### Time to tidy up cemetery

With Memorial Day just around the corner, the Oberlin City crew asks that everyone who has placed flowers or other items near headstones at the cemetery to pick them

Sexton Nan Stanley said they would like everything picked up by next Wednesday so that she can mow and get things ready for the services on Monday, May 29.

Ms. Stanley said she would like everyone to wait to place the flowers and other on graves until Wednesday, May 24, which will give her time to mow and run the weed eater.

When the items are replaced, she said, they need to be to the side of the headstones. Those placing flowers should not put them in glass vases. No glass is allowed at the cemetery, she said, and any glass found will be removed.

Any items not picked up by family members will be picked up and disposed of, she said.

Besides getting ready for Memorial Day, Ms. Stanley has been kept busy with 18 new trees since fall. There are 10 black cherry trees, two Kentucky coffee trees and five spring snow crabs. She said she doesn't plan on planting any more trees this year, but will add some in the future.

Anyone who wants to purchase a tree for a family member to be planted at the cemetery can do so when she plants again next year, Ms. Stanley said.

She said some of the older trees, including the popcorn trees, are in bloom now. Although no one knows the real name of the trees, they are referred to as popcorn trees because people think their blooms look like popcorn. Ms. Stanley said there are only a few of the trees in the state and most of them are in the cemetery here. She encourages people to go see them. They are in the older eastern part of the cemetery.

### **City sells** surplus machine

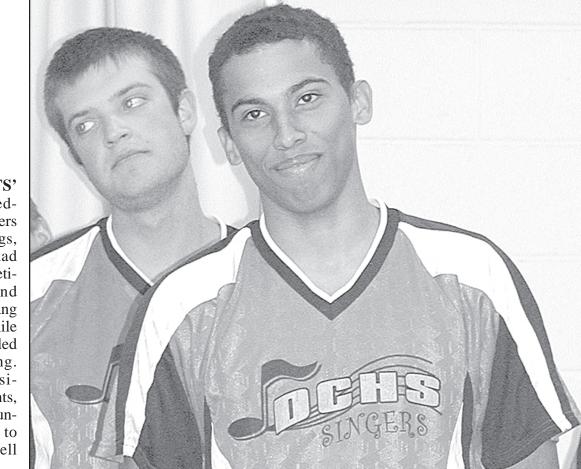
The Oberlin City Council declared a roller mill at the old Cochran property southeast of town as surplus so the city could sell it at a meeting on Thursday, April 20.

The city received three bids for the item, with some including tearing down the building that houses the mill. The bids came from Bill Goss for \$252, Dan Wasson for \$850 and Roger May for \$2,201. The council decided to accept the high bid from Mr. May and May Family Farms. The equipment has to be removed prior to June 1. The roller mill is grain handling equipment, said City Administrator Gary Shike, and is used to crush grain. When the city purchased the land, where the new sewer lagoon system will be built, the roller mill came with it. Since the council didn't plan to farm the ground, he said, the city decided to sell the ma-



## Singers perform at lunch

**AT THE ASSISTANTS'** LUNCHEON last Wednesday, the DCHS Singers performed several songs, including a few they had prepared for state competition. Andy Leitner and Kenzie Fisher (above) sang and danced together, while Teryn Grafel (right) smiled in the middle of a song. Bosses of county businesses sent their assistants, about 50 of them, to the luncheon at The Gateway to say thanks for a job well done.



## Officer gets call to service

The Decatur County commissioners heard at their meeting last Tuesday that Undersheriff Randy McHugh has been called back for active duty in Iraq.

Undersheriff McHugh said he has been called up with the National Guard for 12-15 months, starting May 26. This will be his second tour in Iraq. He said he will work up until his deployment day, go to Indiana for training and then oversees.

Sheriff Ken Badsky said he has been kicking around finding a replacement for Mr. McHugh while he is gone. Does the department need to advertise for someone? he asked. He said he has talked with someone who might be interested.

Generally, said Commissioner Ralph Unger, they ask departments to advertise open jobs.

Sheriff Badsky said the undersheriff seat will be vacant while Mr. McHugh is gone. Anyone who is hired will just be a deputy.

The commissioners said he should mention that the job is only for 12 to 15 months, basically until Undersheriff McHugh returns.

The commissioners thanked him for his service to both the country and the county.

"I am terribly glad there are people who do that for us," said Commissioner Doyle Brown, "but we don't want to lose you for over a year either."

It is a benefit to have the family here, said Undersheriff McHugh, because he knows if they need help, people will do that.

Sheriff Badsky said Deputy Patti Skubal is going to part-time officer school soon, where she will have to qualify in firearms. Undersheriff McHugh said she has been practicing and shouldn't have a problem.

Deputy Skubal is at a crime scene investigation class in McCook this week, they said.

### Work day set at Sappa Park

Don't forget to grab the leather work gloves, chain saws, shovels, lawn mowers, rakes, weed eaters and insect repellent for the work day at Sappa Park on Saturday.

Gary Walter, who is helping with work on the hiking trails at the park, said they plan to clean out a draw west of the dam. He said if there is enough truck space, they might clean up the east side of the island,

#### - Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# **Council to vote on appointee**

The Oberlin City Council will Shike. vote on the mayor's appointment of a new council member at a regular a notice to proceed on the waste meeting Thursday

cil at the meeting. The council will day. Ground on the plant probably vote to approve the appointment or won't be broken until around June not, said City Administrator Gary

#### water treatment plant. Mr. Shike Mayor Ken Shobe says he plans said they are supposed to have a to appoint Rhonda May to the coun-preconstruction meeting on Tues-

1, although the contractor, Midlands

Construction out of Kearney, will The council will probably vote on start moving in equipment and watering from the irrigation well this month.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at The Gateway. The meeting is open to the public. It will be broadcast on cable public access channel 7.

### Pancakes to help man injured in vehicle wreck

A pancake feed will be held next Wednesday at the Oberlin Covenant Church to help offset medical expenses for a young man who was in a all-terrain vehicle accident early in April

Schuyler Hulett, 19, was riding a four-wheeler in an old railroad bed in Marion County, friends said.

He attempted to jump a field access crossing and was ejected from the vehicle.

Mr. Hulett was in St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita for several days and now is in outpatient physical therapy.

The pancake feed will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., with donations accepted. All the money will be sent to Mr. Hulett to help pay his medical expenses and other bills.

Mr. Hulett lived in Oberlin for over a year before moving to Florence last year.



All flowers and decorations at the Oberlin Cemetery must be removed before Wednesday, May 10. After that the city will remove them in preparation for Memorial Weekend.



Please allow 14 days for mowing and weed eating before placing flowers





### student of the week



Name: Lauren Fortin **Parents:** Jamie and Lisa Fortin

**Grade**: 11 **Age**: 17

We've nominated this student because: Lauren works hard at everything she does in- give anything less than cluding class work or your best is to sacrifice athletics. She is a person your gift." who is responsible and can lead by example. **Student Comment:** I am honored to be selected as a student of the week and can't wait for

next year. **Activities involved** in at school: Volleyball, basketball, track, vocal, science club, weight club and D-club.

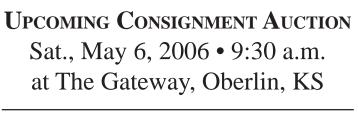
My choice of movies, books and games: "Super Troopers," movie and I like to play cards.

After I leave Decatur **Community** High School I intend to : Go to college, major in athletic training and hopefully play basketball.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: I hope to have a good job and have a family.

Favorite Quote: "To

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Workers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at the shelterhouse.