



THE LADY RED DEVILS cross country team took off during the state meet in Wamego on Saturday. The Oberlin girls are on the right (from left) Brittany Urban, Ashley

Witt, Caitie Shields, Darbi Rouse and Winter Polivka. The girls finished fourth overall with Winter and Caitie winning medals. — Herald photo by Paul Shields

Girls take fourth at state

The Decatur Community High girls took fourth and two of the runners received medals at the Class 2A State Cross Country Meet on Saturday. Sophomore Winter Polivka came in third, running the course at the Wamego Country Club in 15 minutes, 40 seconds. Sophomore Caitie Shields took 14th for another medal. She ran the

race in 16:22.3. The other girls on the Oberlin team were: • Darbi Rouse, 16:49.3, 25th. • Brittany Urban, 19:06.1, 76th. • Ashley Witt, 20:25.2, 89th. "(Our) Decatur Community cross country girls competed great at the state meet," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. Winter cut her time from region-

als by 45 seconds and Caitie cut her's by 25 seconds, the coach added. "All five girls ran tremendous races on a very hilly course in cold conditions," she said. Of 12 teams at the state meet, the top four were Elbing-Berean Academy, 82 points; Ellinwood and Shaw-Maranatha Academy, 91 each; and Oberlin, 155.

Fourth place in their first state appearance is a tremendous achievement, the coach said. "Thanks to everyone who supported them," Mrs. Dorshorst said. "It was very exciting for them to have such a great send off and an outstanding crowd to cheer them on at Wamego."

Junior high kids to play basketball

The Decatur Community Junior High basketball teams will start play at 4:30 p.m. Thursday with a home game against Wallace County from Sharon Springs. This year, both the girls and boys will be playing in the fall. In the past, the Northwest Kansas League girls have done cheerleading during the boys basketball season in the fall and played basketball during the wrestling season after the first of the year. However, the league, which has been completely remodeled this year, decided to hold the junior high girls basketball season at the same time as the boys this year, said activities director, Joe Dreher. The other teams in the league this year are Quinter, Hoxie, Rawlins County, Dighton, Sharon Springs, Tribune, St. Francis and Leoti. Oakley is in the league for high school sports, but not junior high. The young Red Devils girls team include eighth graders Kelsey May, TyLynn Peterson, Jenna Long,

Madison Macfee, Jakobi Blau, Tristen Davies, Jillian Peters and Keitra Klima, and seventh graders Sonya Capps, Brittney Wesley, Amaya Tegels, Haylee Hillman, Celianna Shobe, Genna Randel, Aspen Galentine, Cassidy Gillespie, Lily Marine, Kylie Blau, Donielle Darland, Stacia Russ and Petra Trejo. Melissa Dreher and Gina Witt are the coaches. Mackenzie Chadwick and Sierra Hendrickson are team managers. The boys team will have eighth graders Quinton Cook, Cade Wurm, Dante Robertson, Gatlin Hissong, Dayton Kempf, Tabor Erickson, Jeff Juenemann and seventh graders Jacob Gee, Kole Breth, Baylee Duvall, Andrew Macki, Kel Grafel, A.J. Zillinger and Zeke Jimenez and Steven Edmiston. Tim Mathews and Josh Williby will coach. Max Diederich and Luke Koerperich are the managers.

THE OBERLIN HERALD — Sports

Junior varsity boys lose last two games

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football squad lost its final two games. On Oct. 15, the young Plainsmen downed Oberlin 8-0 in Oakley. "Our young men played a good, hard game," Coach Caleb Howland said. "Neither team's offense could really get going, and at half time the score was 0-0." The Oberlin defense continued to make stop after stop, the coach said, until Oakley scored in the fourth quarter. "On offense, our young team needs to play with more confidence and maintain blocks better," Coach Howland said. "Defensively, the coaches were extremely proud of the junior varsity team, especially

since we had to continually move players into different positions." On Oct. 22, the St. Francis Indians beat the Red Devils 30-6 in Oberlin. "The Red Devils played hard against a bigger, faster team," Coach Howland said. Kaine Fredrickson scored Oberlin's only touchdown in the fourth quarter from three yards out. "That last drive was the Red Devils best," the coach said, "with hard running from Fredrickson, Gabe Anderson, Troy Juenemann and Noah Nelson. "The junior-varsity Red Devils continued to improve throughout the season and lost several very close games."

Decatur Community Junior High Boys & Girls Basketball

Thursday, Nov. 1: Sharon Springs — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 5: Rawlins Co. — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 8: Tribune — Away	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 13: Quinter — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 15: Dighton — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 19: St. Francis — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29: Rawlins Co. — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3: Hoxie — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 6: Quinter — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13: Boys League Tourney — Atwood	1 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15: Boys League Tourney — Atwood	10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 17: St. Francis — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10: Girls League Tourney — Quinter	1 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12: Girls League Tourney — Quinter	10 a.m.

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Sports Schedule

Thursday: Oberlin junior high basketball, 4:30 p.m., vs. Sharon Springs, at home.
Friday: Send-off for Oberlin high school boys regional football, 11:45 a.m., start at high school, proceed downtown.
 Regional football, 6 p.m., Meade.
Sunday: Oberlin kids football equipment check-in, 2 p.m. at Pioneer Warehouse.
Monday: Oberlin junior high basketball, 4:30 p.m., at Rawlins County.
Tuesday, Nov. 6: Oberlin kids wrestling meeting, 6 p.m., high school cafeteria.
Thursday, Nov. 8: Oberlin junior high basketball, 4 p.m., at Tribune.
To add items to the community sports schedule, call The Oberlin Herald at 475-2206 or e-mail oberlin.editor@nwkansan.com.

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 Constitutional amendment that - if passed - will allow for fairer taxation of watercraft (boats) and make Kansas watercraft taxation competitive with surrounding states.
 Property taxes on watercraft in Kansas are so high that they impede boat ownership, limiting families' opportunity for wholesome water recreation. Compared to surrounding states, Kansas watercraft property taxes are so high that many Kansans register their boats in neighboring states, so Kansas counties lose property tax revenue. The high tax rates also reduce in-state boat sales, impacting our marinas, boat dealers, and reducing state sales tax revenue.
 The legislature showed bipartisan, overwhelming support - 121 to 2 in the House and 40 to 0 in the Senate - for placing this amendment on the ballot. The amendment may be difficult to understand because the ballot includes the entire article of the constitution that is affected, not just the change. The only change is the addition of the words "and watercraft." Adding just those two words will give the legislature the opportunity to create a fairer tax treatment of watercraft.
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