



AT THE HIGH SCHOOL Monday night, Christie Morris (above) played her flute with the Oberlin Area Concert Band. Mike Ford and Darren Glading (below) played the drums with the group. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Spring concert is May 8

The Oberlin Area Concert Band plans a spring concert on Sunday, May 8, at the high school auditorium. The band will play several pieces, including the "Lexington March," "Ballet Parisien," "Southern Hymn," "Rollin' in My Sweet Baby's Arm," "Lake Geneva Celebration," "Torrents of Fire," "Flight of Fancy," "Thunder and Lightning," "Tango Americano," "My Heart Will Go On" and "Hadrian's Wall." Director Neal Russell said there isn't an admission charge, but they will take donations. Any money raised will go to buy music for the band. The group started about six years ago, he said. The members are mostly adults, although a few students perform with the band. Members are Christie Morris, Rhonda May, Charissa Huff and Linda Willey on flute, Darbi Rouse on oboe, Pam May, Cheryl Metcalf and Linda Garrison on clarinet, Tim Larson on bass clarinet, Joan Glading and Lori Hilker on alto saxophone, Robyn Rouse on bassoon, Lon-



nie Weyeneth, Joanne Wendelin and Chris Nelson on trumpet, Kathy Almquist on french horn, Jim Garrison and Ken Morris on trombone, Mary Jo Lohofener and Katie Glading on baritone, Robert Rouse on tuba and Mike Ford, Gary Anderson, Joy Russell, Darrin Glading and Steven LaBash on percussion. The band practices Monday nights at the high school.

Relay for Life scheduled for June 17, 18

The 11th annual Decatur County Relay for Life is fast approaching, with the theme this year "Imagine a World with More Birthdays." The event is set for Friday and Saturday, June 17 and June 18, beginning with registration at 5 p.m. at The Gateway. A survivor's barbecue will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by a meal for the public. "Everyone is invited to come and join us to help create a world with more birthdays," said Ralph and Norma Unger, co-chairs. "As with every Relay event, we together can help make it happen. Your support has always been fantastic and inspiring to those who have gone through the trials of cancer." Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. The Ungers said new activities are planned with fun for everyone. Activity Chair Diane Barrett will be dreaming up new games for the birthday party. The committee appreciates the continued support of area businesses, farmers and professionals, Mr. Unger said. Corporate or professional sponsors who want their logos to be printed on the Relay for Life T-shirts are reminded that donations and logos must be received on or before Sunday. If you need a form to become a sponsor, call the Ungers at (785) 475-2560. Teams are being formed for the event. If you would like to participate as a group or as an individual, call Terese Vontz at 475-7128 or 475-2208 for information. Luminaria forms will be forthcoming to commemorate and support those who are currently fighting cancer, celebrating with those who have survived cancer, and remembering and honoring those who have succumbed to the disease. Marilyn Horn and Pat Fringer, luminaria co-chairs, will be handling these contacts. Luminarias may be obtained from any team member or committee member as well. Volunteers are always welcome to join in and help prior to or during the event.

Gary Walter family takes part in walk for a cancer cure

The Gary Walter family drove to Overland Park over the weekend to take part in the first Pancreatic Cancer 5K run/walk. Gary and Janelle Walter said they drove east so that they could take part in the run/walk with their family members in memory of the late Marsha Stillions. Mr. Walter said Mrs. Stillions and her husband Ed formerly lived in Oberlin. While here, he served on the City Council and was mayor. Mrs. Stillions was advertising and station director for KFNF Radio. Mr. Walter said Mrs. Stillions died from pancreatic cancer in June 2010. The Walter family walked on the "Run Rex Run" team. He said Mrs. Stillions was always a very enthusiastic person and cheered people on. One time she got up at a track meet and once the gun went off and started yelling "Run Rex Run," he said, only to find out that Rex wasn't even in the race. This became a standing joke. Mr. Walter, himself a former mayor, said. The couple was joined by their daughters, Amy Kinkade, Sarah Lister and Lisa Mermis, and son-in-law Cory Mermis. Grandchildren Ragan and Mason Kinkade, Campbell and Caylin Mermis and Reecey Lister walked some and rode in the stroller. The team raised \$4,395 in Mrs. Stillions' memory, Mr. Walter said. The event raised \$83,140 in hopes of finding a cure for pancreatic cancer.

School schedule is full for May

With the end of school quickly approaching, there seems to be something to do most nights of the week in May. Both schools have concerts, award ceremonies and other activities planned starting the first Monday of the month. The last day of school for the seniors is Thursday, May 19, and for the rest of the students, Wednesday, May 25. Events, not including golf and track, at the schools in May include: • 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, Oberlin Elementary School spring concert for first through sixth grades. • Friday, May 6, elementary school fun day. • 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, band concert, fifth through eighth grades. • 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, open house at the junior/senior high school. • 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, band concert at high school. • 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, high school speech awards. • Friday, May 13, no school. • Saturday, May 14, high school promenade downtown at 7 p.m. and then head to The Gateway for the dinner and dance. • 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, junior/senior high music awards and vocal concert, auditorium. • 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, awards at the high school. • 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, baccalaureate. • Thursday, May 19, last day for seniors. • 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22, graduation, high school gym. • 7 p.m. Monday, May 23, junior high awards. • 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, elementary school awards and talent show.

Group wants to move sign at Sappa Park

Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau members talked at their meeting last Thursday about moving the sign for the Last Indian Raid Museum at the entrance to Sappa Park farther east to make room for a sign marking the park for west-bound traffic. Member Gary Anderson said the sign for it is on the back side of the Sappa Park sign, so it can be seen by people traveling west on U.S. 36. He suggested moving the museum part of the sign to the east end of city-owned land along the highway. That ground, to the end of the cedar trees, is leased by Pheasants Forever, he said. If the museum sign is moved, then a Sappa Park sign could be put on both sides of the existing structure, Mr. Anderson said. Mr. Anderson said they would need to write Pheasants Forever to seek approval to move the sign, then talk to the state Department of Transportation, since the location is along a federal highway. Member Connie Riedel said she attended a committee meeting for the upcoming Up in Smoke Barbecue Cook-off, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at Sappa Park. Mrs. Riedel said the committee is looking for a bluegrass band to perform. She said they are adding a category to the cook off for desserts. The group talked briefly about a recent work day at Sappa Park and heard that the large playground structure is supposed to be put up in May. In other business, the members: • Agreed to give \$100 to the project on south Main Street, across from the museum, to put a design in a chain-link fence using colored, square plastic cups.

Volunteers wanted to clean up town

The Decatur Tomorrow City Slickers are looking for volunteers to help clean up neighborhoods in Oberlin. Deanna Castle, who serves on the committee, said they want to find people who will be responsible for a neighborhood and will go out and pick up trash once a week. Oberlin is split into quadrants, she said, with a leader assigned to each to coordinate volunteers. Those in the northeast part of town should contact Sharon Addleman at 475-2123 or Kem Bryan at 475-3395; in the southeast, Gaylord and Shirley Shields at 475-3293; in the southwest Pat Fringer at 475-3184, and in the northwest, Mrs. Castle at 475-3227. Mrs. Castle said they would like to see how spruced up they can get the city before alumni weekend at the end of May. They then plan to carry on the project throughout the summer with the idea of keeping the city looking as nice as it can be.

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