



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Seniors

Jacob Helm

By BROOKLYN O'HARE
Jacob Helm is the son of Mike and Deb Helm. He has two older and two younger siblings: Aaron, Becky, Matthew, and Timothy.

After graduation he will attend the Air Force Academy. There he will study aerospace engineering.

In 10 years, he envisions himself being an officer in the Air Force and flying missions around the world.

His hobbies include reading, running, and doing arithmetic. Jacob stays very involved in our school. He is part of the cross country team, wrestling team, Scholar Bowl team, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Speech, Chemistry/Physics Club, TACT, KAYs, D-Club and is Student Council President. He has also been in numerous school plays and musicals.

Jacob's favorite movie is "Despicable Me" and he loves all books. His short-term goal is not to trip at graduation. In the long term, he wants to have an enjoyable job and happy life.

He said he will miss the hallways that he helped paint. If underclassmen were to ask him for advice, he would tell them to "always look up when you are going up stairs. Also, make sure you set goals and try your best to meet them."

Joe Hirsch

Joe Hirsch is the son of Anita and Steve Hirsch. He has one sister, Jenny Hirsch.

After high school, Joe plans to attend Central Christian College to study youth ministry.

While in high school, Joe has been involved in musicals, plays, DCHS Singers, Men in Black, Scholar Bowl, speech, band, choir, and jazz band. His hobbies include

stamp collecting, reading history books, hanging with friends and family, and facebook.

Joe's favorite book is "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter," and his favorite songs are "Garden of Eden" and "If I were a Rich Man" from "Fiddler on the Roof." His favorite movies are any musical, "Get Low," and the Toy Story series.

Joe's short-term goal is to go to college, and a long-term goal is to preach the Gospel all over the world. In ten years, Joe wants to be living in a small town, serving the Lord.

Joe will miss his family the most when he leaves Oberlin.

His advice for the underclassmen is to remember the word ARK - Acts of Random Kindness. "It's a word we should always believe and live out," said Joe.

Erin Jeffrey

Erin is the daughter of Gary and Jennifer Wolters. She has two sisters: Shelby Hardy and Danyel Jeffrey. After high school, Erin plans to continue working at Cedar Living Center.

Erin's hobbies are 4-wheeling, drawing and writing poetry. She's been involved in TACT and Drama Club.

Her favorite movie is "Secretariat," her favorite song is "Light Shine Down" by Collective Soul, and her favorite book is "Lock and Key."

Erin's short-term goal is to graduate, and her long-term goal is to get a good job. In ten years, she wants to have graduated from college and have a good job and a family.

She will miss Homecoming Spirit Week the most about DCHS. Her advice for the underclassmen is "Don't get behind. It's hard to get caught back up."



Tiffany Anderson painted the wall outside the Oberlin Elementary School office during her Easter break.

Elementary school gets face lift

Eleven high school students gave up some of their Easter break to bring a little cheer and sunshine to the elementary students and teachers. The Student Council members painted a giant OES in the upstairs hallway and "OES is the BEST" by the office.

The students started shortly after 9:00 a.m., and the last to leave - Tiffany Anderson - left at 6:30. Other painters were Sierra Lohofener, Joe Hirsch, Nakita Bose, Jacob Helm, Dakota Soderlund, Carissa

Wentz, Jacob Larue, Rhiannon Davies, Nolan Henningson, and Matthew Helm.

In the upstairs hallway, the O is a smiley face, the E is a book, a ruler, and a pencil, and the S is a crayon.

Downstairs, the students painted flowers, a giant kite, a butterfly, a bumblebee, and a bird. Tiffany did most of the sketching, and the students painted. "It was a giant coloring book," said Brenda Breth, Stuco adviser. "Tiffany drew the pictures, and we colored them in."

This is the fourth year the Student Council has worked on a painting project, but the first time to paint at the elementary school.

Four years ago, Stuco members painted the cafeteria and the hallway outside the cafeteria - red and gray stripes and Red Devils. The following year, they added the giant DCHS in the hallway and started painting stripes in the hallways and adding teachers' names by their classroom.

Two years ago, they painted the

huge "UNITY" sign outside the high school gym, "Go Big Red" in one of the hallways, and more hallway stripes and teachers' names.

Last year, they tackled the music wing - adding silhouettes and the school song - complete with music notes and words.

"We always have such a good time when we paint," said Mrs. Breth. "I'm just so proud of the kids who so willingly gave up part of their vacation to help out."

Spanish Club to visit Spain on spring break

Interested in a trip of a lifetime? Oberlin Spanish Club members will be traveling to Spain during Spring Break 2012.

If you would like to learn more about the trip, please attend the informational and enrollment meeting on Wednesday, April 27.

The meeting will be in the Decatur Community High Spanish room #208 at 5:30 p.m.

During the educational tour, the travelers will visit Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville and the Costa del Sol to name a few.

Impressive historical cathedrals and art will be seen, as well as

cultural aspects of Spain including the countryside and Flamenco dancing.

Anyone interested in traveling with the group is welcome to attend. Spanish Club members that are interested in the trip please bring a parent to the meeting.

Spanish Club members will have the opportunity to raise money to defer costs.

If you have questions please contact Carol Brown, Spanish Club sponsor, at 785-475-2231 (DCHS or HYPERLINK "mailto:cbrown@usd294.org" cbrown@usd294.org

School Menus

May 2 - 6
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: Waffle, ham pattie. Lunch: Burritos, nachoes
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, sausage pattie. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, rice. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Ham combo, muffin. Lunch: Meat balls, scalloped potatoes.
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes. **Friday:** Breakfast: Pancake wrap. Lunch: Cibatta beef pizza.

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



Thank You Leta

It's a sad day at Lifetime Eyecare. We are sure most of you have heard that Leta Meitl will no longer be with us. Leta has been with the Lifetime Eyecare family for 8 years. We would like to say thank you to Leta for your time and care of our Oberlin patients. WE will miss you.

Hello Kari



We are delighted to welcome Kari Fortin to Lifetime Eyecare. Kari loves helping her patients select the perfect lens and frame to fit their lifestyle. Kari has been working in the McCook office and is now excited about getting back to her roots in Oberlin. Kari's easy going nature and commitment to excellent patient care will be a benefit to the Oberlin community. Kari will be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays. We hope all of you take the time to come down and say hello.

New Office Hours

Wednesday 8 - 5:30

Friday 10 - 4



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April is Occupational Therapy Month

When occupational therapy feels like kid stuff, young patients benefit!



The occupational therapists at Community Hospital work with patients of all ages to help overcome the barriers that can make routine activities difficult.

Meet 10-year-old Josh Haag. A personalized occupational therapy program improved his gross motor skills, strength and dexterity. But all Josh noticed was the fun!

By working aquatic therapy and popular Wii games into his therapy, Josh looked forward to his sessions. His posture and handwriting have improved. Josh now enjoys P.E. class, and he's making noticeable strides in his physical and emotional progress.

With a little creativity, the benefits of Occupational Therapy really can seem like kid stuff.

Occupational Therapy Services:

- ❖ Hand and upper extremity injuries
- ❖ Stroke rehabilitation
- ❖ Work-related training and techniques
- ❖ Ergonomic evaluations
- ❖ Cognitive and memory rehabilitation
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- ❖ Sensory processing disorder
- ❖ Routine activity assistance
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