

League art show set for St. Francis

By JANNA STEF
The end of the year is almost upon us, and the school seems to be in a frenzy to get things together. The juniors are getting ready for prom, student council is enjoying the trip to Washington, athletes are preparing for track and the seniors are counting forward to graduation.

But, don't overlook the Northwest Kansas League Art Show in St. Francis April 9-11. Terri Woolsey's art students are working hard to get all of their pieces ready.

Not only are the students working, but many people are helping by donating time, supplies and expertise.

One of the art department's major contributors this year was Betty Kenner from Accents Etc. in McCook. Mrs. Kenner donated much-needed mat boards to the students, and she could not have chosen a better time to do so.

"The mat board was a tremendous blessing to the art room," said senior Greta Wendelin. "Any help is inexpressibly appreciated."

Artist Anna Seeber Shaw hosted a ceramics workshop and demon-

strated how to throw pots on a wheel.

"We've never been introduced to throwing pots on the wheel before, and Anna really made the experience enjoyable," said senior Jess Elwood. Jess is planning to major in animation and storyboard illustration next year in college.

The art department would also like to recognize and express their appreciation to the Addleman family for the donation of a kiln, and also to the Erickson family for the donation of painting supplies.

Anybody from the community can easily get involved by donating materials and time.

"I don't think people realize how easy it is to help and how much we appreciate it," said Mrs. Woolsey. She suggested that people could donate old magazines, material scraps, and yarn. "If anybody has an idea or a way that they can help, even in the smallest way, I don't want them to hesitate to give myself or the school a call."

"When we get donations to the art room, it feels good to know that people take notice of us," said Jess.



RETURNING TO HER OLD CLASSROOM Lindsey Elwood Bailey is a student teacher at Decatur Community High School this year.

Former student back in high school classroom

By SARAH RUF

You saw Lindsey Elwood Bailey walking through the halls four years ago as a student. Now she's back, not as a student but as a student teacher.

She attends Fort Hays State University and is student teaching at Oberlin. She came back because Oberlin is familiar and close to her family and home.

She's not the only one in the family student teaching. Her mom is doing so at the grade school.

"It's harder to teach here because I'm teaching with my former teachers," said Lindsey.

She taught high school math last nine weeks and now is teaching junior high algebra.

"I like teaching high school math because I relate to them better, and I haven't found my knack for teaching junior high students yet," she stated.

She says her favorite part is the interaction with the students. The only bad thing about her student teaching is the time away from her daughter, Hannah, and her husband, Collin. Also two of her siblings are still attending Decatur Community High School, senior Jess, and sophomore Jamie Elwood.

"It's harder than I thought to teach Jamie and be in the same building as Jess because I have higher expectations for them than the other students, only because they are my family," said Mrs. Bailey.

The most difficult thing, she said, is trying to get the students to understand the concepts of math.

Her plans for the future are to find a teaching job in the northwest Kansas area.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Spring break gone, but the war goes on

What a dismal spring break. First I stub my toe, and then war starts in Iraq.

My toe still hurts. About the war — our country's defense budget is larger than every other country's combined. What chance does the Iraqi 33rd Mounted Camels stand? And these Iraqi troops are loyal only so long as Saddam has electric probes hooked up to them (quite literally in some cases).

Saddam's most loyal troops are the human shield peace protesters from other countries. Even some of those have left after becoming disillusioned with the real Saddam (were they surprised he didn't have horns, or what?).

The duplicity of our "allies" in the world is quickly becoming apparent. The Russians, the Germans and the French have all been accused of dealing arms to them. I just hope the French send 'em some military advisers too. Le retreat! Le retreat!

One upside of the war has been the newly invigorated stock market. Which just goes to prove that, like vampires, all those rich investors needed was some fresh blood to resurrect them from their torpor.

The start of the war has also been of much chagrin to the Hollywood crowd. Not so much because they're a bunch of hippie peaceniks, but because the whole affair eclipsed their Grammy award ceremony. They would've started a riot, but the police were able to head it off by stuffing their riot guns with Grammys and shooting into the crowd (so that's how "Chicago" and "The Pianist" got so many awards).

But the fact that nobody watched the ceremony except Rene Zell-

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

weger's mom was probably a good thing. If any red-blooded American had heard Michael Moore's tirade he would probably be appropriated by the military to convert a non-guided missile into a guided one (but they still wouldn't call it a "smart bomb," mind you.)

And back in school, strike a blow for tyranny. Over break, a draconian web filter was installed, which blocks all fun content from being used. Think Communist China minus Shakespeare (forsooth, it blocked Shakespearean sites too).

Sure, this will cut slacking by 93 percent and will lead to super-smart telepathic savants, but at the expense of online gaming skills (the way in which futures wars will be fought) and general happiness.

Up next on the censor list? Colored textbook illustrations.

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School Menus

**April 7-April 11
OBERLIN HIGH**

Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: beef/noodles, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: Hot Pocket. Lunch: beef or sausage gravy, biscuit, apple-sauce, peas. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: pancake on a stick, sausage. Lunch: bierocks, chips, peas, spinach. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: BBQ ham, potatoes, tropical fruit, corn. **Friday** — Breakfast: Toasted sticks. Lunch: cheese quesadillas, green beans, peaches.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday — Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice. Lunch: chicken patty.

Tuesday — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: hamburger stew. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, fruit. Lunch: Little Smokies. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast. Lunch: beefy nachos. **Friday** — Breakfast: English muffin, egg, fruit. Lunch: cheese pizza.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Monday — Breakfast: pancakes. Lunch: chicken, potatoes/gravy, carrots, pineapple. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cinna-raisin biscuits. Lunch: club subs, chips, brownies, apples. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: pork roast,

potatoes/gravy, green beans, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — Breakfast: donuts. Lunch: bierocks, French fries, peas, peaches. **Friday** — Breakfast: blueberry muffins. Lunch: tomato/potato soup, grilled cheese, peas.

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Breakfast daily. Lunches: **Monday** — pig in a blanket, French fries, corn, fruit, cookie. **Tuesday** — hamburger stroganoff, green beans, salad, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — chicken rollups, salad, peas, fruit, cookie. **Thursday** — spaghetti, Italian cheese bread, tossed salad, broccoli/cauliflower, apple crisp. **Friday** — fish, potatoes, juice.

Lyceum tells of sled races

By JENNIE SWART

Mush, Husky! The Oberlin Elementary School students combined with the junior high and high school students for a special presentation on Alaska and dog sledding.

Doug Ruzicka, who is originally from Nebraska, educated and entertained the large crowd with facts about the state of Alaska.

Mr. Ruzicka brought real dog sledding equipment and slides showing Alaskan experiences. To

help share his stories of Alaska and dog sledding, he brought along his son and an Alaskan sled dog. The presentation offered an opportunity for students to learn about America's 49th state.

Junior Lindsey Euhus said, "I really enjoyed getting out of class to learn about Alaska."



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