



OVERFLOWING SKULLS, above, decorate a table in the Spanish room — some are finished and some are waiting to be decorated. Ashley Witt, below, decorates her skull during Spanish class for “Day of the Dead.” — Dictator Staff Photo

Spanish students celebrate

By KIAH BLAU
 Every year, the people living in Mexico celebrate Día De Los Muertos. In English this translates to “Day of The Dead.” It is a big celebration on November 2.
 In Mexican tradition, people make sand sculptures, decorate cemeteries and alters, and wear costumes that are in memory of their past loved ones. People in Mexico celebrate death instead of mourning it. They think of it as a new beginning and something to be happy about.
 To get into the tradition all of the students decorated sugar skulls, or calaveras. They made them on November 1 and decorated them with festive frosting on November 2.
 Tracy Hoppal, a Spanish III student, said, “Me encanta hacer las calaveras de azucar,” which means, “I love to make sugar skulls.”



School musical coming Nov. 19

Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my!
 Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion are coming soon to the Decatur Community High School stage.
 The 2010 Decatur Community High School musical, musical is “The Wizard of Oz,” and performances are Nov. 19 and 20 at 7:30 in the Decatur Community High School auditorium.
 Serena Stacy is Dorothy, Nolan Henningson is the Scarecrow, Jacob Larue is the Tin Man, and Joe Hirsch is the Cowardly Lion. The cast also includes 25 other students playing Munchkins, Ozians, and all the other characters you love from the “Wizard of Oz.”
 You won’t want to miss another outstanding Decatur Community High School musical.

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Spanish students attend concert

By BROOKLYN O’HARE
 Carol Brown’s Spanish II, III, and IV classes traveled to Kearney to see Justo Lamas in concert. He is a Spanish singer from Buenos Aires, Argentina, who travels around performing for different Spanish students. His shows are meant to be educational with the primary objective of promoting the study of the Spanish language.
 Justo sings in a wide variety of styles from rock to ballads to folk music to even opera. With Justo’s music and songs, students are motivated to learn the language. He also uses this opportunity to deliver an affirmative life message that encourages students to live free of drugs and other addictions. He promotes unity and communication between students and their families.
 He encourages the audience not to give up when facing problems and to continue struggling to achieve their goals.
 The Justo Lamas Concert is a unique program in which there is a lot of interaction between Justo and the students. Between each song, Justo talks to the young people in very simple Spanish, making them participate all throughout the event.
 After the concert, Senora Brown and her students went out to lunch at El Potrero, where they were served authentic Mexican foods.
 Carissa Wentz said, “Diego (Dalton Jones) and I had fun jammin’ out to ‘Bidi Bidi Bom Bom,’ and we made the concert fun by dancing and singing along with Justo.”

School Menus

November 15 - 19 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito Lunch: Walking tacos, mexican rice **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Ham combo, muffin Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Ham pattie, pancake Lunch: sloppy joe sandwich, potato wedges **Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza Lunch: Sliced turkey dinner, mashed potatoes/gravy **Friday:** Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy Lunch: Pizza, peas.
 Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

Veterans Day program Nov. 11

By RACHELLE SCOTT
 John Stanley is the guest speaker at the Veterans Day program, which is at the high school this year, on Thursday, Nov. 11 in the senior high gym. The program starts at 9:15 a.m. This is a change from the original plan to accommodate those wishing to be a part of the parade as well.
 All veterans are invited to join in the program. They need to RSVP to the High School office at 475-2231 if they plan to come.
 The program is being organized by the National Honor Society.



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Monday, November 15, 2010
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at the Robbins Center on the Fort Hays State University Campus in Hays

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 There will be information on Midwest Energy’s Power Supply Planning and Energy Efficiency Programs
 Those attending the meeting will receive a compact fluorescent light and have the opportunity to join in discussions about Midwest Energy’s policies and programs.
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