



PLAYING WITH FIRE was a science class exercise for Kurt Olson.

Red Hot chemistry



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY was a methane gas bubble.

By **LAKIN LAHE**

Because of water stains and past experiments gone awry, the ceiling in Mark Bricker's chemistry room is not very pretty. But thanks to his fifth-hour Chemistry II class, another "bruise" has been added.

Class on Jan. 25 started like any other. We all sat quietly and respectfully in our seats as Mr. Bricker explained to us the Thermit Process and the combustion of methane gas before demonstrating. We quickly filled out our exercise sheet with formulas to solve a heat of reaction problem for a single replacement reaction.

Mr. Bricker then demonstrated the combustion of methane by first bubbling methane gas through a

mixture of Mr. Bubbles and his secret ingredient (glycerin) to make super-strong Mr. Bubbles. Then he ignited the resulting bubbles.

We finally got the bubbles to float. One hit the ceiling, and fire spread out across it. We did not plan for the fire to actually reach a dangling string, but it did.

Junior Nolan May reached up to knock the string down, but left behind a tiny piece, still on fire. The rest of the class was laughing hysterically as Nolan grabbed junior Corey Cook by the waist and hoisted him into the air. With the burning string right in front of him, Corey lightly blew it out.

The look on Corey's face was one I haven't seen in a while! He didn't even realize he was in the air yet when he blew out the flames. The class got teary-eyed from laughing so hard.

The fire was put out, but the black circle on the ceiling will leave a remembrance of the fifth-hour chemistry class of 2006 for future classes.



By the **DCHS Dictator Staff**

Dime novels basis of all-school play

By **LAKIN LAHE**

This year's all-school play, "Deadwood Dick," is sure to be a hit.

The play is a rip-roaring melodrama about the American "Wild West" during the post-gold rush era of the late 19th century. It is based on the 1870s dime novels of Edward L. Wheeler and was dramatized by Tom Taggart in 1953, who described it as "a rootin' tootin'" melodrama in three acts.

Auditions were held Jan. 23-24. Main characters include Ned Harris, played by Kellen Doeden; Wild Bill Hickock, Jeremy Tally; Lily Blossom, Jenny Hirsch; Rose, Jenny Ploussard; Blackman Redburn, Jonathan Smith; Judge Nix, Rory Wendelin; Calamity Jane, Tricia Dorshorst; La Paloma, Karyn Jordan; Pong Ping, Kim Wessel; Chet Pussy, Jay Wessel; Sheriff Loveless, Gabe Moore; Molly Loveless, Danica May; Teetotal Tessie, Destry Jackson; Sarah Marcuson, Piano Annie; and Jessica Bremer as Piano Ruthie.

Other characters include Miss

Scarlet, played by Alyssa Montgomery; Ruffus, Jared Marcuson; Buster, Jordan Tally; Bert, Chris Larson; Clide, Ethan Merrill; Charlotte, Elise Hadley; Ginger, Rebecca Helm; Virginia, Marci Metcalf; Frieda, Nikki Wessel; Malinda, Katrina Wentz; Roxanne, Annamaria Larue; Ester, Makenzie Nelson; Margaret, Jacinta Carter; Willamina, Heather Ploussard; Gladis, Heather Glodt; Sue, Emma Merrill; Katherine, Melissa Hasty; and Rosaline, played by Jessica Bremer.

The play is being directed by Leigh Davis, and will be presented on March 17-18.



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February 6-10

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Lunch: chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches. **Thursday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, pears. Lunch: pizza, broccoli with cheese, Mandarin oranges. **Friday:** No school (parent/teacher conferences). Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

Collecting your change

By **TERYN GRAFEL**

The yearbook staff is still collecting loose change to buy yearbooks for students who would like to have a yearbook but don't have that extra money.

The jar is filling up, thanks to the kindness and generosity of children, students, and adults, in addition to a generous contribution from Colonel Delbert Townsend.

"I would like to put a yearbook into every student's hands," said yearbook adviser Brenda Breth.

The yearbook staff would also like to thank Tammy Fredrickson of Fredrickson's Insurance, Shelli Fortin of Shelli's Hair Design, and Laurie Wasson of Prairie Petals. These business owners have allowed us to display our water jug.

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