



OBERLIN JUNIOR GOLFER BRECK SIMONSSON showed the form that helped him capture the Kansas Junior Golfers boys 16-17-year-old title at the Western Division Championship in Phillipsburg on July 26.
— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Golfer takes first in championship

Oberlin junior golfer Breck Simonsson brought home first place for boys 16-17 in the Western Division Kansas Junior Golf Association championship match in Phillipsburg on July 26.

Simonsson, 17, shot a 35 on the front nine and a 34 on the back nine. He is wrapping up his junior golf career this summer and will advance to the state championships in Salina this week.

Jobey Black, 17, shot 40-41 for an 81.

Other scores were:

- Boys 14-15:**
- Nathan Simonsson, 45-47, 92, fourth place.
- Boys 12-13:**
- Garrett Berry, 44, fourth, decided by play-off.
- Boys 10-11:**
- Channing Farr, 67.
- Boys 8-9:**
- Chance Uehlin, 48, fourth, decided by playoff.
 - Mason Ahlberg, 50, sixth.
 - Ganon Henningson, 58.
- Girls 10-11:**
- Hannah May, 60.

Coach takes over in McCook

By JIM MERRIOTT

Jon Olsen, a McCook High School graduate and founding coach of the McCook Community College baseball team, has been named the head baseball coach at the school and will be teaching health and physical education as a full-time instructor.

Olsen started the McCook baseball team in 2002 as a part-time coach and led the Indians in the school's inaugural season. He left because he needed a full-time job and spent the last four seasons as coach at Independence Community College in Kansas.

Olsen's team set the all-time record for victories for the Pirates in 2003 and he was named Coach of the Year in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East division.

As a student, he played one year for Dodge City Community College, then transferred to Colby Community College. He graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., with a degree in kinesiology.

"We're very happy to have Coach Olsen back," said McCook Athletic Director Chet De Vaughn.

Olsen currently is working on his master's degree through Emporia State University.

"It is good to be back home," the coach said.

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Fall athletes need to prepare for sports seasons

With the approach of the fall sports seasons, Decatur Community High School athletes are getting ready to get their equipment and start practice.

Football equipment checkout will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday in the football locker room.

Practice begins on Monday and Activities Director Joe Dreher said the players will get the times at checkout. Football players should be prepared for two-a-day practices, he said.

Trevor Williams is the football coach. He can be reached at 475-2337.

Cross country runners will report for checkout, a team meeting and first practice at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Coach Dick Ahlberg's room at the high school.

Volleyball players should report to the gym at 6 p.m. Sunday for a team meeting and equipment checkout, Coach Sherri Ruf said.

The first practice will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Coach Ruf can be contacted at 475-2089.

Junior high football players should report at 6:30 p.m. Sunday to Coach Caleb Howland in the locker room for equipment checkout and meeting.

The annual Soap Scrimmage and Cross Country Run will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Smick Field.

The Jayhawker
By Jim Merriott
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Be careful hunting so you aren't prey

Ever since I shot my first white-tail just south of Warsaw, Mo., when I was 14, I have tried to refine my favorite methods.

Deer hunters all over the country work to perfect their skills to improve their chances.

Some enjoy stalking the animal, others prefer to let the deer come to them.

Personally, the word "hunt" means just that, hunting to find the elusive game. It can involve miles of walking and using one's sense of hearing and smell.

Over the years hunting mule deer in Colorado, I've learned to watch my back, also.

As we stalk our prey, we become the predator. But, we can also be the prey in mountain lion and black bear country.

I make it a habit to look at where I've been and what is around me.

A few miles west of Kremmling, Colo., over the summit of Gore Mountain and just east of Toponas, Colo., is an area that at one time held the record for the largest recorded black bear.

This area also has produced some of the largest mountain lions on record.

One of the reasons is because of the great mule deer population.

One frosty morning some years ago, I headed out of my base camp up the side of the mountain in a thick fog. As I was hiking along a survey-cut trail, I could see my breath. It had rained during the night and the wet leaves on the trail were slippery.

After a few hundred yards, I stumbled onto fresh scat (feces) and mule deer tracks.

I normally set up my ambush point overlooking a well-traveled trail that has fresh tracks in both directions, directly over a down-sloping fork in the trail. And I like to find large boulders with cover.

The area had good cover for deer and a small pond surrounded by ample meadow grass that grew to the edge of the lower side of the trail. On the trail there were several scrapes and rubs where a deer had scrapped velvet off its antlers.

The heavy cover of aspen, shrub, pine and spruce made it difficult to pick out a rack unless the deer either twitched its ears or worked its way down the trail, browsing for forage.

I have been known to stumble over a bedded-down deer, startling it and myself in the pre-dawn morning light, in this sort of terrain.

Because of the brush, I carried my Remington 7mm magnum rifle with no bullet in the chamber and the safety on.

As I reached my vantage point, I got ready for a shot as soon as it was legal daylight.

While I huddled there to keep warm and alert, I witnessed one of nature's grimmest events.

Searching the area with my binoculars, I saw a female mountain lion leap on a buck feeding along the trail. I had never seen a live predator attack its prey.

The hair stood up on the back of my neck and forearms and all I could do was watch.

I learned to keep an eye on my surroundings so as not to become the prey instead of the predator.

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