



ALYSSA MONTGOMERY and Jon Samson competed during the championship round of the Rock, Paper, Scissors competition, sponsored by the Kayettes, on Thursday, Oct. 18. Jon's group won the competition.

## Rock, paper, scissors, shoot

**By CHERISH MANNING**  
The first ever Decatur Community High School Rock, Paper, Scissors contest was sponsored this month by the Kayettes. The entry fee for tournament was a stuffed animal for each team. These stuffed animals will be donated to the Decatur County hospital.

According to Linda Glaze, Kayette adviser, there were nearly 20 teams competing. Three students made up each team. Each member went up against another team's member. The team that won two of the three games moved on. Thursday, Oct. 18, was the cham-

ampionship round for tournament. The first-place winners were the "3 kids" (Jonathan Samson, Chance Marble and Nathan Baker). Second-place winners were the "Cowgirls" (Alyssa Montgomery, Shanna Pearce and Lakin Brown). Third-place winners were Ashley Horton, Mary Olson and Stephanie

Bruggeman — the "Handzzers." Jenny Ploussard, the Kayette president, said, "It was a lot of fun and was a good way to get the school involved." The Kayettes look forward to "iron man volleyball" on Nov. 17.

## Me gusta el otono porque (I love autumn because....)

Señora Carol Brown's Spanish II classes have brightened up the front entrance to the school and the hallway upstairs with fall colors. The students decorated with tissue paper leaves to observe the season.

Some of the leaves say, "Los colores son bonito," "Me encanta el voliebol," "El sentimiento en el aire," and "Me encanta el tiempo."

The students decorated leaf-shaped tissue paper with water colors, giving the leaves a pretty tie-dyed effect. Before the water color was applied, each student wrote why they like fall on his or her leaf. The students then dropped liquid water color onto the tissue paper with a straw.

When dried, the leaves were hung in the Spanish classroom. Some of the leaves also decorate the main bulletin board, located directly inside the Decatur Community Junior/Senior High front doors.

"I enjoyed seeing all the different colors and combinations the kids created," said Señora Brown.

She said she used the same idea for family reading night at Oberlin Elementary School last year. While sorting her kindergarten belongings she came across the leaf project, and decided it would make a good one



KENZIE FISHER helped put leaves decorated by the Spanish classes on the main bulletin board at Decatur Community High.

for her Spanish classes to practice vocabulary.

"Since fall was starting, it was the perfect time to do the project," Señora Brown said.

## Junior band members selected for honor band

**By KAITLYN GILLESPIE**  
Seven junior high students have been selected to participate in the Kansas Music Educators' Association band.

Those students are Darbi Rouse, Kade Brown, Miki Dorshorst, Zach

May, Samantha Anderson, Matthew Helm, and Matt Glading.

"I'm really proud of all the kids. They did really well," said band instructor Sarah Reif. "We are going to have a lot of fun and learn lots."

To qualify, the students had to

work on a specific song and were taped playing it. The tapes were sent in to judges, who selected the band members.

The purpose of the Kansas Music Educator's Association honor band is to give kids an opportunity to play

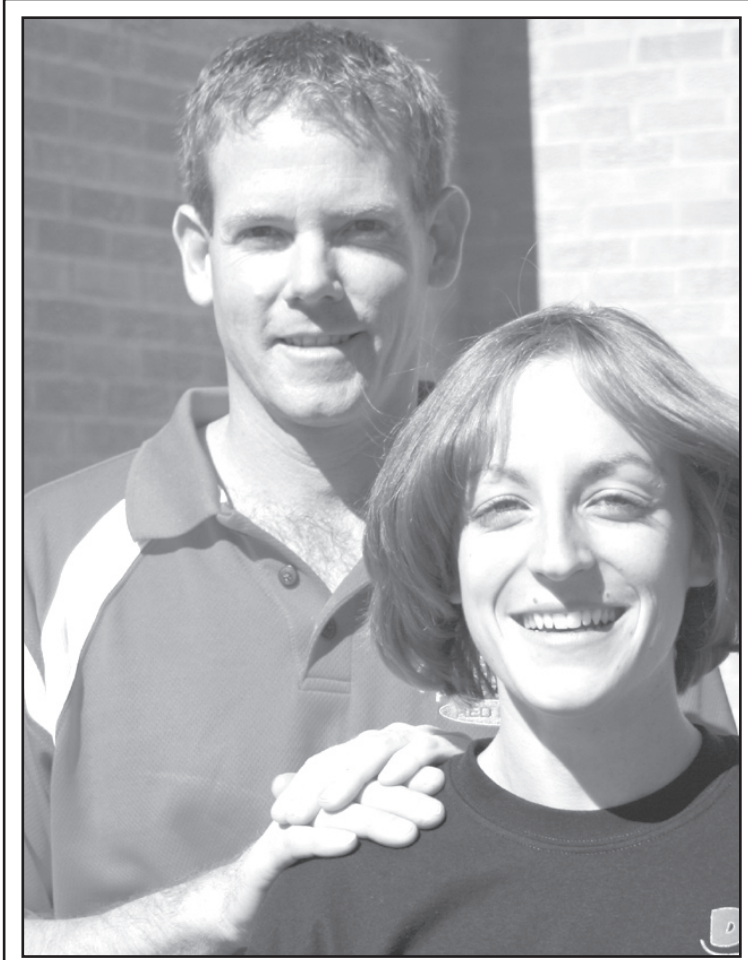
with the "cream of the crop." The students will work with a different instructor and meet new people.

The band will perform in Hays on Nov. 3.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



MARK BRICKER AND SARAH REIF, teachers at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School, will be married Saturday, Oct. 27.

## Wedding bells set for two teachers

**By LEANNASHEAFFER**  
The students of Decatur Community High School would like to announce the engagement of two of their teachers — Sarah Reif and Mark Bricker.

Ms. Reif teaches band at the high school as well as fifth and sixth grade band. She is the daughter of Duane and Deb Reif of Hoisington.

Mr. Bricker teaches chemistry, physics and physical science. He

is the son of Jan Bricker and the late Jim Bricker.

According to Mr. Bricker, "It was love at first sight. They say that opposites attract, so I believe a left-brained science instructor and a right-brained band instructor should be a natural pair. I am very excited."

The two will be married on Saturday, Oct. 27, in a small wedding with their immediate families, and plan a reception in the spring.

## School Menus

**Oct. 29-Nov. 2 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
Monday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, dinner roll. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: hamburger, French fries. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** Breakfast: waffles, ham patty. Lunch: pizza, corn. **Friday:** No school (parent/teacher conferences). Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

## Students chosen for Junior High honor choir

**By KAITLYN GILLESPIE**  
Some of the best voices from the Decatur Community Junior High choir will be participating in this year's junior high Kansas Music Educator's Association honor choir. To qualify, the students had to learn a music piece in their choir class and then be judged on their solo.

"Being in the choir is a really good experience that we hope will encourage the students to stay

in music," said instructor Susan Nelson.

Those who were chosen are sopranos Cassidy Shields, Serena Stacey, and Megan Wentz; altos Keatra Fisher, Amanda Marshall, and Ryan May; and baritones Tyler Bruggeman, Nolan Henningson, and Tyler Shields.

The concert will be in Hays on Saturday, Nov. 3.

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