

PROTECTING THE BALL CARRIER, Dayton Dreher (No. 3), Oberlin offensive players Zach May (No. 7), Chris Anderson (No. 27) and Cody Wurm (No. 61) took down a defender in a game against Syracuse last year. - Herald photo by Roger May

Oberlin Red Devils to face tough opponents

The Decatur Community High country team normally runs a course away, and it's getting tougher to Red Devils football program will face a lot of tough teams this year, but at least 32 students hope to join the team, Coach Joe Dreher said.

That's the number of boys who came out for the annual football camp in mid July, he said.

The team has six returning seniors, 10 juniors, 10 sophomore and six freshmen, Dreher said.

The coach said he wasn't sure about returning lettermen because, although he has been head wrestling coach for more than a decade, the athletic director for several years and a junior high football coach, this is his first year as head of the high school football team.

While July was a brutal time for heat, the five days of camp – July 9 through 13 – were probably the coolest of the month, he said.

The boys will be back out in the heat as they start two-a-day practices on Monday, Aug., 13, just before the start of school on Friday, Aug. 17. The team will be practicing for an hour and a half to two hours at 6:30 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m., Coach Dreher said.

The school will hold its annual games will start out at 4:10 p.m. with junior high volleyball playing at the junior high gym, then junior high football at 4:30 p.m. at Smick

The Lady Red Devils volleyball team will be up next at 5:15 p.m. at the high school gym. The high school football and cross country teams will show off their stuff at 7 p.m. at the football field. The cross

Squad honored at camp

The Decatur Community High cheerleading squad brought home several awards from a camp the girls attended in Nebraska earlier in the month.

The cheer squad, with coaches Gina Witt and Sheri Jacobs, attended a two-day camp in Overton, Neb., on July 10-11 with about two dozen other schools from Kansas and Nebraska.

Oberlin won the camp championship in cheer and extreme routine. The girls also won the tradition award, said Mrs. Jacobs.

"They did an awesome job," she

Senior Darbi Rouse was selected as an All American Cheerleader and can try out for the University Cheerleading Association squad.

The girls will be performing their dance routine on Friday, Sept. 7, at the second Oberlin home football

The team will have a camp for younger cheerleaders late in August. Mrs. Jacobs said that they plan for the small cheerleaders to perform at the Oberlin home opener against Cambridge, Neb., on Friday, Aug. 31.

Also attending the Nebraska camp were Caitlin Shields, Mika Hackney, Cheyenne Soderlund, Lara Zodrow, Sarah Macki, Dallas Paul, McKenna O'Hare, KeAnn Jacobs and Haley Schiessler.

around the track and out into town find replacement games. Syracuse, during the football scrimmage.

there will be a barbecue in the park home, he said, and both Colby and again this year between the high school volleyball exhibition and of years ago. the football scrimmage and cross country run.

The coach said he and his assistants, Caleb Howland and Shane Bird, were pleased with the turnout for the football camp.

This year's team should include seniors Zach May, Tyler Bruggeman, Channing Fortin, Cody Wurm, as your competition," he said. "So Ryan May and Matt Glading; juniors Dayton Dreher, Kyle Breth, Baron Green, Ben Glading, Adam Cambridge, Neb. The Trojans have Zillinger, Justin Gee, Konnor Fortin won 11 state titles and went to the and Grant Gilliam; sophomores Kelden Breth, Troy Juenemann, Gabe Anderson, Kaine Fredrickson, Rex Diederich, Regent Erickson, Panthers come to town. On Friday, Austin Hendrickson, Logan Berry, Kramer Wrinkles and Austin Kyte; to face the ever-tough Smith Center and freshmen Noah Nelson, Bryson Wesley, Myles Shaeffer, Kade Grafel, Keagen Blau and Konnor

With Atwood going to eight-

which the boys whipped last year, Coach Dreher said that he hopes decided not to play so far from Goodland changed leagues a couple

All that means Oberlin will be left with some tough competition, Coach Dreher said.

"This is one of the toughest schedules, I've seen," he said, adding that the difficulty isn't necessarily

"They say you only play as good hopefully, we get better."

Oberlin will open the season on Chris Anderson, Kennedy Fortin, Friday, Aug. 31, at home against state playoffs last year.

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Friday, Sept. 7, the Red Devils will be at home as the Phillipsburg Sept. 14, Oberlin goes on the road Redmen.

Homecoming will be on Friday, Sept. 21, with the Norton Bluejays invading Smick Field.

The Red Devils will play St. Fran-Sports Drink Scrimmage for fall man football along with Hoxie and cis and Ellis on the road and Perkins, teams on Thursday, Aug. 23. The Quinter, Dreher said, the North- Colo., Oakley and Leoti at home. All west Kansas League is dwindling games start at 7 p.m. Central Time.

Girl plans to cheer at Bethany College

graduate of Decatur Community leading Coach Tobey Bergsten. "I

High, has signed a letter of intent to cheer at Bethany College in Lindsborg this

Miss Anderson was a cheerleader for the Oberlin Red Devils for three years and was co-captain of the cheerleading squad for one.

She was a member of KAYS, TACT, FFA, 4-H, the DCHS Singers, Drama

the state and district Kansas Music Since 1902, the college has won 149 Educators Association festivals, received a citizenship award and the Arion Award and was on the honor roll.

"I am very excited that Samantha Evangelical Lutheran Church in will be joining us for cheerleading America.

Samantha Anderson, a May this year, said Bethany Cheer-

believe it will be a great season." Miss Anderson, the daughter of Richard and

Maureen Anderson, graduated with a 3.4 grade average. She plans to major in music education.

The Bethany College Swedes compete in 18 sports in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference of the National Asso-

Club and speech. She attended both ciation of Intercollegiate Athletics.

conference championships. The college was established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881 and is affiliated with the

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