

DRAMA CLUB PRESIDENT, Joe Hirsch (above), helped move the dumpster closer to the "Drama House," while (below) he helped to clean a storage area. - Photos by Jacob Helm

Drama students clean house

By JORI DIEDERICH

With the Mini-Sappa Days it was time to straighten up the Nedland. "Drama House."

age – including storage of drama costumes and props.

Fifteen Drama Club members got their hands dirty on October 8 as they cleaned and sorted and cleaned some more.

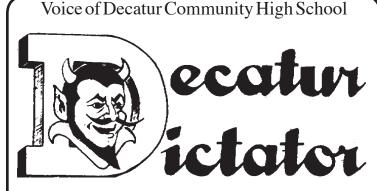
Sierra Lohoefener, Emma Borton, Haley Schiessler, Ryan May,

Channing Fortin, Lara Zodrow, Nikita Bose, Bret Ashley, Jacob melodrama over with, and the Helm, Matt Glading, Ben Gladmusical just around the corner, ing, Kyle Breth, and Elizabeth

According to Drama Club spon-The house just east of the high sor Leigh Davis, they ran into a school is used mostly for stor- wet situation. There is a leak in the roof, which left some costumes ruined, and some walls and lumber all moldy. They loaded two dumpsters and a pick-up of

After getting rid of the bad stuff, Helping with the cleaning were students and Miss Davis organized Joe Hirsch, Nolan Henningson, the props and costumes to have a fresh start this year.





By the DCHS Dictator Staff

85th Halloween clean up Monday

By RACHELLE SCOTT

which means it's that time of year again. Monday, October 25 is Halloween Clean-up. This is the 85th anniversary. The annual event began in 1925 by Decatur Community High School students.

Students decided to make a traditional community-improvement project that helped the elders by raking lawns, carrying delicacies to shut-ins and making the appearance of the town more presentable.

The idea came from the late superintendent Caleb W. Smick. After planning it out, Mr. Smick went to the City Council members and explained what he and the students wanted to do. The City Council was enthused about the project, but was doubtful they could accomplish it. However, they supported the project and said they would provide for a city-wide hot dog roast after

There were many adults that helped during the planning, but the students were in complete control and made it clear to everyone. Many news articles appeared in the local paper. With everyone aware of clean-up they had no choice, but to follow through with it. The publicity hit when recognition of the students' effort appeared in local papers, state papers and even a short article was in the "New York Times" in 1935.

The leaves are starting to fall, charge and making a difference in their community spread. In many other schools, students wanted to start a new program. Most of the schools accepted the idea, but some believed it would be "the biggest flop you ever saw." In 1949, a captain of the Oberlin Halloween Clean-up program explained it very well when he said, "The plan will work well-not perfectly, but well-as long as the pupils feel that the program is really is their hands."

Halloween Clean-up is still a tradition at Decatur Community High School. A few changes have been made, such as the students now only rake leaves, and the Lion's Club, not the city, provides the students with hot-dogs and apples after the clean-up.

The students, with the help of Mr. Haag, plan the event, get the yards lined up, and do the work.

This year's General is Carissa Wentz. Her captains are Jacob Larue, who will be with the seniors and 8th graders, Dakota Soderlund will be with juniors and 7th graders, Keithen Fortin will be with sophomore and 6th graders, and Tiffany Anderson will be with freshmen and 5th graders.

If your lawn needs raked, please call the high school office at 475-



Freshmen win magazine contest

By RACHELLE SCOTT

than last year. The top sellers were freshmen

The freshmen sold the most with over 100 sales. Forty percent of every subscrip-

tion goes back to the school, which is then split between the classes and Student Council.

Stuco does," said Brenda Breth, Magazine sales are over. This Student Council adviser. "The yard rear's sales were a success with over signs on the school lawn during 200 magazine sold, which was more Homecoming were bought with magazine sales.'

The selling of magazines went Kyle Breth and Alexis Hissong. on through the whole month of September. If you would still like a magazine, DVD or book, visit www.qsp.com and enter the code 425 004 796.

"Stuco would like to thank everyone who helped us with our "This is the only fund-raising fundraiser," said Mrs. Breth.





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