

Sports

Runners attend spring meeting

More than 20 potential runners attended a spring meeting for the Decatur Community High School cross country team.

The 2008 squad should be led by state qualifiers, Andrew Richards and Tamara Ketterl.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said he would like to remind the runners that the summer is going fast and that they should be running and logging their miles to start getting into shape for the upcoming season.

"We have the potential to be competitive at the state level," he said. "We have five returning boy

lettermen and two returning girl lettermen. We will have competition within our boys team for varsity spots and that should make our practices and meets very interesting."

Coach Ahlberg said he wants to also remind runners to record their summer running, wear quality shoes and run with a friend.

He said with the number of young people at the summer camp and the quality of the athletes, he is excited about the upcoming season.

Anyone with questions should call him at 470-7223.

Cross Country Schedule

Monday, Aug. 18 — first practice
Thursday, Aug. 28 — soap run
Thursday, Sept. 4 — Norton Invitational
Thursday, Sept. 11 — Quinter Invitational
Thursday, Sept. 18 — McCook Invitational
Thursday, Sept. 25 — Hill City Invitational
Tuesday, Sept. 30 — Oberlin Invitational
Thursday, Oct. 9 — Phillipsburg Invitational
Saturday, Oct. 18 — League at Colby
Saturday, Oct. 25 — Regional meet, TBA
Saturday, Nov. 1, State meet at Wamego.

Junior golfers play in several tournies

The Oberlin junior golfers have kept busy this summer with meets and preparations for the Northwest Kansas Tournament in Oberlin next week.

Two young golfers traveled farther afield to play.

Kade Brown teed off in the Kansas Junior Amateur at the Stag Hill Golf Course in Manhattan from June 16-19. He shot 248 to place 13th in the age 14 and under division.

He and his brother Kelly Brown competed in the Pepsi Junior Tour at the Cambridge Cross Creek Golf Club in Cambridge, Neb., on June 24. Kade shot 74 to take first in the 14-15-year-old division, and Kelly shot 90 for first in the age 8-9 division.

The Northwest Kansas Tournament will start at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Then the Oberlin Junior Golfers Tournament will be held at the country club from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 16.

Meanwhile the young golfers have racked firsts in tournaments in both Hoxie and Goodland over the last couple of weeks.

In Hoxie on June 16 were:

- Ages 8-9**
- Mason Ahlberg; first, 50

Ages 10-11

- Logan Berry; first, 44
- Chance Uehlin; 72

Boys, 12-13

- Zach May; third, 51
- Ryan May; 59

Girls, 12-13:

- Hannah May; first, 66

Ages 14-15

- Garrett Berry; third, 91

In Goodland on June 23 were:

Ages 8-9

- Mason Ahlberg; first, 47

Ages 10-11

- Kelly Brown; first, 43
- Chance Uehlin; 56

Ages 14-15

- Kade Brown; first, 81
- Zach May; 98

Racers to run around Atwood lake

Runners from around the area will take part in the 24th running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race at 7:30 a.m. Friday.

Men will run a five mile (eight kilometer) course, which will take them around the lake four times. The women's course is two laps or four kilometers.

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TO HELP HIS TEAM, Black Gold, Kennedy Fortin (right) tried to tag out Justin Gee, who was trying to make it to first base after hitting the ball for his team, First National Bank, in a Pony League game last week.

— Herald staff photo by Sarah Marcuson

Fredrickson Dental just keeps on winning

Fredrickson Dental was still holding on to its perfect season after last weeks games.

On Wednesday, Fredrickson beat Countryside Vet 17-7 and on Sunday they downed Edgerton Auto 16-4 and Ward Drug 16-5.

On Wednesday, the Purple Pack overcame Creative Dimensions 8-6 and the Juniors 9-4. Creative Dimensions then came back to triumph over Countryside 20-10.

The Countryside and Juniors

game was postponed due to lightning.

On Sunday, the Fortins defeated Edgerton Auto 23-0 and Ward 21-8.

Recreation Director Joe Dreher said that while it is possible the games will continue tonight, that is unlikely due to harvest. After that, the next games will probably be played on Sunday, July 9, due to harvest and the Fourth of July holiday.

—Baseball Standings—

Little League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Raye's Grocery	4	0	71
R&M Service Center	3	1	63
Crossroads Express	1	3	40
Decatur County Feed	0	4	21

Pony Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Black Gold	7	1	82
First National Bank	1	7	37

Bantam Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Fredrickson Insurance	5	0	79
Countryside Vet	0	5	63

Co-ed Softball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Runs
Fredrickson Dental	10	0	185
Fortins	9	1	185
Creative Dimensions	6	4	141
Purple Pack	5	5	111
Ward Drug	4	6	103
Countryside Vet	2	7	97
Junior's	2	7	90
Edgertons	1	9	70

(Standings are for games played through Sunday)

Summertime means walleye fishing

It doesn't take a genius to figure that it is summertime. The streets are flooded with mourning doves and softballs are flying at the ballpark.

With all the crazy weather, it is a perfect time to talk about the "walleye chop."

It's just a lot harder to maneuver a boat and trolling motor in rough water than on a smooth lake.

But, the rough choppy waves make it perfect to catch walleye because of the turbulence against the rip rap on a dam.

When the winds blow up whitecaps, the average boat fisherman just gives up.

However, the hardy walleye fisherman knows that when there is a chop on the lake, the walleyes feast on insects that are sloshed around off the bottom of the lake.



The Jayhawker

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The chop can sometimes cause an eating frenzy for walleyes, sauger and saugeye.

One of the easiest ways to locate these wily fish is to use a bottom-bouncer and a worm harness.

Now that gasoline is so expensive, a lot of fishermen are using a drifting method. Fishermen will allow their boats to drift to the areas that they feel are likely, then use

their electric motors to maneuver away from rocks and sunken tree branches.

The drifting method allows a natural presentation which frequently fools the walleye.

If you decide to use your motor, troll parallel to the bank steering in an S pattern.

If you are on a large enough lake to use a planer board, this too is a

more natural presentation.

Try various rigs, using a worm on the harness or a shiner (minnow). If you are really a fanatic, use reflectors with your rig, such as a ford fender flasher which will reflect sunlight on the deep running rig.

Remember that walleye fishermen from the Great Lakes area have mastered this technique, and their walleyes are the same species that we have in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Good luck and tight lines.
Jim Merriott, former sports writer for The Oberlin Herald, has been a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America since 1989.

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