



ENJOYING THE NICE WEATHER, FFA members Katrina Wentz and Kim Wessel worked on the club scrapbook.

## FFA Week keeps members busy

The Oberlin chapter of the FFA was a busy organization Feb. 20-27 during FFA Week.

FFA doesn't stand for "Future Farmers of America" any more because there are so many fields of agricultural besides farming.

The week started off with an FFA bingo game on Tuesday. The bingo grid was made up of twenty-five squares, each with a different requirement. Students had to get signatures on the bingo card for each of the squares; an FFA officer or someone who has five siblings were just two examples. If the game cards were completed and turned in by noon, students were able to collect their prize of candy. Then at noon all FFA members met for a lunch of chips, hamburgers, hotdogs, and pop in the Vo-Ag building.

Some sorry-looking trucks were in the school parking lot on Wednesday for "Bring Your Work Truck to School." Some were beat-up farm trucks, one was a semi-truck, and others were everyday trucks. There were seven different vehicles wait-

ing to be judged when the bell rang for school to begin. Teachers went out during homeroom to judge these beasts. Chet Ely's red 1989 Ford pickup was chosen as the best work truck. Chet said he uses it to feed cattle.

On Thursday FFA members wore their club t-shirts or polo shirts to school. The officers went to the grade school to talk about farm safety. They also had many fun activities to do with the students. Each child received a packet with a picture to color, some fact-or-fiction questions, and safety rules.

Wearing their western clothes to school on Friday was another way club members showed their FFA pride. All members enjoyed doughnuts and juice during homeroom that day.

The week went great for members and many participated in activities planned for this busy time. Hopefully next year we will have more fun things planned for the whole school to get them involved in FFA week.

# Girls attend spring Kayette Conference

By LAKIN LAHE  
The Spring Kay Unit Conference, sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, was held Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Palco.

Oberlin girls left for the conference at 6:45 a.m. and arrived with a great time ahead of them. Attending were Kaitlyn Stapp, Lauren Fortin, LeAnna Sheaffer, Whitney Beinke, Emmie Pauls, Jenny Ploussard, Lora Marietta, Whitnee Ashley, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Sarah Fringer, Lakin Lahe, and Marci Metcalf.

This year's theme was "Color Our World," and Palco showed it. The Palco Kay members dressed as hippies, and provided the attendees

with lots of treats and fun activities. After being greeted with enthusiasm and doughnuts, everyone was looking forward to a day of fun. Activities included challenges such as building the highest standing balloon tower without talking to team members, brainstorming future ideas for community service, and hearing from guest speakers.

Tattoo artist and former art teacher at Palco High, Lee Smith, spoke about achieving dreams and being unique. Storyteller Steve Johnson explained why a male cardinal is red and why the female is not as bright.

The day ended with this year's song, and a word from Kay State Director Cheryl Gleason.

## Ride the trail in April

The Triple Creek Riders Saddle Club is hosting its second annual Trail Ride on Saturday, April 22.

Riders will meet at Hansen Mueller elevator in Cedar Bluffs, and need to be ready to ride at 10 a.m. The Trail Ride will end around 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. the Oberlin FFA chapter will provide an evening meal hog roast with condiments.

Pre-registration fee is \$3 per horse, or \$5 the day of the ride. The

hog roast is by freewill donation with all proceeds going to help sponsor the Oberlin FFA chapter officers on a trip to Washington, D.C.

For more information or to pre-register contact Mick Barth at (785) 475-2912; Roma Grafel, (785) 475-3213; Tina Meitl, (785) 386-4548; or Jason Ketterl, (785) 475-2586.

Noon meal will be on your own as well as additional snacks. No pets are allowed on the trail ride.

## Don't miss school play

By KELLEN DOEDEN  
The cast of the all-school play, "Deadwood Dick," has been working since January for its performances on March 17 and March 18 at 7:30 p.m. The story is about two cowboys and two young ladies who visit a small town haunted by a criminal called Deadwood Dick.

Kim Wessel, who plays Pong

Ping, said, "The play is going very well. I feel very confident about our future performances."

Director Leigh Davis said, "I am very pleased with the work the kids have put in, and I know they will do well. My one concern is that we don't have a set, but we are working on it."

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



SELLING LIKE HOTCAKES, compatibility test results available from National Honor Society members Andy Gilliam, Clint Krizek and Whitnee Ashley went for a dollar each during lunchtime on Valentine's Day. The organization raised \$184.

## Surveys great fun!

By TERYN GRAFEL  
National Honor Society's annual Valentine's Day fundraiser is always a big hit with the students.

On Feb. 1, the club handed out surveys to all the high school students during homeroom. The completed surveys were then sent in to a company who matched students up according to compatibility, based on how the surveys were answered.

If students wanted to know their

matches they had to buy their lists on Valentine's Day. Printouts gave the names of ten people they are supposedly compatible with, names of students who would make good friends, and then names of those with whom they were least compatible.

Students had a choice of buying a printout of classmates, or the whole high school. National Honor Society made \$184 total.

## School Menus

### March 13-17 OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast: juice, cereal, muffin, applesauce. Lunch: ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, applesauce. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: juice, waffle, ham patty, peaches. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: juice, sau-

sage on a stick, pears. Lunch: pizza, spinach, pears. **Thursday:** Breakfast: juice, biscuit and gravy, tropical fruit. Lunch: hamburgers with cheese, chips, beets, tropical fruit. **Friday:** Breakfast: juice, cereal, muffin, apricots. Lunch: spaghetti, garlic bread, cheesy green beans, apricots. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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