



**KARYN JORDAN GREETSGUESTS** of the Drama Club's haunted house. Karyn organized the haunted house and helped write the story of "The Cursed Wedding."

## "The Cursed Wedding" draws large crowd

By **AMBER BARRATT**

The weekend before Halloween people eagerly waited outside the house east of the high school. Inside were creepy characters, part of "The Cursed Wedding" starring members of the Drama Club, waiting for the crowd to come inside the haunted house.

While everyone waited outside, they were given treats by the dead chef played by Drama Club sponsor Leigh Davis.

Karyn Jordan, organizer of the haunted house, portrayed the maid and led everyone on the tours. Karyn said, "It went really, really well. I hope Drama Club can do it again next year."

Everyone was first led in to the "head room." Jay Wessel was there, playing the butler. The only thing that could be seen of him was his head. He told the story of how the wedding became cursed. If you looked around the room closely you could see Jordan Tally's head in the fish tank.

Customers were led into the bride's room next, only she was nowhere to be seen. However, when the lights were shut off the bride, played by Becky Helm, appeared. From there the tour went into the bathroom to find two of the bridesmaids, also dead. They were played by Heather Ploussard and Makenzie Nelson.

Next, the maid led everyone up the stairs where two windows were left open. As you walked by the family pet, Mugsy, played by Rory Wendelin, would growl and grab people. Then the ring bearer, Kellen

Doeden, with glow-in-the-dark face paint, jumped out and scared everyone passing into the room where the bride lay dead. The bride was played by Jin Baek.

After the bride's room came the invisibility room. The room was pitch black and nothing could be seen. It seemed no one was there, but Andy Leitner was hiding in the corner dressed in all black. He walked around and grabbed people moving about in the room. Nikki Wessel and Jared Marcuson were also in the room waiting to scare people, hidden behind a black cloth-covered wall.

The maid once again led everyone down the stairs and past the kitchen where the dead chef was making her ghoulish treats.

The pathway to the basement was a creepy tunnel. Once inside the basement, tour guests saw the reception area where Destry Jackson portrayed the last remaining guest. Everyone then moved out of the house through the crypt, where Alyssa Montgomery would reach out and grab people.

Finally, everyone made their way out of the crypt by exiting through a maze where Gabe Moore and Jeremy Tally waited to scare everyone.

Overall the Cursed Wedding Haunted House was a success, with around 200 people going through.

"It was very successful. I am somewhat surprised by how many people showed up each night," said sponsor Leigh Davis. "We all had such a good time in the process."

"It was really fun scaring everyone," said Karyn. "That had to have been the best part!"

# Yearbook staff wants change

By **COURTNEY GILLESPIE**

If you are like most people, you have a cup or jar full of pennies sitting at home that serves no real purpose. Why not give us those pennies?

The journalism class is collecting change to purchase yearbooks for students who would like one but don't have the extra money to buy one.

Last year the Dresser donated proceeds from their Halloween style show to the yearbook staff. Because of that donation, six students received yearbooks that otherwise would not have.

This year the staff would like to raise enough money in pennies and other loose change to buy at least six yearbooks.

"Everyone who wants a yearbook should be able to have one," said

yearbook adviser Brenda Breth. "If you've bought any book lately, you know how expensive books are."

Mrs. Breth said every year a handful of students tell her they wish they could have a yearbook but can't afford it.

"Maureen Anderson gave me the idea last year because we are always looking for money-making projects," said Mrs. Breth. "With this idea, the yearbook staff raises money while helping a few students at the same time."

The staff will be collecting loose change through January. Culligans has donated a big water jug to collect the change, which will be at all home games and in the high school office between games.

Mrs. Breth said, "We'd like to fill it up."

## New Students

By **JONATHAN SMITH**  
**Jacinta Carter**

Jacinta Carter is a new freshman at Decatur Community High School. The daughter of David and Diane Carter, she has three brothers and two sisters.

Jacinta transferred from Jennings and is getting used to the bigger school building. She says she likes her classes, and recently she got a part in the school musical.

By **AMBER BARRATT**  
**Lakin Lahe**

Lakin Lahe is a new junior at Decatur Community High School, but she is not new to Oberlin. She went to school here in the primary grades.

Lakin is the daughter of Chuck Lahe and Jackie Lahe. She moved here from Grand Junction, Colo., to live with her mom. Lakin has two siblings, Chyanne and Zach.

So far Lakin likes it here, but says it is much smaller than her old school. Her class in Grand Junction had around 500 students. "I like it being small," she said. "This way I can know everyone in my class."

She was on the dance team at her old school. She says she likes to dance and shop in her spare time. Her favorite class so far is journalism. Lakin plans to participate in basketball this winter.

By **WHITNEY BEINKE**  
**Marissa Baker**

Marissa Baker is a new eighth grader in the junior high. She is the daughter of Mark and Julianna Baker. Marissa has three brothers and sisters: Jordan, Nathan, and Tiffany.

She and her family live in Jennings. She is currently involved in

volleyball and is unsure what other activities she wants to become involved in.

In her spare time she enjoys playing the violin. Marissa likes the Oberlin school better because it is bigger.

By **COURTNEY GILLESPIE**  
**Justin Meitl**

Justin Meitl is a new junior at Decatur Community High School. He transferred to Oberlin from Jennings. He lives in Dresden with his parents, Ed and Naomi Meitl.

His favorite subject is math. In his spare time he likes to go to the movies and hang out with friends. When asked what he liked about our school, he said, "It is a bigger school."

By **COURTNEY GILLESPIE**  
**Nick Phillips**

Nick Phillips is a new sophomore. He moved to Oberlin from Wichita. He lives with his mother, Debbie

Sigwing, and has three siblings.

His favorite class is v-o-g. He likes to watch TV and hang out with friends. He will be participating in football and is not sure what clubs yet.

When asked what the difference between Oberlin and Wichita is he said, "Oberlin is a lot smaller than the old school I used to go to."

**Taylor Gardner**

New student Taylor Gardner, a seventh grader, comes to us from nearby McCook. Taylor has a brother, George, who is a sophomore, and a sister, Angela, who is a fifth grader. Taylor says he likes Oberlin so far, but it is somewhat boring compared to McCook.

His parents still work in McCook but live in Oberlin. Taylor plays the trumpet in band, and he plans on playing basketball.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the **DCHS Dictator Staff**

## Red Ribbon Week held in October

By **SHAREE DEMPEWOLF**

The last week of October was Red Ribbon Week across the United States. Red Ribbon Week was begun in memory of Enrique (Kiki) Camarena, who wanted to make a difference in the lives of others.

Kiki was doing really well in school but was hanging out with the wrong crowd of people. He had to make a decision that would affect him the rest of his life. Would he stay with the same crowd or would he decide to change his life for the better?

He made the right decision and stayed in school, went to college, and earned a degree in criminal justice. Kiki went to work for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the job that would take his life one day.

Kiki was working undercover trying to bust a multi-billion dollar drug scam; he confiscated thousands of pounds of cocaine, and hundreds of thousands of pounds of marijuana. For weeks Kiki lived among the drug alliance, gathering information and evidence for the DEA. He was ready to wrap up his assignment when his identity was discovered on

February 7, 1985. Kiki Camarena was going to his car that day when he was attacked and killed by five men. His body was discovered a month later in a shallow grave.

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated nationally every year, Oct. 23-31, and is dedicated to Kiki Camarena and all the people who have been unjustly killed due to the violence of drugs and alcohol. The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth joined with DEA to help victims of violence and the families of those who had been killed because of violence related to drugs or alcohol.

To honor the memory of Kiki Camarena, family, friends, and neighbors wore and are still wearing red satin badges to make a difference in people's lives.

During Red Ribbon Week the TACT organization did announcements at the high school, including facts and statistics concerning drugs and alcohol.

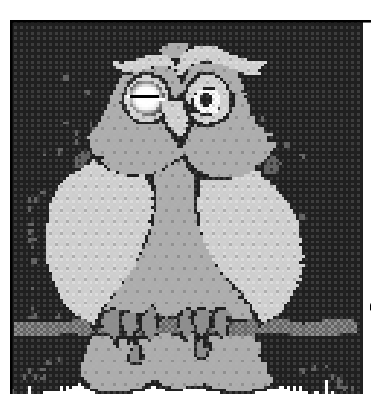
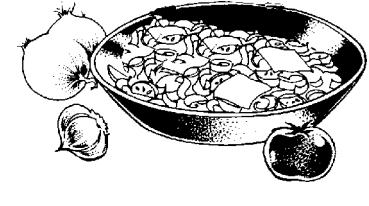
They also put red ribbons on vehicles at the high school. Members of the group also went to the grade school to promote Red Ribbon Week.

## School Menus

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**Monday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, pears. Lunch: crispitos. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast burrito, peaches. Lunch: hot dog with bun, macaroni and cheese. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, applesauce. Lunch: ham, scalloped potatoes. **Friday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza, tropical fruit. Lunch:

chicken nuggets, roll with butter. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.



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