

Spirit week planned

Homecoming to be Sept. 21

BY AMIE RITTER
Homecoming is coming up quickly and as the football players are preparing for the game, the rest of the student body is preparing for the fun week ahead of the game. Homecoming this year is Friday, Sept. 21.

The cheerleaders have chosen the themes for spirit week. On Monday, Sept. 17, everyone can dress up in their favorite pajamas.

For Tuesday students will find their twin spirit and dress like someone else.

Wednesday, the classes will be competing against each other as



each class has its own color to wear. The faculty will be wearing their darkest black, seniors will wear their pinkest outfit, juniors their greenest green, sophomores their coolest blues, and freshmen their peppiest purple.

Thursday is the day to show off everyone's favorite National Football League or National Collegiate

Athletic Association team by wearing their colors or mascot proudly. No hats, please!

The biggest and best day is saved for last. Show the entire community our school spirit by wearing red on Friday. Show us your true devil pride.

The cheerleaders have also been gearing up for the annual bonfire

which will be Thursday, Sept. 20. The cheerleaders will lead the whole school to the courthouse yard, where they will present a dance. After that they will escort everyone to the bonfire to play games and listen to Coach Williams.

Following the bonfire, the classes will reconvene at the high school to work on their floats until 10 p.m.

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New Teachers

Robynn Wessel, junior high English

BY DANYEL JEFFREY
The new junior high English teacher is Robynn Wessel, who grew up in Bath, S.D. She student taught here last year.

"Bath is just outside of the town of Aberdeen, S.D.," said Mrs. Wessel.

Mrs. Wessel got her associate's degree at Dodge City Community College and her bachelor's degree in English at Fort Hays State University.

She said she decided to major in English because she was good at it. "I was always good at English, and I also love to read," she said.

Mrs. Wessel also said she had a great teacher, Linda O'Connor, who inspired her to continue with English.

She said she chose Oberlin because the school wasn't too small or too large. Mrs. Wessel said that last year, while teaching under high school teacher Leigh Davis, she felt Decatur Community High had a very comfortable atmosphere.

Mrs. Wessel and her husband Chris live in Selden.

of Texas, a barbecue restaurant, with his brother, James. She has four children and loves being a mom.

Her previous job was in Oxford, Neb., at Southern Valley.

Her hobbies include spending time with her family, running and watching Colorado University football.

Sarah Reif, band teacher

BY JENNY PLOUSSARD
Sarah Reif, the new band teacher, comes from Bethany College. She grew up in Hoisington and taught a year near Salina.

In fifth grade she started in band, and played the clarinet and saxophone in high school. She said she was inspired by her band teacher to become a band teacher herself.

Miss Reif did her student teaching under former Oberlin band teacher Quintin Breese. She had heard a lot of great things about our school and was encouraged to teach here by one of her good friends.

Miss Reif has a brother who is a junior in college. When she was 11, she and her brother started a non-profit organization recycling cans to help kids with cancer. That organization is still in existence today.

Outside of school, Miss Reif enjoys camping, fishing, and just hanging out.

She teaches fifth and sixth grade band and junior high and high school band and gives lessons.

"The kids are great, and we are having a lot of fun," said Miss Reif. "We are learning a lot and are looking forward to playing for the upcoming football games."

"Miss Reif is an excellent band teacher, and I'm glad to have her for my last year here," said Rory Wendelin.

"Miss Reif is awesome! She makes band fun and interesting," said Rhiannon Davies.

DCHS Singers prepare for year

BY KENZIE FISHER
During the weekend of Aug. 18 and 19, the new group of DCHS Singers began their year.

"I am really excited to be working with great, enthusiastic students," said director Susan Nelson.

They had a retreat which was held at the school. Some of their activities included swimming, singing and dancing, and having lunch and a parent meeting on Sunday, Aug. 19, with a performance following.

Having a retreat, first of all, helps the new group begin to work on the songs. The retreat is also planned in

order for everyone to get to know each other better. Last, but not least, is to just have a great, fun weekend.

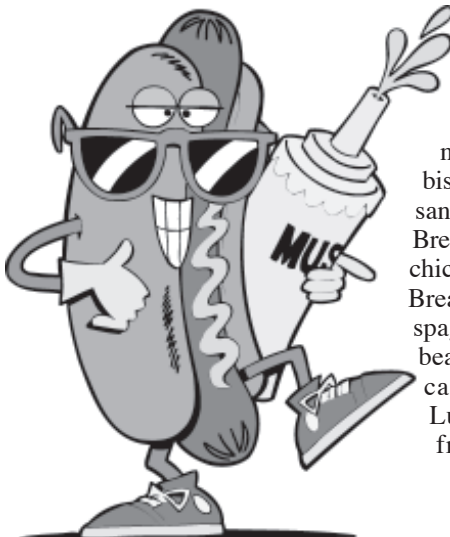
Chenaniah Langness said, "My favorite part about the Singers' retreat was the singing. I love singing and we did much of it so I was very happy."

Daniel Jordan said, "I liked when we sat outside and we talked."

"Getting to know new people" is what Ashley Horton said her favorite part was.

"I liked getting to know everyone on a new level," said Jennifer Ploussard.

School Menus



September 17-21 OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast combo, toast. Lunch: potato bar, chicken nuggets. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: turkey sandwich, carrots. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: chicken fajitas, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast: fruit turnovers. Lunch: spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: pizza, peas. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

Students get to visit college representatives

BY FARRA MCCHESENEY
Decatur Community High School is giving the juniors and seniors the opportunity to discuss their college

plans with representatives from Kansas universities, private colleges, technical schools and community colleges.

The conference will be held at the high school on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

Some of the schools sending rep-

resentatives include K-State, Colby Community College, Fort Hays State, and University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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