

Sophomores read contemporary novel, *Jurassic Park*

by McKenna Kocmich

Sophomores of Avon High School started off their year in a book study of *Jurassic Park*. Their English teacher, Mrs. Melissa Storley, teaches this book every year to her English class. They learned about Biological Engineering, the different species of dinosaurs, and about the author, Michael Crichton.

After the class finished the book, they all had to do multiple projects worth 100 points in total. Sophomore Hayden Talsma made a Jurassic Park crossword puzzle, a four panel comic strip, and an essay accompanying a realistic drawing of a Dilophosaurus. Talsma said, "I did really enjoy *Jurassic Park*. One of my favorite parts was the science we learned about in the book."

Following the book, the class watched the movie and a video on how the movie *Jurassic Park* was created. They learned how they generated the

dinosaurs in the movie with CGI and all of the jobs that it took to make the movie. After seeing that video, Storley pointed out that there is a job for everything in this world if you know to look for it.



Sophomore Maddy Huitema puts together her 3D diorama project of a scene from *Jurassic Park*.



Avon juniors feeling stress

by Taylor Van Duysen

Two months into the school year, and the juniors at Avon High school are feeling the stress. Since junior year is the first year being able to take dual credit classes, many of the juniors in those classes are feeling the stress that they bring. Sarah Swier said, "College classes have caused some stress, simply because you are responsible for carving out time to get your work done."

Some juniors are also in extracurricular activities. Some students say that while they enjoy the activities that they are in, they add to the stress that they already have. "The fact that I do not have time to complete homework because of those extracurriculars is what stresses me out," Swier said.

However, some students see extracurricular activities as a way to relieve stress. Madilyn Mudder is in cheer, and she said, "For me it's a way to escape from school and go out and support our teams for the school."

Juniors also have added stress from the amount of tests they have this year. Along with tests for classes, juniors have ACTs, ASVAB, NCRC, and state Smarter Balance tests. Mudder said, "The

amount of tests compared to sophomore year is what really stresses me out."

"Junior year has definitely had its challenges," Swier said, "but I know it is giving me opportunities to practice time and stress management skills that will help me later in life."

Coffee bar fundraiser offers morning boost



by Kalee Mixon

Coffee lovers had a special opportunity thanks to the Avon Student Council. The student council put together a coffee bar for everyone on Friday, October 8 from 7:50-8:10 a.m. They served cappuccino, coffee, hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls. Senior Tiffany Pelton said, "The coffee bar is a great way to give everyone a good treat but also to make money so our school can take us on fun trips." This fundraiser, which raised \$134.78, helps defray the cost of the annual bowling party at Christmas. The student body officers ran the fundraiser.

Principal Kathy Blaha said, "Come out and enjoy some food and drinks."

Juniors read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

by Haley Gillette

Within two years of the publication of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, public outcries for censorship plagued this American novel. As controversy raged over the years, academicians have fought for and won the right to use this book in American Literature.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is about a boy named Huck who fights society and fakes his death to get away from his abusive father and overbearing caretakers. The story that follows allows the reader to witness Huck's transformation through the influences of good and bad members of society.

Because of the n-word, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as a book has actually had its own adventure since it was first published. It has been banned from many schools because of the word. Society attempts to prevent students from feeling uncomfortable, but in reality, Mark Twain wrote the book to accurately express how people spoke back in the day. If you aren't uncomfortable by it, maybe we haven't learned our lesson.

Some people have even attempted to change the n-word to "slave," but why should we "whitewash" something that is part of our history. We shouldn't, because "people that

don't learn from their history are destined to repeat it."



Junior Madi Mudder reads her assigned chapters for *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



Gunnar Dally gives the orange an electrical shock.

They also showed what can happen if tree branches, fishing lines, etc. get caught on powerlines.

Avon Fire Department members Robin Myer, Ray Haenfler, Joe Paulson, and Mark Johnson were also present to explain what to do if you get caught in a dangerous situation with power lines.

Students Attend Electrical Safety Demonstration

by Makenzie Sassaman

Wednesday, October 6, the B-Y Electric Company and some Avon Fire Department members came to Avon School to put on an electrical safety demonstration in honor of Fire Safety Week.

Kevin Meyer, electrician and former Avon High School graduate, explained all of the safety precautions when dealing with electricity. Travis Gause and Gunnar Dally (linemen) showed what an electric shock could do to your body using a hot dog and an



Kevin Meyer opened the orange to show the students what happens on the inside when an electrical shock is administered.