

THE GAME ON sign marked the front of one of the floats (above) during the Decatur Community High School Homecoming parade Friday on Main Street. Des Shields (below left) and Farra McChesney demonstrated the chess float as they yelled out check mate and a Buffalo player fell over.



Students celebrate with parade

Students at Decatur Community High School celebrated homecoming all week, dressing up for a different theme each day, building floats, having a bonfire, playing games, choosing a king and queen and dancing the evening away in the cafeteria.

During Spirit Week, students were asked to dress up for Pajama Day on Monday, Sept. 22, with the seniors winning and the freshmen second. The juniors won the 80s Day on Tuesday, Sept. 23, with the seniors coming in second, then the juniors and seniors tied for "Dress Your Best" day last Wednesday. On Thursday the students dressed in the colors of their favorite team and on Friday it was Red Devil spirit day.

At an assembly on Friday, Heather Ploussard was named Homecoming queen while Lucas Juenemann was crowned king.

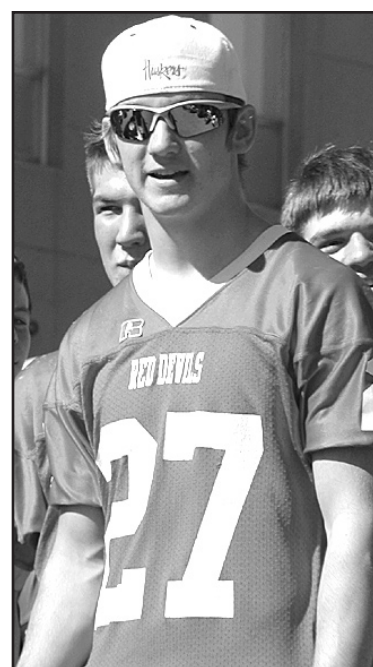
The other queen candidates were Tamara Ketterl, Annamarie Larue, Cherish Manning and Alyssa Rippe. Queen candidates were chosen by the football team. Other king candidates, chosen by the volleyball team, were Derek Chambers, Logan Fortin, Nathan Simonsson and Everett Urban.

This year, the Athlete From the Past invited back was Jason Ketterl, and Leigh (Lohoefer) Johnson was the 10-year queen.

Following the assembly, the students headed downtown for the annual parade. Main Street was lined with parents, grandparents and other Red Devils supporters. The king and queen rode in a convertible with Madelaine Johnson, daughter of J.D. and Rachel Johnson, flower girl, and Adrick Ray, son of Julia and Don Ray, as crown bearer.

The other candidates also rode in convertibles donated for the parade.

Besides the theme days during



ON THE FOOTBALL FLOAT, Toby Peters stood his ground during the parade Friday.

Spirit Week, the students competed in a window decorating contest and with class floats for the parade.

The window theme was racing, with the juniors taking first with the theme "E-race the Buffs." The seniors came in second with "Eat our Dust."

The seniors took first place for the float competition with a chess theme. The juniors came in second with "Buffalo Trap," the sophomores third with "Sorry" and the freshmen were fourth with a racing theme.

That night, the Red Devils played the Rawlins County Buffalo, losing 44-12.

On Saturday, the students got dressed in their best for the traditional dance in the cafeteria of the high school.



CHEERLEADERS Megan Wentz, Brooklyn O'Hare, Darian Bose and Serena Stacey rode in the back of a pickup truck during the parade.



KING LUCAS JUENEMANN (above) and Queen Heather Ploussard rode in the back of a convertible car with Madelaine Johnson, flower girl, and Adrick Ray, crown bearer. Cassidy Shields (left front) and Alexis Hissong held their trumpets as they marched in the parade.

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