

* Liquid mercury isn't a play toy, but is poisonous

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partment and emergency response workers.

For a small spill, for example, when a thermometer breaks at home, Ms. Gamblin said, the authorities don't need to be notified.

With a small spill, though, the room should be ventilated with outside air. The heating or air conditioning should be turned off and ducts connecting to the rest of the house sealed.

The mercury should be picked up with an eye dropper or otherwise scoop the beads with a piece of paper and put them in a sealable plastic bag, plastic container or glass jar. Make sure it is closed tightly.

Make sure to leave the recovered mercury in that same room and call the health department at 475-8118 for the nearest disposal spot.

Ms. Gamblin said people should not use household products to clean up the spill because they can react with the mercury and release toxic gases.

Do not use a vacuum cleaner and do not wash the clothes you are wearing. The clothes should be put in a plastic bag, sealed and disposed of at a proper location.

Before people knew the risks of mercury, some would play with the metal. Ms. Gamblin said the risks are known now and no one should ever play with it.

* Spill cleaned up; classroom opened

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that it was all done, he said, the district followed its emergency plan. Mr. Glodt said everything ran smoothly.

The McCook hazmat team was in the building from about 10 a.m. to sometime that night. Mr. Hiemann also came up and checked the room. Mr. Glodt said Mr. Hiemann said if the room was ventilated correctly

that day, it could be used the following Monday after it was checked.

The room was cleared for use around noon last Monday.

Principal Charles Haag said that the team took the broken barometer and one other that was older which one of the science teachers wanted to get rid of. No one has talked to him about replacing the instruments, he said.

* County applies for federal help

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salted and sanded roads to open them for public safety, he said. The rest of the situations are emergencies, he said.

Mr. Stallman asked if this was the only meeting the men would have with the county or just the initial meeting. Mr. Williams said that they can come back if needed.

Mr. Stallman said he may have to take a look at his records again be-

cause he isn't sure that he picked the right 48 hours. Mr. Stallman said he wouldn't have a total until he looks at his records again.

The county also turned in a report of damage to the truck Undersheriff Randy McHugh drives. The damage was \$1,595.

Mr. McHugh turned in a bill from an independent contractor to open the Harlan Township road. The work cost \$1,620.

Farm Bureau to hold bake off

Just a week is left until the Decatur County Farm Bureau bake off, which will be held for "Food Check-Out Day" on Tuesday at the Decatur County Business Enhancement Center downtown.

Dianne Bremer, with Farm Bureau, said the event celebrates the affordability of food in America.

The bureau will host coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, said Mrs. Bremer. She said they are asking everyone in the county to bake cakes, cookies or breads for the bake

off and have them at the center by 9 a.m.

Each item should have the name of the item and then a list underneath of the ingredients used that are related to agriculture. At the bottom of the list should be the person's name. The name should be folded under, she said, since the items will be judged.

Anyone can enter, said Mrs. Bremer, including kids 12 and under in the junior division.

student of the week



Activities involved in at school: Student Council, weight club, D-club, National Honor Society and class president.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Wedding Crashers, movie; Timeline, book; and Halo 2, game.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to ...: Go to college at Kansas State University with an undeclared major and general engineering classes.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: Have a mechanical engineering job somewhere.

Favorite Quote: "Just do your best."

Name: Drew Martin
Parents: Lee Martin and Jean Martin
Grade: 12
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Drew is a student with a great work ethic and is a good role model.

Student Comment: I appreciated the opportunity of being the student of the week and the qualities this school has given me.



MEMBERS OF THE OBERLIN AMERICAN LEGION, including Bill Woods, presented the colors at The Gateway on Saturday for the Seeds of Hope Telethon. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

* Event raises money

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seum, the Oberlin Pool Project, the Decatur County Museum, Special Olympics, the Decatur County Ministerial Association, the Tripple Creek Riders and the Salvation Army.

Members from the groups took turns answering phones and taking bids.

At the concession stand, Dennis Brown, oversaw things with the help of several volunteers. He other side of the arena, was the talent area where singers, bands, piano players and gymnasts performed for the cameras and a studio audience.

"This year," Mrs. Davis said, "we had a wide variety of talent. We started the day with the gymnasts flipping and dancing on mats and ended the day with a local Christian rock band, which kept us dancing."

By the end of the day, the tote board read a little over \$10,000. After tallying everything up, the event actually raised around \$11,000, organizers said.

Part of that money came from auction items, part from the concession stand, part from challenge gifts and part in memory of real estate broker Jack Metcalf. Just before 8 p.m., Karen Metcalf called in a donation of \$100 in memory of her husband. Several others followed suit, raising over \$600.

Normally, there are donations made after the event, said Mrs. Davis, so that total might rise to around \$12,000. Anyone who wants to make a donation can send it to Box 135, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

"Overall, the telethon was a huge success," said Miss Smith. "The donations for the auction were great, and so were those for Jack Metcalf. There was a good mix of fun and talent for all ages."

The event couldn't be a success, she said, without the help of many volunteers, including those on camera, those behind the scenes and those who donated. A big thanks to all of them for supporting this community, she said.

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