

Ribbons fight drugs

By KAITLYN GILLESPIE
Oct. 23-31 was National Red Ribbon Week, set aside for people and communities to unite and take a stand against drugs.

The event was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City tortured and murdered Kiki Camarena, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency, in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance toward drugs.

To carry on the fight against drugs, TACT is taking charge. TACT, sponsored by Wendy Scott, is a group of high school students who have decided to make good choices.

When asked why she thinks Red Ribbon Week is important for our school, Mrs. Scott said, "It is important for TACT to be involved at the high school because the kids can spread information to their peers and even more importantly at the grade school because the kids there need positive role models to look up to."

On Monday, Oct. 23, the TACT group tied red ribbons on car antennas. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, 12 high school students went to the grade school and educated the kids about drugs. The TACT members also put educational facts about drugs and their effects in the daily announcements.



TYING A RED RIBBON on a vehicle in the school parking lot, junior LeAnna Sheaffer helped TACT to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week. The ribbons symbolize the efforts of the group against drinking and drugs.

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FFA students try land judging

By AMIE RITTER
Six students from the Oberlin FFA went to a land judging event at the end of October. Although no one placed, the students had a good time. "Given the experience of the team, we did as I expected. We are continuing to improve and that is what I want," said FFA adviser Jason Ketterl.

According to Mr. Ketterl, a trench in the soil was cut using a backhoe. The students then had to do a ribbon test to determine texture and mixture/structure. Next, they interpreted data from a card and determined whether the ground was suitable for a home, and if so, what other requirements will need to be met for a home site.

Girls reflect on great season

By HEATHER WILLIAMS, SARAH MURRAY, and LAUREN FORTIN

Our volleyball season was awesome. It is something we will never forget.

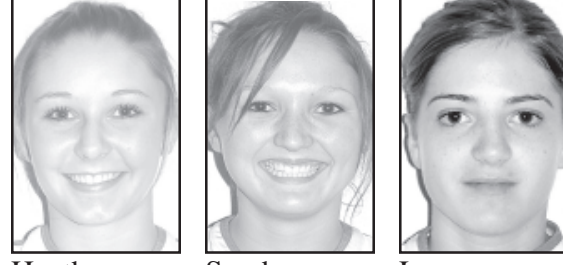
We won the McCook Invitational tournament, Oberlin Invitational tournament, Northwest Kansas League tournament, 3A sub-state tournament, and finished our regular season undefeated. We went into state 31-0 as the number one seed.

When we arrived in Salina at the state tournament, we were all so excited and ready to play!

It was great that we had the crowd that we did.

In the first match against Osage City, we won the first match and were pretty excited.

After that something happened, and we got a little bit flustered and upset, and dropped the next two



Heather

Sarah

Lauren

tial. It was a very close game, and losing was disappointing.

Our last match was against Frontenac. It was hard to get into it because we knew we had already lost our chance of making it to the final four. However, we beat them in two.

games. The style of volleyball played in eastern Kansas is a lot different than the way we play. Some of the calls and things the refs were allowing definitely took us by surprise.

Because we lost our first match, we had to win our next two in order to make it into Saturday's semifinal round.

We played Wellsville, who ended up getting second, and played a little bit better but still not to our poten-

It was hard to realize it was over. We know we were the best team, and that we could have done a lot better. It is just rough that we had to have a bad day when we did, and that we didn't get to show the rest of the state how volleyball is really played.

We are all very thankful for all the support we had. Not only were we the best team, but we had the best crowd.

Musical almost ready for stage

By MARCIMETCALF

With only a few weeks remaining, musical practices are getting intense. "The main characters are doing a good job at creating a fun and entertaining musical," said Susan Nelson, director of the musical. "The play is probably 80 percent music, which is really hard, but the songs are catchy and easy to learn."

"Seussical" incorporates elements from at least 15 of Dr. Seuss' books, as well as many of his best-loved and most familiar characters. Many of these characters never met each other before, but they meet in the musical, and in the course of the evening some will fall in love, some will have desperate adventures and some will save the world. They will also all travel everywhere from the Jungle of Nool to McElligot's Pool to Palm Beach.

Some of the main characters are Rory Wendelin as The Cat in the Hat, Ethan Merrill as Horton the Elephant, Jenny Hirsch as Gertrude McFuzz, and Jordan Tally as JoJo.

"It's fun being a main character," said Rory. "I get all the attention, but it's hard work! This play is more crazy than the others and I get to

improv a lot." "I really like the musical 'Seussical' because there are a lot of weird costumes and sets, and I like being the 'bad bird,'" said Kenzie Fisher.

"Seussical" will be performed Nov. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decatur Community High auditorium. The cast will also perform a matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 for the elementary students.

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Monday: (No breakfast: late start.) Lunch: chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Breakfast: cherry or apple turnover. Lunch: pigs in a blanket.
Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake with sausage patty. Lunch: hamburger, French fries. **Thursday:** Breakfast: muffin, cereal. Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes. **Friday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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