

Teacher starts up the band

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
 Quintin Breese, Oberlin's new band just graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg. He interviewed in the fall and was offered the job. At the beginning of the second semester, he replaced Carl Philo, who agreed to teach band until a permanent teacher could be found. Mr. Breese has many goals and is looking forward to this year. He would like to increase the number of band members. "Right now we have 26 students," he said. "Next year I would like to see at least 40."



OBERLIN BAND DIRECTOR Quintin Breese led the Decatur Community High pep band between games at the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament last week. —Photo by Cynthia Haynes

He also realizes that the school has a great tradition of providing an outstanding music department. He would like to continue this tradition and strive to make it even better. After coming in the fall, he liked the community and the school. He said he is very pleased to be here and the school is excellent. "There is great pride here in this

school, and it feels great to be included in that pride," he said. "The students work very hard for me, and I really appreciate all they do. I demand so much of them everyday, and they just

keep giving. The students all seem to have a great attitude as well as respect for the teachers. When all of these factors are put together with a great community, it is very rewarding."

Drama Club to present variety show

By COURTNEY SCOTT
 Need an outlet for those creative juices? Drama Club is presenting a Valentine Variety Show on Feb. 15. The theme is "Love." The show will be during home

room for the school and at noon for the public. Tryouts were on Monday and limited to members of the Drama Club. The Club does one presentation a year with members only. Club officers are President Kara

Richards, Vice President Corey Fortin, Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Marcuson and Student Council Representative Andrea Bailey. Leigh Davis is the sponsor.

Club members are seniors Rodney Solko, Angie Ayers, Danielle Diederich, Lacey Badsky, Kimia Bundgard, Joy Eldridge, Samantha Cooper and Danielle Scott; juniors Theresa Smith, Megan Tally, Katelyn Unger, Dani Dorshorst, Ben Bryan, Jessica Stanley, Brianna May, Laci Leichter, Dana Sattler, Jessica Gamblin and Nichole Gotchall; sophomores Wendy Fossum, Patricia Gomez, Greta Wendelin, Janna Stef, Courtney Scott, Quintin Cundiff, Becky Moore, Sarah Olson and Ramsey Meitl; and freshmen Allie Moore, Katie Malone, Andrea Marshall, Amber Reynolds, Serina Heikes, Rayanne Fraker, Leah Marietta, Kelsey Dorshorst, Kerrie Olson, Marissa Larson, Bayley Bryan, Zachary Scott, Brent Smith, Scooter Matchett and Matt Coleman.

School changes over time

By TARA VOTAPKA
 How has Decatur Community High School changed from your days? Did you have biology as a freshman? Were there two gyms? Did your lunches cost 25 cents? Things have changed in many ways.

Biology was a class for juniors and seniors while now freshmen take this challenging course. Half the school has not always been here. There was no senior high gym, and where the art room is now is where the students of the 1950s ate lunch. The school, not to mention the world itself, has advanced in a number of ways. Joy Votapka said, "We had never heard of computers. I wish I and my fellow students had had the opportunity to have two computer labs in our school at the time." Mrs. Votapka was in a graduating class of 72 students in 1951.

Another of the major changes is cost.

Mrs. Votapka said that lunches, which now cost \$1.50, were 25 cents when she was in school.

And everyone went to the games and matches to support their teams, she said.

The team colors were strictly red and white, there was no gray in her day.

The news writing class will do a series of articles outlining the changes at the school. We will be researching and writing about the buildings, curriculum, sports, extra-curricular activities, technology, dress codes and attitudes of today's students compared with students of the past.

Stay tuned!



Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Junior joins state honor choir

By CHELSEY BLACK
 Ben Bryan, a junior at Decatur Community High School, has been selected as a member of the Kansas Music Educators' Association honor choir.

The state-wide choir will be performing a concert on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. in Wichita's Century II Convention Center.

Ben is one of 500 high school students who were chosen from audition tapes to be a member of either the state wide honor band, orchestra, choir or jazz groups to partici-

pate in the 65th annual workshop.

These students represent the most outstanding young musicians in the state of Kansas.

The annual three-day workshop will be held in Wichita on February 22-24 and will be attended by more than 4,000 participants from across the state.

The workshop features educational clinics for music teachers and concerts by Kansas public school and college groups selected for their outstanding performing abilities.



Ben Bryan

School Menus

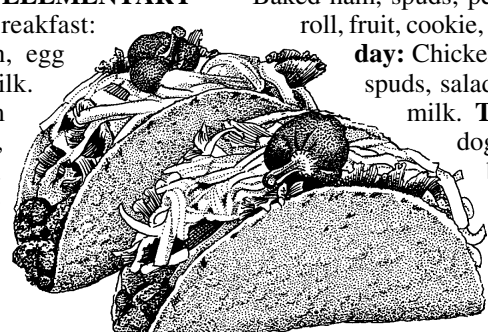
Jan. 29-31 Feb. 1-2 OBERLIN HIGH
Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Wiener wrap, baked beans, fries. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Pancake and Sausage, fruit, milk. Lunch: BBQ ribs, fries, corn. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Potato bar, chicken nuggets, roll, peas. **Thursday**—Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese, fries, corn. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed crust sausage pizza, green beans. All lunches are served with a salad bar, fruit, relishes and milk.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday—Breakfast: English muffin, egg patty, fruit, milk. Lunch: Ham and beans, corn bread. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk. Lunch:

Chicken fajita. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, muffin, fruit, milk. Lunch: Corn dog. **Thursday, Friday**—All lunches are served with a choice bar and milk.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Monday—Burritos, spanish rice, oranges. **Tuesday**—Li'l cheddar meatballs, au gratin potatoes, peas salad bar/rolls, pears. **Wednesday**—Pigs in a blanket, fries, peaches. **Thursday, Friday**—Not available.

HERNDON
Monday: Cheeseburger, macaroni casserole, green beans, tossed salad, orange juice, cookie, milk. **Tuesday**: Baked ham, spuds, peas, jello salad, roll, fruit, cookie, milk. **Wednesday**: Chicken patty, cheesy spuds, salad, fruit, cookie, milk. **Thursday**: Hot dogs, fries, baked beans, fruit, cookie, milk. **Friday**: Tacos, corn, fruit, cookie.



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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF DECEMBER 2000
 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS SALARIES IN GROSS AMOUNTS PAID 12-28-00: GENERAL 36,301.10; LANDFILL 1,310.52; R/B 21,646.59; HEALTH 5,586.00; AMBULANCE 6,264.69; NOXIOUS WEED 2,614.26; ELECTION 485.00; TRANS BUS 1,126.40; RFD 850.00; TREAS AUTO 2,298.63. TOTAL PAY-ROLL: \$78,483.19.

ACCTS. PAYABLE WARRANTS NOVEMBER PAID 12-29-00: ADVANCE INS 203.78; ALLTEL 371.15; ANDERSON CONS 57.95; GARY BALDWIN 180.00; BARCO MUN PROD 422.24; BARNETT UPHOLSTERY 110.00; BAUMGARTNER LAW OFC 218.55; BEAVER VALLEY SUP CP 1,213.60; BERRY TRAC 1,146.88; BRADLEY SOFTWARE 163.55; JOHN E BREMER 60.00; C&R SUP INC 812.70; CENTRAL PUB 300.00; CENTURY LABS 71.96; JENNINGS CITY 2,068.80; NORCARTUR CITY 615.60; OBERLIN CITY 1,603.97; CLK OF DIST CRT 84.50; COLBY GLASS CO 67.50; COMMERCIAL SOUND CO 232.25; CONOCO 55.85; CORP PLAN EMP TRST FUND 13,633.19; CPM 8,762.21; CREATIVE SOL 112.50; CULLIGANIS 78.00; DEC CO EMP CAF... 1,065.00; DEC CO-OP 658.35; DEC CO HWY DEPT 2,218.35; DEC CO NOX WEED DEPT 268.25; DEC CO CLERK 72.65; DONIS ALINEMENT 1,205.31; EAKES 51.53; EMP INC 933.85; FAMILY LUMBER 106.93; FIDELE GRAPH 55.75; FLASH FIREWORKS 2,783.36; BEVERLY GAINES 65.26; GALLIS INC 181.06; HANSENIS PLBG 92.24; HIRSCH/PRATT 494.23; HOXIE AG & RADIATOR SERV 74.88; IDEAL LINEN SUP 59.52; IMATION 111.32; INLAND TRK 120.40; J O M PHARM 78.30; KADCCA 100.00; KANS-A-N 694.80; KDHE TRNG150.00; KDHR/BWN 622.99; LEAG OF KS MUNICIPALS 328.02; HARRY E LOHR 237.50; MAJESTIC 150.00; MARTIN TRAC 1,877.37; MCCUNE PAPER CO 906.00; MCHENRYIS ELEC 248.00; MED-TECH RES 274.12; JANET MEITL 81.80; MID WEST STATIONERS 989.00; MIDWEST ENERGY 99.12; MOORE MED 234.62; MUMM CONST 337.25; NADA APPR GUIDE 55.00; NEW AVE IND 118.42; NEX-TECH 644.62; NORT CO CLERK 6S OFC 918.94; NW FIRE EXT SERV 52.50; OBERLIN AUTO 742.60; OBERLIN CONG 747.75; OBERLIN MEAL SITE 140.00; OBERLIN SINCLAIR 7,621.39; OFC DEPOT 244.85; OFC WRKS 183.03; OLDHAM SLS 268.06; ONEOK ENERGY MRKTG 4,015.16; PHARMACIA UPJOHN 419.80; PITNEY BOWES INC 276.99; PRAIRIE LAND ELEC 84.27; QUALITY STORES 445.23; RAMADA INN 96.30; RAYEIS 1,624.18; RELIANCE AUTO PARTS (SW IMP) 145.27; RONIS TIRE 1,034.19; S W BELL TEL CO 1,318.71; S W IMP 923.62; S W TEL ACCESS 113.10; SAPP VALLEY CONST 12,135.75; SELLERS TRAC 7,134.61; SHERMAN CO HEALTH DEPT 125.08; STANLEYIS 350.07; SUNFLOWER SR CTR 267.08; THE CONSORTIUM 94.10; THE HILPLAINS COOP ASSN 463.99; TRI-CENTRAL OFC 478.62; US POSTMASTER 102.50; VEGETATION MNGMT SUP 643.50; VICTOR L PHILLIPS CO 220.89; WALTER & MCCLYMONT 547.50; WELBORN SLS 13,188.50; WESTFALL WH/GMC 2,889.66; MARK C WHITNEY 487.00. TOTAL ACCTS. PAYABLE 112,579.11 INCLUDING WARRANTS \$50.00 & UNDER 542.42.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 DOYLE B BROWN, CHAIRMAN
 RALPH D UNGER, MEMBER

ROBERT C GLENN, MEMBER
 ATTEST: MARILYN HORN COUNTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DECATUR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Decatur County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 5th day of February, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. an annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District will be held at The Gateway Civic Center, 1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items: **ONE:** The supervisors of the Decatur County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting. **TWO:** They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting. The term of Ronald Bryan is expiring. All in the county of Decatur in the State of Kansas.

By Lawrence Jennings, Chairperson
 Decatur County Conservation District
 Attest: Diana Solko
 District Manager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE IN THE Matter of the Estate of DORIS ROGERS, Deceased. Case No. 99-P-44 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on January 3, 2001, in said Court by Karl Rogers and Ron Rogers, Co-Executors of the Estate of Doris Rogers, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the Co-Executors, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, legatees and devisees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's Last Will and Testament. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 2, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Oberlin, in Decatur County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Karl Rogers, Petitioner
 Ron Rogers, Petitioner

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 Attorney for Petitioners

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NOTICE OF MEETING
 The Planning Commission will meet at The Gateway on February 15, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a hearing on a request for a zoning change for Kieth Alstrom in Block 26, Marks-Cole Addition to the City of Oberlin, Kansas, asking that the property be rezoned from RMH to CG. The proposed use of the property is a welding shop and salvage yard.
 OBERLIN PLANNING COMMISSION

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 294, Decatur County, Kansas RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed five (5) years in an amount not to exceed four (4) mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes, including housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the Oberlin Unified School District No. 294.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 294, Decatur County, Kansas, on the 8th day of January, 2001.

Vickie Lippelmann
 Clerk, U.S.D. 294 Board of Education

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NOTICE OF HEARING
 Take notice that the following applications for animal permits will be acted upon by the Board of Zoning Appeals at a meeting on January 31, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gateway, in Oberlin, Kansas.

Mick and Linda Glaze, Jim Bricker, Merlin Rippe, Larry and Becky Ayers, Stephen and Marilyn Horn, Lairy Goltl, Don Westervelt and Regan Green.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS