

Historian speaks on women at war

By **KENDRA ANDERSON**
The Junior High students and 5th and 6th graders from Oberlin Elementary enjoyed an assembly by Joyce Thierer titled "Fighting Beside My Brother."
Images of women during war center on self-sacrificing nurses, romantic spies, or brave ladies maintaining the home front in the absence of their husbands, fathers, sons, and

brothers were the main topics.
Ms. Thierer is an historian and a college professor. She also talked about what life was like during the Civil War for all soldiers and the food they had to eat.
She even had samples of what the food was like.
If you would like any information about this topic you can contact Ride Into History (629)528-3580.

Special thanks from yearbook staff

Thank you, fans
The yearbook staff would like to thank everyone who has sent in their pledges for the Pin Club and 3-Point Club.
"We've been overwhelmed by the generosity of the fans," said yearbook adviser Brenda Breth.
"We have received a lot of positive comments about our clubs, so hopefully we can do it again next year."
The staff would especially like to thank the wrestlers and basketball players. The varsity wrestlers scored 79 pins this season.

The girls' basketball team had 66 total 3-points and the boys' team had 51.
Fans pledged anywhere from a penny to 50 cents for each pin or 3-pointer. Each and every pin or 3-point shot meant more money for the yearbook fund.
All 3-Point Club members and Pin Club members who pay their pledges will be recognized in the advertisement section of the yearbook.
So far, the yearbook staff has collected over \$300 in pledges.

Leadership class teaches how to shake


Most college classes end up being worth the time you put into them. 'Course, your time isn't worth a whole lot.
Heck, if you're like me, and if time is money, you could probably redeem the last 19 years for a few Chuck E. Cheese's tokens and come out ahead. But still, most classes are worth your time.
Introduction to Leadership Concepts was not.
I enrolled in the class because I was fooled into thinking the opportunity to enroll in it was something special, and since I'm special, it was a natural draw.
Students were ostensibly allowed to enroll in this class if they exhibited certain leadership qualities, which, if you read Dilbert, you know is not necessarily a good thing.
I should have been more wary. Any selection process that doesn't weed out guys like me has got to be flawed. If it turns out I am a future leader of America, I am moving to sunny Uzbekistan, and I suggest you do, too.
The curriculum turned out to be grueling. On the first day, we learned to shake hands, a feat that takes dogs whole weeks to master. It was incredibly boring and I nearly lost an eye in a shaking exercise — the guy's hand shot out like a greased sausage — and incredibly long.
The reading from our textbook that I did — I didn't read much because I didn't agree with the teaching philosophy ... that, and I am functionally illiterate — was very enlightening.
In one example, a certain company "wanted a way to get employees" in the organization "acting like partners." The valiant leadership of the company came to the realization that its previous team-building activities, consisting of "rowing events, donkey races (and) wilderness experiences," weren't working. And if donkey races aren't working, face it, you're in trouble.
So, the leadership decided to send their employees to "a low-income San Diego neighborhood riddled with gangs and drugs." This may sound extreme, but remember, donkey races had failed. It was time for drastic action if the company was to be saved from certain eradication at

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

the hands of the super-efficient Japanese, the incredibly hard-working Chinese or even the gutless, socialist French.
Remarkably, this approach worked, proving once and for all that man's will to survive makes for great team cohesion. This could usher in a new era of "survival management," with gun-toting bosses to ensure that nobody tries to put an "I" in teamwork.
If you don't feel more pointy-haired after reading that example, then you have no soul (obscure Dilbert reference No. 2).
The real meat of the class, though, was the large group lectures.
I can't really remember any of them because I tend to have out-of-body experiences during any lecture lasting more than 30 minutes and lacking any references to guns, hummers, Nazis or vampires.
I mean c'mon — would it really hurt them that much to throw in some gun-toting, hummer-riding, Nazi vampires every once in a while, to, you know, spice up a speech on tolerance or leadership styles? This is the Ritalin generation after all, and I always seem to get distracted before I can get the child-safe cap off my bottle.
We also had to write a series of personal reflection papers.
Mine were judged to be too negative and sarcastic. Wha*? I can't help it if I am bitter and cynical. Saying my personal reflection papers are too negative would be like complaining that you took a picture of Michael Moore and it turned out fat and disgruntled (couldn't resist — haven't harpooned that whale in quite awhile).
Still, even though I didn't take much away from the class in the form of actual knowledge, I guess I did take away something even more important: handouts, the most permanent of teaching devices, which I will continue to cherish forever.

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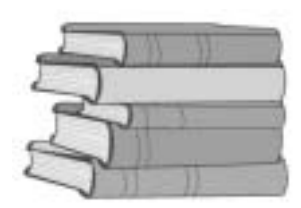
Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Senior Profiles

Matt Mondero
By **KYM RICHARDS**
Matt Mondero is the son of John and Karen Mondero. Matt is in D-Club and is the secretary of Science Club. He has also been involved in football, basketball, and golf.
Matt received All League honors in golf his freshman, sophomore, and junior years and has also been a state qualifier the past three years.
Matt's hobbies include sports, cars, music, and games. Matt plans to attend K-State and study engineering. He is also planning on entering the Air Force R.O.T.C.

been active in Spanish Club, 'D' Club, and his church youth group.
Shane lettered four years in wrestling and earned his way to state his sophomore year by placing 3rd at regional. He also ran cross-country his senior year. Shane is a 3rd degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus.
His hobbies include guns, video games, and cars.
Next year he plans to attend college and major in accounting.



Shane Montgomery
By **SARAH RUF**
Shane Montgomery is the son of Ron and Gina Montgomery. He's



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Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — Roast beef subs, chips, salad bar, peaches, ice cream. **Tuesday** — Beef nuggets, mashed potatoes and

gravy, green beans, salad bar, rolls, pears. **Wednesday** — Chicken patty sandwich, tator tots, broccoli with cheese, salad bar, applesauce. **Thursday** — Pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, salad bar, tropical fruit. **Friday** — No School. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

Class to be held at Good Sam

"From Team Building to Time Management: Making the Workplace More Productive" will be presented from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.
The program is approved for six hours of continuing education for

registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, social workers, physical therapists, dieticians, dietary managers and nursing home administrators.
For details or to register, contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd, Hays, Kan., 67601, (785) 628-6128.


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Decatur County Community Calendar

Call 785-475-3441

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Hansen Mueller			Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hosp.; OBA, LandMark Inn, Noon; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m. AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.	Master Gardener, extension 1 office, Noon, brown bag; Sunflower Theatre benefit Taco Supper, Golden Age, 5-7 p.m. by Royal Neighbors; Museum Annual meeting, 7 p.m., dessert bar following; Kindergarten Screening for 2004-05 students; NWKL Art Show; NWKL Speech at Oakley, 3:30 p.m.	Kindergarten Screening for 2004-05 students; NWKL Art Show; Oberlin Track at Quinter, 3 p.m.; Oberlin All School Play, 7:30 p.m.; "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	Soup & pie benefit for Lacy Stone, Bohemian Hall, 5-7 p.m.; "The Bridge Band," Oberlin All School Play, 7:30 p.m.; "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m. Bargain Box Plus, 1/2 Price Day.
Attend the Church of Your Choice "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 2 p.m. Arts & Humanities Planina Gateway, 2 p.m.	Lions Club, Medical Arts Building Norcatour Rebekahs "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Masons, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin Speech at Norton; "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; OBA, Noon, LandMark; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	Chamber Board meeting, Decatur Co-op board room, Noon "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Oberlin and Jennings Good Friday services, Oberlin Covenant Church, 12:10 p.m.; OBA Fish & Burger Fry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of Stanley Hardware; Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; "Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.	"Passion of Christ," Sunflower Cinema, 7 p.m.
Attend the Church of Your Choice EASTER SUNDAY	NO SCHOOL Oberlin and Jennings Hospital Board 7 p.m.	Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; DPW, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Track at Atwood, 3 p.m.; Oberlin Golf at Goodland, 2 p.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Werth Urology, Dec. Co. Hospital; American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Norcatour Royal Neighbors.	Thallium Testing, Dec. Co. Hospital Oberlin Large Group State Music Oberlin Junior High Track at Oakley, 10 a.m. Evening of Forensics	Oberlin Track at Hoxie 3 p.m.	Museum 3rd Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oberlin Golf, here, 9:30 a.m.; Regional Speech; Oberlin Speech at Quinter; Races, Oberlin Speedway, 6 p.m.
Attend the Church of Your Choice; Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.; Museum 3rd Annual Rummage Sale, 1-5 p.m.;	Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg. Jaycees, Red Crown Lounge, 8:30 p.m. KU Honors Banquet	Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.; Oberlin Golf at McCook, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, Wheat Ridge, 9-11 a.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital Secretary's Luncheon, Gateway, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; KMO Computer Bowl	American Legion meeting Oberlin Junior High Track, here at 3 p.m.	Kindergarten Roundup Oberlin track at Oakley, 3 p.m. Oberlin Golf at Hill City	State Music
Attend the Church of Your Choice Races, Oberlin Speedway, 6 p.m. Ralph Moody Day, Arts & Humanities, Museum and CVB Chuck Wagon meal, Noon; Program, Gateway, 2 p.m.	Oberlin Athletic Banquet 6:30 p.m.	Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m. Oberlin Golf at Hoxie, 3 p.m. Oberlin Track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital Drama Club Variety Show	Oberlin Junior High Track at Colby 3 p.m.	Sixth Grade Orientation to Decatur Community Junior Senior High	<h1 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The Oberlin Herald</h1> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>