



Packed full with red fever

By JUSTINE MILLER

Thanks to the yearbook staff and lots of great fans, the Decatur Community High School had a "Full House" on Tuesday, Oct. 5, for the high school volleyball competitions.

The yearbook staff organized "Playing with a Full House" night, and it turned out really well.

The staff sponsored a poster contest for the Oberlin Elementary students to show Red Devil spirit. Those who brought a poster were then allowed into the volleyball games free.

High school students also got in on some fun. Any high school student showing school spirit during the volleyball matches received a ticket. Three tickets were drawn, and these three persons were given a chance to serve a volleyball over the net. If they hit one of the t-shirts laying on the floor, they won that t-shirt.

The three chosen for the contest were Justin Savage, Jason Thomas, and Denton Bailey. None of the boys hit the shirt, but the yearbook staff gave them the shirts anyway for being good sports.

Barbara Olson was the winner of the basket filled with red things.

The journalism staff would like to thank Sarah Fredrickson and Marianne Larue for helping with the fund-raisers and fun night.

The volleyball team went on to defeat Brewster, Goodland, and Atwood that night!

JASON THOMAS looks to see if his serve hit a t-shirt. Jason, Tyler Sauvage, and Denton Bailey were chosen to serve volleyballs, hoping to hit a t-shirt lying on the floor. All three missed, but received shirts anyway. The game was sponsored by the yearbook staff as part of "Playing with a Full House" activities during volleyball matches on Oct. 5.

In-service are days for improvement

By KAYDEE LEITNER

What do teachers do at an in-service? Ever wonder?

No, it's not just a day off for students. In-service days are actually important to our district because it's a time for the teachers to concentrate on school improvement.

Our district is working on a five-year accreditation cycle. Without accreditation, diplomas would mean nothing, and the school would not receive government funding.

In order to be an accredited school, the district has to go through an improvement plan, which is teacher-driven. Based on assessments, Oberlin teachers have set three goals as part of our school's improvement plan: all students will improve mathematical application skills, all students will improve skills in interpreting and applying written and graphical information across the curriculum, and all students will improve critical reading skills across the curriculum.

The purpose of the in-service on Oct. 8 was to discuss implementation of the interventions the teachers are using to insure that all students do show improvement in these areas.

The strategies the teachers are using deal with the Six Traits of Reading.

Part of the day was spent sharing ideas of how each teacher implements the traits in his/her classroom. Each teacher was supposed to bring two ideas of how they've used the Six Traits of Reading in their classrooms. They then broke into four groups and shared ideas. Each group picked out their two best ideas, and

shared them with everyone. Prizes were given to those with the best ideas. The winners were Tim Breth, Diana Steinmetz, Mark Bricker, Caleb Howland, Jennifer Monaco, Leigh Davis, Tina Williams, and Sherri Ruf. Their prizes included pizza certificates or video certificates.

Also during the in-service, elementary principal Duane Dorshorst talked about the Kansas state standards and curriculum. He also addressed the changes in the state assessments and introduced the teachers to Kan-Ed, an organization that works to bring broadband technology to k-12 schools, hospitals, libraries, and institutions of higher learning.

High school principal Charles Haag led a discussion about the importance of the state assessments and how to get kids excited about the tests and encourage them to do their best.

The high school classes that will take Kansas state assessments are the juniors and eighth graders, in reading and social studies, and the sophomores and seventh graders in science and math.

"I think the in-service went very well," said Mr. Haag. "These in-services are needed, and very valuable. The staff used the day wisely, and got a lot accomplished."

The teachers are the force behind school improvement. Teachers are the ones who come up with the goals for the district, how to meet those goals, and how to document that we've reached those goals. The school improvement process is totally teacher-driven.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Let's spook them with our costumes

By SCOTT MILLER

The end of October means football play-offs and Halloween. The yearbook staff has come up with a way to enjoy both at the same time.

They are sponsoring a costume contest during half-time of the Oberlin/Hill City football game on Oct. 22. It will cost each individual \$1 to enter the contest. All money goes toward the yearbook fund.

The number of contestants will determine the number of divisions and the prizes, but we are hoping to have entries in at least six divisions: toddler/pre-school, grades K-3, grades 4-6, junior high, high school, and adult.

Because you can't have costumes without trick-or-treating, various high school organizations will be giving treats to those dressed in costumes.

"We are always trying to come up with fun ways to earn money for the yearbook," said Brenda Breth, ad-

viser. "We feel it's a bonus if we can get people to the ballgames at the same time."

When coming to the game, those that want to enter the contest will pay a dollar and be given a number. During half-time, contestants will meet at the west end of the football field, line up to form a parade and walk to the east end of the field. The students handing out treats will judge those with their number displayed.

After the band's half-time performance, the yearbook staff will also sponsor a field-goal contest. Tickets will be sold, and the lucky winner will get a chance to kick a field goal. Whatever yard line the person chooses to kick from, he or she will win that much money—if they make it. So if someone chooses to try from the 30-yard line, they will win \$30 if they make it.

Come support the Red Devils and the yearbook staff on Oct. 22.

Magazine sales end

By WHITNEY BEINKE

Working to raise money for our school, students have been busy selling magazines.

Seniors had a total of 25 sales, and the juniors had 91. Magazine sales are usually a good money-maker for juniors, who need to finance the prom in the spring.

The sophomores sold 28, and freshmen 47. As a total the school had 191 sales.

Students who sold 10 or more magazines get to eat lunch at Pizzeria Hut with Principal Haag. Those students are Drew Martin, Lora Marietta, Danica May, and Breck Simonsson.

School Menus

October 25-29 OBERLIN

Monday — Breakfast: juice, cereal, toast, pears. Lunch: sauerkraut and Polish or hot dogs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: juice, waffles, ham patty, mixed fruit. Lunch: chicken Monterey, rice, beets, roll, mixed fruit. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: juice, yogurt, donut, oranges. Lunch: super ribs on bun, corn, French fries, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — No School (parent-teacher conferences). **Friday** — Breakfast: juice, blueberry pancakes and sausage, peaches. Lunch: potato bar, beef nuggets, roll. Milk

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

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — ham patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, applesauce. **Tuesday** — cavatini, corn, garlic bread, strawberries. **Wednesday** — sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — tacos, refried beans, Tator Tots, peaches. **Friday** — pizza, breadsticks, green beans, pears, cupcakes. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

Juniors take test

By HANNAH MADDEN

The top half of the junior class at Decatur Community High School took the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test last Wednesday, better known as the PSAT.

Students taking the three-hour aptitude test were Denton Bailey, Amber Barratt, Kellen Doeden, Joshua Fortin, Courtney Gillespie, Teryn Grafel, Andrew Inman, Destry Jackson, Karyn Jordan, Jesse Juenemann, Lydia Karnopp, Nikki Lincoln, Kegan Macfee, Bret Marietta, Lora Marietta, Drew Martin, Danica May, Joseph Mondero, Gabriel Moore, Jennifer Shaw, Brent Stallman, Kaitlyn Stapp, Jeremy Tally, Jason Thomas, and Anne Wasson

The students will find out their

scores at the beginning of next year.



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2003 Ford Expedition XL	\$23,100	1999 Ford Expedition, 4WD	\$9,500
2002 Mercury Mountaineer	\$18,500	1998 Isuzu Amigo, 2WD	\$4,500
2002 Ford Explorer, sport trac	\$17,500	1996 GMC Jimmy, 2WD, V6	\$4,500
2002 Ford Explorer XLS	\$16,500	1987 GMC Jimmy, 4WD	\$2,500
2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee	\$19,500	1994 GMC Suburban, 4WD	\$4,500
2001 Ford Escape, 4WD	\$12,500	1992 GMC Suburban, 4WD	\$4,500
2000 Chevrolet Blazer, 4WD	\$9,500	1988 Ford Bronco, 4WD	\$2,500
2000 Chevrolet 1500 Suburban	\$15,500	1986 Isuzu Trooper, 4WD	\$1,500
2000 Ford Expedition, 4WD	\$16,500		

Trucks

2003 Nissan Frontier XE	\$13,500	1996 Ford F-250, 4WD	\$7,200
2003 Dodge Ram 1500, LB	\$13,500	1996 Chevrolet 1500 Stepside, 350	\$8,800
2003 Ford Ranger XLT	\$13,500	1995 Chevrolet K-2500, 4WD	\$6,500
2003 Chevrolet 1500 LS, Z71	\$22,500	1995 GMC Sonoma, 4WD	\$8,800
2003 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado HD	\$23,500	1994 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado	\$6,800
2002 Chevrolet S-10, crew cab	\$15,500	1992 Dodge Dakota, V6	\$1,800
2001 Dodge Ram 1500	\$11,800	1991 Nissan, 4WD, V6	\$4,800
2001 Dodge Dakota Sport	\$11,500	1991 Ford Box - Truck	\$4,500
2001 Ford Ranger XLT	\$5,800	1988 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado	\$2,500
2001 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado	\$9,800	1987 Toyota 2WD, 4C	\$1,800
2001 Ford F-150 Lariat	\$11,800	1985 Toyota 4x4, LWB	\$3,500
2000 Ford F-150 XLT	\$10,800	1982 Chevrolet S-10	\$1,600
2000 Ford XLT	\$9,800	1964 Ford 100	\$1,600
2000 Chevrolet 1500, Silverado LS	\$10,200	1963 Ford F-150, 1/2 Ton	\$1,800
1998 Dodge Dakota, ext. cab	\$7,200		

Vans

2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	\$23,500	2000 Mercury Villager Estate	\$12,500
2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	\$23,500	1999 Mercury Villager Sport	\$9,500
2004 Chrysler Town & Country	\$16,500	1998 Ford Windstar	\$6,500
2003 Chrysler Town & Country LXi	\$19,500	1997 Chrysler Town & Country	\$4,500
2003 Ford Windstar LX	\$14,500	1995 Pontiac Transport	\$2,800
2003 Ford Windstar LX	\$13,500	1994 Pontiac Transport	\$2,800
2003 Pontiac Montana, low miles	\$17,500	1992 Ford E-150 Conversion	\$2,100
2001 Ford Windstar Sport	\$11,500		

Cars

2004 Saturn ION 3	\$13,800	2000 Mercury Cougar, V6	\$9,800
2004 Oldsmobile Alero, 4 dr	\$12,800	2000 Honda Accord EX	\$12,800
2004 Pontiac Grand Am	\$13,800	2000 Saturn Station Wagon	\$9,800
2004 Oldsmobile Alero GL2	\$13,800	2000 Pontiac Grand Am, V6	\$7,800
2004 Dodge Neon SXT	\$11,600	2000 Pontiac Grand Prix	\$8,800
2004 Oldsmobile Alero GL	\$11,800	1999 Chevy Camaro, V6	\$7,800
2004 Chevy Impala	\$13,800	1999 Dodge Intrepid	\$8,800
2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$13,800	1998 Chrysler Sebring, V6	\$6,800
2003 Pontiac Sunfire	\$10,800	1998 Chevy Cavalier	\$5,800
2003 Chevy Malibu	\$9,800	1996 Buick Park Avenue	\$3,800
2002 Chrysler Sebring LX	\$9,800	1996 Saturn Station Wagon	\$3,800
2002 Ford Escort ZX2	\$8,800	1995 Pontiac Grand Am	\$2,800
2001 Toyota Camry Solara	\$10,600	1995 Cadillac DeVille	\$2,800
2001 KIA Sephia LS	\$4,600	1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme	\$2,800
2001 Chevy Monte Carlo	\$9,400	1993 Oldsmobile 98	\$2,600
2001 Chevy Lumina	\$5,800	1992 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight	\$3,400
2001 Pontiac Sunfire SE	\$7,800	1991 Ford Mustang	\$1,800
2001 Pontiac Grand Am SE	\$6,600	1990 Pontiac Grand Prix	\$2,400
2000 Chevy Cavalier	\$6,600	1988 Plymouth Reliant	\$400
2000 Saturn S Series	\$4,700	1988 Olds Cutlass Supreme	\$400
2000 Toyota Camry	\$10,800		

Voter's Guide Tim Peterson, Monument For KANSAS SENATE, Dist 40

Issue	Tim's Position	Tim Peterson's Comment
Abortion	Pro-Life	"I am pro-life. Life begins at conception."
Agriculture	Pro-Ag	"I will support farms and ranches. The number one industry in Kansas must be protected"
Cigarettes and Alcohol	Pro-Life	"Cigarette and alcohol companies addict mothers and hurt unborn children. I will not encourage these industries by taking their dirty money. My opponent does."
Economic Development	Pro-Kansas	"I will promote NW Kansas as a retirement area for the United States. I will support the small business entrepreneur."
Education	Pro-School	"I will work to get more money into the classroom. Taxpayers need better auditing tools to make sure that their money is spent properly."
Energy	Pro-Kansas	"I will work to stimulate investment in wind generated electricity. I will support the ethanol industry."
Gambling	Pro-Family	"Gambling sells false dreams of instant wealth. I will not support this charade. My opponent has voted for the lottery."
Guns	Pro-Gun	"I will support and defend the right to keep and bear arms."
Health Costs	Pro-Family	"We should not force families to choose between proper health care and food."
Health Insurance	Pro-Family	"Many families are being forced to gamble by going without health insurance. This is not right. I will work hard and speak out about this major problem."
Roads and Highways	Pro-Kansas	"We must continue our current highway program. I will not support attempts to cut funds from our highway program."
Seniors	Pro-Family	"I will work to make Kansas senior friendly."
Taxes	Pro-Family	"I will not support any action or inaction that will increase property taxes. Taxes should be based on the ability to pay."

Vote Pro-Family → Vote Tim Peterson

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