

# National Activities Week celebrated

The yearbook staff organized many activities last week to mark National Activities Week, which was Oct. 17-23. This was the twenty-fifth year for the national week of recognition.

Principal Charles Haag said, "The week emphasized the value of athletic and non-athletic activities programs to both the student participants and the community as a whole."

Over 90 percent of all junior and senior high students in Oberlin are involved in a sport, organization, or school activity.

Each day last week, the yearbook staff recognized a different group of people who willingly give their time and energy to our school.

Monday was National Fine Arts Day. Music directors and speech coaches were recognized with corsages: Susan Nelson, Deanne Spanier, and Leigh Davis. Art teacher Terri Woolsey was also recognized.

Tuesday was National Officials Day. The yearbook staff sent out over 80 thank-you notes to the men and women who officiate athletic

competitions in our school.

Youth Health Awareness Day was Wednesday, and the staff gave a corsage to the school nurse, Angela Copeland.

Thursday was National Coaches/Sponsors Day. All coaches and club sponsors, as well as class sponsors, which accounts for every teacher at the school, were honored.


The week's activities concluded Friday with National Fan Day. Every student and staff member dressed in red was given a donut during home room. Over 200 donuts were given away.

The high school cheerleaders also spoke to the junior high students about what it means to be a good fan.

In addition, at the football game on Friday, two people were recognized as outstanding fans: junior Denton Bailey and Tina Williams. Each received a certificate of appreciation from the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

The State Activities Director states that activities are "the other half" of education: Academics + Activities = Curriculum Partners.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Henningson, Ahlberg win yearbook poster contest

Kindergarten student Mason Ahlberg and fifth-grader Nolan Henningson won the poster competition sponsored by the yearbook staff.

The contest was held to promote school spirit and enthusiasm for the volleyball team.

Over 60 elementary students made posters for the contest, which were displayed in the cafeteria area during last week's league volleyball tournament.

The yearbook staff chose the winners based on the following criteria: the posters needed to include a volleyball theme; and they needed to be neat and creative.

The staff was also looking for big, bold letters that could be seen from a distance.

Elementary students brought their posters to the volleyball matches on Oct. 4 and helped pump up the crowd as the Lady Devils defeated Goodland, Atwood, and Brewster.

Special Awards of Excellence were given to Denae Andersen, Miki Dorshorst, and Serena Stacey for using the "playing card" theme that the yearbook staff had adopted for the evening.

The winning posters are currently on display in the front entrance of the high school.

# Miller places second in judging contest

By ASHLEY STRAGEY  
Jamie Miller, a freshman at Decatur Community High School, placed second out of more than 100 participants at the FFA Dairy Judging contest held at Fort Hays State University on Oct. 16.

Eighteen Oberlin students judged dairy cows and a group of jerseys.

The Oberlin senior team of Caleb Peters, Bret Marietta, Marci Metcalf, Chet Ely, Kim Wessel, Kegan Macfee, and Jacob Unger placed 5th out of 16 teams.

They were just 21 points out of

third place.

"We have a lot of dedicated people in FFA this year," said FFA President Caleb Peters. "They have been very involved making this a great year so far."

The Greenhands competing in the competition were Jordan Macfee, Jamie Miller, Terry Urban, David Urban, Colt Diederich, Jared Marcuson, Kassia Bryan, Alyssa Montgomery, Kierstyn Johnson, Mitch Hill, and Corey Cook.

The FFA adviser is Nathan Copeland.

# Junior High Scholar Bowl teams compete

By MARCIMATCHETT  
The seventh-grade scholar bowl team received four wins and three losses, while the eighth grade team took three wins and four losses in their first meet of the year. The teams competed in Bird City on Oct. 18.

The seventh grade defeated Goodland, 55-20; Cheylin, 70-45; Tribune, 70-20; and Winona, 55-20.

The eighth grade wins included an 80-60 win over Wallace, 70-0 win over Goodland, and a 70-50 win over Cheylin.

"The seventh graders got the first competition 'jitters' out of their system in this meet," said scholar bowl Coach Marlene Moxter. "Every competitor for Oberlin answered a question."

Competing for the seventh-grade team were Clay Andersen, Gatlin Reichert, Hunter Nedland, and Brandi Diederich.

The eighth graders who competed were Haley Barratt, Chris Larson, Farra McChesney, and Nathan Simonsson.

## School Menus

### November 1-5 OBERLIN

**Monday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, pineapple. Lunch: corn dogs. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, yogurt, peaches. Lunch: poorman's steak, roll with butter. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: pancakes, sausage patty, applesauce. Lunch: lasagna, garlic roll. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, oranges. Lunch: chicken sandwich. **Friday** — Breakfast: sausage, egg and cheese muffin, pears. Lunch: beef and bean burrito. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

applesauce. **Thursday** — chicken supreme, peas, rolls, Mandarin oranges. **Friday** — Frito pies, refried beans, peaches, brownies. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chili cheese dog, green beans, pears, cookies. **Tuesday** — beef nuggets, Tator Tots, broccoli and cheese, rolls, fruit cocktail. **Wednesday** — spaghetti, corn, garlic bread,

# Get ready to vote

By HANNAH MADDEN  
Election 2004 is just around the corner, and the seniors at Decatur Community High School are ready to vote!

Ten Oberlin students are eligible in this year's election: David Morris, Kelly Olson, Bethany Weishapl, Zane Pauls, Rodney Marshall, Canaan Bishop, Diana Hashenberger, Trina Shields, Jake Padgett, and Adam Steinmetz. All but two are registered, and those are very good odds.

Dick Ahlberg and the govern-

ment class surveyed the seniors to find out who they are voting for and why. All of the students in the class have decided to vote Republican and vote for President Bush to be re-elected.

Mr. Ahlberg was unsure of his own voting status, but assured us that he would vote.

A poll will be posted on our school website the week of the election to see who our community and school believes will become the new President of the United States of America.

## Miss Bertha visits school

The Oberlin Elementary School library students were treated to a delightful and entertaining visit on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from Miss Bertha (aka Dale Marie Bryan). She played guessing games, read stories and helped students select library books during her visit.

Miss Bertha's theme for the day was "hats." From her traveling suit-

case, she pulled out many hats and books about hats to share with the students. She read "Caps for Sale," "Zora's Hats," "Boss of the Plains," "Sherman Crunchly," "A Hat for Minerva Louise" and "The Hat."

Miss Bertha promised to stop in next month after she returns from a visit with her relatives.

# High school gets new paraprofessional

By SHAREE DEMPEWOLF  
Joining the staff at Decatur Community High School is Melissa Lippelmann, who is from Oakley. She was recently employed at the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch before coming to Decatur Community High School to be a paraprofessional.

Her job requires her to help the students with tests and their daily

assignments. Mrs. Lippelmann says she enjoys coming to school because everyone has made her welcome. The students are warming up to her and asking her for help, which makes her feel part of the school.

A newlywed, married on Sept. 11, Mrs. Lippelmann's hobbies include horseback riding, dirt track racing, and bowling.

# Conferences scheduled

Parents, don't forget Parent-Teacher Conferences are Thursday, Oct. 28.

Conferences at the elementary school are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Conferences for junior high and senior high students start at 9 a.m. and go until 4 p.m.

Parents can come early if they need to.

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# NOVEMBER

# Decatur County Community Calendar

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

Call 785-475-3441

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Dr. Rubinowitz, Dec. Health Systems; <b>Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.</b> ; Norcatur Rebekahs; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Rexford, 4 p.m.	<b>2</b> <b>Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Health Systems</b> ; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.</b> ; Masons, 6:30 p.m.; <b>Bi-District Football.</b>	<b>3</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Health Systems; <b>Oberlin Business Alliance, LandMark, Noon</b> ; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; <b>Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.</b> ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; <b>Eastern Star Past Matron &amp; Patron Night, 6 p.m.</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Kayette Regional Conference</b>  National Honor Society Banquet, 7 p.m.	<b>6</b> <b>1/2 Price Day at Bargain Box Plus</b> ; Regional Football; <b>Junior High KMEA</b> ; Oberlin Jazz Band KMEA.
<b>7</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>  <b>Decorate downtown 2 p.m.</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Board of Education meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>  Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Colby, 4 p.m.	<b>9</b> Dr. Doolittle; Dr. McGowan, Cardiologist, Dec. Co. Health Systems; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball, home, 4:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin High Scholar Bowl, home, 4 p.m.</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Health Systems</b> ; Chamber Board meeting, 7 a.m.; <b>Chamber Ribbon Cuttings, start at 8 a.m. at Keeno's</b> ; Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; <b>AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.</b> ; Norcatur Royal Neighbors; <b>Gifted Seminar, Grades 2-5.</b>	<b>VETERANS DAY 11</b>  Picture Retakes, high school 8 a.m.; Oberlin Elementary, 10:30 a.m.  <b>Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball at Quinter, 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Pheasants Forever, Gateway, 5 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; <b>Sectional Football</b> ; Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball Tourney B team at Colby, 4 p.m.	<b>13</b> <b>Opening Day Pheasant Season</b> ; Longest Tail Feather Contest starts; <b>Norcatur Education Bldg., Pheasant Supper, 5-7 p.m.</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>  Chamber Business to Business Tour, 4 p.m. <b>Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b> Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.; <b>Bargain Box Plus 25¢ sale</b> ; Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.; <b>Norcatur Rebekahs</b> ; Oberlin High Scholar Bowl at Goodland 3:45 p.m.; <b>Winter Sports Practice Begins</b>	<b>16</b> Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Health Systems; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; <b>Bargain Box Plus 25¢ Sale</b>	<b>17</b> Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Curtis, Cardiologist, Dec. Co. Health Systems; <b>Convention Visitors Bureau, LandMark, Noon</b> ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; <b>Bargain Box Plus 25¢ Sale</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Convention Visitors Bureau, LandMark, Noon</b> ; Bargain Box Plus, 25¢ Sale; <b>Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball at Hoxie, 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>19</b> Bargain Box Plus 25¢ Sale; <b>St. Mark's Lutheran Church Restoration Benefit Supper, Bohemian Hall, 5-7 p.m.</b> ; Sub-State Football; <b>Oberlin High Musical, 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>20</b>  Bargain Box Plus 25¢ Sale;  <b>Oberlin High Musical, 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>  Longest Tail Feather Contest Ends; <b>Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, DCMA/Inisterial Assoc.</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Dr. McDonald, Cataracts, Dec. Co. Health Systems</b> ; Oberlin Junior High Boys Basketball, home, at 4:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> Dr. Doolittle; Dec. Co. Health Systems; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin High Basketball Food Scrimmage, 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>24</b> Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Werth, Urology, Dec. Co. Health Systems;  <b>Oberlin &amp; Jennings NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  Community Dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church, Noon	<b>26</b> <b>Light Parade, 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Lions Soup Supper, 5-7 p.m.</b> ; Santa Claus arrives immediately after parade; Window Decorating contest; <b>No School, Oberlin &amp; Jennings</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Holiday Arts &amp; Craft Show, Gateway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.</b>  State Football
<b>28</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>  Stores Open 1-4 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur Health Systems</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems</b>		<h1>The Oberlin Herald</h1> <p>NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>		