

Printing plant viewed

By KAITLYN GILLESPIE
Proofing, printing, binding. These are all things that the seniors in the journalism class learned about last weekend.

Journalism teacher, Brenda Breth, sponsored a trip to Topeka last weekend. Eight seniors: Kenzie Fisher, Jenny Ploussard, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Andrew Dempewolf, Ali Samson, Amie Ritter and LeAnna Sheaffer loaded up on Saturday morning and headed towards Topeka.

First, they were invited to stay Saturday night at LeAnna's grandpa's house, Homer Wells. They stayed there that night and were treated to dinner and fun by Homer.

"The best part of our trip was hanging out together at Homer's," said Kenzie.

Sunday, the students left and headed to Topeka where the Jostens factory is located. Jostens owns five yearbook plants in the United States, but the Topeka plant is the largest, and the only plant that prints the covers for all the books printed by Jostens.

The seniors were able to see how the yearbooks were processed.


"It was really interesting seeing how much work is put into our yearbook, even after the DCHS yearbook staff designs it. We all had a very good opportunity to go and I'm glad I went," said LeAnna.

The tour guide showed the students the entire process, from when the yearbook pages arrive at the plant; to downloading the images on Josten's computers; to making the plates for the printing presses; to the actual printing.

Yearbook pages are printed on huge sheets of paper that are eventually folded and cut. Each huge sheet of paper prints a multiple, which consists of 16 yearbook pages. After a multiple is printed, the stacks of pages are stored in an area at the plant until all the multiples have been printed. Each school sends in a few pages at a time.

"The organization of the plant is

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SENIOR JOURNALISM STUDENTS watched yearbook pages being printed at Jostens in Topeka.

overwhelming," said Mrs. Breth. "Jostens prints thousands of yearbooks, and other books for thousands of schools and companies. Keeping track of each multiple for each book is incredible."

Jostens has added newer and faster presses that print thousands of pages an hour. Because of the new, fast presses, more and more high

schools are going to an all-color yearbook. DCHS has produced two all-color yearbooks, and is working on the third.

When asked what her favorite part of the trip was, Mrs. Breth said, "Spending quality time with my students. I have an exceptional bunch of kids, and we had so much fun on this trip."

Priest offers music, insights

By ANDREW DEMPEWOLF

It's not often that the high school has the pleasure of welcoming an ordained priest into its auditorium, but last Monday, Father Mike Scully gave a "musical" and inspirational speech. Father Scully was sponsored by the National Honor Society.

Father Scully is the head priest at the Cathedral on the Plains in Victoria. He visits schools, community groups and clubs and talks about life and leadership through music. He has developed five leadership principles: study your behavior and ask why; develop the ability to talk and listen; never stop learning; develop the ability to love and choose a significant guide.

In his message he told a story about Glen Franklin, a University of Kansas student when he was a priest in Lawrence. He said that he was called to a fraternity, but wasn't told why. When he arrived, he saw that there was a body being pulled down from a tree, and it was Glen. He didn't understand why he was there until he talked to one of his parishioners' who was also a detective.

The detective said, "We didn't call you down for Glen, we called

you down for his fraternity brothers, who are watching from the house. We need to show them that there is an alternative, and suicide is not the answer."

Father Scully also talked about love. He said, "I know you know about love. How do I know this? Eighty percent of the songs you listen to are about it."

His message about love is that 95 percent of students will get married, but 50 percent will end in divorce.

"Communication is the way to beat it," he said.

What makes Father Scully's message unique is that he teaches students through "Top 40" songs. Songs that Father Scully included in his message were "Apologize" by Timberland, "Do Whatever it Takes" by Lifehouse, "Love Song" by Natasha Bedingfield, and "Something to Believe In" by Poison.

He encouraged the students to listen to the lyrics and learn something from them. For instance, he said that Nickleback sings about caring for human beings. "If everyone cared, this world would be so different."

NHS President Lacey Ream said, "He gave us a lot to think about, and



Father Mike Scully

inspired us to greatness."

Senior Kenzie Fisher said, "I think that Father Scully reached an emotional level with the students. The stories that he told, all students can relate to and take seriously."

"I don't care what your guide is," Father Scully said, "but you have to choose something, 'something that you can believe in.' I wish I could have said that to Glen."

Speakers take second at tourney

By DANYEL JEFFREY

The speech team came in second place at the April 1 tournament in Phillipsburg. Oberlin was right behind Quinter, and right in front of Norton.

Placing second were Alyssa Rippe in serious solo, earning 14 points, and Jessica Bremer in extemporaneous speaking, earning 18 points. Both events are qualified for the state tournament.

Amber Mason in prose and Rory Wendelin in humorous solo acting, both placed third.

Placing fourth and earning 11 points were Tim Larson and Amber Mason in duet acting.

Placing fifth were Joe Hirsch in humorous solo, teammates Joe Hirsch and Alyssa Rippe in improvised duet acting, and Rory Wendelin in poetry.

Three events placed sixth: Ashley Horton in prose; teammates Kassia Bryan and Chenny Langness in improvised duet acting; and Kassia Bryan in humorous solo.

Also competing were Ashley Horton and Hunter Nedland in duet

acting, Jordan McHugh in serious solo acting, and Hunter in extemporaneous speaking.

"This was an exciting tournament," said Coach Leigh Davis. "We actually beat Quinter the first

round, which was exciting. We did not have a full team for this tournament, which hurt our final points, but those who went did an excellent job for Oberlin."

School Menus



April 14-April 18
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Late Start-No Breakfast Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, au gratins **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Hamburger, tater tots **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy Lunch: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf **Thursday:** Breakfast: Pancake and Ham Pattie Lunch: Tacos, corn **Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito Lunch: Chicken sandwich, macaroni salad. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



NOONE HARDWARE in downtown Jennings was a popular shopping place for many years. Lawrence Oscar Erickson and his wife, Vallie (Walden) Erickson, are shown in the photograph. The town also had another hardware store, Shimmick Hardware.

* Jennings still well known for its Czech food, heritage

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under the supervision of J.S. Flaska, at a cost of \$18,000. Rock for the stone building was brought from the A.M. Brock farm southeast of Jennings; he was paid 15 cents per wagon load. The basement has been remodeled into a modern senior center.

An ambulance building houses the ambulance and a clinic, and Dorothy Vacura, a registered nurse, is there each Monday to see patients.

Jennings became known for its Kolache Festivals, featuring the Czech pastry, which were held from 1965 to 1971.

Today, many are attracted to Jennings to visit the Czech Museum, operated by Heritage Associates of Jennings with help from the county.

Friendship Village Housing was completed in 1980 with eight units. It was owned by the City of Jennings until 2008, when it sold and is now used for rental apartments.

The Jennings School District was organized March 12, 1880, and a frame school was built in 1888,

which was used for 35 years.

It was replaced by a brick building in 1922. An addition in 1953 included a gymnasium, plus vocational agriculture and music rooms.

The school board voted to dissolve the district in 2005, then the territory was divided among the Norton, Hoxie and Oberlin districts. Attendance for preschool and elementary school had fallen to 12 students, and the last year, there were no high school classes. Junior and senior high students were contracted to Oberlin or Hoxie.

"We were very pleased and fortunate that after the school closed, the school building was purchased by Bus and Coach International of Chino, Calif., to be used as a listing and office headquarters," said Mrs. Tacha. "The company manufactures the Falcon 45 Motorcoach.

The operation is moving along quite nicely and with time, the facility will be in full swing."

Perhaps Kay Brown sums up the feelings of residents the best: "Jennings may be smaller now, but the core flames of pride and community spirit still burn brightly."

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