

School has new nurse

By SHAREE DEMPEWOLF
Sick kids, hearing tests, eye tests, temperatures, playground accidents, and a zillion other things make up the life of a school nurse. The Oberlin school district has a new school nurse, Angela Copeland. Mrs. Copeland is married to Nathan Copeland, the vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser at Decatur Community High School. They live in Oberlin and have three sons.

"I wanted to become a nurse after my second child was in the neonatal intensive care unit," said Mrs. Copeland. She said that experience really pushed her to become a school nurse.

She attended Kansas State University in Manhattan and Colby Community College in Colby.

"I love it," exclaimed Mrs. Copeland about her new job. She said she loves her hours because they are the same as her family's; it allows her to spend more time with them.

In her spare time, Mrs. Copeland says she likes to spend time with her family.



CARLA WILSON SIGNS for the hearing impaired at Decatur Community High School.

— Dictator staff photo by Liz Boyd

Club has boys, girls

By KELSEY GALLETINE
Judging livestock, working on community service projects, taking trips, and having tons of fun is what FFA is all about.

This club is not only for boys, but for girls, too. Over the years, girl membership has been down. However, this year it looks like the club may have quite a few girls involved.

FFA gives students a chance to help the community, hang out with friends, meet new people, and have good times.

In October, seven members will go to the National Convention in Kentucky. Those members are President Caleb Peters, Vice President Bret Marietta, Reporter Justin Zadow, Sentinel Chet Ely, Treasurer Breck Simonson, and senior members Megan Barrett and Kelsey Gallentine. Nathan Copeland is the adviser.

FFA is so much more than looking at pigs, cows, and other ag-related events. It teaches many skills that are essential later in life.

Interpreter helps deaf students learn

By LIZ BOYD
Many people talk with their hands, but not very many make a career of it.

Carla Wilson, from Winona, is an interpreter for deaf students in the Oberlin school district. She was sent to Oberlin last year from the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley.

Her first impression of Oberlin, when she had a meeting with the teachers before the start of the second semester, was that "they were very nice, seemed to care about the students, and that it was a nice school."

Mrs. Wilson went to school at Goodland High School and then Brown-Mackie College in Salina. Currently, Mrs. Wilson is going to school at Front Range Community College in Colorado.

She started interpreting for a deaf and blind school. She said, "It was very hard to interpret for them because I had to use their

hands to interpret for them."

When asked how she learned sign language, she said, "It just came naturally, so I started taking classes."

She has been interpreting for the service center for six years. She drives from Winona every day.

Mrs. Wilson has been married for eleven years; she has a fifteen-year-old son, two dogs, and two cats. Mrs. Wilson is remodeling an old house that they are living in. "We work real hard on the weekends to get as much done as possible."

Mrs. Wilson is a "crafty" person. She says she loves to work with her hands and paint.

"Mrs. Wilson has become a vital part of my classroom," said English teacher Brenda Breth. "She loves the students and helps with the whole class, not just one student. I can't imagine my class without her."

Grads will see changes

By JUSTINE MILLER
Being a freshman is tough because of the changes from junior high to high school.

For this year's 8th graders, they will have it even tougher next year when they become freshmen because of new requirements.

Starting with the Class of 2009, there will be new requirements in order to graduate because of President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act.

Next year's freshmen, by the time they graduate, will need four units of English, three units of mathematics, three units of science, three units of social studies, one unit of physical education, one unit of computer technology, one unit of foreign language, and one unit of fine arts (band, vocal, or art). In addition, they will need six electives for a total of 21.

This year's high school students need four English, three social studies, two science, two math, one physical education, and 10 electives.

Speaking to a couple of eighth grade girls, they said they think the new rules are unfair because they will have to do more work than the other high school students.

There are also going to be changes starting next year with the state assessments.

In 2005-'06, annual assessments will be given in reading and math in grades 3-8 and once in high school. The second grade will still take annual reading diagnostics.

The writing assessments will still be given for 5th, 8th, and 11th grades biennially.

The science assessments will change from biennially to annually for grades 4, 7, and 10.

Social studies will stay the same for the 6th, 8th, and 11th grades biennially.

More changes. More requirements. More testing.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Council asks classes to sell magazines

By AMBER BARRATT
It's that time of year again, time for magazine sales.

Once again the Student Council has organized magazine sales so the Decatur Community High School students can raise money to sponsor various school events.

Part of the money will also go back to the classes to use for activities like prom and homecoming floats.

Not only will the school benefit from selling the magazines, but so can individual students. Prizes are given to students, and for every three magazine subscriptions or renewals

sold, they have a chance to draw a sucker and win a cash prize. Students who sell over 10 magazines will be rewarded with a pizza party.

In the past magazine sales has been a fun and easy way of making money. "It provides a service to our community and usually results in success," said Dick Ahlberg, Student Council sponsor.

The goal this year is to sell over 300 subscriptions and renewals. If you would like to order a magazine or renew one of your magazine subscriptions, you can contact any Decatur Community High School student.

School Menus

September 27-October 1				with all lunches.	
OBERLIN					
Monday	Breakfast: cereal, toast, pineapple. Lunch: taco casserole.				
Tuesday	Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, apples. Lunch: hamburger with bun, French fries.				
Wednesday	Breakfast: cereal, muffin, oranges. Lunch: chicken casserole, roll with butter.				
Thursday	Breakfast: breakfast casserole, cantaloupe. Lunch: pizza.				
Friday	Breakfast: waffles, ham patties, mixed fruit, juice. Lunch: chicken Monterey, rice, beets, roll with butter, mixed fruit. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served				

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS					
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: Monday — cheese pizza, green beans, pineapple. Tuesday — chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, peaches. Wednesday — ham sandwiches, Doritos, corn, Mandarin oranges. Thursday — chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, pineapple. Friday — Frito pies, refried beans, peaches, cupcakes. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.					

FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Various Townships - Batch #1, DECATUR County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2003, for the Preparation of the 2005 Budget.

	Cash Balance Jan 1st	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31st	Outstanding Bills as of Dec. 31st
PRAIRIE DOG TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	948	1,212	1,397	763	101
ROAD FUND	4,003	16,195	18,081	2,117	0
SPEC MACHINE	927	4,048	0	4,975	0
TOTALS	5,878	21,405	19,428	7,855	101

Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2003 : \$ 0

Certified by **DUANE CARMAN** Township Treasurer, **DERRY BISHOP** Township Trustee, **CHARLES NEFF** Township Clerk

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ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	13,389	3,140	11,489	5,040	0
ROAD FUND	14,883	9,321	20,634	3,570	0
SPECIAL ROAD					0
SPEC MACHINE	7,864	0	0	7,864	0
TOTALS	36,136	12,461	32,123	16,474	0

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	Cash Balance Jan 1st	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31st	Outstanding Bills as of Dec. 31st
SAPPA TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	8,240	218	765	7,693	0
ROAD FUND	9,126	12,627	18,209	3,544	0
SPEC MACHINE	14,678	0	10,202	4,476	0
TOTALS	32,044	12,845	29,176	15,713	0

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Certified by **STEVE NOREN** Township Treasurer, **PAUL SHIELDS** Township Trustee, **RICHARD ANDERSON** Township Clerk

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SHERMAN TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	7,668	2,142	5,573	4,237	0
ROAD FUND	4,895	8,511	12,852	554	0
SPEC MACHINE					0
TOTALS	12,563	10,653	18,425	4,791	0

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Certified by **LARRY ROE** Township Treasurer, **BART SNYDER** Township Trustee, **BRAD UEHLIN** Township Clerk

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SUMMIT TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	8,757	1,699	675	9,781	0
ROAD FUND	15,033	8,196	16,887	6,342	0
SPEC Road Levy	3,922	0	0	3,922	0
TOTALS	27,712	9,895	17,562	20,045	0

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Certified by **ELAINE MARCUSON** Township Treasurer, **MONTE MOORE** Township Trustee, **BRAD MARCUSON** Township Clerk

The above named Township Officers do certify that the foregoing is a summary of moneys received by the various Townships and expended together with the indebtedness of the various Townships for the year ending December 31, 2003.

The above Townships had 0 Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2003. Detailed Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Liabilities is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk. —Form required by K.S.A. 80-410 — Done so by - Marilyn Horn, Decatur County Clerk

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	4,144	1,457	2,610	2,991	0
ROAD FUND	10,579	22,918	23,500	9,997	0
SPECIAL ROAD					0
SPEC MACHINE	1,358	0	0	1,358	0
TOTALS	16,081	24,375	26,110	14,346	0

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Certified by **GERRY TALLY** Township Treasurer, **GERALD OLSON** Township Trustee, **DOUG BROWN** Township Clerk

	Cash Balance Jan 1st	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31st	Outstanding Bills as of Dec. 31st
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	1,987	770	562	2,195	182
ROAD FUND	0	12,098	12,098	0	0
SPEC MACHINE	13,947	0	0	13,947	0
TOTALS	15,934	12,868	12,660	16,142	182

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Certified by **DAVE STAPP** Township Treasurer, **RONALD TEMPLE** Township Trustee, **TROY MARSHALL** Township Clerk

	Cash Balance Jan 1st	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31st	Outstanding Bills as of Dec. 31st
LOGAN TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	25,527	2,802	0	28,329	0
ROAD FUND	18,238	10,584	13,909	14,913	0
TOTALS	43,765	13,386	13,909	43,242	0

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LYON TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	0	2,810	2,810	0	0
ROAD FUND	0	16,841	16,841	0	0
SPEC MACHINE	5,951	2,050	0	8,001	0
TOTALS	5,951	21,701	19,651	8,001	0

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OBERLIN TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	23,477	418	1,929	21,966	0
ROAD FUND	1,458	14,118	15,129	447	0
TOTALS	24,935	14,536	17,058	22,413	0

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Certified by **GENE MORFORD** Township Treasurer, **RJ METCALF** Township Trustee, **RON BYRAN** Township Clerk

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OLIVE TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	6,184	1,131	1,400	5,915	0
ROAD FUND	2,074	13,696	15,040	730	0
TOTALS	8,258	14,827	16,440	6,645	0

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Certified by **DENISE ABBEY** Township Treasurer, **JIM ABBEY** Township Trustee, **RANDY LESKA** Township Clerk

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PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP					
GENERAL	1,858	2,429	1,407	2,880	0
ROAD FUND	7,624	18,533	17,427	8,730	0
SPECIAL ROAD					0
SPEC MACHINE	16,770	4,633	0	21,403	0
TOTALS	26,252	25,595	18,834	33,013	0

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