

# Kayettes collect boxes for children

By **KENDRA ANDERSON**  
 "An empty shoe box is good for little except throwing in the trash. But when the shoe box is filled with toys and other small gifts, it becomes a treasure chest that can bring Christmas joy and the love of God to a needy child," wrote Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan Purse, which organizes Operation Christmas Child.  
 Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered more than 24 million shoe boxes to children around the world who are suffering because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness or neglect. The

boxes are filled with small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, candy, books, or whatever will fit into a shoe box.  
 Helping others is what Kayettes is all about, especially during the holiday season.  
 Overtwenty boxes were collected for this project.  
 "The girls that participated were very excited to do it," said Kayette sponsor Linda Glaze, "and I think that the children will be very excited to get their boxes."  
 This is the second year the Kayettes have participated in Operation Christmas Child.



**MAKING GIFT BAGS** Anne Wasson worked on one of the many Kayette projects. — Dictator staff photo

# Oberlin sponsors regional conference

By **KYM RICHARDS, Oberlin Kayettes president**  
 Over 250 Kays and Kayettes filled the halls of Decatur Community High School on Nov. 6 for the Area 4 Regional Conference. Schools attending were Eastern Heights, Northern Valley, Beloit, Ellis, Hill City, Prairie Heights, West Smith County, Stockton, Sylvan Unified, WaKeeney-Treggole High School, WaKeeney Middle School, and Winona-Triplains.

The guest speaker was Randa Ray, a claims representative for American Family Insurance. She has been a Kay Camp staff member for the past eight years. She also formerly served as the Eastern Heights president.  
 The sponsor of the Oberlin club is Linda Glaze.  
 The Kayettes would like to thank all the people and businesses that helped make the conference a success.

# Honor Society pays for own yearbook page

By **SARAH RUF**  
 Since word of the budget crunch, teachers and students are doing what they can to help out, including the National Honor Society.  
 The organization decided it would pay for its own page in the yearbook. Members will work concessions during a basketball game and give the proceeds to the yearbook staff.  
 "It is greatly appreciated, as well as everyone else's donations," said Editor Sarah Ruf.  
 One of the premises of the Na-

tional Honor Society is service, and the club each year does both a school and a community service project.  
 "Working concessions to raise money for their own yearbook page is a great school service project," said yearbook adviser Brenda Breth. "We are very thankful to Mrs. Dejmal and her organization for coming up with this idea to help us out. Being in National Honor Society is more than just being a good student, and they are proving that. Leadership and service are also key aspects of the club."

## School Menus

**December 1 - 5 OBERLIN HIGH**  
 Unavailable.  
**OBERLIN ELEMENTARY**  
**Monday** — Breakfast: English muffin, egg, fruit. Lunch: chicken strips. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice. Lunch: burrito. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: blueberry muffin, sausage patty, fruit. Lunch: chicken noodle soup. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: beef nuggets. **Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice. Lunch: pancake/sausage on a stick. Milk served with meals. Choice bar served with lunches.

**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**  
 Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, fruit cocktail. **Tuesday** — chicken fried

steak, potatoes/gravy, corn, tropical fruit. **Wednesday** — Li'l Cheddar meat balls, au gratin potatoes, green beans, peaches. **Thursday** — ham/cheese pockets, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce. **Friday** — chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, pears, brownies. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with lunches.

**HERNDON**  
 Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — sausage gravy biscuit, sausage, peas, juice, lazy peach pie. **Tuesday** — beef/cheddar sub, tater tots, baked beans, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — cheeseburger macaroni, salad, green beans, fruit, cinnamon. **Thursday** — spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruited jello, cookie. **Friday** — chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, fruit, cookie. Milk served.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# Get ready to party and eat everything

Are you ready to give thanks pilgrim-style and party like it's 1621? Bring on the turkey and don't stop eating until your heart's pumping gravy and you become more bird than man. Then it's, "Bring on the pumpkin pie, baby."  
 I'll stop when my heart does.  
 Thanksgiving, a holiday created by pilgrims to celebrate the discovery that turkey tastes better than Indians, has evolved into a holiday celebrating the many health benefits of gluttony, my second favorite of the seven deadly sins, just after VH1.

## The Way I See It

By **Grant Reichert**

Of course, not everyone likes Thanksgiving as much as I do. For sure not the former Karin Robertson of PETA who recently changed her legal name to "goveg.com." PETA itself — you know, the "if it tastes good, you shouldn't be eating it" and "feeding kids meat is child abuse" people — has spoken out against the murder of so many turkeys. Many Indian groups, though, have come out and said that they like it better than the alternative.  
 But this assessment by PETA is pretty hypocritical. Have you seen what these guys do to tofu? Monstrous!  
 I mean, I like tofu as much as the next guy — that is, not at all — but advocating its use on Thanksgiving is like advocating going on vacation to Lincoln, Neb. That's right, Nebraska.  
 PETA is happy with President Bush, though. Bush will pardon two turkeys from their unfair captivity and likely death sentences. Meanwhile, detainees at Guantanamo Bay look at the American legal system with awe.  
 I, on the other hand, am looking

to Thanksgiving and a chance to eat some turducken.  
 Ah, yes, turducken. The holy trinity of turkey, duck and chicken. Turducken is hailed by International Federation of Competitive Eating Chairman George Shea as "the first real advancement in Thanksgiving since the pilgrims sat down for dinner with the Indians in Plymouth."  
 To improve the quality of turducken, and since it has been scientifically proven that being cruel to animals is fun, the turkeys, ducks and chickens are randomly slapped around and made to watch "The Matrix Revolution" repeatedly. For quality purposes, of course.  
 But whether you eat Turducken, turkey or tofu, just remember to eat in copious amounts.  
 After the holiday, when your electric scale refuses to reveal your actual weight for fear of retribution, you will know you've done your part for ending world hunger.  
 But really, Thanksgiving is about so much more than just food. It's about being with family and friends to help remind us how thankful we should be that we only have to be together a few times a year.  
 (Sigh.) Thanksgiving will be over, and we will get ready for Christmas. This time, get ready to do your part for world poverty. Then get ready to celebrate Christmas Jesus-style, and party like it's 0.

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# DECEMBER

# Decatur County Community Calendar

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

Call 785-475-3441

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Attend the Church of Your Choice	1 Lions Club Medical Arts Bldg.  Norcatur Rebekahs	2 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Masons, 6:30 p.m. Jennings Junior High Basketball, 4 p.m.	3 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; Oberlin Business Alliance, LandMark, Noon Blood Pressure, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; KMO Computer Bowl; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.	4 Oberlin Junior High Basketball at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.  Oberlin Scholar Bowl at Atwood, 4 p.m. Jennings Junior High Basketball, 4:30 p.m.	5 Oberlin Wrestling, 6:30 p.m.  Oberlin Basketball at Oakley, 6:30 p.m.  Jennings High Basketball	6 1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus Oberlin Wrestling Tourney at Hoxie, 8:30 a.m. Junior Varsity Wrestling Tourney at Goodland, 10 a.m. Oberlin KMEA
7 Decatur Professional Women Home Tour at 3:30 p.m., United Church  Oberlin band gift wrapping 1-4 p.m. at Sunflower Cinema.	8 Oberlin Elementary Grades 4-6 Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior Varsity, Basketball, 6 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin Scholar Bowl at Colby, 4 p.m.; Jennings High Basketball Tourney at Palco.	9 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Band and Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin High School Basketball tourney at Brewster.	10 Coffee Hour at R & M Service, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Gifted Seminar, grades 9-12 American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.  Norcatur Royal Neighbors AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	11 Dr. Rainwater, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital; Chamber Board, Dec. Cop board room, Noon; Oberlin Junior High Basketball at Colby, 4:30 p.m.; Jennings Junior High Basketball at Northern Valley, 4 p.m.	12 Chamber Open House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; Oberlin-Basketball Tourney at Brewster; Oberlin-Wrestling Tourney at Colby, 2 p.m.; Jennings-Basketball Tourney at Palco.	13 OBA Winter Farmer's Market, 9-Noon, 145 S. Penn; OBA Drawing, 4 p.m. at 145 S. Penn; Museum Christmas tree tour; Santa On Museum grounds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Children's Matinee at Sunflower Cinema. Oberlin-Basketball Tourney at Brewster; Oberlin-Wrestling Tourney at Colby 8 p.m.
14 Antique Engine Club potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.; OBA soup luncheon, 11:30-1:30 p.m.; Santa at the Courthouse, 1-2 p.m.; Stores open 1-4 p.m. Oberlin band gift wrapping 1-4 p.m. at Sunflower Cinema.	15 Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Norcatur Rebekahs; Oberlin Elementary grade 1-3 Winter concert, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tourney.	16 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital; Oberlin High Basketball at Hill City, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin Wrestling, 6:30 p.m.; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Jennings High Basketball at Rexford.	17 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Werth, Urology, Dec. County Hospital Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.  AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.	18 Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital; Convention Visitors Bureau, LandMark, Noon; NWKL Junior High Basketball, 7th grade at Goodland; 8th grade at Atwood; Jennings Junior High Basketball at Eastern Heights, 5 p.m.	19 Oberlin Basketball, 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Wrestling at St. Francis, 6:30 p.m. Jennings High at Healy, 6:30 p.m.	20 Christmas On Us Drawing, Oberlin Herald; Oberlin 9-10 Grade Wrestling Tourney, 9 a.m.; Matinee at Sunflower Cinema;
21 Attend the Church of Your Choice  Oberlin band gift wrapping 1-4 p.m. at Sunflower Cinema.	22 Oberlin High Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin No School, Dec. 22-Jan. 5, 2004; Chamber Soup Supper, 145 S. Penn, 5:30-7 p.m.; Stores open until 8 p.m.; Hospital board meeting 7 p.m.	23 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital Seeds of Hope Soup Supper, 145 S Penn, 5:30-7 p.m. Stores open until 8 p.m.; Chamber office open until noon.	24 Last Shopping Day Before Christmas  Stores close at 4 p.m.  Chamber Office Closed.	Merry Christmas		26 Chamber Office Closed.
28 Attend the Church of Your Choice	29 Oberlin 9th Grade Basketball Tourney, 1 p.m.	30 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital  Oberlin 9th Grade Basketball Tourney, 1 p.m.	31 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital OBA 5th Wednesday Promotion  Oberlin 9th Grade Basketball Tourney, 1 p.m.  \$3 Bag Day, Bargain Box Plus	The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE	Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.  Hansen Mueller	