

Rain soaks lawns, fields across area

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

The rain seemed to just keep falling Sunday night, filling streets in Oberlin and giving the crops a steady drink.

Just after dinner, the dark clouds started to roll into the county and the rains started, soft at first and then harder until it seemed like it was a sheet of moisture falling out of the sky.

Cass Avenue, fondly called "Canal Street" by some residents, was a steady stream and then like a river rushing south towards the drain. Some people got out in

trucks, sports utility vehicles and even one man on a motorcycle, to drive up and down the street to see how high the water could splash.

The rain gauge at the Decatur County Courthouse had 1.20 inches after the storm. Around the county, the amount of rain varied, although it seems that everyone got some.

At D&S Grain in Traer, there were reports of 1.40 to 1.75 inches. Norcat Grain reported that residents in town were saying about half an inch and in Jennings it varied

from .75 to an inch.

Extension Agronomist Brian Olson said there is going to be a mixed bag of wheat at harvest time.

Some fields have been attacked by stripe rust, others received hail damage three to four weeks ago and some may have been hurt by late freezes.

Mr. Olson said if the right variety was planted, jagger for this year, and the field missed the late freezes and the hail, it could be a really great crop.

The wheat was looking really good until

the stripe rust showed up, he said, and then an isolated hail storm in western Decatur County hurt some crops.

The moisture for some fields is looking good. He said if the area didn't receive any more rain and didn't hit 100 degree weather for 10 days straight, things would probably be OK for harvest.

The 100-degree-plus heat last week started to show on some of the fields, said Mr. Olson. The area had a really dry winter, and if the ground was really compacted in a field when it got really hot, the crops

probably weren't able to get any moisture because they never developed a deep root system. Wheat doesn't like heat, he said, and if it couldn't get any water, it probably started to show stress.

Mr. Olson said residents in the area can come out and get a look at several varieties during the annual wheat plot tour at 7 a.m. Friday morning. The tour starts at the 4-H building at the Decatur County fairgrounds with a breakfast served by the May Family. Everyone will then head west of town to see the test plots.

Walk to raise money

Event will help cancer society

Volunteers will spend Friday night walking at the high school track to raise money for the American Cancer Society during Oberlin's second Relay for Life.

The event, said Sarah Fredrickson, one of the coordinators, starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and will end the following morning at 7 a.m.

To kick off the relay, cancer survivors from the area will walk the first lap around the track, she said. On the second lap, family members will join the survivors, care providers and others who helped them overcome the disease.

At the end of the second lap, said Mrs. Fredrickson, the survivors will release balloons to honor all cancer survivors and victims.

By 7:30 p.m., the seven teams will start walking.

The teams include the Decatur County courthouse, Decatur Professional Women, the Dresser, Hirsch and Pratt law office, the Medical Maniacs, Stanley Hardware and Friends, and Peggy Pratt.

Each member of the teams was asked to raise \$100, which goes to the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Fredrickson said Mrs. Pratt challenged the Oberlin Rotary Club to raise the money if she walked the entire night. She is the only one-person team; the others have several members who will take turns walking all night and into the early morning.

Mrs. Fredrickson said this year, the coordinators asked each team to provide a gift basket.

For each lap the walkers make around the track, they will be able to put their names into the drawing to win a basket.

The other difference this year, she said, is that they will have games at the track from midnight to 6 a.m. for those who decide to camp out or come for part of the night.

Mrs. Fredrickson said that any children who want to attend the relay need to be accompanied by an adult.

As of Friday morning, the coordinators had sold 370 luminaries which will circle around the track. The lighted paper sacks are set up to honor or remember those who have had cancer.

Mrs. Fredrickson said people can purchase luminaries all week from Peg Smith at Hirsch and Pratt, but in order to have the names of the those the luminaries are bought for in the program, they had to be purchased by Monday morning. Each luminary costs \$10.

The luminaries aren't just for residents from Decatur County, she said; they can be from anywhere.

Between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Friday, each luminary will be lighted. Mrs. Fredrickson said those who bought the luminaries can come to the track and light them if they wish.

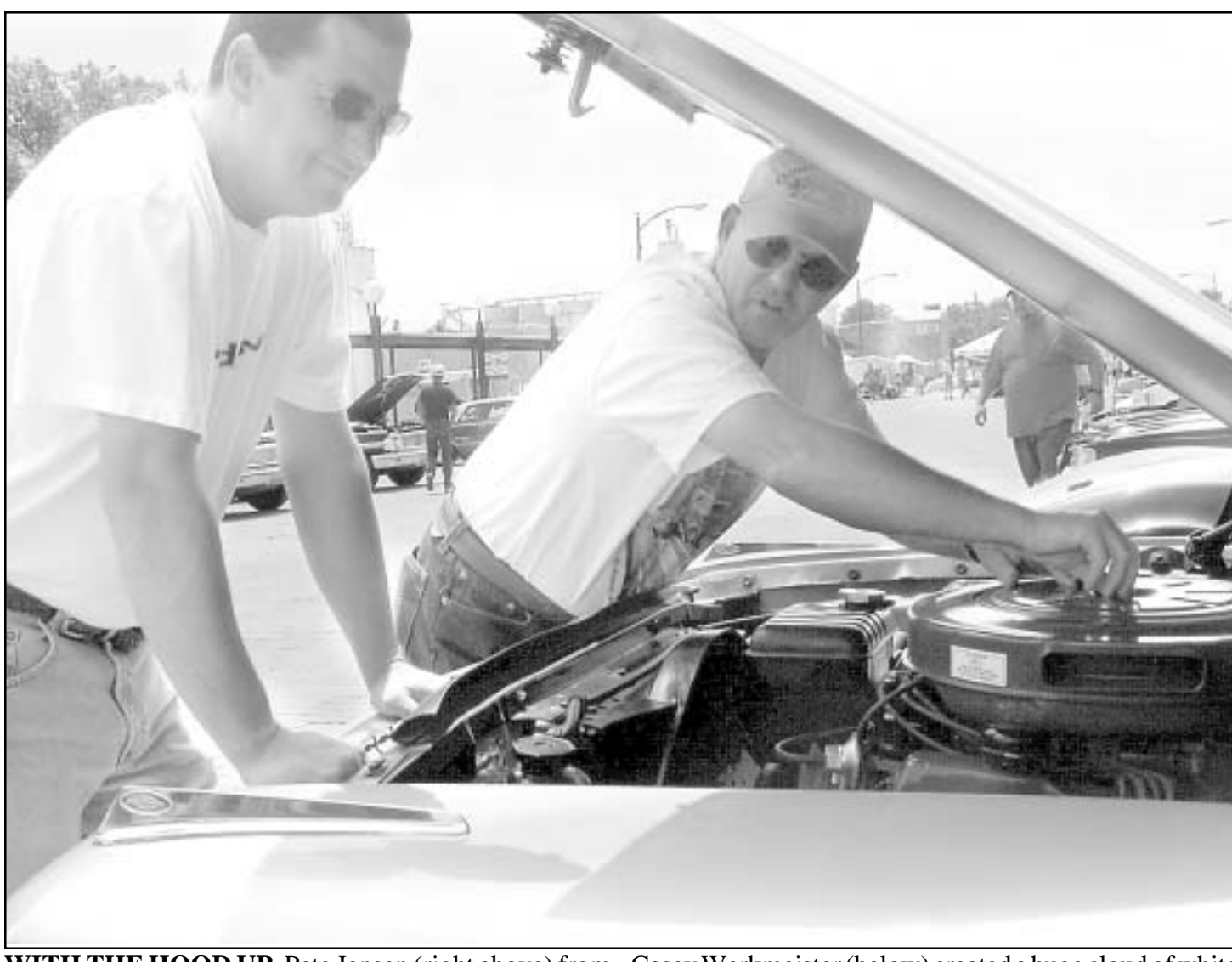
At 10 p.m., she said, the lights on the track will be turned off and the names in the program of survivors and victims will be read.

Mrs. Fredrickson said they want to have someone from the county tell a short story of their fight with cancer.

A deejay from KFNH will play music all night while people walk the track.

Last year the Relay for Life here raised \$9,000, she said.

Those who want to keep the luminaries they bought can pick them up the following morning at 7 a.m. (See WALK on Page 10A)



WITH THE HOOD UP, Pete Jensen (right above) from St. Francis and Wayne Hackney looked at the motor of a 1963 Ford Galaxy 500XL. Mr. Hackney had asked if it was the original motor and the owner was explaining that is was.

Casey Werkmeister (below) created a huge cloud of white smoke in his Camero during the "burn out" contest.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Brandt

Cars, food, fun fill Saturday

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

A cloud of white smoke started to cover the end of the maroon Camero, growing bigger and bigger until it seemed a whole patch of Main Street was engulfed in white.

The back tires on the car spun on the wet bricks as the engine howled louder and louder.

The young driver was in no danger of getting a ticket for spinning his wheels, though, because he was entered in the Museum Summerfest and Car Show "burn out" on Saturday.

Museum President Greg Fidele said the event was popular, drawing a large crowd, but he was a little disappointed that only two cars entered.

Casey Werkmeister from Nebraska won the contest with his

Camero. Mr. Fidele said the young man drove to Oberlin and entered in the show just for the event.

He competed against Jason Gallentine of Oberlin, who used his race cruiser.

The two cars left black rubber on the bricks, but the rain Sunday night pretty much cleaned all of it off, said Mr. Fidele, and he will take care of the rest.

The second annual show went well, said Mr. Fidele. There were just over 100 cars entered, which was less than last year, but still a good turnout. He said he thought there weren't as many cars because the storm in the morning scared some off.

There were still those who drove in from Nebraska, Colorado and all over Kansas. He said one of the cars came from near Topeka.



Chuck Dickson was one of the men who decided to drive his car in, bringing his 1934 Ford from Oakley.

He said this was his first year at the show and first time in the town, which he said was very nice. A few weeks ago, he was at the Rod Run in Atwood and heard about the Summerfest and Car Show in Oberlin. He said he decided to come and bring his car.

Mr. Dickson, who is retired, said he has spent the last two years rebuilding the car. He hired a friend to

paint it and the upholstery work is still getting done, but he did the rest.

He bought the chassis and the motor and put it all together. He said he just recently started driving it, and there are already 6,000 miles on it.

Mr. Dickson said he liked the layout of the show and the people in Oberlin seemed friendly.

After last year's event, said Mr. Fidele, the museum received a lot of comment sheets asking (See CARS on Page 10A)

Bomb sight on loan to Jennings Museum

While it wouldn't compare to Iraq War smart bombs, the famous Norden bomb sight helped America and her allies win World War II. Now, the Jennings Museum has one on permanent loan, a gift from an old Army pilot.

The Norden sight, an advanced design for the time, measured a bomber's ground speed, true air speed, wind speed, wind direction and angle of the drift and then automatically dropped the bombs on the target.

The black bomb sight is on display in a plastic case in the main building of the Jennings Museum. It is 16 inches long, 10 inches wide and 10 inches tall.

The sight, developed by Carl L. Norden in 1930, was a top secret item of the Allies until the Germans got a hold of a few of them.

The sight has been loaned to the museum by Lt. Col. Willis R. "Joe" Kusy (Ret.), who purchased it years ago. Mr. Kusy said after the war, there were all kinds of bombers and spare parts sent to a military overhaul facility, but the facility didn't want the bomb sights because they were outmoded. The sights were advertised for sale, Mr. Kusy said, so he bought three of them.

He told the museum he didn't pay much for the bomb sights, maybe \$39.95 each. On the Internet today, they go for between \$1,200 and \$1,600.

In a plane, said Mr. Kusy, the bomb sight was connected to the auto pilot and could command the plane to move one way or another. When the bomb sight calculated it was over the target, it released the bombs.

The old saying was, "It was accurate enough to hit a pickle barrel from 20,000 feet," said Mr. Kusy.

Mr. Kusy, a brother of Neoma



AT THE JENNINGS MUSEUM, Willis R. "Joe" Kusy stood with the Norden bomb sight that is on permanent loan.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Tacha of Jennings, said his interest in the sights came from spending 26 years in he military.

Mr. Kusy said he started his career in 1939. He then applied for flight training in the Army Air Force and

finished that in 1944. Initially he said he flew a C-47, known as a (See MAN on Page 10A)

Teens get help for awhile

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

The Oberlin Teens for Christ board has found a leader for the organization, at least through the summer.

Kristy Smith, who recently received an Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in Bible studies, will be interning as the leader of the group for the next few months.

The group has basically been without a leader since Eric and Cindy Scott moved. Although others have been tried, they haven't worked out and the board and volunteers have been keeping the organization going with the help of the kids.

Miss Smith graduated from Jennings High School two years ago and headed off to Platte Valley Bible College in Scottsbluff, Neb., where she wants to get a degree for youth ministry.

She said she will return to the school in August to take classes for her bachelor's degree.

While in high school, she said, she was a member of Teens for Christ. This summer, when she returned home, a board member approached her about the internship. Miss Smith said she considered it, thought about it, prayed about it and then got the position.

By taking the job for the summer, she said, she hopes to learn more about what is involved in youth ministry, what areas she needs to improve on, what her strengths are and figure out if this is really what she wants to do with her life.

The teen organization is for kids in the seventh through 12th grades, she said. Each Sunday night, the group meets for fellowship, a lesson, songs and games.

As the leader, said Miss Smith, the main job is to be available to the kids 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The leader plans Sunday meetings on any other activities for the group.

The first thing Miss Smith planned was a luau in the park Sunday night, but because of the storm it was held in the Teens for Christ building. Then camp is coming up in July, she said.

Sunday night was her first official meeting with the kids, but she said a lot of them knew about her filling the position through word of mouth. The board has tried to keep them up to date about the job search.

Miss Smith said any and all teens (See INTERN on Page 10A)

* Man donates bomb sight to museum

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 Gooney Bird, in support of Gen. George Patton. Mr. Kusy said he hauled cargo to Patton's troops and then would haul the wounded back to the hospital.
 In 1948, he was sent to helicopter school and spent the rest of his career flying choppers from 1948 to 1965. Mr. Kusy said he didn't fly helicopters in a combat role, just as rescue.
 Mr. Kusy said his biggest mission was an air rescue in England. When he got to England, there wasn't any air rescue capability, so his job was to participate if an S.O.S came in.
 In that part of England, there was some drifting underwater sands and if a little ship got stuck on the sands and a tide came in, it was 16 feet high and would turn the boat over. If the tide went out, the boat would get stuck on the sands.
 There was a big storm one night, he said, and a ship got stuck and the rescue unit was called up. Mr. Kusy said he was going to try to go on board the boat to find any survivors.

He said he looked down and there was a man hanging off the rigging. The crew rescued the man. It turned out that was the first person saved from the air in England. As the first rescue of that kind, it got a lot of publicity.
 Mr. Kusy received a citation from the Duchess of Kent, Princess Marina.
 That was just one of the many rescues, which he said he made from the helicopter. Mr. Kusy said he thinks he made 16,225 landings.
 He became a flight instructor and by the end of his career he was a program manager for the HH3C, which came to be known as the Jolly Green Giant.
 In 1965 he retired from the military and worked for Sikorsky Aircraft. He was then employed by Norden, the company that made the bomb sights.
 Mr. Kusy was born near Munden, and although he was in Jennings for a short time, he never really lived there. He now lives in Springfield, Ohio.



DURING LUNCH TIME, Madison Monaco ate a pork burger made and served by the Oberlin Jaycees outside Farmers Bank and Trust on Saturday during the museum Summerfest and Car Show. — Herald staff photo by Kim Brandt

* Walk to raise cash for cancer group

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 Mrs. Fredrickson said the coordinators need help setting up the track at 2 p.m. Friday and then cleaning up at 7 a.m. Saturday morning.
 If there are any last-minute teams who want to walk, they can get a package from Chris Dempewolf.
 Mrs. Fredrickson said there are several sponsors who have made the Relay for Life possible, including Addleman Drug Store, Countryside Veterinary Clinics, Decatur County Feed Yard, Hirsch and Pratt, KFNF,

The Oberlin Herald, Pizza Hut, Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic, Pepsi Bottling Co., Unger Trusts, Wal-Mart, CMA Distributors, Culligan Water Conditioning, Decatur Co-op Association, Farmers Bank and Trust, Dr. Gary Fredrickson, Frontier Motel, Frontier Restaurant, the Landmark Inn, McCook Recycling Center, Music Lab, Oberlin Concrete, Oberlin Ice, Prairie Petals, Raye's Grocery, Stanley Hardware, The Bank, Dr. Ryan Unger, and the Oberlin School District.

Council decides to keep insurance

The Oberlin City Council decided to stay with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for employee medical insurance after the firm refigured its price and a competitor dropped out.
 Councilman Stan McEvoy, who has been part of the committee exploring other companies for insurance after Blue Cross/Blue Shield said the increase for the city would be 33 percent.
 One of the companies the committee was checking into was Fortis Health Insurance. Mr. McEvoy told his fellow council members at the meeting Thursday, May 22 that the representative at Fortis he had been working with no longer worked with the company and he suggested that the city not use Fortis.
 The representative told Mr. McEvoy that if the city has as many problems with the company as he

had getting quotes, it wouldn't be worth it. Mr. McEvoy said the representative felt Fortis didn't want the city business.
 City Administrator Gary Shike said it seemed like Fortis didn't want small groups.
 The good thing about the whole process has been that the city asked Blue Cross/Blue Shield to reorganize the numbers and the city will save 11 percent from the initial quoted increase.
 That means an employee and dependent will pay \$40.40, employee and spouse will pay \$52.33 and employee and family will pay \$91.94 extra each month.
 The committee's recommendation is to continue with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, said Mr. McEvoy, which is what the council decided to do.

Commandments offered for pilots

As an Army captain, Willis R. Kusy wrote the Ten Commandments for Helicopter Pilots.
 The commandments were published and a copy was given to everyone who graduated from helicopter school. Mr. Kusy said he doesn't know if they are still given out.
 The commandments are:
 1. He who inspecteth not his aircraft gives his angels cause to concern him. Inspect your aircraft carefully before each flight.
 2. Thou shalt not be one airborne without first ascertaining the level of thy propellant. It's better to spend minutes refueling than hours regretting.
 3. Let infinite discretion govern thy movement near the ground, for thy area of destruction is vast. Use extra caution while operating on or near the ground.
 4. Thy rotor RPM is the stuff of life. Without it thou shalt surely perish.
 Low RPM is really dangerous; keep it within the safe operating range.

5. Thou shalt maintain thy speed between 10 and 400 feet lest the earth rise and smite thee. Complete recovery is doubtful in case of power failure.
 6. Thou shalt not make a trial of thy center of gravity test. Thou shalt dash thy foot against a stone. A few misplaced pounds may exceed the limits of your controls.
 7. Thou shalt not let thy confidence exceed thy ability, for broad is the way to destruction. "I think I can make it" is on the list of famous last words.
 8. He that doeth his approach and alloweth the wind to turn behind him, shall surely make restitution. Make all approaches into the wind.
 9. He who allows his tail rotor to catch in the thorns, curseth his children and his children's children. Avoid a tail-low attitude while near the ground.
 10. Observe thou this parable test or on the morrow, thy friends mourn thee. Safety dwells with the safest man who flies his bird as safe as he can.

* Cars fill Oberlin for second show

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 for games for kids. This year, the kids had mini golf, plinko and a toss to knock over cans to play. He said the games were a big hit. It wasn't a money maker, but it kept the kids busy so the parents could look.
 Mr. Fidele said a lot more took part in the poker run this year and thinks each year, there will be more.
 There was a great selection of food.
 The Jaycees cooked and served food on behalf of the museum and there was also Kettle Korn, homemade pie and ice cream and the

LandMark Inn was serving sandwiches, chips and pasta salad.
 That evening, the museum opened the Bohemian Hall for a benefit dinner of barbecue beef. Mr. Fidele said even though Main Street seemed to clear out, they served over 100 people.
 He said he isn't sure of how much money was raised, but all of it will be used for general repairs and upkeep of the sprawling museum.
 The event has been a success for two years, he said, so he is pretty sure the group will keep the car show going each year.

Annual countdown for harvest starts

With summertime rearing its 100-degree head, it is almost time for wheat harvest, which means it is time for the 18th annual Harvest Countdown contest.
 The contest, organized by *The Oberlin Herald* and sponsored by participating area businesses, is basically an educated guessing game on when the first load of wheat will come into one of the participating elevators.
 The grain has to be dry and ready, with a moisture content of 14 percent or less. The guessing gets as specific as day, hour and minute of the first load.
 Elevators that are participating this year are the Decatur Co-op Association in Oberlin, Jennings, Kanona, Herndon, Ludell, Danbury and Edmond, Hansen-Mueller in Oberlin and Cedar Bluffs, and Hi-Plains Co-op in Selden.
 Only people 18 years or older are

eligible for the contest. The deadline for the contest is 4 p.m., Friday June 20, or when the first load arrives, if earlier.
 People who have previously won, brought in previous first loads and those who are employees or relatives of employees of *The Oberlin Herald* are ineligible.
 Register to win the first prize of \$50, second prize of \$35 and third prize of \$15 at participating businesses. Those businesses include Southwest Implement, Gorman Tarps, Hi-Plains Co-op, Stanley Hardware, Golt Home Planning Center, Pizza Hut, Decatur Co-op, Fredrickson Insurance, Decatur County Title and Abstract, Hirsch and Pratt law office, State Farm Insurance, Decatur County Implement, Addleman Drug Store, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Hansen-Mueller Grain, KFNF and *The Herald*.

Director asks to hire high school student

The noxious weed director talked with the Decatur County commissioners last Tuesday morning about hiring a high school student to answer the phones and keep the weed building open three days a week.
 Commissioners suggested having the phone routed to roll over to another department instead.
 Director Gaylen Huntley said his answering machine is about to go out and the building needs to be open for farmers to come pick up chemicals.
 He said he would like to have someone from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 Commissioner Ralph Unger said Mr. Huntley should call the phone company and ask if unanswered calls could be rolled over to the Road and Bridge Department, and then if a farmer needs to get chemicals, Mr. Huntley can be paged.
 County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the register of deeds number rolls into the clerk's office for lunch, and that way someone is always there to

answer the phone between the clerk and treasurer. The ambulance number rolls into dispatch when there is no one in the office.
 The commissioners agreed to let Ray Bryan, who is a part time employee with the weed department, to work more than 1,000 hours in the 2003 season. The action was necessary under the county employee code.
 The weed department, said Mr. Huntley, has sent out 20 friendly letters to landowners on musk thistle.
 He said he has had to send out a second letter to some who haven't done anything.
 Mr. Huntley said that the old injector system that was bought around 1989 isn't working, so they have been using the tank/mix system for roadside spraying.
 The department has a half mile in Cook Township left and have already finished Summit and Logan Townships. They will then head to the northeast end of the county next.

* Intern decides to work with teens for summer

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 agers are welcome to join the group, which meets at 7 p.m. Sunday nights. Teens for Christ has a laid back atmosphere, she said, and there are kids from many denominations in the group. Miss Smith said she wants to leave the group as welcoming and open to any teen.

Miss Smith said besides the Sunday night meetings, she will be at the Teens for Christ building, which is in between the American Legion and Ultimate Fertilizer on Rodehaver Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m. each weekday. The building will be open for teens to come in and play games, listen to music and talk.




Sewer lines in Oberlin will be cleaned this week

The sewer lines in the south central part of Oberlin will be cleaned this week, which means home and business owners may want to take some precautions to cover floor drains and toilets.
 The lines between Marks Avenue and U.S. 83, Commercial Street and the sewer plant will be cleaned.
 The city started on Friday hanging bright orange reminders on the doors in the areas where the lines

will be cleaned.
 The piece of paper gives are a few suggestions to follow, which include covering all floor drains with plastic and a weight, and covering all toilets with plastic and closing the lid. If there is an unpleasant odor, the city suggests running water into each drain to re-fill the traps.
 The process was scheduled to start at 7 a.m. Tuesday and run through Friday.

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