



AT THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC last Wednesday, Steve Haynes (above), publisher of *The Oberlin Herald*, took the lid off a can almost filled with entries for the Oberlin Merchants' Big \$1,000 Shopping Spree while Daniel Lerew

prepared to draw a name. His mother, JoAnn Lerew, and Cynthia Haynes looked on. Linda Weber (below) started toward the band shell after her name was called as the winner. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

*Winner spends money

(Continued from Page 1A) store after a leaf blower, ironing board, waffle iron, electric knife, white plastic fencing, a football and basketball for the grandkids and a few other items.

Mrs. Weber said she plans to go to Dale's Fish 'N' Fun to buy her husband a two-man hunting blind and a turkey call.

She said she also spent some of the money at Raye's and said she might go back there.

Mrs. Weber has looked at Rocking R too, picking out several wolf items, but hasn't yet decided on what she wants for sure.

With a plan of spending a little of the winnings at each sponsor, she said, she also is looking at Culligan Water and Shear Creations for ideas. She added that she plans to buy a subscription to *The Herald*.

If she hadn't won the shopping spree, she said, she wouldn't have bought all of the items. Some maybe, but not all.



Pond and Garden Tour set

The Decatur Professional Women's Pond and Garden Tour, featuring yards and gardens of five area families, starts at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are still available from club members or at the Dresser, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office or *The Oberlin Herald*. Cost is \$7 for a single or \$12 for a couple.

Those attending the tour should meet at the gazebo in Centennial Park, where small groups will form to go to the homes. While the homeowners' gardens and ponds will

be open to walk around, there will also be some music and treats at some houses.

The tour will visit the ponds and gardens of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Richard and Clara Russ, Eunice Richards and Bernie and Frieda Goetze.

In the past, the club has held a homes tour in December as the fund raiser for scholarships. The club is taking a year off from the homes tour and plans to resume it next year.

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*Shovel of dirt starts wetlands at Sappa Park

(Continued from Page 1A) deep. The water will come over the washed-out berm, with a gentle slope out to the water in front of the shelter house.

This project, said Mr. Pauls, will rely heavily on Mother Nature. This area got used to a drought, but there's been water in the creek most of the summer.

Mr. Paul gave special thanks to Dr. Richard May, who helped Pheasants Forever with the project, and City Administrator Austin Gilley; to Gary Walter and Carolyn Burtis, for their vision on the trails; Delbert Brunning for mowing; and Councilman Bill Riedel. Rick Doeden, with Pheasants Forever, singled out Mr. Pauls and his wife Dori for their endless hours of work.

The community pumpkin patch

has been planted again this year, said Mr. Pauls, in the same location. It's weedy now, but there are some pumpkins there. The group has also planned sweet corn. To get to it, he said, go down the same trail, then west about 200 yards. The corn should be close to ripe.

While looking out over the future wetlands, Mr. Pauls said they have also planted \$2,000 worth of fruit trees on the opposite side of the island.

He said he's excited about what can be done to enhance living in Decatur County.

Besides the community garden items, there's over 6 miles of volunteer-built walking and bicycling trails.

"This is a good place to come, leave your problems in town and get connected again," said Mr. Pauls.

*Budget hearing set for Thursday

(Continued from Page 1A) considered underpaid, and using some of the city's reserves.

The property tax levy will go down a little with the proposed budget from 85.479 last year to 85.162 proposed for next year.

City Administrator Austin Gilley said the council will have a proclamation thanking people for memorial money given in memory of the late Kent Ploussard, former cook and manager at The Gateway. The money was used to buy a new stove.

The council then plans to discuss a Sappa Lake grant agreement between the city and Pheasants Forever. The agreement would basically give the money for the wetlands that the council already voted on paying to the group that leases the ground. Pheasants Forever would then manage that money for the project.

Mr. Gilley said another item is a

discussion on whether to submit a letter of commitment for revenue bonds to build a motel.

The council will look at a contract between the city and Bucher, Willis and Ratliff, engineers for the airport project, about design work for rehabilitation of the existing runway.

Mr. Gilley said he received a request from Dewaine Stapp for the city to put in sidewalks around the new Golden Age Center.

The paperwork for the loan/grant for the solar mixers at the wastewater treatment plant will need to be looked at. The council already approved applying for it, but didn't have the paperwork.

The agenda also includes discussion on whether to accept a loan for a proposed water treatment plant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development administration or pursue more grant money.

*Rain fills streets after daily storms

(Continued from Page 1A) Mickelson, there was a flash flood warning for the county with one to three inches of rain and more storms to follow. There were reports of flooding in low lying areas and water over county roads, he said.

Besides the low lying areas, Canal Street, as people in Oberlin call Cass Avenue, filled several times.

By Sunday afternoon, though, there weren't any signs of rain, other than the grass being wet. There were no reports of damage.

Cost Share Funds (Non-Point Source)

The Decatur County Conservation District will be taking cost share applications from **August 24 through August 28.**

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will become available to the Decatur County Conservation District Office. Applications for the cost share funds will be accepted from August 24 thru August 28.

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