

Yes, Wade can!



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Students place 4th at scholar bowl

By JORI DIÉDERICH

With only three team members, the Oberlin Scholar Bowl Team was still able to win five of the nine rounds at the Norton Scholar Bowl and place fourth overall.

Competing for Oberlin were Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm and Hunter Nedland.

The trio beat Osborne 60-55, Colby 50-30, Rawlins County 80-45, Northern Valley 80-25, and

Norton II 85-50.

Decatur Community High School lost to Victoria 80-40, Thomas Moore Prep Hays 55-20, Norton I in the semi-final round 85 to 50, and Hays High in the consolation finals 70-50.

Norton won its own tournament, followed by TMP in second place, and Hays High in third.

Marlene Moxter is the DCHS scholar bowl coach.

By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN

Wade Juenemann, a senior at Decatur Community High School, has received the "Yes, I Can" award, which is given to honor students with disabilities who excel. This award celebrates achievements of children and youth with disabilities and encourages these individuals to seek their highest potential. At the same time, the "Yes, I Can" award increases public awareness of the abilities, aspirations and personal qualities of youth.



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Fourteen individuals throughout the state of Kansas were given this award, which is sponsored by the Council For Exceptional Children.

Karin Rasmussen, the assistant technology director at Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley, nominated Wade for the award.

Wade had to fill out an application on-line that consisted of many questions in six sections. He also had to submit two recommendations, a personal statement and a

photograph.

Wade was nominated in the area of extra-curricular activities. He runs tracks for the high school track team, was selected by last year's senior class as a graduation marching usher, has been white water rafting in Colorado, and has attended numerous camps. One of the letters of recommendation states that Wade "has shown again and again that yes, he can do anything."

Wade was scheduled to attend a luncheon in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza hotel and also tour the capitol building on October 17, but he was unable to attend. Anita Oelke, President of the CEC who works at the Oakley service center, had his award sent to Oberlin.

Wade received a certificate, a trophy, and his nomination was submitted to the national level in Nashville, TN.

The students, faculty, and staff are very proud of Wade for receiving this award and wish him the best of luck at the national level.



HUNTER NEDLAND helped Nolan Wasson demonstrate atmospheric pressure. The two are in Mark Bricker's physics class. —Photo by Dictator Staff

Physics students have some fun

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON

The first-hour physics class did an experiment on atmospheric pressure by using an interesting test subject - themselves.

In order to do this experiment, they had to have one lucky student step into a large plastic sack, and cover themselves up to their shoulders holding as much excess of the sack inside. Then Mr. Bricker handed them the "vacuum of science" to place inside the plastic sack.

After everything was in place, Mr. Bricker hit the "on" button on the vacuum to begin the fun. The

vacuum sucked all the air out of the sack leaving the plastic sack skin tight against the victim inside.

When asked about his experience inside the air-tight sack, Hunter Nedland said, "I felt claustrophobic. It's a weird feeling like nothing I've experienced."



School Menus

December 14 - 18 OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: cinnamon bun stick, yogurt. Lunch: Barbecue beef sandwich, baked beans.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Walking tacos, refried beans. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Waffles, sausage pattie. Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, pineapple chunks (OES sack lunch)

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast boat pizza. Lunch: Slice turkey, mashed potatoes, bread dressing.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple or cherry turnover. Lunch: chicken nuggets, french fries.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

...and the band played on



TRUMPETEERS Grant Gilliam, Alexis Hisson and Joslyn Wade performed during the junior high music concert. The junior high band and vocal students had their first concert on Dec. 1. —Photo by Dictator Staff



STUDENTS at the House of Hope in Haiti learn at an adjoining school.

Supplies needed for Haiti students

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON

Nanette Zander made her first trip to Haiti in 1994 where her eyes were opened tremendously. She went with the group the Christians Children's Concern Society to donate food, shirts, and other supplies to the local Haitian kids.

Nanette since has gone back several times because she felt a tug on her heart to do more for the kids. In 2005 an anonymous donor gave enough money to found the House of Hope, which now houses 15 kids and includes a schooling system so the kids can be educated.

Nanette is very proud of this house because she believes, "Education is the path out of poverty."

On Thursday, Dec. 3, Nanette Zander came to Decatur Community High School to talk to the students about some of her experiences and things she saw in Haiti. The presentation included pictures

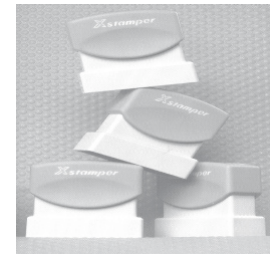
of everyday life in Haiti, some of the students, the House of Hope, a "tap-tap," which is what we would call a taxi, and some ideas on how we can help out those living in Haiti.

The Kayettes put together a list of goods that students can donate to send to Haiti. Most of what Nanette is looking for are basic school supplies which include some of the following: folders, binders, notebooks, pencils, pens and glue. Other items students can bring are deodorant, socks, and other hygiene products.

The student council is also working on this project with the Kayettes and is making this a class competition for points. Whichever class brings the most items gets a total of fifty class points, second place team gets thirty-five points, third gets twenty points, fourth gets ten, and fifth and sixth place get five points each.

Students can bring their items to

the library from Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Dec. 11. This is a great opportunity to not only help your class out in the class points contest, but it's also doing good for others less fortunate.



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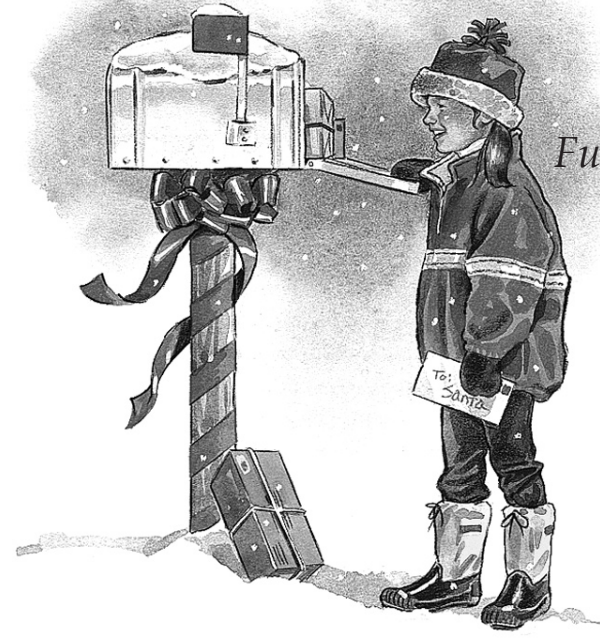
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