



CAUGHT IN THE ACT, Jane Gilliam was held behind bars long enough to get her picture taken during the American Heart Association's Cardiac Arrest fund-raiser Friday at the courthouse.



AN OLD HIGH SCHOOL CHEER is what Mardi Lohofener (above) had to do for Judge Heartless before serving a brief moment behind bars. Lee Copeland and Jerry Schuetz (right) took a seat and had some lunch after bailing themselves out.

Prisoners raise cash for heart research

They came in one by one with bail money in hand, ready to buy their way out of jail.

In all, 73 people were "arrested" Friday in the American Heart Association's annual Cardiac Arrest fund raiser.

Each of the detainees was asked to raise \$100 in bail money, which all goes to the association.

The highest bail came from Laura Hinrichs with \$253.

Judge Heartless, played by banker Doug Brown, had each of the convicts draw from a can for their punishment. Some had to sing a song, others had to do exercises and

Mardi Lohofener had to perform a cheer from her high school.

"Some of the cases were guilty of overeating or taking candy from a baby," said Regional Director Randall Braden. "The charges were trumped up a bit, but it was all in good fun."

Each prisoner was dressed in a black-and-white striped outfit and stood behind fake jail bars with a sign around their neck. A picture was taken, which the participants got to keep. Each also received a Cardiac Arrest shirt.

Before leaving the courthouse, the jailbirds had the choice of pizza,

vegetables or a deli sandwich for lunch.

The food and drinks were donated by the LandMark Inn, Pizza Hut, Raye's Grocery and Oberlin Sinclair.

The event raised over \$4,500, which will go to the heart association for research.

"On behalf of the American Heart Association, I want to thank everyone for making this event a success," said Mr. Braden. "Without their generosity, we wouldn't be able to fund life-saving research, community programs and public education."

