

Seniors adapt to change

As the seniors walked into their English class one day last month, they noticed that their desks were all scattered around, and their teacher, Leigh Davis, was nowhere to be seen. So without a word, the seniors realigned their desks and sat down to begin class.

Miss Davis was demonstrating transcendentalism, the unit they were studying in American literature. She wanted to see if her students could adapt to the change.

Transcendentalists are non-conformists who have a mind of their own, such as writers Thoreau and Emerson.

When Miss Davis arrived her students just looked at her surprised and bewildered.

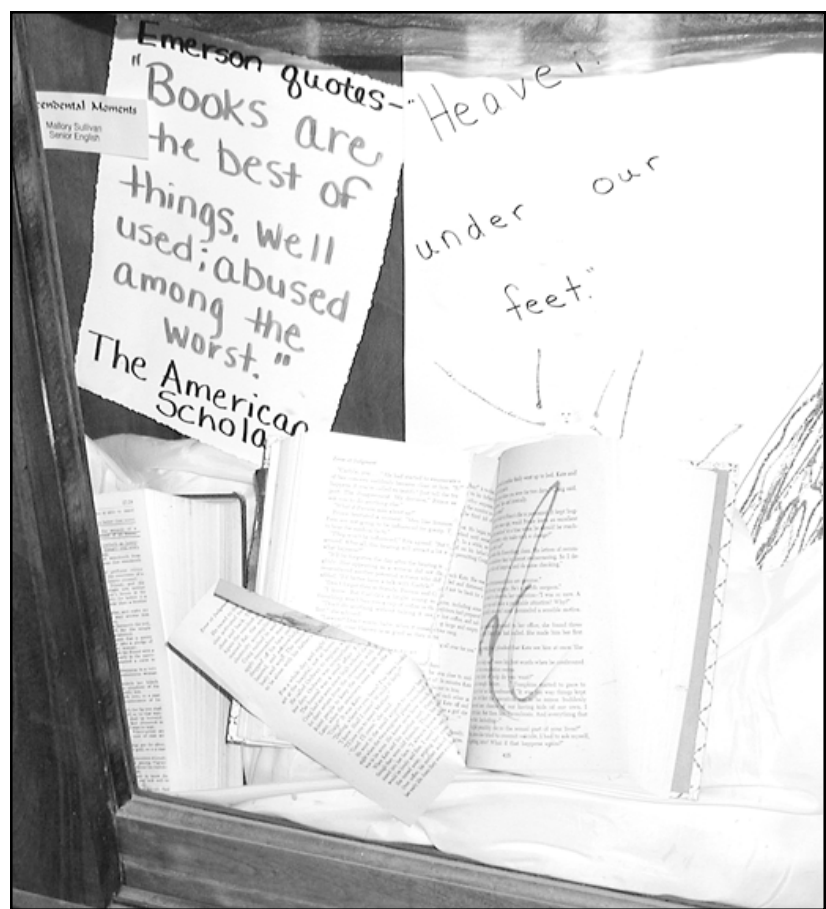
She then challenged them to go outside and do whatever they wanted, like make snow angels. Some went, she said, while others just looked at her as if she were nuts.

Ryan Diederich said "I liked (the unit) because we did what we wanted to."

Andrea Bailey said she thought it was very different.

Danielle Scott said that they could do whatever they liked and had no authority, which she enjoys.

"We got to use our imagination a lot and do what we wanted to," said Grant Reynolds.



MALLORY SULLIVAN'S transcendental exhibit is in the front hall display case at the Decatur Community High School.

Andrea Hannah said, "It was definitely interesting."

"Miss Davis let us make our own decisions and we got to think on our own," said Joy Eldridge.

Most of the seniors seemed to enjoy the unit and the way Miss Davis taught it.

To conclude the unit, the seniors could do a nine-weeks enrichment project. Most of the class made posters or did projects demonstrating transcendentalism.

Mallory Sullivan described Emerson's quote "Books are the best of things, well used; abused among the worst" by showing a well-kept

book and a torn up book.

Rodney Solko depicted the quote "Hitch a wagon to a star" by having a man in a wagon holding his reigns attached to a star.

"By the end of the chapter, the classes began to express themselves a lot more and they began to understand the concepts of transcendentalism," said Miss Davis.

"I think this was a hard yet easy chapter for the senior class," said Erin Anderson. "We are so used to following orders and having rules that when it came down to it we were actually afraid to voice our own opinions in fear of rejection."



Play to feature detective

The world's most unusual criminologist — Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau — will be fighting for his life and for the future of all mankind in this year's production of the all-school play "The Pink Panther Strikes Again."

The brilliant yet clumsy detective will be played by Jess Elwood. His former boss, Dreyfus, turned raving lunatic — played by Ben Bryan — holds the world at bay with the ultimate weapon, The Doomsday Machine.

Dreyfus is out to get Clouseau, and he threatens to vaporize continents if the nations of the world don't deliver Clouseau to him — dead or alive.

The comedy will be performed for the public on March 9 and 10. The play, directed by Leigh Davis, includes a cast of more than 30 students.

Team takes third at meet

The Decatur Community High School Scholar Bowl team took third place at Oakley's Invitational meet last Monday.

Those participating were juniors Ben Bryan and Dani Dorshorst; sophomores Kelsey Jackson, Sarah Olson and Greta Wendelin; and freshmen Bayley Bryan, Allie Moore and Zach Scott.

Ness City took first and Leoti second.

"We worked really hard and placed third out of 18 teams," said Greta Wendelin.

Coach Marlene Moxter said that the school had a great team effort and lost to the tournament winners by one question in the semi-final round.

The next competition is the regional tournament Thursday in Syracuse.



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Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Kayettes make cool posters

Kayettes, always known for their service projects, have been busy spreading school spirit.

If you noticed the cool posters at the wrestling and basketball tournaments, you can thank the Kayettes, and if you come in the front doors, you can't help

but notice the winter bulletin board made by Kayette sophomores Sarah Olson and Janna Stef.

The girls are under the direction of President Krista Simonsson and adviser Linda Glaze.

Club gets cash for phone books

The Decatur Community High School collected 747 phone books as a fund raiser for the Student Council.

Each phone book earned the council 25 cents.

Leigh Davis' senior homeroom collected the most books and received a donut party.

A total of \$186.25 was made from the fund raiser.

School Menus

Feb. 5-9 OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled chicken patty, fries, corn. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk. Lunch: Chili crispito, cherry bread square, peas. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, roll, green beans. **Thursday**—Breakfast: French toast sticks, juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ turkey, fries, corn. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Ravioli, roll, green beans. All lunches are served with a salad bar, fruit, relishes and milk.

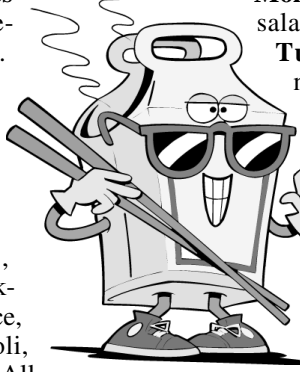
Monday—Hamburgers, fries, salad bar, peaches, cookies. **Tuesday**—Chicken and noodles, potatoes, carrots, salad bar, rolls, apples. **Wednesday**—Lasagna, green beans, salad bar, bread, applesauce. **Thursday**—Hot beef sandwiches, potatoes, broccoli, salad bar, tropical fruit. **Friday**—Bierocks, peas, salad bar, oranges.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday: Pizzawiches, green beans, salad, fruit, cookie, milk. **Tuesday**: Chicken nuggets, cheesy spuds, salad, roll, fruit, cake, milk. **Wednesday**: Chili, relishes, grape juice, cinnamon ball, milk. **Thursday**: BBQ beef, fries, salad, fruit, cookie, milk. **Friday**: Macaroni and cheese, tuna salad sandwich, salad, orange juice, cookie, milk.

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Drama Club to hold first variety show

The Variety Show, that's what everyone was thinking about during the monthly Drama Club meeting.

Sarah Olson and Jessi Stanley gave a preview of the duet, "What a Team," they are working on for speech competition.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the variety show, which will be a first for the club.

"We look forward to entertaining the school and having a good time," said sponsor Leigh Davis.

Performing will be club members Kimia Bundgard, Corey Fortin, Kara Richards, Andrea Bailey, Rodney Solko, Joy Eldridge, Leslie Marcuson, Nichole Gotchall, Ben Bryan, Wendy Fossum, Theresa Smith, Jess Elwood, Kelsey Jackson, Ramsey Meitl, Greta Wendelin, Becky Moore, Bayley Bryan, Andrea Marshall and Megan Russ.

Running the lights will be members Wade Ploussard and Zach Scott. Sound will be run by Brent Smith, and Leslie Marcuson is head of the decorating committee.

The show, which will include skits, jokes and a lot of fun, will be Tuesday, Feb. 13 during home room for the student body.



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FEBRUARY

Decatur County Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Oberlin Junior Boys and Girls Basketball; Regional Scholar Bowl; Decatur County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., museum; City Council meeting, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.	2 Oberlin Basketball Oberlin Wrestling Oberlin Elementary School Wichita Theater Lyceum, 1:30 p.m.	3 Seeds of Hope Telethon at Gateway Oberlin 9 & 10 Wrestling; Oberlin Wrestling; Ellis Speech; Regional Piano Festival; American Legion, open to public, 6-9 p.m.
4 Attend the Church of Your Choice	5 Soil Conservation Banquet at Gateway Bingo, 6 p.m.; Oberlin Lions, 7 p.m., Medical Arts Bldg.	6 Oberlin Basketball Sappa Celebration & Expo meeting, 6 p.m., Gateway Rotary, Noon, Gateway Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room Oberlin Lions, 7 p.m. Medical Arts Bldg.	7 Winter Sports Pictures AA, 7:30 p.m. Ambulance Barn Norcatut Rebekahs	8 Oberlin "C" & Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball & Boys Wrestling American Legion Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.	9 Oberlin High Basketball and Wrestling Bull Fries/Fish Dinner at American Legion Open to public, 6 p.m.	10 Oberlin Wrestling Scholar Bowl Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball and Boys Wrestling State Scholar Bowl American Legion Restaurant Open to Public, 6-9 p.m.
11 Attend the Church of Your Choice Mini Sappa Antique Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m. The American Magic Lantern Theater (Valentine Celebration) Gateway, 2 p.m. Morgan Theater	12 Lincoln's Birthday Oberlin "C" Basketball Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. Jennings School Board Bingo, 6 p.m.	13 Rotary, Gateway, Noon Business Professional Women, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room	14 Valentine's Day Oberlin Business Alliance meeting, Noon, LandMark; Oberlin Junior High Music Festival; Convention Visitors Bureau meeting; Legion Auxiliary meeting, 6:30; Legion; AA, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m.; Sappa Manor Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Norcatut Royal Neighbors	15 Oberlin Basketball Oberlin Girls 9th Basketball Oberlin Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences Chamber of Commerce meeting, LandMark, Noon; Pancake Feed at Legion, 5:30 p.m.; City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Gateway	16 Regional Wrestling Oberlin Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	17 Regional Wrestling American Legion Restaurant Open to Public, 6-9 p.m.
18 Attend the Church of Your Choice Singles Dance at Oberlin American Legion, 8 p.m.	19 Presidents' Day Oberlin "C" Basketball American Legion Bingo, 6 p.m. Oberlin Lions, 7 p.m., Medical Arts Bldg.	20 Oberlin Basketball Oberlin Junior High Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room	21 Oberlin High Speech Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.	22 Kansas Parks & Wildlife Banquet, Gateway Oberlin Junior High Girls Basketball State KMEA	23 State Wrestling State KMEA Royal Neighbors of Oberlin, Camp 660 meet at Golden Age Center, 4 p.m.	24 State Wrestling American Legion Restaurant Open to Public, 6-9 p.m.
25 Attend the Church of Your Choice	26 Oberlin Sub-State Basketball Bingo at American Legion at 6 p.m. City Library Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.	27 Oberlin Sub-State Basketball Northwest District Ag Mech Contest Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room	28 Ash Wednesday Gifted Seminar Middle School Economic Development meeting, Gateway, 7 p.m. AA meeting, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m.			

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