



GREG SHAW helps his uncle, Milo Lippelmann.
— Photo by Melissa Lippelmann

Student works hard at grandparents' farm

By ADRIENNE PAULS
After school some students go to practice, work, or go home and do homework. Sophomore Greg Shaw helps out at his grandparents' farm about fifteen miles southwest of town.
Greg is the grandson of Dan and Vickie Lippelmann.
He works at the farm every day during the summer from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During the school year, Greg usually goes out to the farm two or three days a week after school. He works with his grandpa and uncles Milo and Wheat Lippelmann.
Since Greg works on a farm, there are always a lot of chores to do. Some thing seems to break down

about every day, and one of his jobs is to help fix things. He also shears sheep, swathes and bales hay, and does other farm work.
Greg says he helps his grandparents and uncles on the farm not just for the money, but also to know that he gets the job done. Greg also said that he just likes to help out his grandparents. When asked why he does it, Greg said, "Because I get to see my time and effort grow into something I can profit out of."
When asked if he likes to work out on the farm, Greg said, "I like it, but sometimes there can be some cold and nasty weather." Greg enjoys working with the sheep, but said, "I don't name my sheep because I don't want to get attached."



SOPHOMORE TRACY HOPPAL decorates a sugar skull. Carol Brown's Spanish classes learned about the Day of the Dead festivities celebrated in Mexico.
— Dictator Photo

Classes celebrate El Dia de Los Muertos

By CAROL BROWN
While in the United States we just celebrated Halloween, in Mexico they are celebrating El Dia de Los Muertos or the Day of the Dead. Although they are similar, they are also very different.
For us Halloween is a day of dressing up as different characters and collecting tons of candy. As for them, it's a day of preparation for a day of great importance. The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated in Mexico. It is a tribute to those who have died. El Dia de Los Santos or The Day of the Saints is Nov. 1. This day is set aside to celebrate the children who have died.
The actual Day of the Dead occurs on Nov. 2. Oct. 31 is the day of preparation. On this particular day, they go to the market and purchase flowers, candles, and other materials needed for the celebration. They decorate altars in their homes with flowers, especially marigolds, candles, papel picado, favorite foods, and toys.
They also decorate altars with a picture of the deceased and use incense to lift their prayers. The celebration takes place at their homes

and the cemetery. They believe that death is a passing to another existence, and they embrace death instead of mourning it.
The atmosphere is very festive. People dress up with costumes to emulate the loved ones who have passed. Candy skulls, chocolate covered grasshoppers, mole (spicy chocolate), and bread of the dead are all types of food that are eaten during this festive time.
In our Spanish classes we decorated skeletons, made candy sugar skulls, and created virtual altars on the internet. The Spanish club is also selling skull pops.

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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

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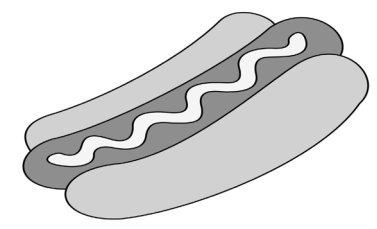
By ASHLI SAMSON
It takes only an hour to donate blood, but that hour can make the difference between life and death for at least three other people.
The Fourth Annual Decatur Community High School Blood Drive is Wednesday, Nov. 11. Anyone who is 17-years old (or 16 with parental consent), weighs 110 pounds and is in good health can donate blood.
Why give blood? Because every two seconds someone in our country needs blood, but only five percent of the eligible U.S. population donates blood.
Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live. For nearly five million people who need blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death.
Student Council, National Honor Society and the FFA are sponsoring the DCHS Blood Drive and encourage everyone eligible to donate blood. Students and staff can sign up in the office. Community members can visit www.givelife.org or call (800) GIVE-LIFE ((800) 448-3543). Walk-ins are also welcome.
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