



DURING A RELAY RACE at the state track meet last year, Teryn Grafel (second from left) had just handed the baton to Lance Fortin. Both lettermen are returning to the Decatur Community High track team this year. — Herald file photo by Dick Boyd

Track season starts Friday

The Oberlin track and field team is short on seniors but long on returning lettermen. There are only four seniors on the team this year, Molly Coleman, Gannon Reichert, Lance Fortin and Jake Padgett. Fortin and Padgett are returning lettermen, along with juniors Lora Marietta, Whitney Beinke, Christa Hardy, Lydia Karnopp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Denton Bailey, Teryn Grafel, Joe Mondero and Bruce King. Sophomore lettermen are Lauren Fortin, Tricia Dorshorst and Sarah Murray. Also on the team will be juniors Sunnie Fredrickson, Danica May, Brent Stallman, Bret Marietta, Jesse Juenemann and Jonathan Smith, and sophomores Whitnee Ashley, Heather Williams, Kim Wessel, Karli Fredrickson, Kyle Glodt, Riley Cochran, Jacob Unger, Garrit Peters, Chet Ely, Cameron Nedland and Mitchell Hitt. Joining the team are freshmen Lacey Ream, Nikki Wessel, Rory Wendelin, Alyssa Montgomery, Heather Glodt, Malenda Johnson, Rebecca Helm, Ashley Huntley, Jennifer Ploussard, LeAnna Sheaffer, Jared Marcuson, Gage Reichert, Jebb Tally and Colt Diederich. Freshman Shelby Jeffery will be the team manager with Joe Dreher as the head coach, assisted by Mark Bricker, Trevor Williams and Pat Dorshorst. The team's first outing will be 3 p.m. Friday in Atwood in a triangular meet with the Rawlins County Buffaloes and the Quinter Bulldogs.

First National Bank employees will be attending a Spring Conference on March 31, therefore we will be closing early on that day. Please note the following closing time on your calendar:

Thursday, March 31, 2005
FNB will close at 12:00 p.m. CT

Thank you!

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Schedules

Junior High Track		
Thursday, April 7:	Smith Center — Away	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14:	Oakley — Away	10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 19:	St. Francis — Away	3 p.m.
Thursday, April 21:	Oberlin Quad — Home	3 p.m.
Thursday, April 28:	Colby Quad — Away	3 p.m.
Thursday, May 5:	Hoxie Quad — Away	3 p.m.
Thursday, May 12:	League meet — St. Francis	11 a.m.

Varsity Golf		
Monday, April 11:	Sappa Cup, faculty scrimmage	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12:	Goodland	2 p.m.
Saturday, April 16:	Oberlin	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 19:	McCook	9 a.m.
Friday, April 22:	Hill City	3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26:	Hoxie	3 p.m.
Saturday, April 30:	Atwood	9 a.m.
Monday, May 2:	Thomas More Prep — Hays	9 a.m.
Thursday, May 5:	Colby	3 p.m.
Monday, May 9:	Phillipsburg	1 p.m.
Friday, May 13:	League at Goodland	3 p.m.
Monday, May 16:	Regionals	TBA
Monday, May 23:	State at Emporia	TBA

Varsity Track		
Friday, April 1:	Quinter/Atwood — Atwood	3 p.m.
Friday, April 8:	Hoxie — Away	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12:	Atwood — Away	3 p.m.
Friday, April 22:	Oakley — Away	3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26:	St. Francis — Away	3 p.m.
Monday, May 2:	9-10 Track — Atwood	3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3:	Oberlin Invitational	3 p.m.
Monday, May 9:	Hill City — Away	4 p.m.
Friday, May 13:	NWKL — Hoxie	3 p.m.
Friday, May 20:	Regional Track	TBA
Friday-Saturday, May 27-28:	State Track — Wichita	TBA

Jennings Junior High Track		
Friday, April 1:	Cheylin — Bird City	10 a.m.
Thursday, April 14:	Northern Valley — Norton	9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 19:	Arapahoe — Arapahoe, Neb.	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21:	Hill City — Hill City	11:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 28:	Eastern Heights — Logan	2 p.m.
Thursday, May 5:	Logan — Logan	4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12:	League — Logan	

Golf team has 11 players

The Decatur Community High golf team is smaller this year, with only 11 players and two returning lettermen. Last year, Coach Dick Ahlberg had 17 players, including nine freshmen and two lettermen. This year there are no freshmen. The two returning lettermen are sophomore Jace Robinson and junior Jonathon Richards, who lettered both his freshman and sophomore year. Other players are senior David Barth, juniors Gabe Moore and Jeremy Tally and sophomores Jobey Black, Corey Cook, Andy Gilliam, Nolan May, Seth Ritter and Breck Simonson. This is Coach Ahlberg's 26th year to lead the Oberlin golf team. Oberlin's first match will be the Sappa Cup, a faculty scrimmage, at 3:45 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the Oberlin County Club. The team will see its first real action at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Sugar Hills Golf Course in Goodland.



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Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Shobe, Mayor of the City of Oberlin, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2005 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Oberlin, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 17th day of March in the year 2005
Mayor, Kenneth Shobe