



CHALLENGING STUDENTS during an assembly which honored him on Friday was Wade Juenemann, (above) a senior at Decatur Community High School. Since his favorite color is purple, the school and community participated to honor him by wearing purple. He smiled (right) as he lifted the bag of pennies collected for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the Penny War.
—Dictator Staff photos

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Seniors receive honors at university

By ASHLI SAMSON
Ashley Horton, Kira Meitl and Adrienne Pauls were honored at the Kansas University Honors Banquet held Wednesday, April 7, in Colby. The three were among 43 seniors from Northwest Kansas honored at the banquet.
Every year, each school is represented at the banquet by the top 10 percent of the graduating class. The ceremony is organized by the KU Alumni Association.
Decatur County's KU coordinator is Rhonda May. This was Ms. May's first year as coordinator, following Kurt Vollertsen who served as Decatur's coordinator for many years. Each student was given a dictionary.

Community wears purple for Wade Day

Purple. Decatur Community High School, Oberlin Elementary School, and many businesses throughout town were swimming in a sea of purple last Friday — all to support one very special Oberlin senior — Wade Juenemann.
Throughout both schools, the principals, students, teachers and staff members were wearing purple and orange "Wade Warrior" t-shirts to support Wade, who has leukemia and will undergo a bone biopsy on April 26. Purple is Wade's favorite color, and orange is the color of leukemia cancer ribbons.
"Wade Day" was created by the Student Council, and president Gatlin Reichert read the official proclamation announcing Friday, April 23, 2010, as Wade Day to begin the all-school assembly for Wade.
Wade Day capped off a two-week Penny War among the classes, which was used to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Each class had a jar in the main entrance to collect spare change. Pennies added points, but silver and bills deducted points, so classes

collected pennies to put in their jars and added silver coins and bills to the other jars.
After being behind all week, the Senior Class won the Penny War with their last-minute surge of \$431 in just pennies. Ashli Samson, Adrienne Pauls and Stephanie Bruggeman spear-headed the seniors' strategy of collecting pennies and keeping them secret until the last day when they brought in a wagon full of pennies. They rolled the wagon — and Wade — onto the stage for the all-school assembly. Over \$1,200 was collected by the students and faculty. The Student Council will give the money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Wade's name.
Superintendent Duane Dorshorst spoke at the Wade Day assembly. He told Wade, who sat on the stage, and the audience that he remembered the day Wade was born and was privileged to watch Wade grow up. He also said that even though Wade liked elementary school, there was one thing he didn't like and wondered if Wade remembered what

that one thing was? Without hesitating, Wade said "work" especially the homework in math.
Mr. Dorshorst also said that he remembered Wade always smiling, and that is what everyone will always remember about Wade.
Brenda Breth, Student Council adviser, then explained that the assembly was not just for Wade, but for the whole school because everyone has gotten behind Wade and supported him and his family since last October when he first learned he has leukemia.
"We all love Wade, and because of Wade, we are all a bit nicer, a bit kinder, a bit more generous," said Mrs. Breth. "He brings out the best in all of us."
Principal Charles Haag said that Wade is always smiling and talks to everyone he sees in the halls. Then he challenged the student body "to make every day a Wade Day," when we continually support and encourage each other.
He also challenged the student body to carry their energy and enthusiasm over to the Relay for Life.

"Who knows someone who has or had cancer?" he asked. Every hand shot up. "We all know Wade, and many of us knew Mr. Buchholz. We've all been affected by cancer in one way or another." He encouraged the students to form Relay for Life teams or buy luminaries for someone they love "to find a cure for Wade and others with cancer."
Wade then thanked everyone for wearing his favorite color and for supporting him.
The high school band played, the "Sea of Purple Rose," everyone cheered. It was a good day... Wade Day.

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School nurse helps students

By JORI DIEDERICH
Her job is more than just putting a band-aid on a student who fell on the playground. She also advises, counsels, as well as, do other jobs a nurse would normally do — taking temperatures and checking ears, just to name a few.
Johanna Mason is the school nurse for both the junior/senior high school and the grade school.
She has been working for USD #294 for five years now and says she just loves it. "The kids are great, never a boring day," said Mrs. Mason. She doesn't care for all the paperwork, but who does? Mrs. Mason works about 30 hours a week.
Mrs. Mason keeps track of every single student's immunization records and their specific medical needs.
She checks hearing and vision, keeps track of heights and weights, and is called upon constantly to take care of emergencies that pop up throughout the day.

Before moving to Oberlin with her family, she was a nurse at a college, worked in home health, and for Hospice. She said that the pace among her past jobs varied, and she looks as this job as a chance to inform and teach while doing something she enjoys — being a nurse and taking care of people.

Mrs. Mason wants students to consider her a resource on health and wellness. She would like to eventually put together a "Walking Club" for students. The program would help and encourage students who aren't out for sports to start being more active.

School Menus

May 3-7 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast boat pizza. Lunch: chicken strips, rice pilaf. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Pancake, ham pattie. Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Western omelet, toast. Lunch: **Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: hamburger, french fries. (OES Fun Day)
Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

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