

# It's taking shape



Kirk Griffith and George Jones of Custom Flatwork laid out the forms and tamped the soil in preparation for the concrete decks that were poured this week at the new downtown park. Other plans include pergolas over the decks, a fountain in front of the rocks and a brick sidewalk.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# First Norton win in '08 for Oberlin driver

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Oberlin's David Murray Jr. won his first IMCA Modified feature win of the season at Elmwood Park Speedway Saturday evening, his 393rd in his IMCA racing career.

Barry Maupin took the lead at the drop of the green of the modified feature from his outside front row starting spot, but the first caution waved on the following lap when Murray spun. Race officials claimed contact by Matt Fabrizio caused the spin, giving Murray his spot back. On lap 4, Murray got by Maupin and went unchallenged the remaining distance in the 20-lap race. A caution on lap 12 bunched up the field, but Murray pulled away easily to the checkers. Maupin finished second, followed by Mitch Kline, Josh Hudson and Clay Bontrager. Heat race winners were Maupin, Murray, and Randy Wilson.

The IMCA Stock Car feature had a wild finish. Arnold Williams of Russell led all but the final lap of the caution filled race. Williams, Jason McCartney, Jason Davis and Cory Struckhoff were all battling for the top four spots late in the race. As the field entered turn 4 coming to the checkers, contact was made among the drivers, allowing hometown driver Davis to move to the bottom and sneak by for the win. McCartney came across second, followed by Struckhoff, Williams, and Jay Hachmeister. Following the race, track officials docked McCartney 2 positions for rough driving. Williams and Travis Sherfick claimed heat race wins.

The IMCA Hobby Stock feature got off to a wild start. Joey Carter led the opening lap before Logan's Frank McClurg rolled in turn 3 on the following lap, bringing out the red flag. McClurg was okay but done for the night. Carter led the field back to green, but was passed on the following lap by Phillipsburg's Ricky Runnion. Heat one winner Carter held to second until lap 10 when he had problems. Another caution on lap 14 set up a green-white-checked finish. Runnion led the field back to green, trailed by Austin Davis, Kelly Karnopp, heat two winner Rhett Kingsbury and Jerry Hudson. They remained that way to the

checkers. Runnion also won the cash dash, which was sponsored by McMullen & Wyatt Auction Service of Norton.

The Mod Lites made a special appearance, and Bennington's Brandon Gray took the lead on lap 6 from Travis Smith and was first to the checkers in their feature race. Heat one winner Bud Lee finished second, followed by Troy Wentz. Gray won the other heat race.

Art Herzog of Hays led all 6 laps of the 4-cylinder Young Gun feature, as did Oberlin's Dalton Dolan in the Mini Truck feature.

The evening's races were sponsored by Nex-Tech Rural Telephone. They provided prizes to the fans, and rides for the kids on their mini train during intermission. Lightning Jack also made an appearance.

The next race at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton will take place Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m. with the regular four divisions in competition, along with the GOTRA (Good Ol' Time Racing Association). It will also be Schwabie T-shirt night with all fans wearing Rick Schwab racing T-shirts admitted free.

### RESULTS

**IMCA Hobby Stocks**  
Heat 1: 1. Joey Carter, 2. Ricky Runnion, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Austin Davis.  
Heat 2: 1. Rhett Kingsbury, 2. Jeremy Wagner, 3. Frank McClurg, 4. Jason Gross.

**Cash Dash: Runnion.**  
Feature: 1. Runnion, 2. Davis, 3. Karnopp, 4. Kingsbury, 5. Jerry Hudson, 6. Wagner, 7. Troy Robinson, 8. Gross, 9. Matt Christensen, 10. Laura Hinger, 11. Kaid Calhoon, 12. Carter (DNF), 13. Cody Dewester (DNF), 14. McClurg (DNF).

**IMCA Stock Cars**  
Heat 1: 1. Arnold Williams, 2. Bryan Lariviere, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Jason Davis.  
Heat 2: 1. Travis Sherfick, 2. Jason McCartney, 3. J.R. McCreery, 4. Terry Cunningham.

Feature: 1. Davis, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Williams, 4. McCartney, 5. Jay Hachmeister, 6. Cunningham, 7. McClurg, 8. Pat Bedore, 9. McCreery, 10. Kenney Ozzy, 11. Sherfick, 12. Nathan Glendening, 13. Adam Balthazor (DNF), 14. Wheat Lippelmann

(DNF), 15. Dan Lauer (DNF), 16. Lariviere (DNF).

**IMCA Modifieds**  
Heat 1: 1. Barry Maupin, 2. Mitch Kline, 3. Ronnie Wallace, 4. Matt Fabrizio.

Heat 2: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Gary Kline, 3. Marty Clark.

Heat 3: 1. Randy Wilson, 2. Clay Bontrager, 3. Mark Zorn.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Maupin, 3. M. Kline, 4. Josh Hudson, 5. Bontrager, 6. Wallace, 7. G. Kline, 8. Mike Petersilie, 9. Brett Behrends, 10. Zorn, 11. Rick Schwab, 12. Clark, 13. Doug Shearer, 14. Jim Bell, 15. Wilson (DNF), 16. Chad Sterling (DNF), 17. John Fabrizio (DNF), 18. Brian Calhoon (DNF), 19. M. Fabrizio (DNF), 20. Heath Myers (DNS).

**4-cylinder Young Guns**  
Heat: 1. Loyd Schoen, 2. Art Herzog.

Feature: 1. Herzog, 2. Andrew Soderlund, 3. Schoen.

**Mini Trucks**  
Heat: 1. Dalton Dolan, 2. Mitch Hamilton.

Feature: 1. Dolan, 2. Hamilton, 3. Royal Fisher.

**Mod Lites**  
Heat 1: 1. Bud Lee, 2. Travis Smith, 3. Tyler Brodskan.

Heat 2: 1. Brandon Gray, 2. Ethan Houlton, 3. Duane Houlton, 4. Troy Wentz.

Feature: 1. Gray, 2. Lee, 3. Wentz, 4. Smith, 5. D. Houlton, 6. E. Houlton, 7. Brodskan (DNF), 8. Barry Richards (DNF).



Rhonda Browning, left, gives encouragement to Sarah Durham as she tries her hand at stamping a luminary sack for this year's Relay for Life. Ms. Browning wants to help raise funds for the event by making her Stampin' UP! workshop and supplies available to the public.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## All for a worthy cause

# 2008 Relay for Life gets new twist

Relay for Life, a walk to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, is set for June 20 on the track at Travis Field in Norton.

One of the highlights of this event is the placement of memorial luminaries around the track. Each year walkers purchase small paper sacks, for \$10, from the walk coordinators in memory of a loved one. A candle is placed inside and the track is illuminated by the glow from dozens of lumi-

naries.

This year, Rhonda Browning, a demonstrator for Stampin' UP! is adding some excitement to the event. Ms. Browning is offering her stamp supplies and work shop as a means for everyone to add decorator touches to their luminaries. For \$5, which she will donate to the society, Ms. Browning will make available her extensive supply of stamps, inks, pads and pencils so you can personalize

your luminary.

As an added incentive during the month of May, she will also donate her commission on any orders to the society. Call to make an appointment at 871-2332. Her workshop is located 2 1/2 miles west of Norton in the former Barbecue Barn building.

To learn more about Relay for Life and how you could organize a team or purchase a luminary, call Sarah Durham at 877-5154.

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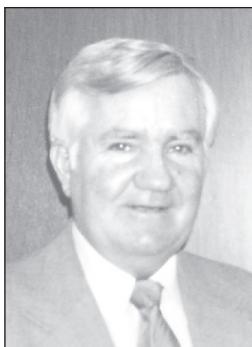
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