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## **Oberlin Heritage Center Pitches Baseball Program**

As the World Series approaches, fans of America's most popular pastime can warm-up with a fun sampling of personal recollections from local historian, **Steve Johnson**, presenting **Baseball: Personal Stories of the Game**, on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, is free and open to the public.

Johnson's illustrated program touches upon many topics, including his friendship with a major league umpire, his involvement with the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), his volunteer work at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and his own on-going research. He also talks about baseball sites he has visited and the great and not-so-great players he has met through the years. Accompanying the talk will be a display of vintage photographs and memorabilia from Johnson's private collection.

Stephen Johnson III is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University receiving both Bachelor and Master of Music Education degrees. He served as a band director for 29 years, 25 of them in the Oberlin schools, prior to retiring from active teaching in 2002. He has maintained a lifelong passion for baseball and for the past decade he has volunteered for one week each year at the National Baseball Hall of Fame library and archive. He is also a member of the U.S. Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association and a student of World War II history. Johnson became a Trustee of the Oberlin Heritage Center in April 2011.

Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium is located at 600 Kendal Drive, one block east of State Route 58. For more information about the Oberlin Heritage Center and its fall calendar of guided tours and community programs, visit [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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