

# Senior plays three sports at varsity level

By JIM MERRIOTT  
For four years running, Tricia Dorshorst, a senior Decatur Community High School student athlete in Oberlin, thrilled fans in three dif-

"I love animals. My favorite animal is our golden retriever, Shammy."  
Dorshorst also has won numerous ribbons through her 4-H club at the county fair.



T. Dorshorst

ferent varsity sports (volleyball, basketball, track and field) with her amazing leadership, spirit, drive, and competitiveness. Now, as her high school sports career winds down, the 5'10" outside hitter, selected first team All-state class 3A, Salina Journal All-area 1st team, All Northwest Kansas League team, and McCook All-area first team volleyball reflects on her high school sports career.

"We are delighted to have Tricia at Eastern Wyoming," said Verl Petsch. "She is an impact player with a blue-collar work ethic with all-around skills that make her a superb addition to our program."

Petsch also coached Dorshorst's mother. In Tricia's spare time, she enjoys a diverse selection of music and loves M & M's for a quick snack. "If I had only one thing to say to younger girls that want to excel in athletics, I would tell them that bigger, faster, and stronger is the secret to sports. My sister started working with me in the weight room in the seventh grade." She explained, "In volleyball you have to act bigger than your opponent at the net. You must be faster than them in digging a ball and stronger than them to hit the ball down."

"I think fifth grade is about the best time to start learning how to play sports," she said. "You have to enjoy sports, and about fifth grade is when you start developing the muscle strength to get the ball over the net." "One thing I would like to see is the Gateway Civic Center developed into a nice indoor exercise facility that meets the needs of everyone. I just think that Oberlin will probably get smaller over the years and we need something to help our town stay alive, hopefully it will," said Dorshorst.

Dorshorst is also the daughter of Duane Dorshorst, the principal of Oberlin Elementary School, who also was Oberlin's girls basketball coach for 10 years and assistant football coach for seven years. Patricia and Duane also have two other daughters, Kelsey, the second oldest, and Miki, the youngest.

# Three selected to state's league team

The Northwest Kansas League has selected Sarah Murray and Lauren Fortin for first team All-League honors. Tricia Dorshorst was selected as Honorable Mention. Murray's solid contribution down the stretch run during the second half of the season helped Decatur Community High advance to the second round of the substate playoffs. Fortin, who has verbally committed to play basketball for the Colby Community College Lady Trojans, was the Lady Red Devils top scorer for the season.

When Fortin went down due to injury, Murray stepped up her game, working with Dorshorst to fill the scoring gap. Dorshorst capped off her senior year with steady inside game and leadership that was provided during her four-year playing stint.

# Kansas No-call List needs re-registration

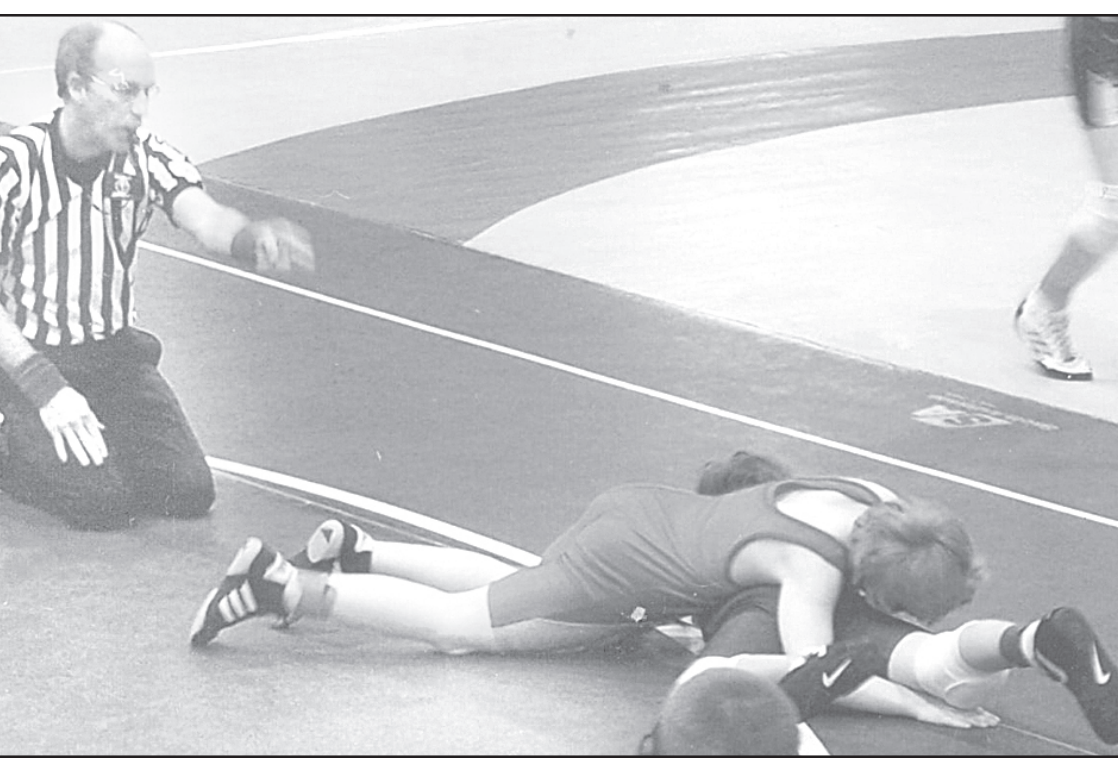
Kansans who registered for the Kansas No-Call List five years ago need to register again, says Attorney General Paul Morris. The original registration is only effective for five years and will expire soon. "Many consumers are concerned about unsolicited phone calls and telemarketing," he said. "In order to continue to avoid those calls, Kansans must re-register every five years."

Both residential and cellular phone numbers can be registered. People can re-register or register their numbers for the first time at www.donotcall.gov. Kansans can call (888) 382-1222 from a number they wish to register with the list. For details, visit www.ksag.org/no-call.

# Four qualify for state

By JIM MERRIOTT  
Four Oberlin kid wrestlers qualified for the state tournament Saturday in Topeka at the district meet in Cimarron last Saturday.

- Red Devil Everett Urban led the way with a first-place finish in 16 and under, 150-pound division.
- Kelly Brown, first in eight and under, 95 pounds.
- Dayton Dreher, second place in 10 and under, 85 pounds.
- Kade Brown, second place in 12 and under, 96 pounds.
- District results:
- Nicholas McDonald, eight and under, 49 pounds, fifth.
- Kaden Van Pelt, eight and under, 52 pounds, participated.
- Tabor Erickson, eight and under, 70 pounds, fifth.
- Wesley Geihler, 10 and under, 61 pounds, fifth.
- Jordan Baker, 10 and under, 61 pounds, participated.
- Regent Erickson, 10 and under, 110 pounds, fifth.
- Brady Fortin, 12 and under, 105 pounds, sixth.
- Channing Farr, 12 and under, 165 pounds, sixth.
- Jacob Larue, 14 and under, 165 pounds, fifth.



OBERLIN KID WRESTLER BRADY FORTIN took on a worthy opponent at the District wrestling match in Cimarron Saturday. Fortin finished sixth in overall competition in the 12 and under 105-pound class.

— Herald photo by Carol Brown

# Racing tips to watch for during season

By JIM MERRIOTT  
Now that the NASCAR season is in full swing, here are a few things to watch for:

- Jimmie Johnson will try for back-to-back championships, a feat last accomplished by Jeff Gordon in 1998. Johnson finished second in 2003 and 2004.
- He hasn't finished outside the top five in the last six full racing seasons.
- Tony Stewart, who is grumpy with just about everybody including the media, other drivers and fans, is one of the best in the business.
- He is racing what Bonds is to baseball. What kills Stewart is his temper. He is his own worst enemy. He is coming off a non-chase season. He could have won his third championship last year, but his emotions got in his way.
- NASCAR now has a Hispanic crowd following as rookie Juan Pablo Montoya of Columbia has joined forces with Dale Earnhardt Jr.
- Montoya is a former CART champion, Indy 500 winner and Formula One driver who will only help NASCAR reach more audiences, meaning more money. He is driving for Chip Ganassi Racing, not an elite team, but certainly a respected team.
- NASCAR returns to ESPN after a six-year absence. The ABC sister all-sports stations combine to televise the final 17 races starting July 29 with the Brickyard Allstate 400. TNT and Fox are still contracted to televise the first 19 races.
- The better exposure will help NASCAR rebound from its declining ratings on 32 of the 36 races last season.
- Toyota has seven entries competing in a full schedule for the Japanese automaker's Nextel Cup season debut. Toyota has had tremendous success in other motorsports including NASCAR's truck series. Toyota's only problem is traditional stockcar fans have followed all-American teams that use American cars such as Dodge, Ford and Chevy. The American team owners that are sponsored by the "Big Three" vow to embarrass the newcomer.
- The Florida-based International Speedway Corp. has proposed to build new Nextel Cup tracks in Denver, New York City and Tacoma, Wash.
- The earliest these would figure into the markets would be 2010.
- This has become a hot topic, because NASCAR already has a full schedule and full teams. This may cause not only logistic problems, but team burnout.
- NASCAR must decide that if it expands, will it be necessary to cut back the double-booked hosted tracks such as New Hampshire, Pocono, Pa., and Phoenix.
- NASCAR chairman Brian France, who introduced the Chase playoff format in 2004, has tweaked the program to put more emphasis on winning races as opposed to points.
- This season, the Chase will be reseeded according to a driver's number of wins during the 26 regular-season races. The playoff field of racers will be expanded from 10 to 12 and will add five extra points to regular season winners.
- Last season, Kasey Kahne began 10th in the chase, despite a series-most five victories. With the new format, Kahne would have started first.
- NASCAR has begun handing out a single-season record of penalties and fines. Several cars have failed tech inspections at Daytona causing their teams to take heavy hits.
- Owner/driver Michael Waltrip was slammed the hardest after the fuel in his No. 55 Toyota smelled like jet fuel. Waltrip and his owner/wife Buffy were each docked 100 points. Their crew chief, Larry Hyder, was ejected from Daytona, suspended indefinitely and fined \$100,000.
- Finally, it is possible that next season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. might be driving his late father's black-and-silver No. 3 Chevy for Richard Childress Racing.
- Childress owns the patent on Earnhardt's No. 3, which was retired after the seven-time champion was killed at the 2001 Daytona 500.
- Junior, voted the sport's most popular driver the past four years, wants majority ownership of his team.
- His stepmother, Teresa Earnhardt, isn't ready to give up the business begun while Senior was driving for Childress, but she is said to still have continuing negotiations with Junior. Circle burners stay tuned as the season begins to unwind and the smell of rubber fills the air.



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## Motor vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of teens.

A bill that is before the Kansas House Transportation Committee right now could change that. This bill proposes to strengthen our novice, graduated driver system (GDL) of licensing.

**Why is improving our novice driver licensing system so important?**

- Vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of teens.
- 80 deaths, 7,000 injuries and 16,000 accidents per year means nearly \$630 million in accident costs for Kansas.
- Kansas is one of only five states without an intermediate stage of licensing between a permit stage and full-privilege licensing.
- Six out of 10 Kansas kids killed in crashes involve 15- to 17-year-old drivers.
- The greatest risks to novice drivers are driving at night and distractions of other young passengers.

**What will the proposed system do?**

- Provide a one-year, adult-supervised driving period, which is proven to significantly reduce crashes in other states by 25% to 50%.
- Provide a six-month intermediate stage that continues adult-supervised driving after 9 p.m. and limits the number of non-sibling passengers under the age of 21 to one passenger.
- Maintains the current Farm Permit.
- Restricts the use of wireless communication devices by novice drivers.

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- Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:
1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of 5 days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
  2. Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.
- The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell, or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas. Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Decatur County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Ag, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

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