

Ada's Star Spangled Fourth

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A crowd, estimated at 1,000 people, observed the Fourth of July with a Lima Symphony Orchestra performance of patriot popular tunes on the ONU campus Saturday evening.

Crafton Beck conducted the orchestra. The patriotic pops concert featured American classics, popular movie and Broadway tunes and patriotic songs. The men and women who served in the armed forces were asked to stand and be recognized with applause when the song of their service was played.

Ada's own Kirsten Osbun-Manley was a featured guest soloist. She has taught music at ONU for many years and has sung with the Lima Symphony Orchestra several times. The concert was a wonderful evening of music with perfect weather under giant shade trees made for a pleasant evening for hundreds who attended.





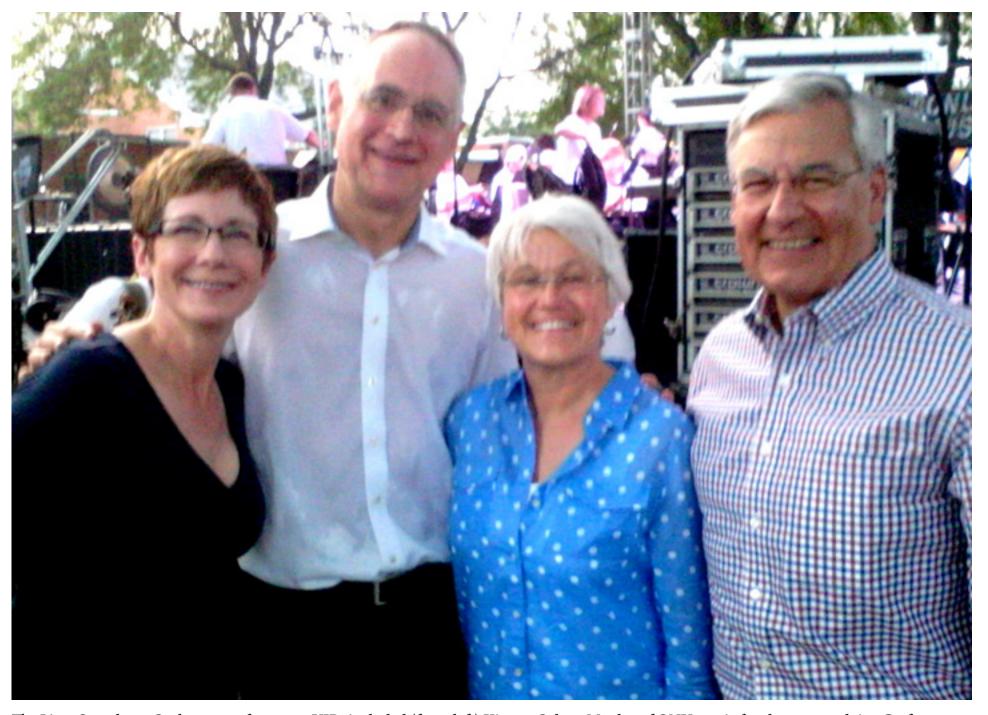
Kirsten Osbun-Manley



Intermission - Crafton Beck with Kirsten Osbun-Manley



Concert goers



The Lima Symphony Orchestra performance VIPs included (from left) Kirsten Osbun-Manley of ONU music faculty, guest soloist; Crafton Beck, conductor; ONU First Lady Chris Burns-DiBiasio, who was instrumental in getting the symphony here and raising the funds for the free concert; and Dr. Dan DiBiasio, University President and host of the event.



Standing ovation

