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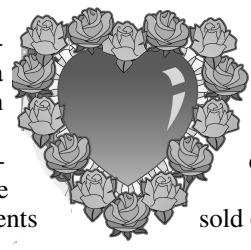
SENIOR ANDREA HANNAH received a flower during home room. The Kayettes sold carnations, which were delivered on Valentine's Day. — Dictator photo by Leslie Marcuson

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Computer matches kids

By COURTNEY SCOTT
The results are in... The National Honor Society sold computer data matches over lunch on Valentine's Day. Two surveys were available — one for the whole school and one for students in a class.

The honor society sold the matches for a dollar each. The students completed a survey several weeks ago, and then a computer program matched the students up. About 240 matches were sold on Valentine's Day.



Scholars win two and lose three

By SERINA HEIKES
The high school scholar bowl team won two rounds and lost three at the regional meet in Syracuse on Feb. 1. The two victories were over Spearville and Stanton County. The scholars were Ben Bryan, Bridget Corcoran, Dani Dorshorst, Jake Robinson and Greta Wendelin. This was the final competition for the scholar bowl team. "I thought we had a good season," said Greta. "We won a few rounds, and had a lot of fun along the way."

School year only ran for three months 100 years ago

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
Remember sitting in your desk, listening to teachers all day and wondering if school would ever end? Some things never change, but then again, some do. The school term was only three months long 100 years ago. Now students in Oberlin go 184 days, which is more than our parents did. The requirements for graduation have also changed. In 1887-'88 students in advanced grades (high school) took higher arithmetic, algebra, physiology, ancient history, English, and chemistry. In 1906, students could enroll in courses according to their interests, including a college preparatory course, which included four years of Latin, two years of German, mathematics, English and history. Eventually six areas were available for students — general, college preparatory, music, vocational training, commercial and vocational agriculture. According to Jan. 10, 1927, *Decatur Dictator*, the school added six classes in 10 years — domestic science, art, agriculture, music, blacksmithing and farm shop. When the high school building was dedicated in 1939, Latin, constitution, shorthand, blacksmithing, commercial arithmetic and typing were offered. In 1965 students were required to have 18 credits to graduate. Today they need 22 — four in English; three in social science including American history, world history and one-half unit each American government and Kansas history; two in science including a laboratory course; two in math; one-fourth in health,



three-fourths in physical education; and ten electives. While most classes are college prep today, vocational courses, such as ag welding, small engines, applied mathematics, television communications and drafting, are available. What is life without music? Music has always been a part of this school. In 1899 a band was formed with 36 people. And in the early 1900s, glee clubs were formed. A few years later a school band, with 64 members, was meeting three days a week. Students enrolled in the music course could have selected Solfeggio, which is sight reading music, as one of their classes. Today instead of glee clubs, the school has the DCHS Singers, Chanté, and a 110-member choir. While Blacksmithing was taught in 1923, but vocational agriculture has been in the school since the early 1900s. Physical education has been around for a while also. Girls phys-ed started in 1926, but was opposed by those who didn't believe it was a seemly course for young women. Home Economic was first offered in 1915. Twenty girls took the class and learned the basics of sewing and making food.

Today students learn cooking, sewing and many other things in Family and Consumer Science. Debate is an another oldie. It started in 1927. Art was added in 1967-'68 and was taught by Bruce Petting. There was an art class in the school before then, but it was never part of the curriculum. When the new addition was added in the 1960s, the art room moved to the basement. One of the biggest changes in curriculum has been in technology. Many people recall using typewriters to get essays done. Today it's all on computers. And what is short-hand? A computer class in terminology and programming began in 1983. Today the Internet is in many classrooms to help with research. The high school has more than 175 computers including three computer labs, lap tops in the science department and the computers in the library. Math, chemistry and English can be traced as far back as 1887-'88. Foreign languages have been taught since 1906 with Latin, Russian and German offered at different times. Spanish is now the only foreign language offered. It has been part of the school's curriculum since before 1944. In the 1932 physics and physics laboratory were the sciences offered, mainly by seniors. Chemistry was junior and senior course and was opened to all high school students in 1978-'79. Today it is a sophomore course. Before 1966, Biology I was a junior and senior class, but today it is for freshmen. Social science courses have also been around for a long time, but the names have changed, such as civics and constitution. Things really do change around here. Imagine typing a senior research paper on a typewriter.

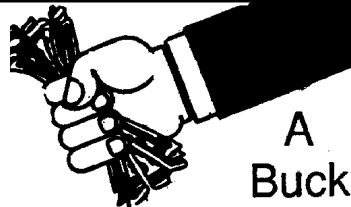
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School Menus

Feb. 26-28-March 1-2 OBERLIN HIGH
Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Chicken, fries, peas. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice. Lunch: Taco salad bar, refried beans, spanish rice. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Potato bar, chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables. **Thursday**—Breakfast: French toast, sausage links, juice. Lunch: Beef and noodles, potatoes, corn. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice. Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans. All lunches are served with a salad bar, fruit, relishes and milk.
OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday—Breakfast: French toast, sausage patty, fruit. Lunch: Hamburgers. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit. Lunch: Crispitoes. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: Pizza. **Thursday**—Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cereal,

juice. Lunch: Beefy nachos. **Friday**—Breakfast: Muffin, potato wedge, fruit, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup. All lunches are served with a choice bar and milk.
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Monday—Ham/cheese pockets, fries, oranges. **Tuesday**—Vegetable beef soup, pineapple, cinnamon rolls. **Wednesday**—Tuna subs, baked beans, peaches, brownies. **Thursday**—Sausage patties, potatoes, peas, biscuits, applesauce. **Friday**—Tomato/potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, salad, pears, cookies.
HERNDON
Monday: Hamburger stroganoff, green beans, apple crisp. **Tuesday**: No School. **Wednesday**: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, juice, cookie. **Thursday**: Pig in a blanket, taters, peas, fruit, cookie, milk. **Friday**: Macaroni and cheese, tuna sandwich, cookie, milk.

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