

New custodians really clean up

Oberlin graduate and Nebraska woman go to work

By EVAN WALKER
The high school custodial department has acquired two new members in the last few weeks. Everyone knows 2010 Decatur Community High graduate Wade Juenemann, who has been working with Kenny Black to keep our school clean. Mr. Juenemann began shortly after school started and says that he really enjoys seeing his friends again as well as the teachers. So far, he seems to enjoy his new job. Karina Fisher started working a week ago and already seems to be

getting into the swing of things. Mrs. Fisher grew up in Culbertson, Neb. Her previous jobs included being a clerk at Barnett's Lumber in McCook and being a waitress at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin. She is married to Jon Fisher who works at Plains Equipment in McCook. She has two sons, Donovan Baumann and Royal Fisher, both attended high school here. Her hobbies include guns, having barbecues and attending demolition derbies. Please make Wade and Karina welcome.



Karina Fisher



Wade Juenemann

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Eighth graders win first scholar bowl

By NOLAN HENNINGSON
The junior high scholar bowl teams began their season at Cheylin on Oct. 17.

Both teams competed well, with the eighth-grade team taking home the championship and the seventh-grade placing third.

The tournament was split into two pools, and the top teams of each pool battled in the championship round.

The eighth grade faced Greeley, Colo., and won 55-44.

Next, they beat Goodland, 65-50 and then Cheylin B, 110-10.

In the final rounds of pool play, they defeated Atwood, 90-15, and Cheylin A, 60-40.

In the championship round, they downed Golden Plains, 70-60.

The seventh grade beat Greeley, 60-30, but then lost to Goodland

40-45. They got back on the winning side by defeating Cheylin B, 60-50, and Atwood, 60-25.

They advanced to bracket play and lost to Cheylin, 50-60. They then beat Weskan, 60-50, for third place.

Competing for Oberlin were eighth graders Keagen Blau, Kelly Brown, Kade Grafel, Jonathon Howland, Daniel Lerew and Andrew Wade.

Seventh graders were Mason Ahlberg, Adrian Chambers, Max Diederich, Tabor Erickson, Gatlin Hisson, Luke Koeperich and Tristan Davis.

"It was fun," said Mason Ahlberg. "My favorite part was the sports questions."

Students raise leukemia awareness

By MEGAN HUNTLEY
Now through Sunday, Nov. 13, high school, junior high and elementary students will come together to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and also to raise money to help a little girl battling leukemia. The girl is Mikala Hodgens, daughter of Micki and Doug Hodgens, and granddaughter of Mick and Rhonda Barth. Mrs. Barth teaches special education at the high school and is the assistant activities director. Mr.

Barth runs a downtown restaurant and also drives a bus for the school district.

Mikala is 9 and in the 4th grade. According to Mrs. Barth, she enjoys playing soccer and is very competitive.

She also enjoys spending time with her friends and playing her Wii. Her church is very important to her, and she enjoys Christian music. Mikala's favorite singer is Toby Mac.

Mikala has gotten a lot of support and love from her church family.

Emporia State University has also helped to support Mikala. The students donated \$1 for every curse word said at football practice and managed to raise \$1,500.

The Make a Wish Foundation has also been drawn to Mikala.

They set up a free trip to Disney World, but unfortunately, Mikala got too sick and was unable to go.

The trip is in her near future, however.

Mikala's school is also very supportive and understanding of Mikala's inability to come to school at times.

Her younger brother, Braden, who is in the first grade, brings a monkey to school and puts it in her seat when she is out of school on a doctor visit.

This assures her classmates that she is OK, so they don't worry about her.

Decatur Community High student council officers Nolan Henningson and Serena Stacy talked to the grade school students about "Pennies for Patients," a national campaign to

raise money and awareness of leukemia and lymphoma.

Students are encouraged to bring their pennies and other loose change to school and put them in the boxes provided.

At the high school, jars will be set out for each class. Pennies will add points to a class's jar, while silver and bills take away points. The money will be divided between silver, bills and pennies.

The pennies collected will be donated to the Leukemia Foundation, while the silver coins and bills will go to Mikala to help with medical expenses.

Boxes and jars will also be set up around town to collect donations.

The penny war at the high school will run through Wednesday, Nov. 9, which is the annual high school blood drive.

This year, Student Council, National Honor Society, and the FFA are organizing the blood drive in honor of Mikala.

Anyone 16 years and older is encouraged to donate blood.

Musicians selected for special jazz band

By TAYLOR MACFEE
The Kansas Music Educators Association jazz band will perform on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Hays High School.

The Decatur Community High students who made the jazz band are Matt Glading, Regent Erickson, Lizzy Nedland and Caleb Koeperich.

To audition for the band, the students had to practice and then record music and send it in to be judged.

"Our school has a large number of students representing our school in the jazz band," said Sarah Bricker, band instructor.

Lizzy Nedland plays the trumpet. This is her first year to try out and be chosen.

Lizzy said, "I'm glad I will have

the opportunity to see my other friends in jazz band."

Regent Erickson plays the alto sax. This is his first year also.

Regent said, "I'm glad I'll have the challenge of playing."

"Everyone should try out. It's a lot of fun."

Matt Glading plays the trombone, and this is Matt's third year in jazz band.

He said, "I am happy to be selected because it should be a good opportunity for me."

Caleb Koeperich plays the baritone saxophone, and this is his second time in jazz band.

He said, "It's a fun time, and fun to be a part of. I'm glad I have the challenge of playing jazz music."

KAY Club reads to children

Nolan Henningson, Garrett Berry, Elizabeth Nedland, Matthew Helm and Miki Dorshorst read to 25 kindergartners and first through third graders on Oct. 7.

They were reading for the KAYS organization, which does things like reading night for education

and fun. It was set up by sponsor Linda Glaze with decorations provided by Amanda Marshall.

Besides reading, the students also played games like Spooky Balloon Relay and made cutout jack-o-lanterns.

New Students

Bryson Wesley

By SERENA STACY
Bryson Wesley is the son of Amy Wesley and the grandson of Ron and Sondra Fowler. Bryson moved to Oberlin from Lincoln, Neb. He's 14 years old and in the eighth grade. Bryson's hobbies are football and wrestling. He said, "I have made a lot of new friends here in Oberlin, and I really like the sports here." Bryson was a member of this

year's junior high football team who were the Northwest Kansas League Champions.

"It's a lot different and a lot smaller," Bryson said when asked what the major difference was between Oberlin and his old school in Lincoln.

He said, "I don't like cake," when asked what most people don't know about him.

We are really glad to have Bryson Wesley here in Decatur Community Junior High.

Defensive Driving Course

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