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The Rescue of John Price

Oberlin Heritage Center sponsors Fourth Grade Play about Local History Event

On Tuesday, October 6, 2009 twenty fourth grade students from Prospect Elementary School in Oberlin will present two showings of the 30-minute play The Rescue of John Price: A Play About the Oberlin-Wellington **Rescue**. The first performance will be held at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. (600 Kendal Drive). The second performance will be at 7:00 p.m. at Prospect School, 36 South Prospect Street in Oberlin. Both performances are free and open to all. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The play is about John Price, a young man who escaped from slavery in Kentucky and lived in Oberlin until he was kidnapped by slave catchers in 1858. In one of the most famous events in Oberlin history, residents and students of Oberlin and Wellington rallied to help John Price escape from the kidnappers and continue his journey to freedom. The play was written by Prospect School teacher Barbara Enos. It was first presented by Oberlin Heritage Center summer campers to their parents and friends in 2008. This fall Mrs. Enos's fourth grade class has been busy learning dialogue, trying on costumes, and exploring local history to present this play to the public.

Barbara Enos received her bachelor's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and her master's degree from Ashland University, and earned the distinguished National Board Certification in 2001. She has been a teacher in Oberlin for 31 years and has taught at Prospect School her entire career. Mrs. Enos inspires her students as well as her colleagues with her creative approach to teaching and her ability to extend the basic curriculum in engaging and innovative ways. She connects students with the community, which she views as an environment for learning as well as an arena for contributing time and talents through service to others. For being the epitome of a caring, gifted, hands-on educator who shares her talents wherever she finds a need, and for serving as a model for colleagues, friends, families and students, the Oberlin Heritage Center honored Barbara Enos with the Community Teacher Award at its April 2009 annual meeting.

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