

New Students



By the DCCHS Dictator Staff



KAYETTES DECORATED paper recycling boxes for the high school during their meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13. Shown are (left to right) Ashli Samson, Rachele Scott, Jordan Dreher, Mary Olson, and Jaci Pearse. —Photo by Kenzie Fisher

Kayettes gather to help save trees

BY WHITNEY WRIGHT
Fifty girls gathered in the library to work on one of the Kayettes' service projects — recycling. At the Thursday, Sept. 13, meeting, the Kayettes made recycle boxes for paper.
The girls decorated boxes for each classroom, so that rather than throw paper in the trash, the school recycles it.

Sponsor Linda Glaze said, "We support recycling because it's important to the ecosystem of the world."
Encouraging recycling is the Kayettes' national service project.
Mrs. Glaze also said, "The Kayettes have a lot of fun activities planned for this year."
Jenny Ploussard is the Kayette president.

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Caleb Lahe
BY DANYEL JEFFREY
New seventh-grader Caleb Lahe moved to Oberlin from Colorado. "My mom, Tina, and I moved here," said Caleb. "My dad lives in Colorado."
Caleb also has two siblings, Ricky and Tiffany.
His hobbies include listening to music and shooting guns.
"I like to hunt doves and rabbits," Caleb said. "They are more of a challenge, for me anyway."
Caleb's favorite class is science with Randy Olson.
"It's my favorite," he said, "because we get to do a lot of experiments, and it's really fun."
When asked how he liked school here Caleb said, "DCHS is better than my last school because the teachers here don't send you to the office for no reason at all."
"I'm not sure why we moved here," said Caleb, "but it's a cool town."



Caleb Lahe

the work. It challenges me every day."
Ryan also said that he likes school here, but he has a lot to get used to. Decatur Community High is much smaller than the school he went to in Dodge City.

Rosa Lopez
BY WHITNEY WRIGHT
Rosa Lopez is a new freshman at Decatur Community High School. She is 15 years old, and moved here from Garden City.
Her parents are Juan and Irma Lopez. She has two brothers and one sister.
Rosa is currently living with Deb Lohofener and her family.
While at Decatur Community High, she plans to participate in basketball, robotics, and Chanté.
"I think that joining groups at DCHS will help me meet new people and make more friends," said Rosa.
She said she likes the school here. "It is a lot smaller," Rosa said, "than the school I went to in Garden City."
Rosa's favorite class is choir. "I like choir because I get to sing," she said, "and Mrs. Nelson is a good teacher."



Rosa Lopez

Ryan Miller
BY WHITNEY WRIGHT
Ryan Miller is a new freshman at Decatur Community High School. He is 16 years old and happy that the school year has started. He moved here from Dodge City.
Ryan's father is Shawn Miller. He has two brothers and three sisters.
"I really miss my family," Ryan said. "They are a big part of what makes me who I am."
Ryan moved to Oberlin for a personal change.
"I need to straighten out my life and try to fix things that I have done wrong," he said.
When things change for Ryan, he will be returning to his family.
While at Decatur Community High, Ryan does not think he will be participating in any extracurricular activities. He plans to maintain good grades and keep a positive attitude about whatever life dishes out to him.
His interests are music and stereos. He said music is something he wouldn't be able to live without.
Freshman English is Ryan's favorite class.
"There is always something to do in English," Ryan said, "and I like



Ryan Miller

Chance Marble
BY LEANNA SHEAFFER
Decatur Community High School is welcoming a handful of new students; one of them is Chance Marble. He is a sophomore now and is 16 years old.
Chance moved here from Nathrop, Colo. His parents are Walter and Julie Marble, and he has an older sister, Echo, who is 18 years old.
Some of his hobbies include playing the guitar, roping, and working on his pickup. He has been in 4-H for eleven years and enjoys breaking horses. He plans to take part in school activities such as basketball and wants to help support our players in the other sports.
His favorite class so far is computer art, with his favorite teacher, Terri Woolsey.



C. Marble

Getting into the spirit



BRANDIDIEDERICH helped her classmates put up their window decorations for Homecoming last week. The sophomore class used "Survivor" as its theme for the window decorating competition.

Who's your buddy?

BY JENNY PLOUSSARD
The high school band students are busy with their latest project, Band Buddies.
Band director Sarah Reif got the idea from a friend of hers who is also a band director. Miss Reif took the idea and expanded it.
For Band Buddies, a high school student and a fifth grader who play the same instrument partner up.
The fifth graders are just now learning to play their instruments. The high school band students are intended to be role models for the fifth graders and a source of encouragement for them.
To get things going, the high school students wrote to their buddies, and now the high school students and the fifth graders have been writing letters back and forth.
"The excitement from not only the fifth graders but also the high school students is really cool," said Miss Reif. "Everyone is always extremely excited when they get letters."
"My son is a fifth grader who is just learning to play the trumpet," said Brenda Breth. "He is very excited to have senior David Urban as his Band Buddy."
"Later on we will do some other fun and exciting things together," said Miss Reif, "but that is a secret."
"The purpose of Band Buddies is to encourage the fifth graders," she continued. "Learning how to play a new instrument is very exciting but also very difficult and at times frustrating."
"Having a high school band member as a friend gives the fifth graders not only someone to look up to," said Miss Reif, "but also to encourage them and offer advice."

School Menus

October 1-5 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: bagel pizza. Lunch: fish patty sandwich, macaroni and cheese. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: muffin, yogurt. Lunch: popcorn chicken, au gratin potatoes, dinner roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast combo. Lunch: grilled chicken sandwich, tater tots. **Thursday:** Breakfast: waffle, ham patty. Lunch: pigs in a blanket, baked beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: biscuit and gravy. Lunch: pizza, corn. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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