

Sports

Runners get ready for season

The Decatur Community High cross country team will begin practice in just two weeks. All returning lettermen, squad members and new team members need to be prepared for practice, said Coach Dick Ahlberg. The team will meet in his room at the high school at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, for check

out, followed by the team's first practice of the season. This year's team should be competitive, he said, as the boys were Northwest Kansas League champions last year qualified for state. If the spring meeting was an indicator, he said, the squad should have experience and talent.

"Our girls team looks for growth and improvement," he said. "We welcome all prospective runners to join our team and be part of our fine tradition." Runners should bring their summer running logs to practice, the coach said.

Legislator says economy brighter

I thought the citizens of the 120th District might find this midsummer update on events in Topeka and state government interesting. Thursday, July 21, Gov. Sam Brownback was in Colby to lead off an "economic summit" on the future of the Ogallala Aquifer. One big issue I see out here is getting some assistance in making it easier for doctors to get a Kansas license so they can work in our district.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is using "social media" such as Facebook to have an online conversation with the 4 million Kansans about health care issues affecting their lives. We need to use this program to our advantage. Join the conversation and talk with them.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved tuition and fee rates for the six state universities for the upcoming academic year. The increases ranged from 3.6 percent (\$70.05 per semester) at Fort Hays State University to 6.8 percent at Emporia State University (\$158 per semester).

Due to budget cuts and expenditure, increases in areas such as group health insurance and utilities, the six state universities need to cut about \$24 million in overall expenditures. The tuition and fee rates will raise \$26 million.

Twenty-five years ago, state money made up about half of the university budgets; today it is less than a quarter.

Someone without much else to do sent me these figures pertaining to the new 75 mph speed limit on Kansas freeways. If you drove the entire 807 miles at 75 mph versus the previous limit of 70, you would spend 10 hours, 45 minutes driving time, instead of 11 hours and 31 minutes, saving you 46 minutes. I have traveled Interstate in the past few days, and it does seem more crowded. It also seems like most people are driving 80.

June state tax revenues totaled \$5.543 billion, \$685 million more than last year. For the full year, individual income taxes spurred the gains at \$2.709 billion, \$114.6 million or 4.4 percent more than predicted. Sales taxes for the fiscal year yielded \$2.46 million less than forecasted, at \$1.965 billion. That's 19 percent more than was received from sales tax in 2010, before the penny increase took effect a year ago.

The individual income tax receipts appear to show more people working, earning more money. That's good, but they aren't spending as freely as you would imagine, at least not on items that are sales taxable. Maybe they're paying bills, rent and gas, but this recession may have altered spending habits in Kansas.

I received my final voting record this week for my first session, and saw that we voted 306 times on final action. That is a lot of information to be accountable for. In reviewing my record, there are just a few votes I would like to take over. I believe the majority were a good representation of my district.

We have been working on agenda items for the next session and there will be some easy decisions — such as changing the law to make parents report missing children in a timely manner. There will be some difficult concerns, such as immigration and tax reform.

Last year, when we went to Topeka, the state was \$550 million in the red. We are now \$150 million to the good.

The state of Kansas is still tied into the national economy and still suffers from restrictions placed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. There's lots of work to still be done.

I filed to run for my second term because I want to continue to promote northwest Kansas.

Player just loves football

By KATIE MALOTTE
The Marysville Advocate

When Brady Moore walks into a room, he's hard to miss. Standing 6 foot, 5 1/2 inches and 212 pounds, he became easy to recognize at Marysville High School when he arrived last fall from Albuquerque, N.M.

He played for the Marysville football last year as an outside linebacker on defense, and wide receiver and tight end on offense.

Brady is the son of Kirk and Christine Moore of Marysville and a grandson of Stan and Deanie (Euhus) Moore of Montgomery, Texas, and Florissant, Colo., both graduates of Decatur Community High School.

Football is anything but new to Moore, whose father was part of the 1985 national championship team at the University of Oklahoma. He has grown up loving the game.

Moore said he started playing full-pads football in third grade. His Pop Warner team went on to win the "Super Bowl" that year, said his mother.

This summer, Moore has taken his football game to a whole new level. He attended two team camps, one at the University of Oklahoma in early June, and one at Kansas State University later in the month.

Moore has also attended the National Underclassman Combine, which tests player throughout the country, much like potential professionals are tested during the NFL Combine. He said players were tested in the 40-yard dash, shuttle run, vertical jump, broad jump and number of reps completed on the 155-pound bench press. One on one, two on two and seven on seven drills are also used to test players.

"My dad told me about (the combine)," said Moore.

His father said he found the information on rivals.com, a website that caters to basketball and football recruits.

Brady went to his first combine camp in Lincoln, Neb., in early June.

If a player performed well enough at the first camp, then they would be invited back to the next level. Moore received an invitation to attend one of five regional camps where the top 100 players in each position were invited. Moore's regional camp was in Dallas.

The five regional camps were covered by all the national recruiting services, including Rivals.com. Brian Perroni, a scout from Rivals picked out 10 players to write on, and Moore was one of them.

"Moore looks the part of a pro-



MARYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S Brady Moore slipped from the grasp of Chapman's Tyler Harris during a 27-yard play in September. — Marysville Advocate photo by Julie Perry

typical tight end," Perroni wrote. "He was hard to miss on the field and provided a big target for the quarterbacks."

Perroni was not all compliments, though, ending his write-up of Moore on how the tight end needs to work on his hands.

"I dropped about two or three passes," said Moore. "Once you get to that level, you can't do that; you can't drop anything anymore."

To counter the drops, Moore was at the top of his position in many of the tests. In the 40-yard sprint, he ran a 4.68; in the shuttle, 4.33. He had a 31.5 vertical and a 9-9 1/2 broad jump. Moore was second with 26 reps at 155 in the bench press.

He was invited back for the final camp, which was only for the top 15 players in each position in the nation. It was held the middle of July on the Oklahoma campus in Norman.

This time players were not tested, but worked on skills and doing drills. Players were split into three age categories; seniors, juniors, and sophomores and freshmen together.

"The recruiting process starts really early," said Kirk. "So many kids are good that they need to go to these camps to get into recruiting networks."

This process also helps coaches find the best of the best in the next recruiting class and Moore certainly falls into that category.

Along with football this year, he said, he plans to participate in basketball and track.

"I didn't do basketball last year," he said, "but after the team camp at Oklahoma State University, I realized it can be a lot of fun."

Moore said he runs the 400 and 200 in track, plus the high jump.

The final combine camp will

Voters need to study, not let media dictate

To the Editor: Being addicted to politics, I read with interest the articles on Sen. Moran's and Rep. Huelskamp's visits to Oberlin. Much talk was about the national debt, however, I read nothing on how we got there.

Extending the debt ceiling in August has nothing to do with our future budget plan. It simply means: Does the federal government renege on paying for its past, approved promises?

Simply put, how would you save your home, auto, utilities, available credit, etc., if suddenly your income was decreased? I think you would even go as far as getting a loan to honor and protect your investment/obligations, and then tighten your belt, or even get a second job.

Again, how did we get here? I can easily think of how we could have prevented \$4 trillion from our deficit over the past 10 years:

- Iraq War: no weapons of mass destruction found.
- Afghanistan War: no Bin Laden captured.
- Bank Bailouts: Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, 2008.
- Tax cuts to the rich, the top 2 percent: Just how many millions does it take to live comfortably?

Add them up over 10 years, and you have your \$4 trillion. That's not even counting the other spending binges, such as Medicare Part D Act passed in 2003 without any provisions to pay for it.

Being the wealthiest nation on earth and with Social Security having a surplus of between \$2 trillion and \$3 trillion, surely we can find ways to provide for our elderly?

Letter to the Editor

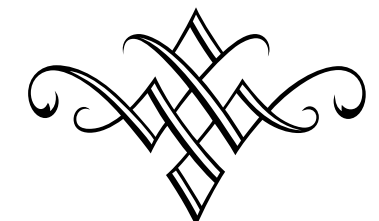
What kind of society have we become?

A possible solution for Medicaid and Medicare would be to have Universal Health Care, where everyone contributes and eliminating "for profit" basic health care. However, this doesn't eliminate our responsibility to report fraud and waste.

As for Social Security, I'll join Warren Buffet in saying "That the top 2 percent can, and should, pay more in taxes." There shouldn't be a cap on paying into Social Security; and believe me, Mr. Buffet and I don't need to be receiving Social Security checks each month. Social Security needs to be treated like an insurance policy and used when needed.

Of course, these are my viewpoints. It's time we Americans stop listening to our corrupt, dishonest news sources and start educating ourselves. Our democracy depends on an educated public with the truth.

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Swimmer takes 6 golds

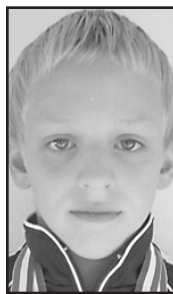
A former Oberlin Swim Team member broke records in six individual events at a meet last month, breaking an all-time city record in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Nicholas McDonald, son of Charlie and Alissa McDonald, competes in the 10-and-under division.

He is a grandson of Royce and Vicky Leitner, Oberlin.

Nicholas said in a story published after the races, "Coming into this meet, I was thinking, 'I'm going to try to beat all the records.'"

He was able to do that in his six events.



Nicholas

"You know in the future, a kid like me will see my record and try to beat it," he added.

- Nicholas' results:
- 100-yard freestyle, 1 minutes, 2:01 seconds, breaking the old record of 1:03:43.
 - 25-yard backstroke, 15.83, old record 29.43.
 - 50-yard freestyle, 28.67, old record 29.43.
 - 100-yard individual medley, 1:11.15, old record 1:14.83.
 - 25-yard freestyle, 13.03, old record 13.07.
 - 25-yard butterfly, 13.98, old record 13.07.

11th Annual Decatur Health Systems Golf and Dinner Benefit
August 13th at the American Legion in Oberlin, KS
Prime Rib Dinner at 7:00 p.m. with Auction to follow.
Tickets can be purchased at Decatur Health Systems \$30 per person.

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