

Sports

Powerlifts break records

Six Oberlin students placed in the Class 2A State Powerlifting Tournament in WaKeeney on Saturday. Seniors Jordan Dreher and Dakota Soderlund placed first overall in the contest and each set new state records in their weight classes. Dreher set state records and took first for women in bench press, 135 pounds, and hang clean, 155 pounds. She also took first in squat

with 210 pounds. Soderlund broke the men's state record in hang clean by lifting 320 pounds. He took first in squat, 400 pounds, and third in bench press, 245 pounds. Senior Keithen Fortin took fourth overall for the men with a second in bench press, 230 pounds; fourth in hang clean, 235 pounds; and fifth in squat, 290 pounds.

Junior Kiah Blau took fourth overall for the woman with a second in hang clean, 170 pounds; third in bench press, 140 pounds; and fifth in squat, 220 pounds. Junior Megan Huntley took sixth overall with a fifth in squat, 160 pounds, and sixth in bench press, 100 pounds, and hang clean, 105 pounds. Freshman Jamie Soderlund took sixth in squat, 175 pounds. The top three girls teams were from Plainville, WaKeeney and Immaculata of Leavenworth. The top three boys teams were from Lyndon, Plainville and Osborne.

Track team takes to field this week

The Decatur Community High track team planned to start the season Tuesday in Atwood, where the Red Devils were to compete in a triangular meet with Rawlins County and Quinter. This year, the team has five seniors: Tiffany Anderson and Jordan Dreher for the girls, and Keithen Fortin, Nolan Peters and Dakota Soderlund for the boys. The girls only have one junior, Kiah Blau, but the boys will field six: Dalton Jones, Jeff Shaw, Nolan Henningson, Shay McChesney, Connor McHugh and Tyler Shields. Three sophomore girls will take to the field, Darbi Rouse, Cassidy Shields and Miki Dorshorst. The

boys will have Austin Holt, Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Channing Fortin, Zach May and Ryan May. First-timers on the high school squads are freshman girls Lara Zoderow, Alexis Hisson, Kayla Jones, Hannah May, Brittany Urban and Emma Borton. Freshman boys are Chris Anderson, Dayton Dreher, Grant Gilliam, Kennedy Fortin, Konner Fortin, Kyle Breth, Ben Glading and Kolton Paul. The Red Devils' next outing will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 8, in Norton. The annual Oberlin Invitational Track Meet will be Tuesday, May 3.

Golfers prepare for meet in Goodland

Although the Decatur Community High golf team is hitting the links for practice, it won't be in competition until 2 p.m. (Central Time) Tuesday, April 12, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland. The team has two returning lettermen, junior Garrett Berry, who has already lettered twice, and sophomore Kade Brown, who lettered his freshman year. Others on the team are seniors

Killian Dellere, Jori Diederich and Rachelle Scott; juniors Samantha Anderson and Brent Juenemann; and sophomores Tyler Bruggeman and Jonathon Rorick. Dick Ahlberg will be coaching the team for his 32nd year. The annual Oberlin Invitational golf tournament will be held at the Oberlin County Club at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16.

Junior-high teams get ready for season

The young Red Devils track teams are ready to go, with the first junior high meet set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in Smith Center. Members of their year's seventh-grade boys team are Keagan Blau, Justice Harris, Myles Sheaffer, Andrew Wade, Noah Nelson, Konnor Witt and Kade Grafel. The seventh-grade girls team includes Caitlin Gault, Ara Marine, Kaitlynn Fisher, Sabryn O'Gara, Shylo Shields and Alex Waterman. On the eighth-grade boys team are

Kelden Breth, Rex Diederich, Garrett Scott, Kramer Wrinkles, Aaron Cressler, Kaine Fredrickson, Ganon Henningson, Austin Hendrickson, Gabe Anderson, Troy Juenemann and Regent Erickson. The eighth-grade girls team has Daisy Rhein, Winter Polivka, Grace Randel, Caitlin Shields, McKenna O'Hare, Morgan and Molly Jansoni, Dallas Paul, Demi Murray and Kariah Castle. The teams will be at home on Thursday, May 5, as Oakley and Rawlins County come to town for a triangular meet.

State budget cuts worry school board

The Oberlin School Board talked briefly about money coming from the state this year and next as the state cuts its budget for schools. Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said the governor, the House and Senate all have different recommendations of how much school districts should get in base aid per pupil and where cuts should come. Even though the governor is saying he's going to add money to education, said Mr. Dorshorst, that isn't money that this district is going to see. Basically the legislators are saying that if districts want something, said Mr. Dorshorst, then it's going to have to be paid for out of local tax money. Applications for high school principal were due on Friday, he said. The board set a tentative special meeting for 7 p.m. next Wednesday to hire a new principal. They planned to start screening the applicants on Friday. As of Monday, said Mr. Dorshorst, the district had received two

completed applications and four that weren't complete. At least one application came from someone already working in the district, he said. In other business, the board: • Scheduled the annual employee recognition dinner for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. • Held closed sessions for 20 and 10 minutes to discuss negotiations. No action was taken. • Appointed board members Jerry Chambers and Monte Moore

to work on the superintendent's evaluation. • Heard the state fire marshal had backed off on a citation on classroom doors. Mr. Dorshorst said the district will still have to do some work on the lab rooms in the high school and the wood shop. He said the district will need to hire an architect to look at those projects. • Held closed sessions for 20 and 5 minutes for nonelected personnel. No action was action taken afterward.

Hays gets heart surgeon

Dr. Elizabeth Ashworth, a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon, has joined the staff at DeBakey Heart Institute at Hays Medical Center. A native of Indiana, she began work at the hospital in January. Dr. Ashworth graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, and had residencies at Indiana and the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She is board certified in general and car-

diothoracic, or chest, surgery. She has worked at hospitals in Indiana and Kansas and has published in medical journals and health publications. Other medical staff at DeBakey are Drs. Christine Fisher, Jeffery Curtis, Babar Ali and Richard Markiewicz, all interventional cardiologists. For information, call (888) 625-4699.



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