

# Pool reminds reader of slums

To the Editor:  
I read with interest last week's letter to the editor concerning the present condition of the Oberlin swimming pool. The letter gave a mental image of the condition of the pool, and obviously it is in terrible physical condition.

At the fair this past week, I noticed that the Pool Commission had a booth in the commercial building. They were displaying actual photographs of the dilapidated condition of the public pool. As I was looking at the pictures, I was reminded of the run-down housing projects of big cities. You might say the city has its own slum, the public swimming pool.

Last week's letter also stated the boiler isn't operational. It is my understanding that the city refuses to fix it due to budget restraints. I guess

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that makes the City Council slumlords. If our City Council followed the laws of health and safety, the swimming pool would be condemned.

Which begs the question: Since the swimming pool is such a health and safety hazard, then why hasn't the county health department come in and closed the place down? All things considered, even if I did believe in utilizing the public pool, I wouldn't. I care too much for my children's health and welfare.

The Pool Commission does not have your best interest at heart, though. They only care about having a nice new swimming pool so

that swim team won't be embarrassed. As far as paying for a new pool, why not just let the school district foot the bill. After all, it's their swim team.

Where would the school get the money? Obviously they have tons of it since they can afford new laptop computers for all their teachers. You would be amazed at what the school district can afford after an election!

Pastor Steve Smith  
Oberlin

**Editor's Note:** The Oberlin Swim Club is an independent group, not affiliated with the Oberlin School District. It operates in summer when school is not in session.

# Fair volunteers appreciated

To the Editor:  
There is no better place to get a sense of community than at the Decatur County Fair. The volunteers it takes to run the carnival are some of Decatur County's finest people. They come from every corner of the county to make this event the success it is.

Volunteers from these groups worked the entire week to staff and run their ride or game: Decatur County Health Systems, Jennings community, Ministerial Alliance, Norcatar community, Oberlin Country Club, Oberlin Lions Club and Oberlin Rotary Club.

Clubs and groups that take a whole evening to run a game or ride include: D Club, Good Samaritan Center, Oberlin Gun Club, Mini-Sappa Antique Club, Modern

Woodmen of America, Monday Evening Club, the American Legion, Oberlin Knights of Columbus, Alif Be Khe, Oberlin cheerleaders, Pi Alpha, Decatur Co-op, PEO, Farmers Bank and Trust, the Bank, First National Bank, Shriners, Aquarius Club, Decatur Professional Women and Zeta Nu Club.

And a special thank-you to all the families and individuals who work

several different rides and games all week.

Every one who volunteers deserve a special thank you for helping us put on a successful fair.

The Decatur County Fair shows Midwestern life at its best! Thank you.

Vicky Ray  
Decatur County Amusement Authority

## Note From the Editor

From the Editor:  
**Dear Anonymous:** Fore someone who is "not a Democrat," you sure follow the party line. You're entitled to your opinion, but I'm not

likely to be influenced by someone who hasn't the courage to sign their name and enter into an honest discussion.

— Steve Haynes

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