

Group sits in for staff

Honor society runs the show for a few hours

By KRISTA FOWLER

Walking down the halls of Decatur Community High School last Wednesday, the tables seemed turned a bit. Students were sitting at the head of the classroom, and the teachers were sitting in small desks. The National Honor Society, with sponsor Candy Dejmaj, organized a student-teacher day. Society members took over for high school teachers or staff member for a few hours. "The National Honor Society's Students as Teachers Day gives members an opportunity to view the classroom from the teacher's side of the desk. Members prepare and present lessons, grade papers and interact with their peers as they assume the role of the teacher. Other members serve as the principal, counselor or secretaries. It is a fun day for National Honor Society members, even though they usually discover that teaching involves a lot of preparation and work," said Mrs. Dejmaj.

Seniors could teach the whole day if they wanted to. Juniors taught two hours and sophomores one hour.

For lunch, the seniors got to go into the teacher's lounge and eat pizza.

Davi Hardy said, "I enjoyed eating pizza for lunch instead of cafeteria food."

Davi taught English for Brenda Breth all day.

Greta Wendelin, president of the group, spent a great deal of time planning this day.

"I organized it, reminded the students to plan their day and made sure teachers were informed about the day."

As president, Greta got to be the head honcho of the school that day, instead in Charles Haag's office.

"He has a difficult job overseeing the teachers and students," said Greta.

Since this is Mr. Haag's first year, he knows now what to expect for next year.

"I thought it was a good experience for the kids, and I think we all had a good day," Mr. Haag said.

Jake Robinson and Janna Stef took over the office work, filling in for Megan Carter and Elisabeth Orr.

"I enjoyed getting out of class all day," said Jake.

"I liked the different atmosphere and seeing different people throughout the day than normal," said Janna.

Kelsey Jackson chose to sit in as her mom, Aurelia Jackson, at the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. Ramsey Meitl taught biology for Caleb Howland, and Adam Spanier taught in the band room for his mom, Deanne Spanier.

Junior Dane Anderson was Randy Olson, teaching junior high science. Bayley Bryan taught word processing for Sharon Addleman.

Matt Coleman taught industrial arts to the eighth-graders and shop class to high school students. Kelsey Dorshorst taught algebra for Tim Breth and Rebekah Hasty stood in for Terri Woolsey in art. Serina Heikes, Allie Moore and Amber Reynolds filled in for Nita Lavielle as guidance counselors.

"I liked interviewing the seniors," said Serina. One of her jobs was to talk to each senior about their high school education. This information is then used by the administration and teachers to improve our school.

Teaching boys physical education for Joe Dreher were Brett Keck, Logan Glaze and Gannon Reichert.

Andrea Marshall taught seventh-grade English for Susan May. Andy Anderson and Keely Witt taught world history for Trevor Williams.

Krista Fowler and Molly Coleman taught girls physical education for Nealee Johnston. Anthony Marshall and Kelly Olson taught geometry in Wendy Scott's class. Amber Reynolds helped out in the resource room with Rhonda Barth.

The students in class also seemed to enjoy the student teachers.

"I thought they were a little more entertaining than our normal teachers," said freshman Whitney Beinke.

Cole Stragey, junior, said, "It was a nice change, and Davi did an impressive job teaching."

Overall Mrs. Dejmaj and the National Honor Society members thought the day went well and everyone had a lot of fun.



THE SEVENTH-GRADE scholar bowl team was assisted by Jeremy Tally (far left). The team members were Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, Melissa Hasty and Jessica Bremer. A picture and information about the two-time league champion eighth-grade team is on Page 4B.

Scholar bowl team takes first

By KYM RICHARDS

Repeat Champions. The eighth-grade scholar bowl team repeated as Northwest Kansas League Champions by placing first at the league competition held in Hoxie last Tuesday. As seventh-graders, the team won the league competition.

Schools attending the round-robin meet were Quinter, Atwood, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Colby and Oberlin.

The eighth-grade lost only to Oakley 80 to 50. They defeated Quinter 70-60, Atwood 70-60, Goodland 60-20, Colby 90-60, and

Hoxie 80-40.

"We schooled 'em," said Jace Robinson.

The eighth-graders who competed in Hoxie were Tricia Dorshorst, Karli Fredrickson, Aaron Helm, Andrew Gilliam, Nolan May, Kurt Olson, Jace and Breck Simonsson.

"The season was fun, and I learned a lot," said Tricia.

Thinking back over the season, Karli said, "We did really well this year. It was really fun when we won, and I really enjoyed being with my friends."

The seventh-grade team also competed.

It beat Quinter 60-30, Hoxie 60-30, and Colby 60-20 but were defeated by Atwood 50-40, Oakley 65-30, and Goodland 60-20.

The seventh-grade team included Jessica Bremer, Andy Dempewolf, Heather Glodt, Melissa Hasty, Rebecca Helm, Jared Marcuson, Lacey Ream and Gage Reichert.

"This season was exciting," said Coach Marlene Moxter. "I am looking for good things from this group in high school."

Everyone enjoyed Shakespeare

By BECKY MOORE

Imagine an enchanted dream world where love and controversy come alive. Well, you shouldn't have to imagine it, because the Decatur Community High School All-School Play made it truly come alive. Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was presented to the community by many hard-working students.

The main plots of the play revolved around four young lovers, a group of semi-talented actors, and the world of the fairies, presenting a challenge to our high school thespians.

Some of the actors said they found it was hard to keep the scenes straight with the constant change of setting and characters; however, it all worked out.

Performing and reading Shakespeare is not the easiest thing to do. But, the actors and actresses met the challenge full force.

"The play was a great experience. It helped the school get a little closer to Shakespeare," stated Anthony Marshall, who played the role of the rambunctious Puck.

Sarah Olson, who played Hippolyta said, "It was very different to do Shakespeare, but it was a lot more fun than I expected. Learning the lines was tougher, but the play was still a great production."

The play itself had many fun and exciting parts for the crowd to enjoy. Including Ramsey Meitl (Hermia) and Greta Wendelin (Helena) ripping each other apart and Bryan Richards (Oberon), who was the king of the fairies, coming out like Elvis?

Then there was Anthony and Becky Moore dancing around like baboons while Bryan brushed the magical flower on the eyes of Kelsey Dorshorst (Titania)? There was so much physical comedy that it definitely made the play more translatable to the audience.

"I really enjoyed the play. I think the cast did a good job of taking material we thought would be boring and creating a good, enjoyable play from it," stated Jess Elwood who played Demetrius.

Quintin Cundiff thought that, "The play was lot of work, but I think we came up with an outstanding performance."

This year the play also had an outstanding set. An immovable set was built by Rob McFee with hidden compartments and ramps leading to the exits of the stage. The stage crew was led by senior Kelsey Jackson and freshman Destry Jackson.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare is not a play I would have chosen to produce just any year," said director Leigh

Davis. "The cast required accomplished and experienced actors and actresses which this year's senior class was capable of supplying. The seniors and juniors of this year's play added depth of experience and talent. I was surprised at how easily the scenes fell together, and I was delighted by the humor and comedy these talented young people could produce. I believe these young stars also discovered how timeless and funny Shakespeare can be."

The production, although unique, was truly a smash and will be remembered for years to come.

The actors and crew want to say, "Miss Davis, just so you know, we thought you were crazy at the beginning to think we could do Shakespeare, but you had a vision, and it worked out perfectly. You were right!"

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

If peace came today it would cause deaths

Wow, a trip to the past. Not only are we at war with Saddam again, but peace protests are back with a narcotics-induced frenzy not seen since the 60s. And like the 60s, the protests consist of a bunch of indignant, braless women, and the guys that want to have a shot with 'em.

At least the peace protesters make some valid arguments, and are not complete morons (bold-underline-italics-dangit, where's the sarcasm button!?!).

I just don't see the point in peace protesters. If someone thinks that they can end violence by holding up a flimsy cardboard sign, I don't care how clever their depiction of Bush's link to oil is, they ain't gonna change the mind of some brainwashed vigilante (or me for that matter).

Sure, I'll admit ending violence is a noble cause, but so is ending ugliness, and if you take a stroll through any Wal-Mart, you can see that ain't gonna happen real soon. And if they believe that they are gonna end violence, I've got some property in Candyland to sell 'em (although it does have an infestation of incredibly obese termites).

If the protesters could suddenly stop the war in Iraq, it would spell death for all of the Iraqis that have surrendered to us, as well as the Kurds that are helping us. So, peace right now would really only cause many more civilian deaths.

Even more startling than the peace protesters that divert resources away from homeland security are the news services that give them air time and then treat them as though they had a legitimate point.

The only network that doesn't do this is Fox News, and they've been marginalized in *Newsweek* by being

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

compared to both Al-Jazeera (in which the only way to get a job there is to be a repeat suicide-bomber) and Iraqi TV (now host to my favorite reality TV show, "Survivor: Baghdad").

Meanwhile, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), not to be outdone by those spotlight hoggin' hippies, has come up with its own insane, inane but-oh-so-important protest.

Seems that dolphins have been press ganged into the service, which, I hear, was done on porpoise. The animal loving part of me was shocked, but then I fed it a steak, and now it's okay.

Sure do love animals. Especially rare to medium-rare ones.

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Senior

Becky Moore

By KRISTA FOWLER

Rebecka Moore is the daughter of Brendan and Kathi Moore. She enjoys singing, acting, scrapbooking, listening to music and hanging out with her friends and family.

Becky's activities include Spanish club secretary, science club secretary, drama club, weight club, and Kayette board.

She is also the senior class student council representative.

Becky is a cheerleader and DCHS Singer. She has participated in the musical, the all-school play and the drama club variety show.

Outside of school, Becky keeps busy as a certified medication aide at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

She has been a four-year honor choir participant and a Kansas state vocal soloist. Becky plans to attend Kansas University to pursue a career in journalism.

School Menus

April 14-April 18 OBERLIN HIGH

Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: scalloped potatoes, ham, rolls, corn, mixed fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: waffles. Lunch: ravioli, rolls, peas. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: tacos, rice, fruit bread, peaches. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: baked chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls, corn, pears. **Friday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Bits. Lunch: fish sandwich, mac and cheese, Mandarin oranges, peas. Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday — Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit. Lunch: ham and cheese/bun. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, Cinnamon Tastery, juice. Lunch: corn dog. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: pancake/syrup, fruit. Lunch: beef nuggets, dinner roll. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: taco boats. **Friday** — Breakfast: muffin, potato wedge, juice. Lunch: fish portion.

Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday — Breakfast: pancake sausage bites. Lunch: beef nuggets, Tritators, broccoli, hot rolls, strawberries. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cinnamon rolls. Lunch: cavatini, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burritos. Lunch: super nachos, corn, hot rolls, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookies. **Thursday** — Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: corn dogs, beanie weenies, hot rolls, pears. **Friday** — No School (Good Friday). Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — BBQ beef, oven fried potatoes, cole slaw, fruit, cake. **Tuesday** — chicken strips, hash browns, hot roll, corn, fruited Jell-O, cookie. **Wednesday** — tacos, green beans, apple salad, cookie. **Thursday** — No School (Holiday). **Friday** — No School (Holiday). Milk served with all meals.

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