

# Students create favors

At the November advisory group meetings, all junior high and high school students made pilgrim hats for each elementary student. Using paper cups, construction paper and aluminum foil, the students made hats and hid candy and a note inside each one. Last week, the Extended Learning Family groups met for their November meeting and received their hats. "The hardest part was making sure we didn't forget an elementary student," said Brenda Breth, who organized the activity. "After talking to Mr. Dorshorst and some of the grade school teachers, the kids seemed to enjoy the notes from the high school kids the most - even more so than the candy." Last spring, the high school advisory groups adopted an elementary group. They made hats for everyone in their adopted group. The high school groups hope to do more activities with and for the elementary students.



**DANNAY RHEIN AND Sarah Bricker** worked on pilgrim hats for the elementary students.

# High school holds veterans program

**By JAMIE SODERLUND**  
The National Honor Society organized a special assembly to honor and remember all veterans on Monday, Nov. 12, the day after Veterans Day. The program, organized by the National Honor Society, started off with the Oberlin American Legion posting the colors. The students all rose and recited the pledge of allegiance, which was followed by the DCHS Singers singing the "National Anthem." Society officers Miki Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Kade Brown and Jalyn Shaw introduced the 49 veterans in attendance. Kade told the history of Veterans Day and why we celebrate it today. "In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, World War I ended," said Kade. Nov. 11 became known as Armistice Day, which was later changed to Veterans Day and then made a national holiday by President Eisenhower in 1954. Zach May introduced the guest speaker, Sid Metcalf, who enlisted in the army after two of his friends were drafted. Mr. Metcalf spoke about his service in Germany and

encouraged anyone who isn't sure what they want to do after high school to consider the military. Closing the program was the singing of "America the Beautiful" by the veterans, students and community members. The Veterans were then asked to stand out in the hall so the students could shake their hands and thank them for their service. The veterans attending the program included the following:  
Gary Alan Jensen- U.S. Navy, 3rd Class Petty Officer, 1968-70, 3 years; Glen E. Baughman- Army, Private First Class, 1951-1953, 2 years; James F. Miesner- Navy, Lieutenant, 1961-1967, 7 years; Bob Castle- Army, Sergeant E-5, 3 years;  
Dewaine Stapp- Army, Sergeant, 2 years; Charles S. Lincoln- Air Force, Staff Sergeant, 1951-1955, 5 years; Melvin Waterman- Air Force, E-5 Staff Sergeant, 8 years; Sid Metcalf- Army, Specialist 4th Class, 2 years; John Stanley- Army, Sergeant E-5, 1965-1968, 3 years; Alan Marietta- Army, Captain, 6 years; Gary L. Allen- U.S. Army and Army National Guard, Colonel, Active Duty and full time National Guard 36 years; Herb Shirley- Army, E-5,

1967-1969, 2 years; John Bremer- Army, Specialist E-5, 1968-1970, 3 years; John Cederberg- Army Artillery, Private 1st Class, 2 years; Lyle Hilker- U.S. Army, Sergeant, 1951-1957, 7 years; Gail Marcuson- Navy, Petty Officer 3rd Class, 1944-1946, 2 years; John Sater- Navy, Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8), 1964-1990, 27 years; Lawrence D. Wenger- Navy, Fireman 1st Class, Navy 2 years, 1945-1946 Reserves 4 years;  
Vernon Diederich- Navy, Second Class Petty Officer, E-6, 4 years; David Bergling- U.S. Army, Sergeant Major, 26 years; Darla Lively Dennis - Army Military Police, Sergeant, 6 years, National Guard, 4 Years; Frank L. McEvoy- Navy, RM3, 1958-1962, 4 years; Marvin Slabaugh- Army, Specialist 5th Class, Vietnam, 1968-1970, 2 years; William Ladehoff- Navy, HM3, 4 years active, 2 years Reserve; Elmer Ward- Navy, Ocean Systems Technician Senior Chief, 30 years; Greg Cundiff- Army, Sp 4, 1978-1984, 7 years; Dennis Gordon- Army, SPC E-7, 20 years; Edwin E. Waterman- Air Force, E2, 1966-1970, 5 years; Walter Pennell- Navy, MM 2nd Class, 1960-1968,

9 years; Bob Hartzog- Army, PFC Private First Class, 2 years; John Schultz- Navy, E5 8M, 6 years; Warren Bainter- Army, Spec 4, 2 years; Jerry Schuetz- Army, PFC, 2 years; Gary Zadow- Marines, Corporal, 4.5 years; John Juenemann- Army National Guard, Specialist 5, E-5, 5 years; Rusty Addleman- Air Force, Captain, 1963-1972, 10 years; Bob Woolsey- National Guard, SP 4, 6 years;  
The Rev. Stanleigh Fremont Chapin- Navy Chaplain, Lt. Commander, 1955-1958, 4 years; J. Eldon Smith- Army Air Corps, 2nd Lieutenant, Multi-Engine Pilot, 2 years; Val Beneda- Army Air Force, Staff Sergeant, 3 years; Ken Shobe- Air Force, Lt. Colonel, 1972-1995, 23 years; Rodney Farr- Army, E-3, 1969-1971, 3 years; John Otis- Navy, 3rd Class Petty Officer, BM3, 1966-1970, Reserves 1984-1987, 9 years; Bob Gaskill- Coast Guard, Store Keeper 1st Class, 1960-1963, 3 years; Edwin Holman- Army, Infantry, Corporal, 1950-1951, 2 years; Lynn W. (Woody) Morford- Army, Sgt E-5, 3 years; Wayne W. Woods- Marines, 1st Air Wing, Corporal, 2.5 years; Royce Leitner- branch unknown.

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# Financial aid help set for next week

Oberlin high school guidance counselor Brenda Breth will be presenting information about financial aid and scholarships at 7 p.m., next Wednesday in the high school school auditorium. All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Mrs. Breth will be explaining the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and scholarships. She will also talk about credit card debt, top prospective jobs, and what to expect the first year of college. Underclassmen and parents are also welcome. If you have questions, you can call Mrs. Breth at the school (475-2231) or e-mail her at bbreth@usd294.org.

# School Menus

**Nov. 26-30**  
**OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
Monday: Breakfast: waffle, sausage. Lunch: chicken wrap, sliced carrots.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: cod cereal, cheese stick. Lunch: spaghetti and meat sauce, garden spinach salad.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: ham combo, muffin. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes.  
Thursday: Breakfast: yogurt, mini loaf. Lunch: taco salad, corn tortilla chips and salsa.  
Friday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: pigs in a blanket, potato wedges.  
Fruit served with all breakfasts, choice bar with all lunches, milk with all meals.

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# Boosters plan 'adopt a fan'

What is it? Oberlin Booster Club is sponsoring the Adopt a Fan Program, where Decatur Community High boys and girls basketball players, wrestlers and cheerleaders will be adopting a fan for this sports season. Maybe even Pep Band if we have enough. How will this work? Community members who are interested will be put on a list for the athletes to adopt from. The fan will then be contacted by the athlete and asked to come to

as many home competitions (there are six home basketball games and three home wrestling meets) so they can support their athlete and the school. Each fan will receive a calendar with their athlete's sports schedule. Who can be adopted or how does the community get involved? We are looking for those who may not already be an active fan but would like to get involved in the fun. If so, contact Abby Hissong (475-2696)

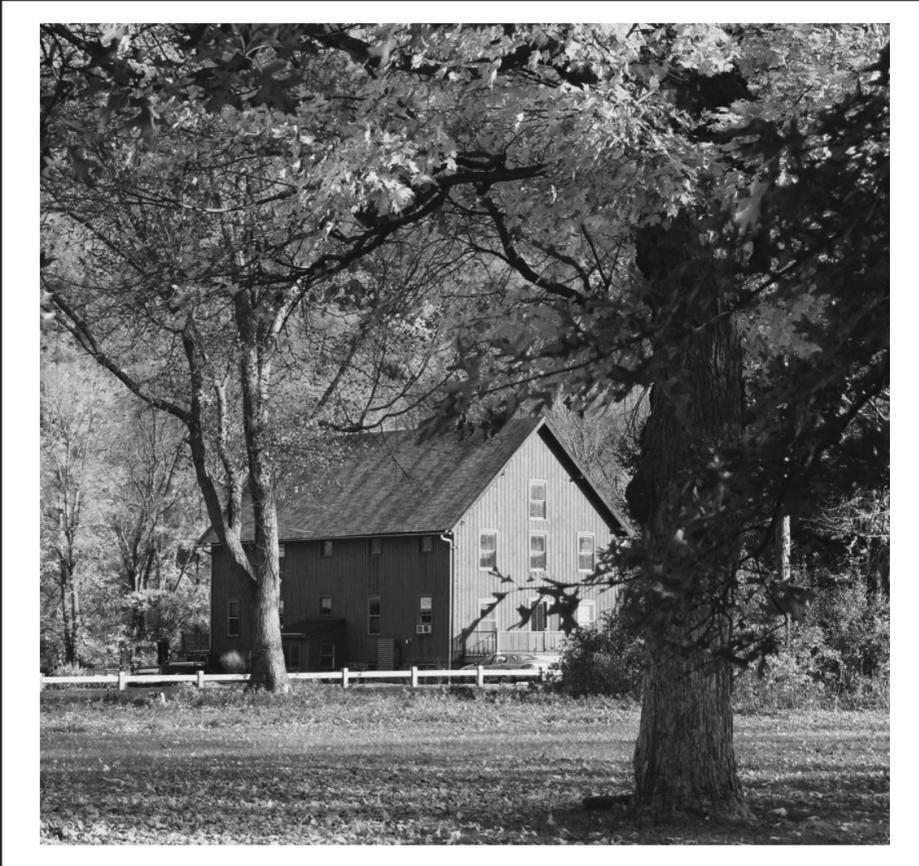
to get put on a list. For those who are already an active fan who goes to most games or meets.... something else is planned for you. When does this need to be done? We are asking that all names be in by today, so don't wait. When you sign up, you will be asked which sport you prefer. The Oberlin Red Devil Booster Club thanks all those who support our student athletes.

# Students show off math skills

**By TAYLOR MACFEE**  
Oberlin math students showed off their skills at the 34th Annual Math Relays at Fort Hays State University on Nov. 8. Numerous challenging events were organized for high school students by the Fort Hays State Math and Computer Science Department. Almost 2,000 tests were completed and scored in six categories: Using Number Sense, Trigonometry, Algebraic Manipulations, Informal Geometry and Measurement, Applications of Algebra and Arithmetic, and Calculations with Calculators. Fifteen students represented Oberlin at the relays: Zach May, Miki Dorshorst, Mathew Helm, Matt Glading, Sierra Lohofener, Baron Green, Hannah May, Nick Ashley, Alexis Hissong, Regent Erickson, Garrett Scott, Kaine Fredrickson, Ganon Henningson, Kade Grafel, Alexandra Waterman. As a team, Oberlin placed sixth out of 17 teams in the 2A/3A division with 48 points. Thomas More Prep won the division with 117. In each event, a school could enter up to six students to compete individually and a maximum of two teams, consisting of three students each. No student could participate in an event as both an individual and as a team member. Individuals competed against individuals and teams against teams. In Informal Geometry and Measurement, the tenth grade team consisting of Regent, Kaine, and Ganon were first out of 20 teams. As an individual, Garret Scott placed second out of 74 sophomores.

In Applications of Algebra, our tenth grade team of Regent, Garrett, and Kaine placed first out of 23. In trigonometry the eleventh grade team consisting of Sierra, Hannah, and Nick placed second out of 30 teams. In Calculations with Calculators as an individual Regent placed second out of 59 in the sophomore division, and the junior team consisting of Baron, Sierra, and Alexis placed third out of 25. In the team competitions, teams members worked on a test and marked the answer card in succession, somewhat along the lines of a track relay. Each team had to decide in advance who would work on the test first, second, and last. The first two members had 6.5 minutes each, with the remainder of the time going to the last member. Students were allowed to make notes on the test to tell successive team members which problems had been done. Kade Grafel was fourth in ninth grade Informal Geometry and Measurement. Miki Dorshorst was seventh in the same category for twelfth grade. Kade was also fourth in Applications of Algebra and Arithmetic and ninth in Using Number Sense. In Calculations with Calculators, Nick Ashley was tenth in the junior division, and Zach May was eighth among twelfth grade individuals. In Using Number Sense, students were tested on alternate names for numbers, number patterns, place value, order relations among numbers, estimation, elementary probability and statistics, and reasonableness of results.

In Trigonometry, they had to recognize and use trigonometric identities, solve triangles, including use of laws of sines and cosines, solve equations involving trigonometric and inverse trigonometric functions, use radian and degree measure, and use vectors and complex numbers and polar form for complex numbers. Students competing in Algebraic Manipulations had to add, subtract, multiply, and divide polynomials and rational fractions; factor polynomials; find least common denominator of polynomial fractions; and simplify complex fractions. In Informal Geometry and Measurement, students had to compute perimeters, areas, and volumes of given geometric figures. The emphasis in Applications of Algebra, arithmetic was on interpreting and solving problems presented in words rather than symbols. To compete in Calculations with Calculators, students used scientific calculators with functions that include probability, trigonometry, and logarithms, as well as algebraic functions such as roots and radicals.



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