

Breakfast with mom



AT OBERLIN ELEMENTARY School last Wednesday Riley during the Supporting Our Schools annual "Muffins with Mom." Anetta Ketterl ate breakfast with her daughters Morgan and — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Business group will support project

The Oberlin Business Alliance agreed last Wednesday to give \$250 or the proceeds of an upcoming fish fry to help pay for a design to be put on the chain link fence south of Decatur Implement and across from the Last Indian Raid Museum. The annual fish fry is planned for Good Friday, April 22, during the lunch hour, although the time and place haven't been set. The group decided to give the proceeds or \$250 for the project, whichever is more. Kem Bryan, with DreamMakers, said she and Shayla Williby applied for a grant for \$500 to help pay for the design. The idea is to put a design made of heavy-duty plastic cups in the fence. Mrs. Bryan said she's talked with Decatur Tomorrow, the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., Oberlin Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce about helping pay for the plan. Those who help pay will have a say in the design, she said. Mrs. Bryan said she doesn't want Oberlin to just be a good town, but a great town. Connie Grafel said she thinks the area needs to have something done to dress it up. It would be nice to see the design tie into the cattle trail or something historic, said Ms. Grafel, marketing director for the development agency. Mrs. Bryan talked with alliance members about two other ideas which she had talked to the visitor's bureau about last month. She said she had talked with Jeff Thorpe, who is involved with developing tourism for Dodge City, about grant money from a new state-owned

casino there. He will be in Oberlin this month, she said, and is interested in tourism and what people want here. The idea is to figure out a tie to Dodge City so that Decatur County can be eligible for the part of the 1 percent from the casino that has to go back into tourism promotion. Mrs. Bryan also talked about a tournament idea that could include poker, darts, horseshoes or any kind of event, to get people from other towns here. The money raised, she said, could help jump start a recreation commission. It sounds like a great idea, said alliance member Kurt Vollertsen, noting that an event like that would take a number of people to run and a lot of organization. Mr. Vollertsen, who has been the alliance chairman for some time,

said in the next few months, he will be stepping down. He asked someone to consider serving as the chairman of the group, which meets monthly.

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