

# Player signs at Highland



Tyler Bolt

By JIM MERRIOTT  
Tyler Bolt of Jennings, a senior at Hoxie High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football for the Highland Community College Scotties in eastern Kansas this fall. Bolt is the son of Don and Paula Bolt, promoters of the Oberlin Speedway. He has a sister, Jamie, and brother, Justin.

At 5 foot, 9 inches and 190 pounds, Bolt was a four-year letterman in football and track, playing his first two years at Jennings High School in eight-man football. He recorded 19 unassisted tackles his freshman year in six games, and 55 tackles in seven games as a sophomore.

Bolt transferred to Hoxie High

School after Jennings High School closed, lettering his junior and senior years. His junior year, he recorded 46 tackles. Last season he set a career high of 72 tackles, two for losses, and one fumble recovery. He had a 34.2-yard punting average. Tyler says he plans on majoring in animal science.

He was the Northwest Kansas League's All-League linebacker his senior year.

# Crafty walleye keep angler busy

Probably the most misunderstood and most difficult warm-water fish to catch is the finicky walleye.

Over the past three decades, I have experimented with hundreds of combinations and techniques to catch this crafty fish.

Several of my fishing partners have worked and struggled with me, from getting stuck in the muddy banks of Jumbo Reservoir near Julesburg, Colo., to freezing our tails off all night at Lake McCaughy in the spring, to watching my bass boat take flight off of its trailer in a tornado that hit Bonny Reservoir outside of Wray, Colo.

We trolled, drifted, strolled, used leech rigs and crank baits. We tried vertical jigging, used planer boards with minnow rigs, but the most effective method in the bowl-bottom lakes was bottom-bouncing using a "Bogg's Bottom Bouncer" with a

crawler harness.

Wes Boggs, a Sterling, Colo., native, invented the original slip bouncer rig years ago and now everybody under the sun has copied his invention.

Boggs created this deadly rig, perfecting it on Prewitt Reservoir, Sterling Reservoir and Jumbo Reservoir in Colorado. After years of experimentation, he created a bottom bouncer with a rubber core weight that slides off the wire if you get hung up. This helps not only by saving your wire rig, but saves money as well. You can adjust the rubber core weight for different underwater terrain by raising and lowering or changing the weight to either heavier weight for deeper water or lighter for a shallower presentation.

**The Walleye Machine**, as he calls it, has a night crawler harness with three No. four gold Eagle Claw hooks tied with 30 inches of 14-pound Dupont Stren monofilament line. It has been tied especially for the short striker.

Fish that hit near the end of the night crawler, if they are finicky, won't normally take other night crawler rigs. The night crawler rig



## The Jayhawker

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has been tied so it has 2 1/2 inches more line, with three hooks in the harness. The system is topped off with a No. 3 Colorado spinner, which comes in 14 colors and is topped off with orange beads and clevis.

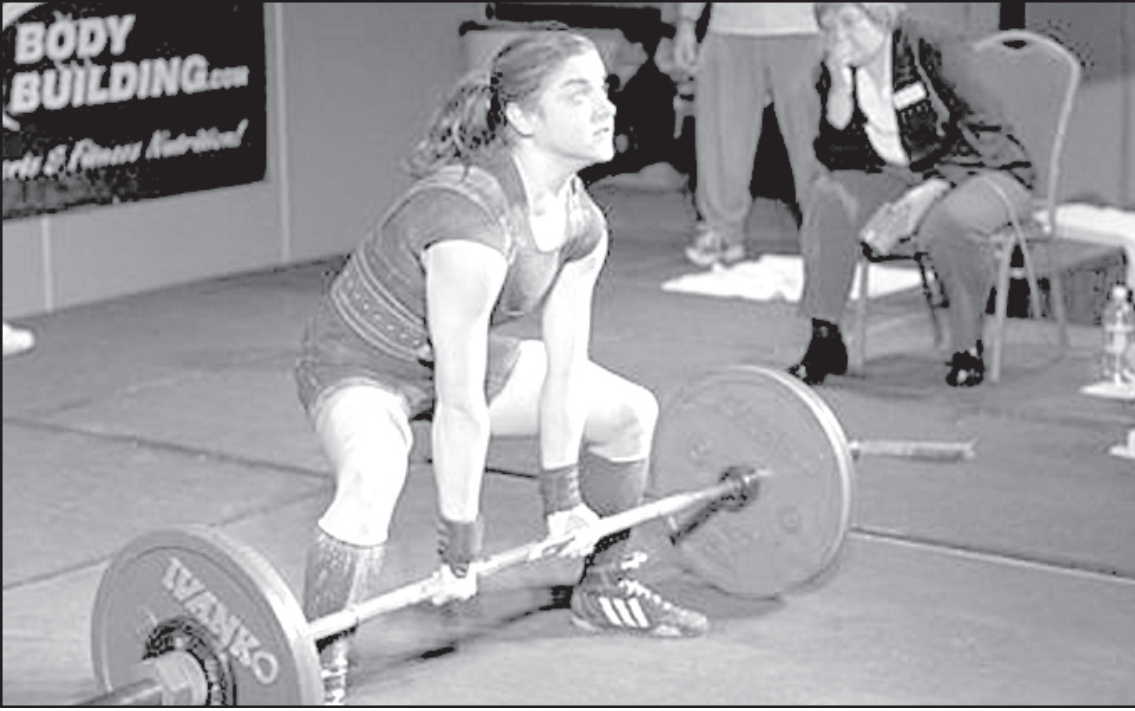
Here's how it works: When trolling or drifting, rig up the bottom bouncer to your rod, then attach the worm harness to the provided swivel. The wire bouncer will be able to bounce along the bottom in sand, gravel, rocks and stumps. If it should hang up, just pull the line with steady force to dislodge it, and the rubber core weight will slip off. This saves you from purchasing so many bottom bouncer rigs. You just replace the weight.

To feel the strikes, you know

when the bottom bouncer is on the bottom by the action of the tip of the rod. Just a flick when that rod bends or seems to be dragging through syrup, and you have your fish.

Here are some other ways to use the Walleye Machine: Try floating lures, such as Thin Fins, Big Louies, Rapalas, Rebels, Fishmasters, minnows and leeches. They work well when bouncing the bottom. Remember, the longer the leader, the higher the lure will run.

**Here's another popular technique.** Use a worm blower — or syringe — and pump a little air into the worm to increase its natural buoyancy. If you want to use less line or go deeper, just add another weight. Rubber-core weights are available up to 1 1/2 ounces.



**OBERLIN SENIOR** Lora Marietta concentrated on her dead lift during the High School National Powerlifting Championship in Omaha, March 31-April 2. Marietta finished second overall. — Photo by Judith Marietta

# Lifter takes second at nationals

Decatur Community High senior Lora Marietta brought home an overall second place from the High School National Powerlifting Championship in Omaha, held March 31-April 2.

Marietta finished second in a field

of 152 women in grades 9-12.

Competing in the 132-pound weight class, she tied her personal best in the squat competition with a lift of 309 pounds.

She also set new personal bests in the bench press competition by lift-

ing 187 pounds, dead lifting 320 pounds, and a total combination new best of 816 pounds.

Marietta finished first in the bench press, third in the squat lift and fourth in the dead lift.

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