


We love our cars

By KELSEY GALLETINE
 What would a high school student be without his or her vehicle? Everyone that has one loves it, because anything is better than having "the parents" drive them around.
 Senior Justine Miller says, "I love my car. Without my 'Stang, I'd be lost."
 As the years go by, some generations are still alive through the vehicles at Decatur Community High School. For example, senior David Barth drives a 1979 Ford pickup, and junior David Edgerton drives a 1967 GMC pickup which has been in his family for three generations.
 Going through the parking lot,

you'll find diversity. There are models from way back in the 1960s clear up to 2005. Junior Drew Martin drives a 1966 Ford Mustang, and senior Molly Coleman has a late model white Volkswagen Beetle.
 After surveying 30 students, Pontiacs seem to be the most popular. The most prevalent colors are red, black, blue, or white. Out of the 30 students, 2001 is the most common year.
 In a small town such as Oberlin, often it seems there is nothing to do except drive around. Many high school students would be lost if they had to start riding the old, yellow school bus again.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Cleaning Up!



Freshman Fabiola Ortiz rakes leaves for Halloween Clean-Up, which is an annual event for 5th through 12th graders to help clean up the town.

Babysitting offered

Moms and Dads, mark Saturday, Nov. 13, on your calendar as the day to get Christmas shopping or house-cleaning done — without the kids!
 The yearbook staff is planning to raise funds by watching your children all day or part of the day on Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the high school gym and cafeteria.
 This would be a great opportunity for parents to get their Christmas shopping done or anything else they need done. The yearbook staff will watch the kids, from age 2 on up.
 Parents must sign up by Nov. 10 so the yearbook staff knows how many kids and meals to plan for. Pick up a form from the high school

officer or call or email adviser Brenda Breth, and she'll send you a form (bbreth@usd294.org).
 The yearbook staff will provide games, movies, meals, snacks, and a whole lot of fun — including making and decorating sugar cookies in the afternoon.
 The cost is \$3 an hour per child. For parents with two or more children, the second child costs \$2 an hour, and then \$1 an hour for each child after that. Because the yearbook staff needs to raise money, they are also going to charge \$1 per meal.
 If parents have any questions, they can contact Brenda Breth.

Math-a-thon held to raise money

By CHARLIE HAAG
 Decatur Community Junior High Students will hold a Math-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event is being coordinated by math teacher Tim Breth.
 By supporting the participants of the event, you will help raise funds for the internationally recognized hospital. These funds will help St. Jude in the ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases.
 To raise money, students who want to participate will work math problems provided by St. Jude's. They can complete up to 250 math problems with sponsors pledging so much per problem completed, or pledge a flat rate.
 We are asking citizens and businesses of the our school district to support our 7th and 8th grade stu-

dents as they participate in the program. Any person who would like to make a donation may call the school at 475-2231.
 The Math-A-Thon is sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35 or more through the program.
 This program is strictly volunteer and only those students who wish to participate do so.
 Thank you for your support to St. Jude's and to our students' effort to help in their effort to find cures for cancer and other catastrophic diseases for these children.
 The students will need to have their problems completed and pledges turned in by November 19th.
 Thank you for your support.

Over 50 participated in Halloween contest

Over 50 people participated in the yearbook staff's Halloween costume contest held Friday, Oct. 22, during the Oberlin-Hill City football game.
 "We didn't make a lot of money, but we sure had fun," said yearbook adviser Brenda Breth.
 All of Decatur Community High School's student organizations helped with the event and handed out treats to all of the contestants, made up of five different age groups.
 Winning in the youngest age group was Skylar Brown, dressed as a character from the movie, "Monsters Inc." Kelly Brown, dressed as a mummy, won the first through

third grade category.
 Nolan Henningson as a hula girl won the fourth through 6th grade contest.
 Winning the junior/senior high division were seven volleyball players dressed as football fans. These girls were Tricia Dorshorst, Karli Fredrickson, Heather Williams, Kaitlyn Stapp, Trina Shields, Lauren Fortin, and Sarah Murray.
 The adult category was won by Brad Marcuson, who was dressed as an old man.
 "We'd like to thank all of the clubs who donated treats for our contest," said Mrs. Breth. "We hope to make this an annual event."

Bake sale successful

By JUSTINE MILLER
 Susan Nelson, Decatur Community High School vocal teacher, was very pleased with how much money her students made at their recent bake sale.
 On Thursday, Oct. 21, the vocal department performed a concert called "Sweet Music and Sweet Treats." The students had a free-will donation bake sale before and after the concert.
 The auditorium was packed full of people as the choir, DCHS Sing-

ers, Chanté, women's choir, and men's choir, sang their hearts out for the audience.
 The vocal students are trying to earn money to go to Kansas City in May to see the play, "Aida".
 The bake sale brought in \$568.00. The vocal department would like to thank everyone who helped them out.



Book fair held

By KAYDEE LEITNER
 The libraries at both the elementary and junior/senior high schools were busier than usual last week. They were full of extra books and treasures for this year's book fair.
 "We had something for everyone," said Lisa Fortin, library aide.
 Students could buy books, pens, pencils, posters, software, dictionaries, games, and other goodies.
 It's always fun to see what all is

inside the big boxes and silver crates.
 The book fair was sponsored by Scholastic Books. All proceeds go back into the library fund for additional book purchases. Linda Glaze is librarian for both schools.



School Menus

November 8-12 OBERLIN

Monday — Breakfast: cereal bar, yogurt, tropical fruit. Lunch: hamburger with bun, French fries. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: ham biscuit, oranges. Lunch: pizza. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, peaches. Lunch: chicken enchilada. **Thursday** — Breakfast: waffle, sausage patty, pears. Lunch: chili dog. **Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast pizza, tropical fruit. Lunch: chicken nuggets, roll with butter. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, applesauce. **Tuesday** — sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, Mandarin oranges. **Wednesday** — club subs, Doritos, baked beans, peaches, cookies. **Thursday** — ham and cheese pockets, Tator tots, green beans, pears. **Friday** — chili or tomato soup, grilled cheese, sandwiches, tropical fruit. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

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