



BRANDI DIEDERICH helps elementary students take their fingerprints at the Science night. — Photo by Stephanie Bruggeman

Science night great success

By **STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

Oberlin Elementary School was full of science on Tuesday, Nov. 11. As students and parents gathered in the gym to be dismissed to different stations for a science-filled night, high school students got everything ready for the elementary students. There were six different events that all of the students got to take part in. They were divided into classes and stayed at every station for about ten minutes.

There was a wide range of science going on from the chemistry stations, which included Roto-copters, runaway cans, and psychedelic filter paper, to the biology stations including fingerprints, cockroaches, and microscope activities.

Chemistry teacher Mark Bricker said, "I thought we had a good turn out, and it was very nice to see all the family involvement going on. It was really fun to see how they reacted to our stations."

Science Night was a good way to have the high school students interact with the younger kids. Mr. How-

land said, "I was very impressed with everyone that came, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves."

The high school biology II students who helped out included Adrienne Pauls, Jessica Fredrickson, Gatlin Reichert, Nolan Wasson, Brandi Diederich, Amanda Edmiston, Toby Peters, and Kortnie Fisher.

The Chemistry I and II students who helped were Derek Chambers, Chris Larson, Heather Ploussard, Nathan Simonsson, Alyssa Rippe, Cole May, and Stephanie Bruggeman.

Kayette group earns Gold Award

By **STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

On an early Thursday morning, a few of the board members and officers hopped in a suburban and made their way to Wakeeney for the Regional Kay Conference.

Linda Glaze, Kayette sponsor, Alyssa Rippe, Heather Ploussard, Ashley Horton, Stephanie Bruggeman, Sara Kyte, Anna Larue, Carissa Wentz, and Emma Merrill were among over one hundred Kay members from 25 area schools at the conference.

The Kayettes shared ideas that our club does, and they also learned

a lot of things they can start doing. The Oberlin club received the Gold Award, which is the highest award a Kayette organization can earn.

Kayette President Alyssa Rippe said, "This was a very well-organized conference, and we learned a lot of great ideas that our club could try doing. It was also very nice seeing some of our friends from Kay Camp."

Mrs. Glaze said, "All of the girls were very excited afterwards and had some really good ideas."

Also at the conference were elections for new area four presi-

dent. Our very own Ashley Horton ran. Although she wasn't elected, she did a great job.

Ashley said, "I feel all of the candidates did a very good job, and the new president Kerra Cissne from Lincoln Junior Senior High School will do a very good job as our new president."

"Ashley represented our school very well and did a very good job," said Mrs. Glaze.

All of the Oberlin girls felt they learned a lot about how to be a good leader and how to make our club the best it can be.

Ignite-Leadership conference held

By **ADRIENNE PAULS**

IGNITE. This was the theme of the Kansas State University Leadership Conference held in Manhattan. The conference was organized by Blue Key, which is the college National Honor Society.

This past Monday five National Honor Society members including, Kira Meitl, Jessica Fredrickson, Brandi Diederich, Nolan Wasson, and Adrienne Pauls attended the

conference, along with National Honor Society advisor Candy DeJmal and Student Council advisor Brenda Breth.

The conference was set up with three different speakers in the opening ceremony, lunchtime, and closing. Each speaker had different words of wisdom to help over 160 high school students and advisors learn about leadership, and to help these student leaders spread

this message to their fellow students back home. In between each speaker, there were different breakout sessions that the students could choose from.

Some topics that were discussed were things like ethics, how to set priorities, and how to use critical thinking and problem solving in the classroom and in life.

Veterans visit at school

By **TAMARA KETTERL**

"If you are not a vet, find someone who is and thank them." -- Jerry Chambers

This is just one of the many thanks that echoed through the Oberlin senior high gym as students, teachers, and guests gathered to commemorate Veterans Day.

The program, which was organized by the National Honor Society, started off with the American Legion Post #70 posting the Colors. The students all rose and recited the pledge of allegiance with National Honor Society president Derek Chambers, followed by the DCHS Singers singing the National Anthem.

Derek introduced the 31 veterans in attendance, who received a standing ovation from the students, teachers, and other guests.

As the students listened, Nathan Simonsson told the history of Veterans Day and why we celebrate it today. Derek then introduced the guest speaker, his father Jerry Chambers who serves with his Reserve unit, the 1013th Quartermaster Company based in North Platte and McCook. Mr. Chambers has served over 30 years in the army and he spoke about what it means to put on an American military uniform. Quoting Thomas Paine, he said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

Towards the end of the program, Kira Meitl, the secretary of National Honor Society, recited a poem called "Daddy's Poem," which is an anonymous poem about a little girl who stands alone in front of her class on Fathers' day and tells about her dad who died in war. In the poem the little girl talks about how he is always with her and how he is and always will be her hero.

Closing the program was the singing of "America the Beautiful" with the students and community in the stands. The Veterans were then asked to stand out in the hall so the students could shake their hands and thank them.

Present at the assembly were Charles Lincoln, David Bergling, Glen Baughman, Dean Groneweg, Marvin Slabaugh, Jim Miesner, Dwayne Jones, Wayne "Bill" Woods, Paul Corcoran, Varlan Neal, Lee Waldo, Dale Young, Jay Anderson, John Juenemann, Larry Smith, John Cederberg, Bob Castle, Gary Jensen, Herschel Betts, Derry Bishop, Canaan Bishop, Harold Leitner, Jerry Chambers, Martin May, Francis Moore, John Schultz, Rusty Addleman, Walter Pennell, John Bremer, Warren Bainter, and Gary Allen.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the **DCHS Dictator Staff**

Students do well at Math Relays

By **ADRIENNE PAULS**

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science held the 13th Annual Fort Hays State Math Relays last week on Thursday, November 13.

This competition is a math event for students in grades 9-12. There are six different events to be involved in: Using Number Sense, Trigonometry, Algebraic Manipulations, Informal Geometry and Measurement, Applications of Algebra and Arithmetic, and Calculations with Calculators.

Along with those events, students could be entered as either a team of three or an individual. The team groups are set up where one person starts taking a test for a set time, then the second person gets that same test and does as much as he/she can, and then the third person tries to finish the rest of the test.

In the individual events, the student takes the test by him/herself for the whole time period.

The students who attended this competition were sophomores Carissa Wentz, Jacob Larue, and Jacob Helm; juniors Adrienne Pauls, Jes-

sica Fredrickson, Nolan Wasson, Ashley Horton, Hunter Nedland, and Mary Olson; and senior Derek Chambers.

In the Informal Geometry category, the team of Carissa, Jacob Helm and Jacob Larue placed first out of nine teams.

The team of Adrienne Pauls, Jessica Fredrickson and Ashley Horton placed second out of 15 teams in trigonometry. In the same event, Mary Olson placed 13th and Nolan Wasson 15th out of 75 as individuals.

In Application of Algebra and Arithmetic, the team of Jessica Fredrickson, Nolan Wasson, and Ashley Horton placed second out of 11 teams. As an individual, Carissa Wentz placed 11th out of 43.

Carissa Wentz, Jacob Helm and Jacob Larue also placed fifth out of 13 in the team competition of Algebraic Manipulations, and the team of Adrienne Pauls, Hunter Nedland, and Mary Olson placed sixth out of 14 teams in Calculations with Calculators. Derek Chambers placed 12th out of 60 individuals.

Blood drive meets goals

By **FARRA MCCHESENEY**

Over 240 lives could be saved with the blood collected at the Third Annual Decatur Community High School Blood Drive.

The Oberlin Student Council and National Honor Society organized and volunteered at the event, starting at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 and ending around 4:00 p.m.

Twenty-two people gave blood

for the first time, most of whom were Oberlin students. You have to be 17-years-old to give blood, but anyone 16 can give blood as long as they have permission from a parent.

Eighty-two pints of blood were collected, which was two over our goal of 80.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, Red Cross workers, and especially all of those who gave blood.

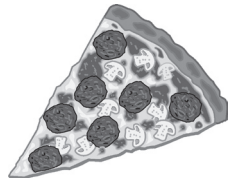
School Menus

Nov. 24 - 28

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: fruit turnovers. Lunch: pigs in a blanket, biscuits and gravy. Lunch: pizza, pineapple chunks. **Wednesday:** No School. **Thursday:** No School. **Friday:** No School.

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HIGHWAY 385



Highway 385 Band, "The true voice of Middle America" will play in concert at the Oberlin Gateway, Saturday, November 22, 2008, 7:30 p.m. The four members of the band play guitar, banjo, mandolin, dobro and sing bluegrass, Country, 50's Rock'n'roll in addition to other sounds.

Sponsored by Oberlin Arts & Humanities Commission

Season Ticket Event or \$10/adults, \$5/students grades 1-12. For information call Mary Henzel (785-470-0218 cell) or Ella Betts (785-475-3557)

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