

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 up.

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 machine.

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.

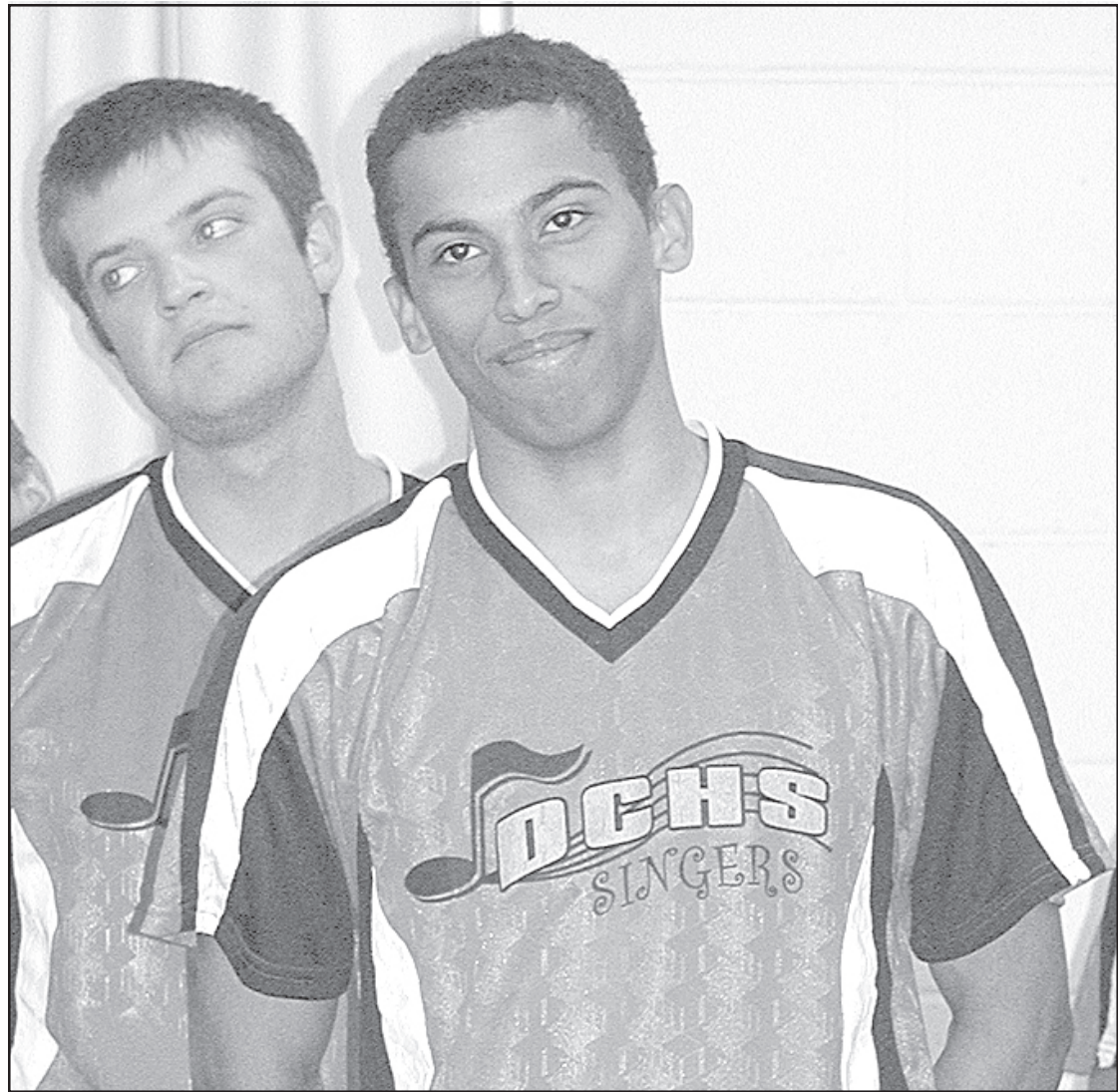
He attempted to jump a field access crossing and was ejected from the vehicle.



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.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Council to vote on appointee

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

Mayor Ken Shobe says he plans to appoint Rhonda May to the council at the meeting. The council will vote to approve the appointment or not, said City Administrator Gary

Shike.

The council will probably vote on a notice to proceed on the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Shike said they are supposed to have a preconstruction meeting on Tuesday. Ground on the plant probably won't be broken until around June 1, although the contractor, Midlands

Construction out of Kearney, will 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.

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 including class work or athletics. She is a person 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 give anything less than your best is to sacrifice your gift."

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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



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