

* Students learn to write for grade school paper

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video game or movie revues or they can write about their favorite subject in school, clubs or sports.

Baron Green said he comes up with story ideas by writing about his own experiences or things that he already knows.

As the teacher and the editor of the paper Mr. Thornton said, he helps the students set up interviews and checks their work. He said he doesn't change their wording though because he wants it to be a fifth-grade newspaper not a fifth-grade teacher's newspaper.

He said he does make suggestions, but doesn't write for them.

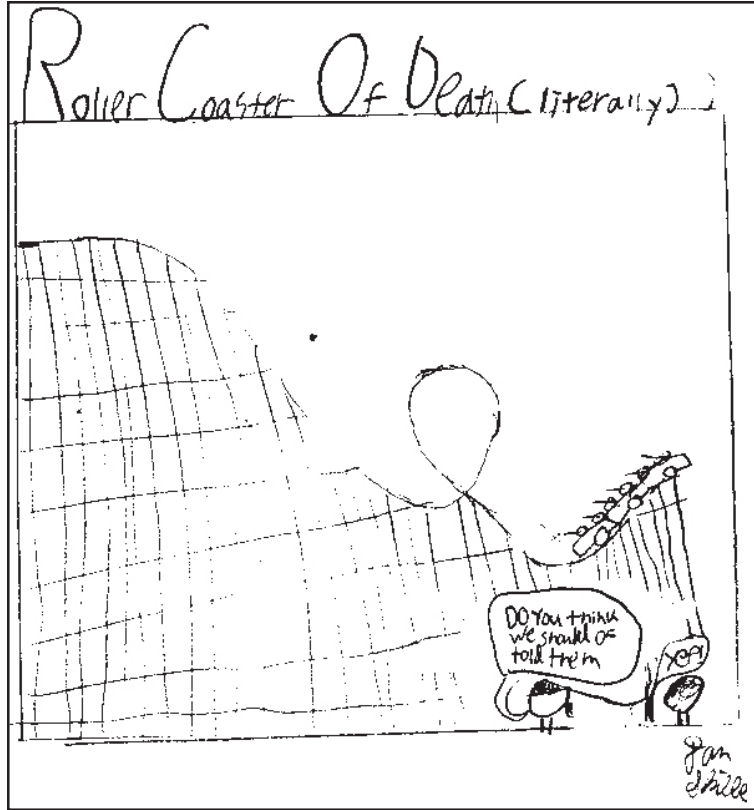
"I have been asked about some of the mistakes that are printed in the paper," he said. "The students need to make mistakes in order to learn what to do differently. If I fixed all of the mistakes then we wouldn't have anything to go back and compare to and look at how much we're improving as writers."

He said they use the old papers for class to see if the students have followed the conventional rules and if the sentences have a good flow.

"Writing," he said, "is important for every age group. It's the only way a lot of people can express themselves."

Lara Zodrow said she enjoys writing because she likes to be creative and have fun with her mind. Her classmate Kyle Breth said he likes writing for the *O.E.S. Express* because it will help him become a better writer.

Mr. Thornton said it was hard at the beginning of year to get the stu-



A cartoon by Dan Skibbe

dents settled down to write anything because they were timid about spelling errors. Once they learned they could go back and fix problems they became much more creative writers.

"I get some really crazy stories sometimes," he said, "or comics that aren't all that funny to me, but the main thing is that they used their imaginations and really put thought into what they were writing."

Justin Gee said he likes writing for the paper because he's learned things he didn't know before and people learn things from the *O.E.S.*

Express. Konner Fortin said he likes writing because he enjoys people's reactions when they read his articles.

"These students have so many God-given talents that makes all of them diverse," said Mr. Thornton. "They won't all go to college, but they all will use the talents God gave them in one way or another. A big part of my job is not just to teach curriculum, but also to nurture my student's personalities and help them develop into individuals."

* City plans to remove limbs

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of the city, including the west side of Penn, starting Monday, March 26.

Jason Ketterl, vocational agriculture teacher at Decatur Community High School, volunteered to help with the project by cutting up limbs and getting them to the front yard for

people who can't.

Mr. Ketterl will organize volunteers from the FFA members, the National Honor Society and adults.

The city office will serve as the contact point, so anyone who needs help getting the limbs to the curb should call City Clerk Deanna Castle at 475-2217.

City Administrator Gary Shike said landowners are responsible for any hanging limbs that need to come down, unless the limb is over a power line. Mr. Shike said anyone with limbs on power lines should call the city, instead of trying to get them down by themselves.

Home, garden show set to go

As the weather heats up and the snow melts, it feels more and more like spring every day, which for some means redecorating houses, planting a garden and spending more time outside.

For many people, this means supplies are needed to cook out, play outdoors or repaint the house. And it is also time for the annual Decatur County Chamber of Commerce and

KFNF Home and Garden Show at The Gateway.

The show kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday and goes until 5 p.m. Festivities will resume Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols said she has 24 booths signed up for the show. Those include booths for cosmetics, the Last Indian Raid Museum, games, coins,

four-wheelers, motorcycles, grills, furnaces, dishwashers, plastic containers, the cable company and many more. Mrs. Nichols said the volunteer emergency medical technicians plan to have the county's new ambulance on display.

The Gateway staff will cook and sell lunch. Mrs. Nichols said admission to the show is free.

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Getting ready for barn



ON SATURDAY Michael Wasson used survey equipment at the Decatur County Fairground to start the leveling work for the new arena and livestock building purchased through the Decatur County Fair Foundation. Mr. Wasson and Clay Anderson, who also helped with the leveling, spearheaded the fundraising for the building.

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Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager. Swimming pool manager must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid. Experience as pool manager or assistant manager would be helpful.

Application forms can be pickup at the **City Office, #1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS 67749**