

# Classes tour courthouse

**By KYLE HUNTLEY**  
The intergenerational action team of Decatur Tomorrow organized a Decatur County Government Day on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Juniors and seniors were able to visit nine offices located in the courthouse and learn about each.

The students began their tour by taking a picture on the front steps with County Commissioners Doyle Brown, Ralph Unger, and Stan McEvoy, and State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and State Representative John Faber.

Next, the students and sponsors moved to the court room where they were addressed by Commissioner Brown and the two state legislators.

From there, the students were divided into seven groups led by Dick Ahlberg, Brenda Breth, Susan Nelson, Steve Nelson, Charles Haag, Carol Dixson, and Gary Anderson. In groups, they toured and learned about the District Court Office, the District Court Judge, JJA, the Sheriff's/Dispatch Office, the Extension Office, the Register of Deed's Office, the Engineer's Office, the Appraiser's Office, the

Treasurer's Office, and the County Clerk's Office. While at the county clerk's office, 18-year-olds registered to vote.

Mrs. Nelson, who helped organize the event with other action team members Abby Hissong, Gary Anderson, and Carol Dixson, thought the day went very well: "Our hope is that the students learned more about our county and city government.

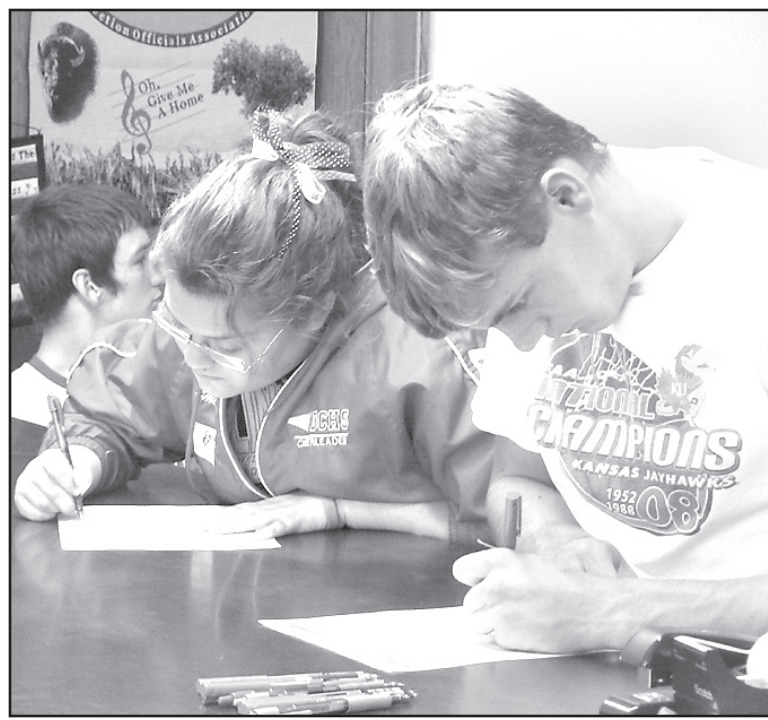
At the end of the tours, Mayor Joe Stanley spoke to the students on the front lawn. He encouraged the youth to get involved and take an interest in city and county issues.

"I thought it was interesting to learn how the county actually works," said Jessica Fredrickson. "Going up to the sheriff's office was my favorite part."

Chance Marble said, "I thought it was fun, and I would like to do it again and take a bit longer in each office."

"I learned a lot about county government," said Nathan Baker, "and the importance of teens registering to vote."

"It was a lot of fun," said Danyel Jeffrey. "I got to learn about the different offices. I also thought it was



Emma Merrill and Lucas Juenemann register to vote at the County Clerk's office. — photo by Kyle Huntley

nice of the mayor to take the time to come and talk to us."

Everett Urban said, "I thought it was pretty interesting, and I got

to learn a lot about what they do at the court house. I also got to meet a lot of important people, and I enjoyed it."

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## Welcome to new coach and family

**By JACOB FORTIN**

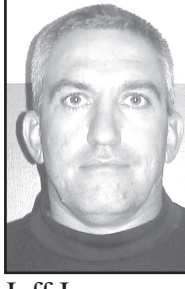
Jeff Jones is our new physical education teacher. He moved here from Mound City with his wife Belinda, daughters, Elisha and Kayla, and his son Dalton. They moved to Oberlin the first week of July.

Mr. Jones said he wanted the opportunity to coach in western Kansas, and he thought Oberlin would be a good place for his kids.

He also said he enjoys coaching and working with students, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. Mr. Jones has a brother who is four years younger than he is.

Mr. Jones is working a half day at the high school.

He teaches two hours of health/physical education and one advanced physical education class. Then he goes to the elementary school and teaches physical education there.



Jeff Jones

## New Students

### Jesse Webb

**By CINDY MURRAY**

Jesse Webb moved here from Denver, Colorado on August 4. He enjoys being here, and his favorite part about Decatur Community High School is the smaller classes.

Jesse plans to be active in basketball and track. His other interests are going to the races. He enjoys watching and helping work on the race cars.

Jesse has two sisters, Ashley, who is ten, and Annie, who is eight, and a brother Andrew. He moved here because his mom wanted to be closer to her dad, Tom Webb. Jesse enjoys being here and is excited for sports this year.

### Kayla Jones

**By ADRIENNE PAULS**

Kayla Jones is a new seventh

grader. Kayla moved to Oberlin from Mound City with her parents Jeff and Belinda Jones and her sister, Elisha, and brother, Dalton.

Kayla is involved in many activities in the school such as volleyball, basketball, track, vocal, and junior high band. Some of her hobbies are playing with her dog, Red. Kayla said that she likes Oberlin very much, and people are nice here.

### Lingquan Wang

**By ASHLI SAMSON**

Lingquan Wang is a foreign exchange student from China. He is now living with Jeanne Isbell and her children.

Lin's interests are basketball, table tennis, and playing around on the computer. His favorite hobby is listening to music.

He has a younger sister in China,

who is five and a half.

Right now, Lin is still getting used

to American culture and the English language.

## School Menus

**Sept. 29 – Oct. 3 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: chili, cinnamon rolls. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: chicken strips, green beans. **Thursday:** Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: barbecued smokies, baked beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: waffles, ham patties. Lunch: sloppy joes, tater tots. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



## Spanish students get taste of ethnic food

**By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

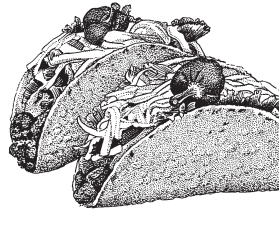
Some students complain when they have burritos for lunch, but not the Spanish I and II classes. On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Carol Brown took three of her classes to McCook to eat at El Puerto.

She got the idea to take her Spanish students to the new Mexican restaurant after her family took her there recently for her birthday. She thought ordering meals in Spanish at an authentic Mexican restaurant would be a good way for them to practice some of the things they had been learning in class.

The students ordered entrees, such as fajitas, enchiladas, burritos, quesadillas, and deserts like fried ice cream, flan, and sopapillas.

Ashley Horton said, "It was very fun and interesting because I actually got to speak in Spanish to fluent Spanish-speaking people."

Students who enjoyed lunch at El Puerto were Toby Peters, Nolan Peters, Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm, Dakota Soderlund, Brandi Diederich, Kira Meitl, Alex Ortiz, Ashley Horton, Cody Kane, Katie Glading, Jacob Larue, Rachelle Scott, Erin Jones, Jordan Dreher, Keithen Fortin, Josh Ritter, Dalton Pauls, and Derek Chambers.



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