



SNOBALL PRINCESS Cassidy Shields danced with Prince Zach May on Saturday. — Dictator photo

Snoball royalty crowned Saturday

Cassidy Shields and Zach May were crowned the Snoball Princess and Prince at the 2011 Snoball Dance on Saturday. Students were given ballots when they came to the semi-formal dance and were asked to vote for one junior girl and one junior boy. The only other snoball royalty

was Jori Diederich and Dakota Soderlund in 2009, which was the first Snoball dance organized by the Student Council. Last year, Stuco didn't have a Snoball dance. Cassidy is the daughter of Paul and Kelly Shields, and Zach is the son of Roland and Pam May.

Men differ on their ideas for clothing

By NOLAN HENNINGSON
For some guys, clothing is just a matter of what's clean on the bedroom floor. For others, there is much more consideration that goes into what to wear on a daily basis.

Fashion is something that guys have different opinions about. With all the different ways guys feel about clothes, we see a vast diversity of opinions and styles.

For many guys, clothing is as simple as what's available to them. Guys here at Decatur Community High School, while having a variety of clothing, have many of the same favorite clothing stores. The Buckle, a brand-name retail store in McCook, is a very popular store among male high school students. The Buckle, along with other stores such as Hollister, American Eagle and Aeropostale, are some of the most popular clothing stores, though they are more expensive than other stores. In fact, in a school survey, over half the respondents answered these brand-name clothing stores were their favorites. Other answers included department stores, 33 percent; and Walmart/Target, 19 percent.

Although there are many different options available for guys to go shopping for clothes, some of them don't like shopping, or would just as soon someone else shop for them. In fact, in a school survey only 22 percent of the respondents said they always shop for their own clothes. The other 78 percent either don't shop for them at all, or have other people help them. Many guys have help from mothers, sisters, or

friends while shopping for clothes. Zach May says his girlfriend, Regan, helps pick out a lot of the things he wears. This is partially because guys generally don't care as much about what they wear.

When asked in a survey how they decided what to wear every day, 56 percent of guys answered "Whatever is clean," six percent of guys answered, "Whatever is clean on my floor," and 38 percent answered, "What I think will look good on that day." This just goes to show the various opinions that guys in our school have on fashion.

When asked in a survey what their favorite thing to wear was, many high school guys responded by saying jeans and t-shirts. One of the most popular brands of jeans was BKE. Another popular answer was American Eagle. Shirts from the Buckle and other name-brand stores were also given, with specific brands such as Hurley and Fox. American Eagle is another popular choice for shirts. When asked the popular "boxer or brief" question, 11 percent of guys answered briefs, 29 percent answered boxers, and a whopping 60 percent responded with boxer-briefs. When asked about fashionable celebrities, a few guys mentioned celebrities such as Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Ryan Seacrest.

Guys' fashion is a topic that varies greatly. Guys have their own opinions and styles when it comes to fashion. Whether they really care about fashion or not, it's an ever-present part of their daily lives.

Junior places first at FFA speech contest


By TAYLOR MACFEE
Junior Sammy Meitl placed first at the FFA District Speech Contest held in Quinter. Her speech was about precision planting and it lasted about seven minutes.

Sammy said, "Mrs. Juenemann and I drove an hour and a half to Quinter for twenty minutes, but after I was done speaking, I knew I nailed it."

Sammy will be going June 2 for State FFA and will compete against

35 other FFA members from across the state.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Four singers make honor choir

By MIRANDA SHELTON
Caleb Koerperich, Nolan Henningson, Cassidy Shields and Amanda Marshall were chosen for the Kansas Music Educators Association State Honor Choir on Feb. 23 to 25 in Wichita.

These talented students were selected based on their district honor choir auditions earlier this year.

The students had to sing selected portions of three songs in a blind audition. Blind audition means the judges couldn't see them, so there was no discrimination whatsoever.

I asked Nolan Henningson what he was looking forward to most and he said, "I'm really looking forward to getting to be in such a large and talented choir."

Junior high students to enter geography bee

The first round of the 2012 National Geographic Bee will take place at the Decatur Community school auditorium at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6.

For the 24th year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades. Competitions will be held in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department

of Defense Dependents Schools around the world.

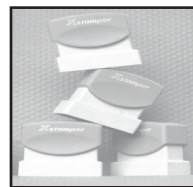
The 2012 Bee is sponsored by Google.

The winner of the local geography bee will advance to the next round of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors.

All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 22 to 24 in Washington.

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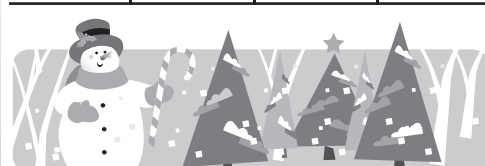
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