

Let's play football!



OBERLIN RED DEVIL football players burst through a sign onto the football field on Friday night for the first game of the year. — Photo by Susan May

Council spreads red paint

By CASSIDY SHIELDS
 Student Council kicked off the new year on Aug. 5 with a lock-in. It started with a short meeting led by advisor Brenda Breth. In attendance were Zach May, Cassidy Shields, Miki Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Jalyn Shaw, Kennedy Fortin, Konner Fortin, Cassandra Canto, Hannah May, Kyle Breth and Kaine Fredrickson. After the meeting, they got right to work and started painting.

The Council painted a Power Devil at the end of the main hallway and a red zig-zag line in the hallway by the library. They also touched up paint throughout the building — teachers' names by classroom doors, music wing and bathrooms.

Besides painting, the council also decorated water bottles for all teachers and decorated the cafeteria according to this year's school theme: "We are WILD about DCHS." Canto decorated the front entrance bulletin board with the "Wild" theme as well.

Student Council met a week later to set goals and make plans for the school year. They planned a "white out" for the first volleyball game and a "code red" for the first football game.

They are also planning a "black out" for Tuesday, Sept. 25, in honor of the cross country team's only home meet and the volleyball teams' next home matches.

Council members got the paintbrushes out again a few weeks later to add huge PowerDevils in the high school gym and to repaint part of the wall in the cafeteria.

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Royalty candidates announced

The 2012 Homecoming royalty candidates have been announced. King candidates are the six senior football players: Tyler Bruggeman, Channing Fortin, Matt Glading, Ryan May, Zach May and Cody Wurm. The queen candidates are Keatra Fisher, Mika Hackney, Cassidy Shields and Cheyanne Soderlund. Two years ago, the Student Council rewrote its constitution changing the number of queen candidates to four to reflect the smaller classes. The number of king candidates is up to the discretion of the coaches and the Student Council, and may vary from year to year, depending on the number of senior football players, but cannot be more than six. Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 21, when the Red Devils take on the Blue Jays of Norton.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

FFA redoes courtyard

By TAYLOR MACFEE
 The FFA chapter worked hard prior to the start of school, redoing the school's courtyard. "The courtyard has been neglected, and it is time we start using it," said FFA advisor, Jason Ketterl. The group laid rock pavers and landscape timbers and added 60 bags of mulch. Four benches and new patio furniture have been ordered. The cost of redoing the courtyard is around \$3,000. Alexis Hissong, Baron Green and Sammy Meitl along with Terry Ream, Brian Simonsson, Jeremy Tally and Mr. Ketterl worked on the project. The courtyard makeover is part of a five-year plan with the FFA adding new things each year. Students will be able to have access to the courtyard throughout the day. That could change, however, if the courtyard is not being taken care of and used incorrectly. Check out the new courtyard.

School Menus

Sept. 10-14
OBERLIN SCHOOLS
 Monday: Breakfast: fruit turn-over. Lunch: taco soup, pears.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage. Lunch: cowboy cavatini, green beans.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: omelet, mini loaf. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes.
 Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: chicken quesadilla, tortilla chips.
 Friday: Breakfast: waffle, ham. Lunch: corn dog, seasoned peas.
 Fruit served with all breakfasts, choice bar with all lunches, milk with all meals.

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 September 12-16, Winfield
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Roundup Ranch Experience
 September 15, Dodge City
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Dorzweiler Memorial Polka Fest
 September 15-16, Hays
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Bikes, Bombers & Butterflies Weekend
 September 21-23, Great Bend
 Great Bend AirFest, Big Bend Bike Rally, & Mad About Monarchs event are all happening on the weekend. (877) 427-9299, visitgreatbend.com

McPherson Scottish Festival
 September 22-23, McPherson
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Professional Roughstock Series World Finals
 September 22-23, Salina
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Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo
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