

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



THE DECATUR COMMUNITY HIGH junior class toured the courthouse as part of County Government Day on Sept. 21 and talked to Clerk of the Court Janet Meitl on the third floor.

— Dictator staff photo

Juniors tour court

By **BROOKLYN O'HARE**

The Junior Class toured the courthouse on Sept. 21, for County Government Day. This was the third year for the event, which was first organized by the intergenerational committee of Decatur Tomorrow. Now, the special day is organized by the National Honor Society.

The Juniors had the opportunity to learn more about the system of government in Decatur County. They got to speak with three county commissioners, Gene Gallentine,

Ralph Unger, and Stan McEvoy.

They also visited the many different offices in the courthouse and learned about each of them. Those offices include the appraiser's office, county clerk, county engineer, register of deeds, district court clerk, dispatch, and the extension office which is now called Twin Creeks.

The juniors and the National Honor Society would like to thank the county employees who took the time to talk to the students.

Students jump for cause

By **KEITHEN FORTIN**

Heart Disease reigns as U.S.A.'s number one killer. Stroke is the number three leading cause of serious disability as well. One million people die from heart disease and stroke every year. This makes up one out of every two and a half deaths in the nation.

Jump Rope for Heart is a national fundraising program for heart disease. The program provides money for research in heart disease and stroke. Jump Rope for Heart is sponsored jointly by American Alliance for Health, Physical

Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) and the American Heart Association (AHA)

Over fifteen percent of children and young adults are now overweight. Four million children have above-normal blood pressure and twenty seven million children have high cholesterol.

Oberlin Elementary School students jump roped on Friday, October 1 to raise money for a cure. PE instructor Jeff Jones organized the event in his PE classes. Their goal is \$7500.

Coach Johnson kisses pig

By **JOSH RITTER**

For a fundraiser project by our Oberlin FFA, our school participated in a "Kiss A Pig" contest.

Jars with teachers' pictures on them were placed inside the front door of our school. If you wanted a teacher to kiss a pig after the

Norton vs. Oberlin football game, you simply put money in the jar of that teacher. Not to many people's surprise, Coach Johnson won by a landslide. He snuggled up with the little fellow after the game and gave him a big smooch right on the piglet's lips.

Homecoming set for Friday

Homecoming 2010 is this Friday. A week of activities will be capped off with Friday night's football game against Rawlins County.

Students have been participating all week in Spirit Week, a window-decorating contest, and float building.

Thursday night at 8:00 will be the traditional bonfire/pep assembly. The students will gather in front of the school.

The assembly will be Friday at 1:30. This is a time change from previous years because of the new

8-period day and later lunch shifts.

The Homecoming queen and king will be crowned at the assembly. Coach J.D. Johnson will speak, along with 10-year queen Andrea Bailey and Athlete of the Past Todd Ketterl.

Following the assembly at 2:30 will be the homecoming parade, which will feature the candidates, the band and class floats.

The Homecoming dance will be Saturday in the cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.



New Students

Jalyn Shaw

By **JORI DIEDERICH**

The biggest KU fan I know, she is a new freshman here at DCHS and we're so glad she's here. Jalyn Shaw comes from Hoxie High School. She and Jeff transferred here because "it was time for a change, and I like it here," she said.

Her family includes Danny, Miriam, Gary, Dustin, Marci, Jeff Shaw, Bailey, Rowdy, and Tasha Belair.

She is 14 years old. Her favorite subject is Physical Science so far. This busy girl is already in volleyball and plans to participate in basketball, track, Chante, speech, Spanish Club, and Scholar bowl.

Jeff Shaw

By **SERENA STACY**

We all see him driving around town because it's one of his favorite things to do, he says. Jeff Shaw is the son of Danny and Miriam Shaw. He comes from a large family, which includes Jalyn, Gary, Dustin, Marci Shaw, and Tasha Belair.

Jeff currently lives in Selden Kansas. He came from Hoxie High School. "I came to DCHS for more opportunity for success in the future." He really likes the different classes that Oberlin has to offer, including vocal.

Jeff is excited for wrestling season to start.

Shelby Fricke

Shelby Fricke is a new 7th grader that transferred from McCook. Her parents are Christy Kirk and Don Fricke. She has a brother Matthew, and a sister Nickole.

Shelby's hobbies include dancing, soccer, and baseball. She plans on going out for the cheerleading squad and the basketball team.

"There are a lot of nice people here, and the teachers are nice too. I really like this school. I think it's cool."

School Menus

October 11 - 15

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, rice

Tuesday: Breakfast: Ham combo, blueberry mini loaf Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic sticks

Wednesday: Breakfast: Omelet, toast Lunch: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans

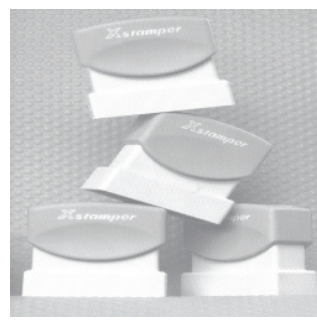
Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast bites Lunch: Chicken pattie sandwich, french fries.

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

Milk served with all meals.

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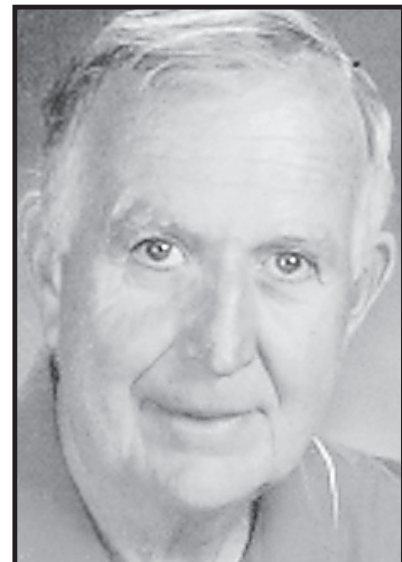
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Jerry Moran
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1st District



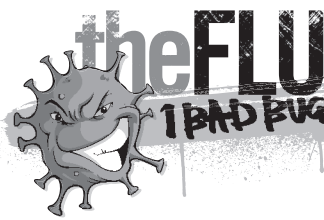
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