

2009 speech season just around corner

By FARRA MCCHESENEY
 "This year we have a lot of potential to place in the top three at state, and I know we can do it!" Coach Leigh Davis told the students who attended the Speech Lock-in.
 After the basketball games on Friday, Jan. 9, high school students planning to participate on the Decatur Community High School Forensics team piled into the cafeteria for the annual lock-in. Twenty-four students attended, nine of them seniors. Miss Davis, Robynn Wessel, and Sarah Marcuson chaperoned the evening or morning.
 They started off with a game of "explosion tag." Games were coordinated by senior Jay Wessel. "I had a great time staying up all night and hanging out with my speech friends," Jay said.

Students then got a chance to eat some food that they had brought to share with everyone like brownies, Chex Mix, puppy chow, gushers, and Miss Davis's delicious hot wings.
 It's great to have fun but after satisfying their hunger, it was time to get down to serious business. The students got a chance to search for their pieces, partners, and lesson times. Some students even worked on their pieces for a couple hours.
 Through out the crazy and fun night, students played more games, watched movies in the library, made zillions of copies, dried out tons of highlighters, slept, and even scared a few people.
 When asked about her first lock-in, Kiah Blau said, "OMG! It was awesome! I stayed up all night!"

Students receive honors

By KYLE HUNTLEY
 Four high school band students auditioned for State KMEA Honor Band and all four were chosen: Alyssa Rippe, Chris Larson, Jacob Helm, and Katie Glading. This is the second year in a row for seniors Alyssa and Chris.
 Senior Jordan Tally was chosen for State KMEA Honor Choir in November. This, too, is his second year for the prestigious choir.
 Also, Ethan Merrill and Daniel Jordan were chosen as alternates to State KMEA Choir.
 To be eligible for State KMEA, musicians and vocalists must first be selected for District Band or District Choir. They auditioned a specific piece of music for District KMEA and were chosen for our district, which encompasses the northwest corner of Kansas.

Then Jan. 10, the band students auditioned for State KMEA. They had to play scales, sight read, and play a specific music selection in front of five judges in one room. Their ratings depended on a point system. There were only a certain number of openings in each section of the band.
 Alyssa plays the flute, Chris and Jacob play clarinet, and Katie plays the trombone. Jordan sings tenor.
 Over 100 musicians from across the state were selected for State KMEA Band and over 200 for State KMEA Choir. On February 26 to 28, they will all convene in Wichita and rehearse for a concert on Saturday, Feb. 28.
 The DCHS band instructor is Sarah Bricker. Susan Nelson is the vocal director.

DCHS Scholar Bowl team finishes as league runner-up

By ADRIENNE PAULS
 The Scholar Bowl team finished second in the Northwest Kansas League Scholar Bowl Tournament held Monday in Hoxie.
 Students representing Oberlin were Nathan Simonsson, Hunter Nedland, Jacob Helm, Chris Larson, Jacinta Carter, Rhiannon Davies, Joe Hirsch, and Laysha Medina.
 Oberlin was undefeated on the day until the last round against


Rawlins County. Rawlins County won the league title followed by Oberlin in second place, and Goodland, third.
 Oberlin is coached by Marlene Moxter.
 Oberlin defeated Colby, 70 to 30, Hoxie 80 to 30, Oakley 60 to 50, Goodland 110 to 20, and Quinter 40 to 20. Rawlins County beat Oberlin 80 to 15.

Seniors

Haley Barrett
By CINDY MURRAY
 Haley Barrett is currently a senior who is getting ready for the college life. Haley was born May 24, 1991, which makes her 17 years old. Her parents are Jim and Diane Barrett.
 Haley has two siblings, a brother, Justin who is 30, and a sister Megan who is 21.
 After Haley graduates from high school, she plans to go on a cruise around Alaska. She also plans on attending Fort Hays State University and majoring in business education.
 When asking Haley where she thinks she will be in ten years, she replied, "I hope that I am married and living in the mountains in Colorado."
 Haley's hobbies just happen to be working, participating in plays, and playing cards. Her favorite movies are "Moulin Rouge," "Van Helsing," and "Pirates of the Caribbean." Her favorite song artists are Fall out Boy, Nickelback, The Veronicas, Hey Monday, Three Days Grace, and The Offspring. Her favorite book is any mystery.

Haley's advice to the underclassmen is, "Don't waste your time your senior year. It goes by way too fast."
Nathan Baker
By FARRA MCCHESENEY
 Nathan Baker is the son of Mark and Julianna Baker. He has seven siblings, three brothers and four sisters. His brothers are Noah, 18 months old, Jordan, 12 years old, and Mathew, 20. His sisters are Marissa, 16; Tiffany, 21; Laurie, 22; and Jennifer, 24.
 Nathan Baker is seventeen years old and lives with his parents in Clayton.
 A senior at Decatur Community High School, Nathan Baker is planning for his future. He is currently enlisted in the U.S. Army. After three years of active service, Nathan plans to attend Northwest Technical College in Goodland, to study control heat and air.
 His long-term goal is to raise a family and take Baker Company to the next level and make it big. In ten years he plans to be in the Norton or Oberlin area.
 Nathan is an involved member of FFA. His other hobbies include cars and motorcycles. His favorite kind of movies are comedy. Two of his favorites are "With Out a Paddle" and "Anchorman." His favorite kind of music is classic rock, and he loves the song "Don't Hold Back."
 Nathan said he doesn't read much unless it's for school, but he especially enjoys books with pictures. His favorite colors are blue, red, silver, and dollar bill green.
 When asked what he would miss most about DCHS or Oberlin, Nathan said, "My friends and teachers I've seen everyday for the last four years." If he could give a word of advice to underclassmen, he would tell them that "high school is short so live it up while it lasts because after high school it's the real world."

Voice of Decatur Community High School



Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



GARRETT BERRY USES the new SawStop table saw in Industrial Arts. — Photo by Jacob Fortin

Wood shop gets new saw

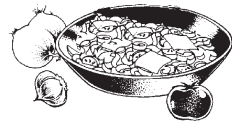
By JACOB FORTIN
 The Industrial Arts Department received a new addition to its shop equipment. The brand new table saw is a great way for students to keep all their fingers.
 The SawStop, which cost around \$4,000, is equipped with a safety system that stops the blade within 5 milliseconds of detecting contact with skin. So accidents in the past that cut off a finger, with the SawStop, barely nick the skin.
 The low profile blade guard can be used even on narrow cuts, which

means students can take advantage of the added protection of the blade guard, even on cuts as narrow as 3/4 of an inch. The blade is also well shrouded to improve dust collection and reduce airborne particles.
 A diagnostic self-check runs when the saw is started to ensure all systems are ready to detect an accident. In addition, the saw has a large start/stop paddle with hands-free shutoff, which can be stopped with the knee allowing the user to safely stop the blade even when both hands are busy.

School Menus

Jan. 26 - 30
BERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: omelet, muffin. Lunch: hamburger, apple sauce. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: vegetable soup, cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: polish dog, sauerkraut. **Thursday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: spaghetti

with meat sauce, green beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: waffle, sausage pattie. Lunch: chicken sandwich, french fries.
 Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



Public Notices

Estate of F. Anderson

PUBLIC NOTICE
 (Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, 2009)3t
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
 In the Matter of the Estate of FERN O. ANDERSON, Deceased.
 Case No. 2008-PR-22
NOTICE OF HEARING
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that a petition dated 29 December 2008, has been filed in this court by Vickie J. Lippelmann, as a surviving daughter and heir of Fern O. Anderson, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Vickie J. Lippelmann as executor of the estate.
 You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.
 You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of Vickie J. Lippelmann as executor of the estate on or before January 30, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Oberlin in Decatur County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
 Vickie J. Lippelmann, Petitioner

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 finance affairs since the last annual meeting.
TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.
 The term of Vernon Ketterl and Carl Wahlmeier is expiring.
 All in the county of Decatur in the State of Kansas.
 By Carl Wahlmeier, Chairperson
 Decatur County Conservation District
 Attest Diana Solko, District Manager

Estate of W. Jensen

PUBLIC NOTICE
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 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS (Magistrate - Probate)
 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
 In the Matter of the Estate of WALLACE JENSEN, Deceased
 Case No. 2009-PR-01
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of January, 2009, a petition was filed in said Court by Michael Jensen as Executor of Wallace Jensen, deceased, wherein he was appointed an Executor of said estate under the Kansas Simplified Estate Act.
 All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the said estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.
 Michael Jensen, Executor

Estate of L. Eckhart

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 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS (Magistrate - Probate)
 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
 In the Matter of the Estate of LOIS M. ECKHART, Deceased
 Case No. 2008-PR-23
NOTICE FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
 You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of January, 2009, a petition was filed in said Court by Elmo Lund, Executor of the Lois M. Eckhart Estate, praying for a final settlement of said Estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as Executor, allowance of attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the Court determine the heirs-at-law or legatees and the parties entitled to said Estate and distribute and assign that same to them in accordance with the last will and testament of Lois M. Eckhart, and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 5th day of February, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day in said court in the City of Oberlin, 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.
 Elmo Lund, Petitioner
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 Attorney for Petitioner

Mortgage foreclosure

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 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff.
 Gregory James Unger, et al., Defendants.
 Case No. 07CV10
 Mortgage Foreclosure
 Division 0
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Decatur, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 07CV10, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 a.m., on February 5, 2009, at the front door of the Decatur County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Decatur, State of Kansas, to wit:
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 SHERIFF OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
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Conservation meeting

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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 2nd day of February, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District will be held at the Gateway Civic Center, 1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, Kansas.

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