

Students provide plasma

By JAMIE SODERLUND
With help from members of National Honor Society, FFA and Student Council, Decatur Community High School held its seventh annual blood drive last Wednesday.

Even though they fell short of their goal of 70 units of blood, it was a successful day because several students donated blood for the first time.

"This is why the Red Cross likes to hold blood drives at high schools," said Brenda Breth, Student Council adviser. "If they can get teenagers to donate blood at age 16 or 17, their hope is that they will continue to give blood in college and thereafter."

Dallas Paul, who gave blood for the first time, said, "I felt like I was doing something good."

"I'm always so proud of the National Honor Society, Stuco, and FFA members who worked the blood drive," said Mrs. Breth. "The Red Cross workers always comment on how they look forward to coming to Oberlin to work with the kids."

Terry Shannon of the Red Cross said, "It's the only blood drive we do



MATTHEW HELM WAS about to give blood at the seventh annual Decatur Community High blood drive last Wednesday.

—Decatur Dictator photo by Cassidy Shields

that is completely run by students. Oberlin students don't even need a teacher with them."

The blood drive was held in the high school gymnasium. It started

at 9 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. The goal was 71 units and there were 70 people who tried, but the Red Cross was only able to collect 55 units.

"Giving blood for the first time

was pretty good," said Dayton Dreher. "I wasn't worried about passing out, but I did get a little dizzy afterwards."

Honor band, choir musicians chosen

By CASSIDY SHIELDS
Several students traveled to Hays High School on Nov. 3 to audition for the Kansas Music Educators Association District Honor Choir. To audition, students had to sing sections from different songs to display their abilities. Three judges evaluated each contestant.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the choir: Cassandra Canto, Miki Dorshorst, Kaitlynn Fisher, Ben Glading, Morgan Green, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Caleb Koerperich, Zach Macki and Haley Schiessler.

District Honor Band selections

have also been announced. These students were chosen by sending in an audition tape, which consisted of a chromatic scale and songs.

Congratulations to students selected for this year's Honor Band:

Hannah May, Grace Randel, Darbi Rouse, Alex Waterman, Rebecca Wentz, Regent Erickson,

Lizzy Nedland, Matthew Helm and Daniel Lerew. Ganan Henningson and Kade Grafel are first alternates.

"We are proud of all who put in the extra work to audition," said band instructor Sarah Bricker.

KAY board attends conference in Hays

By MIKA HACKNEY
The Regional KAY Conference was held in Ellis on Oct. 30. Six Oberlin KAY board members attended the conference, including Lara Zodrow, Jalyn Shaw, Mika Hackney, Miki Dorshorst, Jude Walinder and Logan Berry along with club sponsor Deedre Frasier.

Upon arrival, schools were welcome to juice and donuts and took part in a fun mixing activity. After that, everyone headed into the gym and played ships and sailors, and the human knot game with students from several other schools. Then we listened to various speakers, who told us about our activities for the rest of the day.

Towards the end of the day, board members split into groups with other schools and discussed ideas and activities that their KAY organization does. From there, the small groups went to different break-out sessions, such as self-defense and internet safety.

Then students ate a light lunch

Students get dance lessons

By MEGHAN GAULT
Several Spanish students took a field trip to Hays High School on Oct. 29 for Spanish dance lessons. Spanish teacher Carol Brown not only teaches the language to students, she also teaches about the Latino culture and tries to expose her students to different things.

Students who took lessons were Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Rex Diederich, Kaine Fredrickson, Dannay Rhein, Caitie Shields, Asia Tegels, Grace Randel, Dakota Tate, Caleb Koerperich, Rebecca Wentz, Daisy Rhein, Hannah May, Shawn Baker, Coleman West and Meghan Gault.

The group left school around 7:30 in the morning and didn't return until around 3:40 p.m. In the morning the students learned the "Salsa," and then they enjoyed lunch at Jaliscos. They had to order their lunch in Spanish.

After lunch they returned to the school and had another dance lesson. The second dance they learned was the "Cha Cha." The dances were taught by a couple from the Kansas City area.

"It is nice to learn about the different dances and to be around other students learning Spanish," said Señora Brown. "We had a great day."

School Menus

Nov. 19-23
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: omelet, muffin. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll

Tuesday: Breakfast: fruit turnover. Lunch: baked chicken drumsticks, savory rice.

Wednesday: No school. Thanksgiving vacation.

Thursday: No school. Thanksgiving vacation.

Friday: No school. Thanksgiving vacation.

Fruit served with all breakfasts, choice bar with all lunches, milk with all meals.



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History class studies cattle drive

By MEGHAN GAULT
Did you know there are 28 cemeteries in Decatur County, or that there used to be a log cabin school house in town?

Those are just a few of the things that Rachelle Johnson's Kansas history class learned on its field trip to the Great Western Cattle Trail.

The class members are: Channing Fortin, Cassandra Canto, Ashly Farr, Jonathon Rorick and Meghan Gault.

The class was taken on a 55-mile trip that outlined the Great Western Cattle Trail. They started on the Lund Church road south of town

and headed west. By the time they followed the trail, they were north-west of town.

The trail is 150 years old and was the longest lasting trail. It was used from 1883 to 1887 to move cattle from Texas. The trail is also what the Indians followed during the last Indian raid in Kansas.

Sharleen Wurm, Dick Carman and Brian Simonsson gave the tour and they enlightened the class on facts about old Decatur County.

"I didn't know there was that much that happened in Decatur County," said Channing.

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