

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



WITH A HUGE SMILE, Austin Hendrickson is busy preparing for the State Geography Bee contest, which will be held on April 9 in Abilene.

— Dictator Staff Photo

Hard work earns trip to State Bee

By JORI DIEDERICH
Austin Hendrickson is on his way to the State Geography Bee in Abilene! After his hard work and dedication paid off by winning the Local Geography Bee, he had to take a written test that was sent in to be graded. Austin said, "The questions were hard, but I managed to get them right."

at the local level will be separated into 15 groups. The top winners of each group will then compete in an oral competition, so the answers and question will be given out loud. If Austin wins the state bee, he will win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. on May 25 and 26 for the National Geography Bee. The best any one from Oberlin has done is fourth at State! Wish him luck!

Student wins trip to leadership camp

By JORDAN DREHER
Junior Jacob Helm has been selected for the "Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp," sponsored by Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Jacob first had to apply, and then he and the other finalists had to take a written test and be interviewed. Three students were chosen for the "Government in Action" trip, which is a trip to Washington D.C., and three other students were chosen for the Steamboat camp. Jacob was first selected for the Washington trip but had to decline the invitation because of a scheduling conflict.

Jacob, along with other students from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming will meet in Steamboat Springs this summer to learn more about cooperatives, rural electrification, leadership, and safety. The students will tour one of the largest electrical generating plants and a trapper mine where coal is mined to fuel three local generation plants. To win the all-expense paid trip,

Prairie Land Electric Cooperative has sponsored the trips since 1968. The other five students selected are from Lenora, Plainville, Prairie View, Logan and Kanorado. Jacob is the son of Mike and Deb Helm.

Future musicians look at K-State opportunity

By LAKIN BROWN
Five band students participated in the Kansas State University Future Music Educator's Day. Tim Larson, Katie Glading, Nakita Bose, Joe Hirsch and Jasmine Pearson, along with their band instructor Sarah Bricker, went to Manhattan to experience the event that allowed high school students to follow a student mentor through a "Day-in-the-life-of" a music education student.

Future Music Educator's Day is an attempt to expose potential music students to a career in education. It is more of recruitment for the profession than for any one institution. While in Manhattan the students sat in on rehearsals and attended two classes: Music Theory and Aural Class. The students mostly stayed together as a group during the trip. The event was paid for by grant money from the Decatur County Education Foundation.

Kayettes offering mysterious dinner

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON
The Kayettes, in conjunction with the Drama Department, are offering a dinner Saturday, April 10, before the school play. A dinner, using a mystery theme, will be served at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria prior to the Saturday performance of "Murder's in the Heir."

Decatur Community High School office at 475-2231 for reservations. If you have questions, please contact the Kayette sponsor Linda Glaze. The Kayettes will be serving "roasted" loin of pork, "alibi" potatoes, green beans with "daggers," "pickles" and "egg-citing" salad, "disappearing" buns, "mystery" dessert, and "brewed" beverages.

School Menus

April 5 - 9
OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: No school. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Ham combo, muffin. Lunch: Chicken wrap, roundabouts. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: roast beef, mashed potatoes. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Cinnamon roll. Lunch: Biscuits and gravy, sausage pattie. **Friday:** Breakfast: Pancake, ham pattie. Lunch: Burrito, Mexican rice. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



Choosing, using asparagus

Seeing fresh asparagus in markets signals spring, yet shoppers who didn't grow up eating asparagus may pass it by — and miss out on one of the season's best vegetables.

Choosing and using fresh asparagus is easy. Here are some tips, beginning with how to choose fresh asparagus:

- Look for firm stalks with a rich green or violet-green color.
- Larger stalks typically offer the best flavor and quality; a thinner stalk can indicate toughness or late-season growth.
- Tips should be tightly closed. An open head happens when the weather warms and the head grows too fast.
- With white asparagus, other than color, the same tips apply. White asparagus is grown in low light, which does not allow it to absorb chlorophyll, which is responsible for the green color. The appearance is different, but the taste is the same.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

- Refrigerate after purchase. Trim the stem and wrap the bottom in a damp paper towel or stand up the stalks in a jar with enough water in the bottom to keep the stalks moist and fresh.
- Use fresh asparagus within two to three days after purchase.
- To cook fresh asparagus:
 - Separate and, with a soft vegetable brush, wash each stalk under cool running water.
 - Check the head of each stalk for garden debris.
 - Snap (or cut) off the bottom inch, which can be tough.

side dishes. In many recipes, asparagus can usually be substituted for peas or broccoli. Cook whole stalks or cut pieces of asparagus to steam, stir-fry, oven-roast, microwave or grill. Cook until crisp-tender. Nutritionally, asparagus is low in calories and high in fiber, potassium, folic acid, Thiamine and Vitamin A, C, and B6. Tranda Watts is a Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at (785) 443-3663 or e-mail twatts@ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Senior Features

Kira Meitl

By JORI DIEDERICH
Kira Rose Meitl is the daughter of Gary and Tina Meitl. She has two siblings: Josh Meitl and Ramsey Thompson. Kira likes to shop, do hair, ride horses, show livestock, hang with friends and watch movies. She is very interested in fashion and art. While at Decatur Community High School, Kira has been involved in Cross Country, Kayettes, TACT, Spanish Club, Physics/Chemistry Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, D-Club and Scholar Bowl. Her favorite colors are black,

white and blue. Her favorite song is "Two is Better Than One," and the quote that inspires her is, "Do what you can with what you have where you are," by Theodore Roosevelt. Kira plans to move to California after high school, go to school and intern, get a job doing what she enjoys, and eventually have a family. She is planning to attend the "Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising" in Los Angeles. Kira will major in Visual Communications. Her advice to underclassmen is to avoid drama, have fun, be smart, be involved and enjoy it while it lasts. She said she will miss her friends the most.

Kaden Macfee

By ASHLI SAMSON
Kaden Macfee is the son of Dennis and Shelly Macfee. He is eighteen years old and was born on Jan. 17, 1992. He has three siblings: Taylor, Madison and Landon. One of his hobbies is collecting Kenworth semis. He is also interested in working with livestock, pro wrestling and Nebraska football. His favorite color is maroon, his favorite book is "A Day No Pigs Would Die," his favorite song is "My Time Is Now," and his favorite quote is "The odds are always against you, no matter what your previous history is. You have to

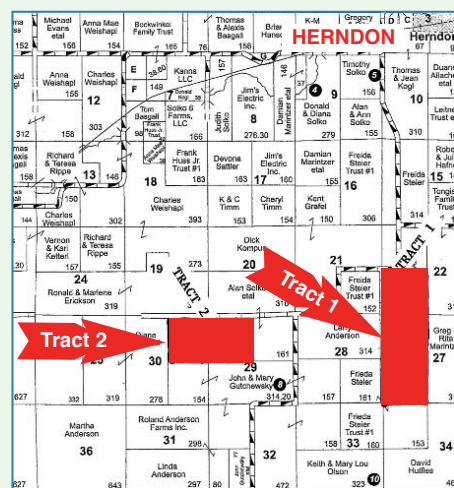
overcome the tendency to relax." Kaden plans to attend college at Cloud County Community College majoring in agronomy and in the future he would like to be an agronomist. In ten years Kaden sees himself graduated from college, having a good job and living in his own house with a family. Kaden's advice to underclassmen is to enjoy high school because it goes by fast. When asked what he will miss about high school, he said shop class.

Rawlins County, KS Land Auction

(800 +/- Acres)

Sat., Apr. 10, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.

Sellers: Denis and Wilma Tongish Irrevocable Trust, Joe Tongish Trustee



SALE LOCATION: Herndon VFW, Herndon, KS.
POSSESSION: Day of closing on open ground, after wheat harvest 2010 on 165.63 planted acres on Tract 1. Buyer pays 1/3 fertilizer and receives 1/3 of planted wheat.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
TRACT 1: The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31) and the West One-half (W1/2) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31), all West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas.
TRACT 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29) and the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Thirty (30), all in Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas.
MINERALS: Seller's interest going to Buyer.
CROP INSURANCE: Buyer pays 1/3.
TERMS: 10% down day of sale, balance at closing, on or before May 10, 2010, with certified funds.
TAXES: Tract 1 - \$591.62
Tract 2 - \$229.90
Seller will pay taxes for 2009 and prior years and Buyer will pay taxes for 2010 and subsequent years.
FSA INFORMATION:
TRACT 1: Selling as 480 acres. Cropland - 262.04 acres; Grassland - 217.96 (+/-).

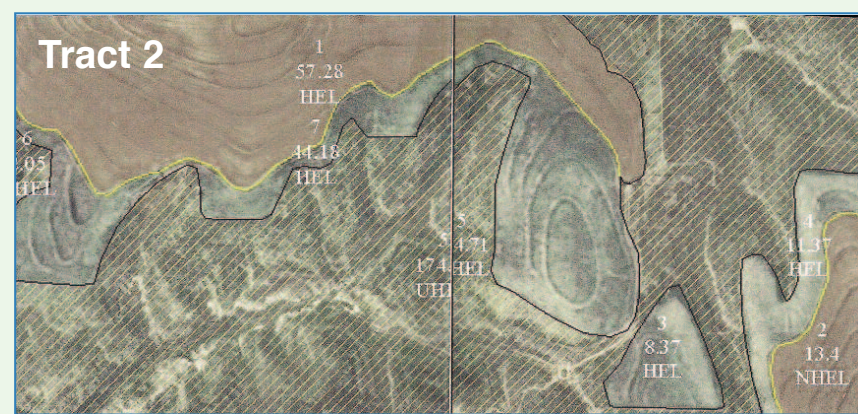


	Bases	Yields
Wheat	108.4	31
Grain Sorghum	87.3	48

TRACT 2: Selling as 320 acres. Cropland - 79 acres and 55.6 acres expired CRP; Grassland 185.4 acres (+/-).

	Bases	Yields
Wheat	58.2	31
Grain Sorghum	44.1	48

FSA measurements may not be same as deeded acres. All information is from reliable sources.
AGENCY: Johnson Realty, Inc. and its agents are representing the Seller and not agents for the Buyer. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.
AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Tract 1 has been very well-maintained, with very good crop land and grassland. Tract 2 is a combination of very good crop land and pasture. There are 55.6 acres of expired CRP that could be broke out or used as a hunter's dream.



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