



RECEIVING THE BATON from Jessica Fredrickson, Tiffany Anderson was off and running in the 4x800-meter relay at the Class 2A Regional Track Meet on Friday. The girls, including Tamara Ketterl and Brandi Diederich (on the sidelines), won the race. Fredrickson (at left) participated in an individual race. — Herald photos by Patti Richards

Four girls heading for state meet

Four Decatur Community High girls will be headed for the state track meet this weekend after taking first, second or third at the Class 2A Regional Meet in Meade on Friday.

Oberlin finished ninth at the regional with 34 points, but had two first-place finishes: the 4x800-meter relay team of Tamara Ketterl, Jessica Fredrickson, Tiffany Anderson and Brandi Diederich ran the course in 10 minutes, 32.39

seconds to take the gold, while Diederich made a 9-foot winning leap in the pole vault.

Also headed to state are:

- Ketterl, 800-meter run, 2:28.71, second.
- Fredrickson, 3,200-meter run, 12:56.40, third.

The girls will be competing in Class AA at Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University on Friday and Saturday.

The pole vault will be held at the north-end pit at 8 a.m. Friday and the 3,200-meter run begins at 8:10.

Then on Saturday, the girls 4x800-meter relay is to start after the 4x800-meter boys relay, which starts at 10:10 a.m., and the 800-meter run is set for 4:20 p.m.

For information or to view the schedule, go to www.kshsaa.org.

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Sports

Walkers cross state many times

The 2009 Walk Kansas fitness program, sponsored by Kansas State Research and Extension in most Kansas counties, has just been completed. Here is a summary of the results as they have been turned in to the local Extension offices:

Over 20,000 people participated in Walk Kansas this year, which is several hundred more than last year.

In Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan and Trego counties, 76 teams consisting of six individuals participated for a total of approximately 456 participants.

In Decatur County, there were 17 teams or 102 participants. They have been walking or doing some form of moderate physical exercise and reporting the amounts to the Extension offices since March 8. The goal is to walk 423 miles (or the equivalent of walking across Kansas) as a team during the eight week period ending May 2.

Sixteen teams reported walking across Kansas. The teams and the miles walked are as follows: (Captains in parentheses)

1. Sappa Sisters - 1,715 miles (Kimberly Davis)
2. Roadrunners - 1,497 miles (Kasey May)
3. Stan and His Harem - 1,197 miles (Linda Schroer)
4. Sappa Strollers - 976 miles (Alvera Bruggeman)
5. Sunflower Ladies - 926 miles (Hank Juenemann)
6. Cranky Cruisers - 905 miles (Byron Hale)
7. Night Watch - 897 miles (Cathy Claussen)
8. Benless Walkers - 857 miles (Keri Bryan)
9. Happy Feet - 758 miles (Marilyn Horn)
10. Cedar Walkers - 739 miles (Teresa Shaughnessy)
11. The "A" Team - 671 miles (Tina Perrin)
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The Shrinkers - 652 miles (Regina Stanley) 13. Chubby Bunnies - 544 miles (Montine Alstrom) 14. The Waist Watchers - 525 miles (Deb Klima) 15. Pooper Scooper Troopers - 506 miles (Shelly McKenna) and 16. The Recessionists - 434 miles (Candi Ketterl)

Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables is also encouraged during Walk Kansas. The top five teams which reported eating the most fruits and vegetables (5 cups are recommended daily) are: 1. Happy Feet 2. Sunflower Ladies 3. Sappa Strollers 4. The Shrinkers and 5. The "A" Team.

The top five individual walkers (based on the team logs received) were: 1. Peggy Gassmann - 923 miles (Stan and His Harem) 2. Carolyn Burtis - 731 miles (Sappa Sisters) 3. Kasey May - 408 miles (Roadrunners) 4. Kimberly Davis - 349 miles (Sappa Sisters) and 5. Vicky Ray - 321 miles (Night Watch).

These individuals, while not in the top five walked at least half way across Kansas or more all by themselves: Connie Riedel, Kaylee May, Jeniffer Wolters, Bernita Daniels, Amy McDougal, Trennie Bauer and Kelly May.

The top five individual consumption of fruits and vegetables (from those who reported) were: Charlotte Strecker-Baseler (Happy Feet), Alvera Bruggeman (Sappa Strollers) Bernita Daniels and Trennie Bauer (Sunflower Ladies) and Linda Wade (The Shrinkers). These were the only walkers who met the daily minimum of five, one cup servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Award winners as teams were:

Top Walking Team - Sappa Sisters (Kimberly Davis, Carolyn Burtis, Mardi Lohofener, Johanna Mason, Amy Carman and Connie Riedel). (Each member wins a jacket. They may go to the Extension Office to pick size and color).

Top Fruit and Vegetable consumption team - Happy Feet (Marilyn, Stephen, and Douglas Horn, Carol and Bill Duncan, and Charlotte Strecker-Baseler). (Each member wins a clock).

Top individual walker - Peggy Gassmann - (Stan and His Harem)*

Top individual fruit and vegetable consumer - Charlotte Strecker-Baseler (Happy Feet)*

Individual incentive winners were Carol Barrett* - Sappa Strollers, Trennie Bauer* - Sunflower Ladies, David Depperschmidt* - Cranky Cruisers, Amy McDougal* - Night Watch, Linda Manning* - Benless Walkers, Charlotte Kurtz* - Cedar Walkers, Angela Corcoran* - The "A" Team, Gary Walter* - The Shrinkers, Kelly May* - Chubby Bunnies, Dorothy Vacura* - The Waist Watchers, Shelly McKenna* - Pooper Scooper Troopers, Tiffani Farr* - The Recessionists and Linda Schroer* - Stan and His Harem.

*Incentives won by the individuals listed above may be picked up at the Extension Office in Oberlin. They will be given out on a first-come, first-choice basis, so for a wider selection, come early and pick from more incentives (gifts).

For questions, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

Golfers tee off in Salina today

Two Decatur Community High golfers are heading for the Class 2A state tournament today at the Salina Municipal Golf Course.

Jordan Tally placed eighth and Garrett Berry ninth last week at the Class 2A Regional Meet in Smith Center. The top 10 individuals, not on a team going to state, qualified for the tournament today.

Oberlin Coach Dick Ahlberg said he was proud of his boys.

"Qualifying for the state meet is a nice reward for Jordan," he said.

"He has had a good season. It is also a good accomplishment for Garrett in his freshman season."



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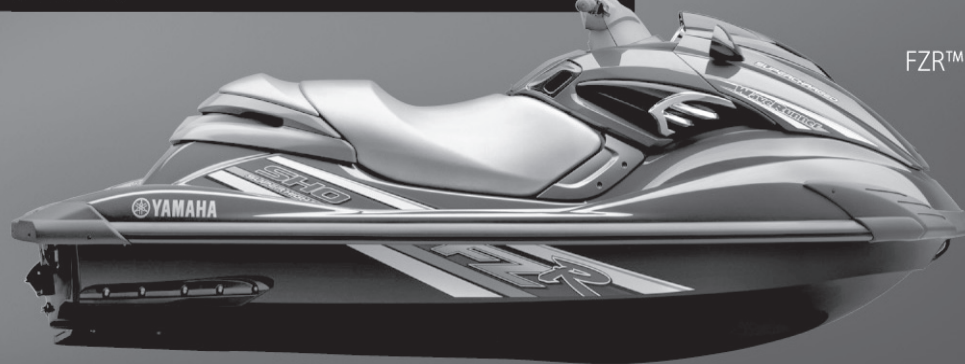


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City purchases electronic piano

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The Gateway will have a new piano, thanks to the efforts of a pair of music teachers and a bequest from the late Fred and Henrietta Bremer.

Decatur Community High vocal music teacher Susan Nelson and piano teacher Cheryl Metcalf came to Oberlin City Council Thursday with a request that the city buy a Clavinova, an electronic piano, from Hershberger Music in McCook using money from the bequest.

While Mrs. Nelson told the council about the instrument, Mrs. Metcalf put a short demonstration of some of its capabilities, using an electronic piano borrowed from the music company for the alumni banquet Saturday. Hershberger was willing to sell the instrument for \$5,995, she said. A newer model, which the company would have to order, would cost about \$9,000.

The instrument will not replace the baby grand piano in the theater, she said. That piano is in good shape

but cannot be moved to other parts of the building.

The electronic piano would be a replacement for the upright piano normally kept in the upstairs meeting rooms and used every week by the Oberlin Rotary Club. While the instrument is still in good shape, she said, it is heavy and hard to move and gets out of tune easily. It also can't be hooked into the arena sound system.

"We thought the Gateway should move ahead and get an electronic piano," Mrs. Nelson told the council.

She explained that with a \$300 mover, the instrument could be rolled by one person to any part of the building.

"It really would make it more friendly for people to use," she said, adding that the Bremers were both music lovers and she thought they would approve of the idea.

She suggested that the council also buy the mover, which would be a separate charge.

"It saves a lot of wear and tear on

the instrument," she explained.

Mrs. Nelson said the schools use electronic pianos all the time and find that the sound is excellent and their ability to be part of a sound system makes them especially useful in large rooms.

City Administrator Austin Gilley told the council that a new piano was on the original wish list of things for which the Bremer bequest could be used.

Mayor Joe Stanley asked if it was necessary to take bids but Mr. Gilley assured him that it was not, and the council unanimously approved the purchase of the instrument and a mover.

"This will last for years," Mrs. Nelson said.

"I'm sure the whole community will enjoy it," Councilman Bill Riedel replied.

Mr. Gilley said later that he didn't know what the council would do with the upright piano, which was donated to the Gateway, probably when it was built.