



**BIOLOGY TEACHER** Caleb Howland shows off his pets—Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

## The Roach man

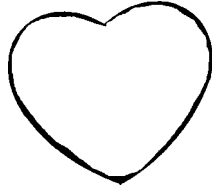
By **SCOTT MILLER**  
Some people call them pests; others call them nuisances and just plain disgusting. Biology teacher Caleb Howland calls them pets. Mr. Howland has about a hundred Madagascar hissing roaches. He feeds them rotten fruit and dog food. These roaches range from one to two years of age. Madagascar hissing roaches are usually about two to three inches long and an inch wide. Mr. Howland got the roaches from a teacher in Hays.

The island nation of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean is home to these creatures. They are called hissing roaches because they use their hiss as a defense mechanism. "The roaches are one of the few insects that give live birth," said Mr. Howland. Mr. Howland has been teaching for four years and teaches Biology I and II, and seventh grade life science. He is also the head junior high football coach and the high school assistant wrestling coach.

## Honor society offers data match surveys

By **AMBER BARRATT**  
National Honor Society is once again selling data match surveys for Valentine's Day. In homeroom each student will fill out a survey. Then the surveys are collected and sent off, and a computer company matches students up to see who is compatible. The results will be sold Valentine's Day during the lunch shifts. You can buy two lists to see whom you matched up with; from

the entire school or just your class. Each survey costs one dollar. National Honor Society has been selling the lists of results for a number of years now, and the students seem to enjoy finding out who the computer matches them up with.



# Journalism hosts two class visitors

By **JUSTINE MILLER and KELSEY GALLENTE**  
We were honored to have two senior girls from Resurrection Christian High School in our journalism class on Jan. 21. Chelsey Burrus and Lindsey Walter were just two of the students from the private school in Colorado who attended classes with the Oberlin basketball players. This was the second year Resurrection Christian High School played in the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament. The players, coaches, and parents came Thursday and left Saturday night after their last game. Chelsey is from Fort Collins, and Lindsey is from Loveland. Resurrection Christian High School is located in Loveland, and most of the students are from the Loveland-Fort Collins area. Chelsey and Lindsey explained that Resurrection is a 2A school with about 80 students. They attend classes from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Resurrection is a new high school, and is growing.

## Flowers for sale

Valentine's Day often means flowers, and the Kayettes and the journalism class are cashing in. The Kayettes are selling their annual carnations. This is not really a money-make for the club; the students just really like giving and receiving carnations. The flowers sell for \$2 each. A different color means something different: red for "I love you," pink for "a secret admirer," blue for "just a friend," yellow for "good luck," and green for "I think you are cute." Orders will be taken in the library, and the flowers will be delivered on

The girls said they both enjoyed coming to the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament. Lindsey said, "I think that it is really cool that we got invited to this tournament. I love coming here and meeting new people." Oberlin senior basketball player Megan Barrett said, "I really enjoyed having them here for the tournament and hanging out when we weren't on the court." "It was a good opportunity to interact with the Resurrection Christian girls and learn about their class schedules and extracurricular activities," said senior basketball player Jamie Elwood. The Oberlin boys team also hosted the Resurrection boys team and took them along to classes. "They are pretty cool," said Andy Inman, junior. Lydia Karnopp said, "I think they are a fun team to hang out with. It's a good experience to learn about their school." On and off the court, the Oberlin players enjoyed having Resurrection Christian come to Oberlin.

## Gift for sweetheart

By **JUSTINE MILLER**  
If you want a special gift for your sweetheart, how about a singing valentine from the DCHS Singers? The DCHS Singers will sing to your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, for \$10. The Singers will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Orders must be made by Feb. 11 so they can get everything organized. The Singers can do special requests if you give the order to them a week in advance. Some appropriate songs they know already are "By Heart," "Put A Little Love in Your Heart," "Your Song," "Slow Dancing in the Snow," and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." Contact any DCHS Singer, or Susan Nelson at the high school.



Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Wear black on Friday

The yearbook staff wants to pack the house Friday, Feb. 4, with black in honor of this year's wrestling team. This will be the second annual "Black Friday" sponsored by the yearbook staff. All fans are encouraged to wear black to the wrestling dual with Colby. Students who wear black to school will get donuts during home room. The following Friday, Feb. 11, we will do the same for the basketball teams—only this time, we ask all fans to wear red to the games in order to "Raise the Roof." Prizes will be given throughout both evenings for pins and three-point baskets.

## School Menus

**February 7-11 OBERLIN** (subject to change)  
**Monday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, pears. Lunch: chicken-fried steak. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: waffles, ham patty, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: chili or chicken noodle soup, cinnamon roll. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, applesauce. Lunch: fish sticks. **Thursday** — Breakfast: pancakes, sausage patty, peaches. Lunch: chicken strips, roll with butter. **Friday** — No School (parent-teacher conferences). Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.  
**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**  
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — beef nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, rolls, pineapple. **Tuesday** — lasagna, corn, garlic bread, fruit cocktail. **Wednesday** — baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese, chili, rolls,



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