



THE AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS CLASS has started to build this rock/mud truck as one of their student shop projects. — Dictator photo

Students build 'truggy' in class

By JASON KETTERL
The Agricultural Mechanics class has been building a rock/mud truck for a student shop project. We have been sponsored by Ouvreson Engineering, K&N, and Red Barn Customs. This truggy, an off-road truck crossed with an off-road buggy, is made up of a lot of different parts and has been an engineering masterpiece.

The math and geometry involved is complicated but very practical for students to learn about. The body and main part of the chassis is from

a 1986 Ford two-wheel drive F-350 quad cab. The axles are two and half ton 1976 M35A2 Kaiser axles. The front axle is a steering axle, and the back is a straight non steering axle. The parts to rebuild the axles are from Ouvreson Engineering, who donated a free repair manual for this project.

The stopping power for these axles will come from pinion brakes. A 1980's Toyota four piston calipers will provide the clamping, and the pinion brake shims and rotors are from Red Barn Customs. The

drive train is consisting of a new process 200 transfer case from a 1948 Dodge Power Wagon. The transfer case is coupled to a 1970 Ford C-6 transmission fully rebuilt with aftermarket parts to handle 550 foot pounds of torque.

The engine is a 1986 Ford big block 460. It will run on propane and water methanol injection. A custom roll cage was installed along with racing seats. The steering comes from a 2002 John Deere 9650 combine orbital valve. The massive tires are 49 inch Goodyear AT-2's. The rim centers were custom cut and flipped inside the rim and welded in for a custom mounting distance.

All that is left is to tube out the back half of the truggy and put the four link suspension under it.

Six picked for state jazz band

By KYLE HUNTLEY
Six Decatur Community High School band students have been chosen for Kansas Music Educator's Association Jazz Band: Joe Hirsch, alto saxophone; Nolan Henningson, trumpet; Katie Glading, trombone; Matt Glading, trombone; Tiffany Anderson, baritone sax; and Tim Larson, first alternate trombone.

These students had to spend their own extra time learning two specific jazz pieces and then record those pieces along with other skills.

The recordings were then sent in and judged, and the top jazz students were accepted into the jazz band.

This year Decatur Community High School has more students represented in the KMEA jazz band than any other school in the north-west district -- "by a landslide" added Sarah Bricker, instrumental director.

The students and Mrs. Bricker will be going to Hays, Saturday, Nov. 7, to spend the day rehearsing with the other band members and a guest clinician to prepare for a concert later on that day.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Students chosen for honor choir

By LAKIN BROWN
The following students were selected for the Kansas Music Educator's Association Junior High Honor Choir:

Sopranos: Emma Borton, Morgan Jansonius, Sierra Lohofener, and alternate Grace Randel.

Altos: Molly Jansonius, Haley Schiessler, and Jude Walinder, and alternate McKenna O'Hare.

Baritone: Nick Ashley, Ben Glading, Ganon Henningson, and Caleb Koerperich

Hannah May, flute; Rebecca Wentz, clarinet; Regent Erickson, alto saxophone; Justin Gee, trombone; and Grace Randel, flute

alternate, have been chosen for the Junior High KMEA Band.

These students spent their own, extra time to learn a specific piece of music for their instrument. The students made a recording and sent the recording to a judge. The top students that auditioned from the Northwest district were accepted into the band.

They will go to Hays November 7 to spend the day rehearsing with the other band and choir members and a guest clinician to prepare for a concert that afternoon at the Hays High School Gym. Admission is \$2.00 and students are free.

Band concert scheduled for next Monday

By LAKIN BROWN
The Decatur Community High School Band will perform its first concert of the year on Monday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The band will be playing songs following the themes of Halloween and Superheroes.

In the spirit of the season, every-

one — children and adults — are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes to the concert. At intermission there will be a costume contest for the best dressed.

There will be two groups judged: children and adults. The evening will be full of tricks and treats. Hope to see you there.

Schools saving receipts from grocery store

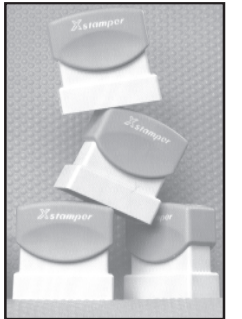
By JORI DIEDERICH
Decatur Community High School and Oberlin Elementary School are participating in a program to earn free school equipment.

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tant educational equipment. Please shop at Raye's Grocery Store, save your receipts dated from Sept. 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010, and send them to school with your child.

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Monday: Breakfast: Waffle, ham pattie. Lunch: Hamburger, french fries. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon bun stick, yogurt. Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Burrito, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Bagel pizza. Lunch: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich. **Friday:** Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: Chicken strips, au gratins.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



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