Football announcer

Sports



ONE OF OBERLIN'S top wrestlers, junior Dayton Dreher, worked to turn his father, wrestling Coach Joe Dreher, over during a preseason alumni and father-son dual last Monday.

- Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Wrestlers make early poll

Northwest Kansas is well rep-senior Matt Glading, sixth at 152; Atwood, first at 182. by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

Oberlin's team, led by long-time coach Joe Dreher, is ranked fifth in the state in Class 3-2-1A while Hoxie comes in second and Norton fourth in the poll.

Decatur Community High wrestlers the coaches expect to do well this year include junior Dayton Dreher, ranked No. 1 at 126 pounds; senior Kade Brown, sixth at 145; ers, fourth at 113, and senior Kyler day in Goodland.

Jump, ladies, jump

resented in the preseason rankings and senior Channing Fortin, fourth

Other area wrestlers ranked by the chael Dusin, fourth at 138. coaches include:

• Norton junior Branson Addington, sixth at 106; senior John Risewick, second at 120; junior Alec Hager, second at 126; and junior Cole Renner, fourth at 160;

• Atwood senior John Solko, third first at 170.

• Phillipsburg senior Caleb Studley, second at 132, and junior Mi-

• Hoxie senior Calvin Ochs, first at 138; senior Steve Yergey-Dible, third at 160; senior Brandon Salmans, second at 182; and senior Kane Washington, fifth at 220.

• Oakley senior Jason Berkgren,

The Decatur Community High • Smith Center junior Clint Rog-boys will open their season Thurs-

Players named all league

After completing a hard schedule and coming in second in Class 1A-2A District 7, eleven Oberlin Red Devils have been named to the all-Northwest Kansas League teams by the league coaches.

Six players made the first team, some for more than one position, while four made the second team and one received honorable men-

• Senior Zach May was named to the first offensive team as running back and first team punter.

• Junior Dayton Dreher, first defensive team as a defensive back and punt/kick returner and second ffensive team as quarterback.

• Senior Tyler Bruggeman, first offensive team tackle and first team kicker.

• Junior Kennedy Fortin, first defensive team as a linebacker and honorable mention as an offensive running back.

• Senior Channing Fortin, first defensive team as a tackle.

• Sophomore Rex Diederich, first defensive team as a linebacker.

• Junior Konner Fortin, second team defensive end, honorable mention as a tight end.

• Junior Chris Anderson, second offensive team running back, honorable mention as a defensive linebacker.

· Senior Cody Wurm, second offensive team guard.

• Senior Matt Glading, second team defensive end.

• Senior Ryan May, second team defensive back.

• Junior Grant Gilliam received honorable mention as a defensive back.

"The football team would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the season," said Coach Joe Dreher.

Building

hangs up his mike By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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He's a big man, but at 65, his knees are going and his hearing isn't what it used to be. His laugh, however, is as big and booming as ever, and his memory is as sharp as it

was when he enlisted in the Army at the height of the Vietnam war.

John Stanley has been the voice of the Red Devils at Smick Field for the last 10 years. Before he took over, he helped with spotting the plays for the announcer. He has also spent many years announcing

Two years ago, he said, he retired from the wrestling job because his back just wouldn't stand spending that much time sitting on bleachers

Oberlin wrestling matches.

Now, he has called it quits for football, too. The steps to get to the announcer's box at the top of the stadium are just too much for him these days, he said.

With a grin, he said that he had suggested that the school put in an elevator, but he hasn't gotten very far with that idea.

While he has never taken any money for his announcing, he did note that he has gotten six hats out of the deal.

He said he's always done it for the fun of it.

'That's fun for me because I'm kind of a show off anyway," he said. That grin again.

He said that he has mostly always gotten along with the coaches, players and officials but did remember a couple of incidents.

Sometimes, he said, his mouth got him in trouble.

One time several years ago, Oberlin was playing Norton. A Norton player intercepted an Oberlin pass but landed out of bounds by several feet – right in front of the announcer's booth. The officials called it a catch despite the cries of disapproval and complaints from the Oberlin coach. During halftime, after giving

the score for the Atwood game, Mr Stanley said, he remarked that all the good referees must be over there.

"I thought I'd shut my mike off," he said, but the officials were not



JOHN STANLEY announced his last football game Oct. - Herald staff photo by Susan May

He apologized. Principal Gordon "Buzz" Matson apologized. It did little good.

"I almost got tossed out of the Oberlin's old swimming pool. The game," he said sheepishly.

Mr. Stanley has also umpired softball and baseball in Oberlin for 25 years, something in excess of 1,000 games.

He said one thing he can't abide is cheating by coaches or players.

"The rules are there for a reason," he said. "Coaches, players and students need to be accountable."

While he was born in Wisconsin, he said, his family moved to Norton and then Oberlin when he was a boy. He went through grade and high school here, graduating from Decatur Community High in 1965.

He said he got his love of sports from his father.

"I wanted to be an umpire," he recalled, "because I watched my dad do it when the baseball field was up by the fairground in front of the bleachers."

He said that people would yell and curse his dad, and he just loved it. He also said that he remembers

round pool was southwest of the football field. He said he remembered the water got just disgusting and the state closed it down. Oberlin didn't have a pool for several

He's glad the sales tax for the new pool passed, he said, because it'll be good for the kids and the town.

While he has had many jobs in his life, he said his favorite was working at the former Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. He said that that was a great 8 1/2 years, adding that he realized then that he should have a teacher, but he never went to college.

While Oberlin football and wrestling fans will miss him, Mr. Stanley says he's not exactly going away, since he still drives a school bus.

"I really love that job," he said. "I almost feel guilty getting paid, but I still line up for it.

Junior high boys lose a pair

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams both rebounds and three steals. lost to St. Francis last Monday in their last games before the Thanksgiving break.

The St. Francis eighth graders beat the Red Devils 43-15.

"It was easy to see that they had the better team," said Coach Tim Breth, "but we had too many turnovers, which made them look good. St. Francis shot the ball really well, also. What a good time for a break, so we can regroup and get

The Indians outscored the Red Devils in every quarter except the fourth, 11-2, 11-6 and 15-1. In the fourth, both teams scored 6.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

• Dayton Kempt, 4 points.

rebounds.

• Dante Robertson, 2 points and three rebounds.

• Gatlin Hissong, 2 points and two

rebounds The seventh graders lost 30-28.

"We must have a more balanced scoring attack," Coach Breth said. "Relying on just a few to do most of the work makes it hard on all. The team continues to stay very competitive, which I'm very proud

Both teams scored 5 points in the first quarter. St. Francis took the lead in the second, outscoring Oberlin

• Quinton Cook, 4 points, four 10-6 to take a 15-11 lead at the half. St. Francis also outscored Oberlin 6-5 in the third quarter. However, • Tabor Erickson, 3 points and six in the fourth, the young Red Devils made a 12-9 run but came up 2 points short.

> Scoring for Oberlin were: • Kole Breth, 1 points six rebounds.

seven steals and two blocks.

• Kel Grafel, 8 points, four re-

bounds and four steals. Quinter Cook, 4 points.

Bailey Duvall, 1 point and nine

rebounds. The junior high boys have no

games this week, but will be at home again at 4:30 p.m. Monday as the Hoxie Indians come to visit.

Sports Schedule

Thursday: Golden Plains middle school basketball vs. Palco, all day at Rexford. Oberlin junior high boys and girls

basketball, 4:30 p.m. vs. Rawlins County, at home. Oberlin high school wrestling,

6:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Friday: Golden Plains high

school basketball vs. Western at Quinter.

Plains, all day at Rexford. Oberlin high school basketball, 6:30 p.m., vs. St. Francis at home.

Saturday: High school wrestling, Hoxie Tournament, 9 a.m. Monday: Oberlin junior high

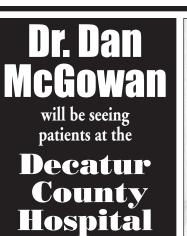
basketball, 4:30 p.m., at Hoxie. Tuesday: Golden Plains, Castle

Rock basketball tournament, all day

Oberlin at McCook Basketball Tournament, times to be an-

nior high basketball, 4:30 p.m., vs. Quinter at home.

To add items to the community sports schedule, call The Oberlin Herald at 475-2206 or e-mail ober-



home.



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BOTH THE RED AND WHITE TEAM Oberlin girls

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last Tuesday. The boys and girls basketball teams play

their first games starting at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Friday at

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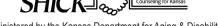
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