

Voice of Decatur Community High School



Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



CHEERLEADER KATRINA WENTZ sat in class on the first day of school. Katrina and the rest of the cheerleaders led the all-school assembly held that afternoon.

Red Devils start year

By **WHITNEY BEINKE**

The cheerleaders of Decatur Community High School kicked off the school year with a bang.

The cheerleaders started practicing two weeks before school began for the pep assembly routine they presented to the entire school body on the first day of school.

The assembly started with school cheers, followed by the school dance, and finished with class ral-

lies.

The entire junior class received candy bars from Mr. Haag for having the most spirit.

Mr. Haag thought the pep assembly was a good idea because it would show off the cheerleaders' hard work, and would be something fun and different for the students.

Gina Montgomery and Marilyn Diederich are the cheerleading sponsors.

Haag welcomes all

By **AMBER BARRATT**

Principal Charles Haag welcomed back Decatur Community High School students on the first day of school with an all-school assembly.

First, Mr. Haag spoke of how proud he was of every student. He commented on how well participants in sports and other activities have done in the past.

He also recognized this year's juniors and seniors for meeting the Kansas Standard of Excellence on

the state assessments, thereby earning a pizza party.

Mr. Haag mentioned that this year is the 50th anniversary for the undefeated Oberlin football team of 1955. After talking about the victorious team of the past, Mr. Haag challenged himself and this year's football team: for every game they win, he will lose 10 pounds.

To conclude his speech, Mr. Haag introduced the many new students and two new teachers, Jason Ketterl and Maria Campo.

New FFA advisor welcomed

By **KIM WESSEL**

The Oberlin FFA is going to be really busy this year. New advisor Jason Ketterl and his officers have the beginning of the year already planned out, and the first events are just around the corner.

There are many different judging events members can participate in, and there are also many fun things planned throughout the year.

In September, the FFA is planning to attend the Husker Harvest Days as their fun trip, but also a learning experience. October will be a full month of judging livestock and dirt as well.

- Sept. 8 - FFA meeting in the Vo-Ag Building during homeroom (9:14 a.m.)

- Sept. 14 - Husker Harvest Days at Grand Island, depart. at 5:30 a.m. (gate fee, \$2)

- Sept. 21 - N.W. District Land and Home Site career development event in Atwood at 9 a.m.

- Sept. 24 - N.W. District Softball Tournament in Oakley at 9 a.m.

- Sept. 30 - State FFA dues deadline (\$10)

- Oct. 5 - N.W. Area Land and Home Site career development event in Norton at 9 a.m.

- Oct. 8 - N.W. District Greenhand Conference at 9 a.m. (location to be announced)

- Oct. 13 - N.W. District Dairy career development event at Fort Hays at 8 a.m.

- Oct. 17 - Program of activities due, and FFA meeting during homeroom in the Vo-Ag building

The FFA plans to run the concession stand on Sept. 23 for the Goodland football game, Oct. 14 for the Stockton football game, and on Oct. 27 for the Hoxie football game. FFA members are encouraged to sign up to work at least one of these nights. Shift times will be determined later.

School Menus

Sept. 12-16
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, peaches. Lunch: ham, scalloped potatoes. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick, tropical fruit. Lunch: chili dog, nachos. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: sausage/egg/cheese biscuit, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: chicken fried steak, roll with butter. **Thursday:** Breakfast: waffle, ham patty, pears. Lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich. **Friday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, mixed fruit. Lunch: taco boat. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.



SHOWING OFF THEIR TALENTS, the DCHS Singers had fun doing karaoke at their annual retreat held this year at Red Willow Lake in Nebraska.

Singers attend annual retreat

By **KAITLYN STAPP**

"Wakie-wakie, eggs and bakie!" That's how Mrs. Nelson proceeded to wake up the worn-out DCHS Singers after their long day at the lake.

For the DCHS Singers' annual retreat, they went to Red Willow Lake near McCook, Neb., on Aug. 20 and 21. Dennis Agan volunteered to take all of the Singers up free of charge. Traveling along with Mr. Agan were sponsors Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Mary Lohofener, and Susan Nelson.

Singers who attended were seniors Danica May, Kellen Doeden, Anne Wasson, Nikki Lincoln, Jer-

emy Tally, Jonathon Richards, Teryn Grafel, and Kaitlyn Stapp; juniors Tricia Dorshorst, Jennifer Hirsch, Andy Leitner, Bronson Scott, Riley Cochran, Karli Fredrickson, and Kurt Olson; and sophomore Kenzie Fisher.

The Singers and their sponsors started the retreat off Saturday with a boat ride to the swimming area. Some of the group also enjoyed jet skiing. That afternoon the group went tubing and skiing. Everyone headed back to their trailers for supper and then had fun with karaoke at the local marina, finishing up with a good ol'-fashioned campfire and s'mores.

On Sunday morning not everyone was eager to wake up, but after breakfast, the Singers went to the marina and started practicing for the new school year.

They sang, danced, and had group time for most of the morning. Dennis Agan picked the Singers up Sunday afternoon and headed back to Oberlin.

"I was really pleased with the work we did, and I think we all had a really good time," said Mrs. Nelson.

Senior Kellen Doeden said, "It was the best Singers' retreat I have attended in all three years that I have been a DCHS Singer."

TACT students ready for year

By **KELLEN DOEDEN**

TACT kicked off their year with late night pranks, sinking canoes, and a lot of new skills to help them help others. The annual TACT retreat took place on August 27 and 28 at Camp Lakeside near Scott Lake.

The senior members taught the new members how to help others in lessons that included labeling, trust, teamwork, and many more.

New member Anna Marie Larue said, "The labeling session was re-

ally fun."

Attending this year's retreat were previous members Kellen Doeden, Lora Marietta, Danica May, Jonathon Richards, and Jeremy Tally.

New members attending the retreat were Heather Glodt, Chris Larson, Annamarie Larue, Jared Marcuson, Sarah Marcuson, Gabe Moore, Makenzie Nelson, Heather Ploussard, Jenny Ploussard, Lacey Ream, Alyssa Rippe, Nathan Simonsson, and Jordan Tally.

During the recreational breaks, the students went canoeing and tried to have demolition derbies by sinking each other's canoes. They also played pranks on each other.

"I thought the retreat went really well," said TACT president Jeremy Tally. "It was nice getting to know the new kids. We all learned a lot."

Wendy Scott, TACT sponsor, said "This year we've got a lot of excited members, and it should be a great year."

Journalism to start Spirit Shop

By **AMBER BARRATT**

Decatur Community High School is once again raising money for the school yearbook. Presently the yearbook staff is organizing a Spirit Shop which will be open at home volleyball and football games.

During football games, the store will be located under the stadium

where the concession stand was formerly located. For volleyball games the Spirit Shop will be located in the hall near the gym.

The staff will be selling newly designed Red Devil T-shirts, embroidered stocking caps, headbands, boxer shorts, spirit bags, spirit masks, decals, and washable

tattoos for volleyball and football, including under-eye and ankle tattoos. The staff also has foam "We're No. 1" hands and student planners available.

Prices range from \$.50 for tattoos to \$20 for the large, colored car decals. Stop by the Spirit Shop at the next home football game.

Students have new television

By **ANDY INMAN**

The student council has purchased a new television for the school's cafeteria.

"The old TV was at least 15 years old. It was just shot," said Dick

Ahlberg, student council sponsor.

"The TV is for more than just entertainment. It's for educational purposes too. Sometimes I bring my classes to the cafeteria, and we watch presidential speeches or news

reports," said Mr. Ahlberg.

Scott Miller, president of student council, said that quite a few students watch TV during their lunch period.

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