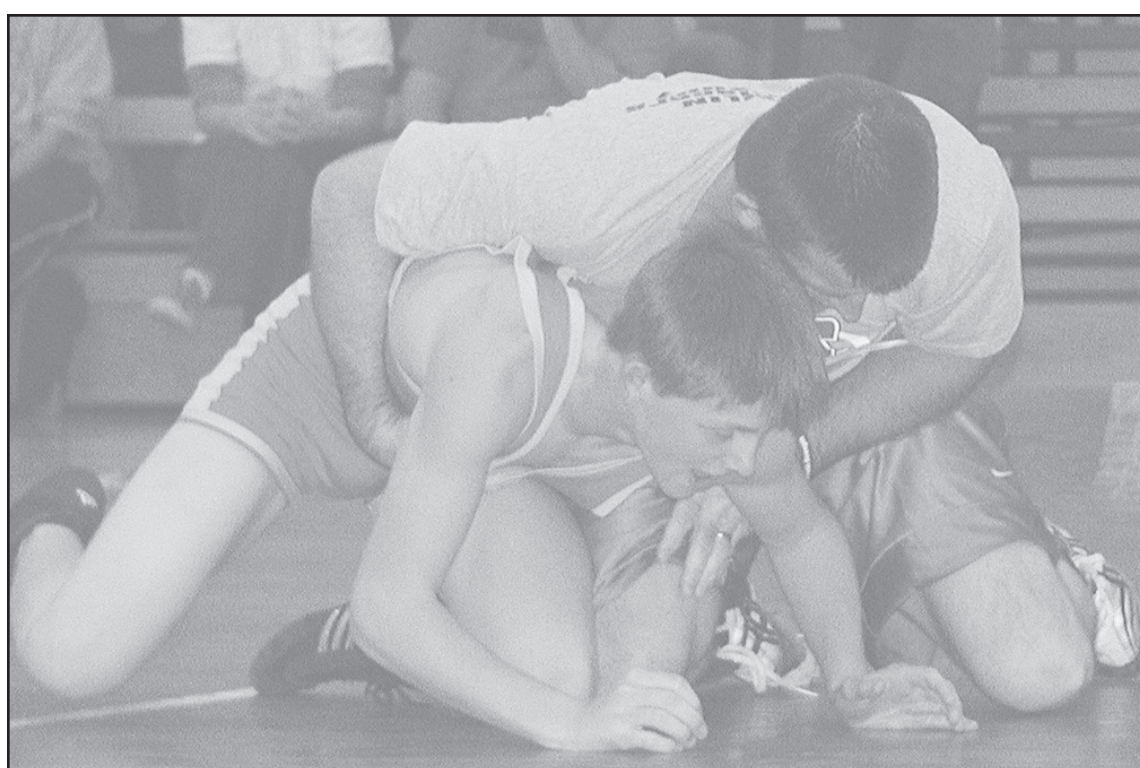
The Decatur Community High wrestling team will hit the mats with 17 grapplers this season.

The Oberlin boys started off with a preseason father-son dual on Monday.

Oberlin has eight returning lettermen — Kade Brown, Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Brent Juenemann, Jacob Helm, Jacob Larue, Nolan Peters and Jon Samson.

Juenemann came in fifth in the state tournament last year and Peters qualified for state.

"We have a good group of seniors back," said Coach Joe Dreher. "With only seven upperclassmen, we will



need to have several underclassmen step in to wrestle varsity.

Wrestling for Oberlin this year will be seniors J. Helm, Larue, Peters and Samson; juniors Juenemann, Conner McHugh and Jeff Shaw; sophomores Brown, Chan-

ning Fortin, Matt Glading, M. Helm and Cody Wurm; and freshmen Chris Anderson, Dayton Dreher, Grant Gilliam, Ben Glading and Kolton Paul.

"Overall, we have a good bunch of guys out," Coach Dreher said.

After the father-son dual, the boys won't have any matches until they go to Goodland for a 6:30 p.m. start on Thursday, Dec. 2. They won't be home until Friday, Dec. 17, when they wrestle Hoxie and Rawlins County.



**PREPARING TO SIGN** her letter of intent to play volleyball at North Platte Community College, Jordan Dreher smiled at coach Sherri Ruf. She was flanked by her parents, Joe and Melissa Dreher.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## Girl signs to play ball in Nebraska

Jordan Dreher, who has been named to the state all-tournament team three years in a row, will be playing volleyball for North Platte Community College.

Dreher, the daughter of Joe and Melissa Dreher of Oberlin, signed a letter of intent Wednesday, Nov. 10, to play for the college, which has a 31-9 record so far this year. She led the Lady Red Devils to second place in the Class 2A state tournament this year.

Her father is the wrestling coach and athletic director at Decatur Community High School, and her mother is an assistant volleyball coach.

## A fish tale



**PROUDLY SHOWING OFF** a 40-pound ocean drum which he caught in the Gulf of Mexico was Steve Nelson of Oberlin. He and Gary Zodrow spent a week fishing near Coderette, La. They also caught 150 sea trout, which they brought home. They were guests of Dale and Judy Dufrene.

— Photo by Gary Zodrow

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# Sports

### Varsity Basketball

Times are for girls game. Boys play afterwards

- Friday, Dec. 3, Oakley ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7, McCook Tournament..... TBA
- Friday & Saturday, Dec. 10-11, McCook Tournament.... TBA
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, Hill City..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Francis ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Norton..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 7, Rawlins County ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Hoxie ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 14, at Quinter ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 17-18, League Tourney ..... TBA
- Friday & Saturday, Jan. 21-22, League Tourney ..... TBA
- Friday, Jan. 28, at Sutherland..... 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 1, Grinnell/Wheatland ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 4, Quinter..... 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 8, Norton ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 11, Hoxie..... 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Logan ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 21, Phillipsburg ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Monday & Tuesday Feb. 28-March 1, Sub-State ..... TBA
- Thursday -Saturday, March 3-5, Sub-State ..... TBA
- Wednesday-Saturday, March 9-12, State..... TBA

### Junior Varsity Basketball

- Monday, Jan. 31, Colby JV Tournament..... TBA
- Thursday, Feb. 3, Colby JV Tournament ..... TBA

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