

DIVE ON IN

The girl looked at the crisp blue water and smiled as she bounced up and down at the end of the board.

She looked at the line of her friends waiting for her to jump as she walked back to the start of the diving board and took off at a light run, maybe a fast skip. She hit the end of the board, took a jump, flipped forward in a full circle and landed in the water feet first with a splash.

It was just another dive at the Oberlin city swimming pool for the girl and just another day of summer for the town's kids.

The pool was hopping with kids Friday afternoon as the sun just kept

heating things up. There were kids in all three pools playing games, jumping off the board, jumping off the sides and talking with their friends.

A favorite in the main pool was catch, played with cloth balls that absorb water, and of course, the diving board. In the middle pool, three youngsters chased each other, occasionally splashing mom and the lifeguard, while in the littlest pool, toddlers climbed onto the wall, jumped in and then did it again.

The pool opens each day at 1 p.m. and stays open until 8:30 during the week for open swim, closing from

5 to 6 p.m. for dinner. On Saturdays, it closes at 6 p.m. and on Sundays at 8. During open swim, kids splash and splash, staying cool and having a good time.

In the morning, the lifeguards offer swimming lessons and there is ladies' swim from 11 a.m. to noon.

Anyone can swim at the pool, whether just one time or every day. Season passes are \$60 for a family and \$30 for an individual. Day passes are \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids 12 and under.

Anyone with questions about the pool can call the manager, Rusty Grafel at 475-3112.



WITH HER FEET over her head, Jamie Soderlund (above) tucked her body in to complete a front flip off the diving board at the Oberlin pool Friday. Serena Stacy (left) laughed as she played in the shallow end of the pool.



OFF THE BOARD went Jordin Wasson (above) at the Oberlin city pool Friday. Malia Bishop (far right) and Hannah Jones (left) took turns jumping off the side of the smallest pool.

