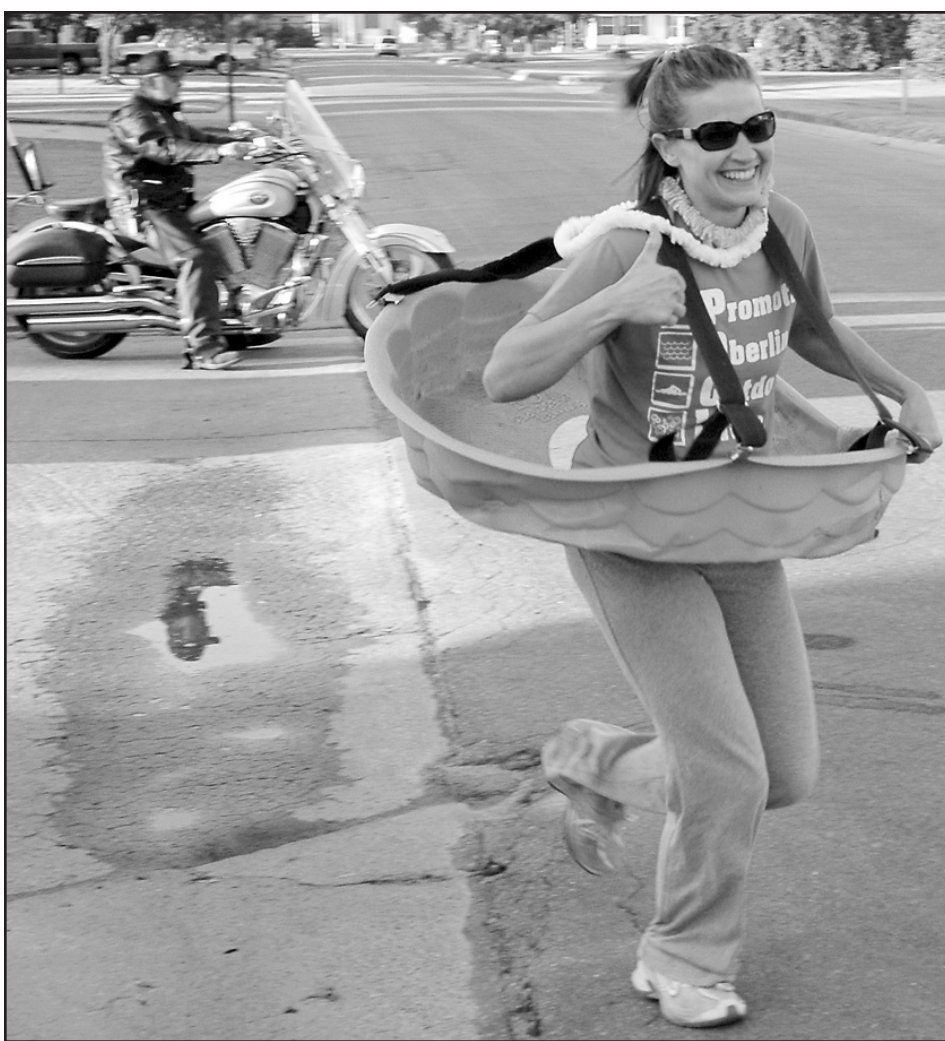




YOUNGSTERS TOOK OFF AT A RUN (above) Danielle Leitner (below) combined patriotic colors with a mini pool. Behind her is one of the American Legion Riders, who accompanied the runners around town.



Runners shake a leg for new pool

It was a beautiful day for a run through town, and about 60 people took the opportunity to do just that on Saturday in a 5K run/walk that wound through Oberlin.

The course started at City Park, where the runners signed in. It went by the high school toward the east edge of town, north to Ash Street, west to The Gateway, then south to Hall Street and back east to the park and pool.

The Oberlin American Legion Riders escorted the runners through the course with flags waving on the back of their motorcycles. They also helped with traffic control.

Kelly Stamm was the fastest man to finish the course while Kayla Zodrow won the women's race. Both received medals.

Winning races in age divisions were Darbi Rouse, Mr. Stamm, Miss Zodrow, Andy May,

Amanda Sowers, Bridgette Moore, Terry Ream, Judy Elwood, John Otis and Trish Henningsen.

Besides all the runners, lots of people just walked all or part of the course. A one-half mile kids' course drew 25 youngsters.

The race had a patriotic theme and runners were encouraged to wear their red, white and blue. Rena Unger won the award for the best patriotic outfit.

Contestant fees – more than \$1,500 – will go to the Oberlin Pool Project, said race organizer Kerrie Wahlmeier.

"This race brought runners from Oberlin, Topeka, Cheney, Hays, Ellis, Norcatour and Norton," Mrs. Wahlmeier said. "The race committee would like to make this an annual event, with proceeds going towards community improvement projects."



CROSSING THE FINISH LINE was exciting for Linda Glaze (above) and for Mirla Coleman, Ruth Wolfram and Theresa Shaughnessy (from left, below right). It was a triple accomplishment for Jennie Anderson (top right) as she was pushing sons Cowen and Grant.



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