

Honor band chosen

By CASSIDY SHIELDS

The last weekend in October, several students received a call from band instructor Sarah Bricker to inform them they had made it into Kansas Music Educators Association District Honor Band.

Selected were Hannah May, flute; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Rebecca Wentz, clarinet; Regent Erickson, alto saxophone; Samantha Anderson, horn; Elizabeth Nedland, horn; Matthew Helm, trombone; Matt Glading, baritone; Caitie Shields, percussion; and Ganon Henningson, percussion.

Alternates are Grace Randel, flute; Baron Green, trumpet; and Justin Gee, trombone.

These students were chosen by sending in an audition tape, which consisted of a chromatic scale and songs.

On Dec. 3 these students will go to Hays for the day to practice and give a concert later that afternoon.

Concert reset for Monday

By EMILY BADER

The Decatur Community High School band concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium.

The concert was originally scheduled for the evening of Oct. 25, but there was a conflict with parent/teacher conferences.

This will be the first band concert of the year, and the students have been working hard to put on a good show. The concert will feature the concert band and the jazz band.

The junior high band and vocal students will then present their first concert the following evening, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please support our young musicians and vocalists by attending their

School Menus

Nov. 28-Dec. 2

Monday: Breakfast: Omlert, muffin. Lunch: Polish sausage sandwich, peaches.

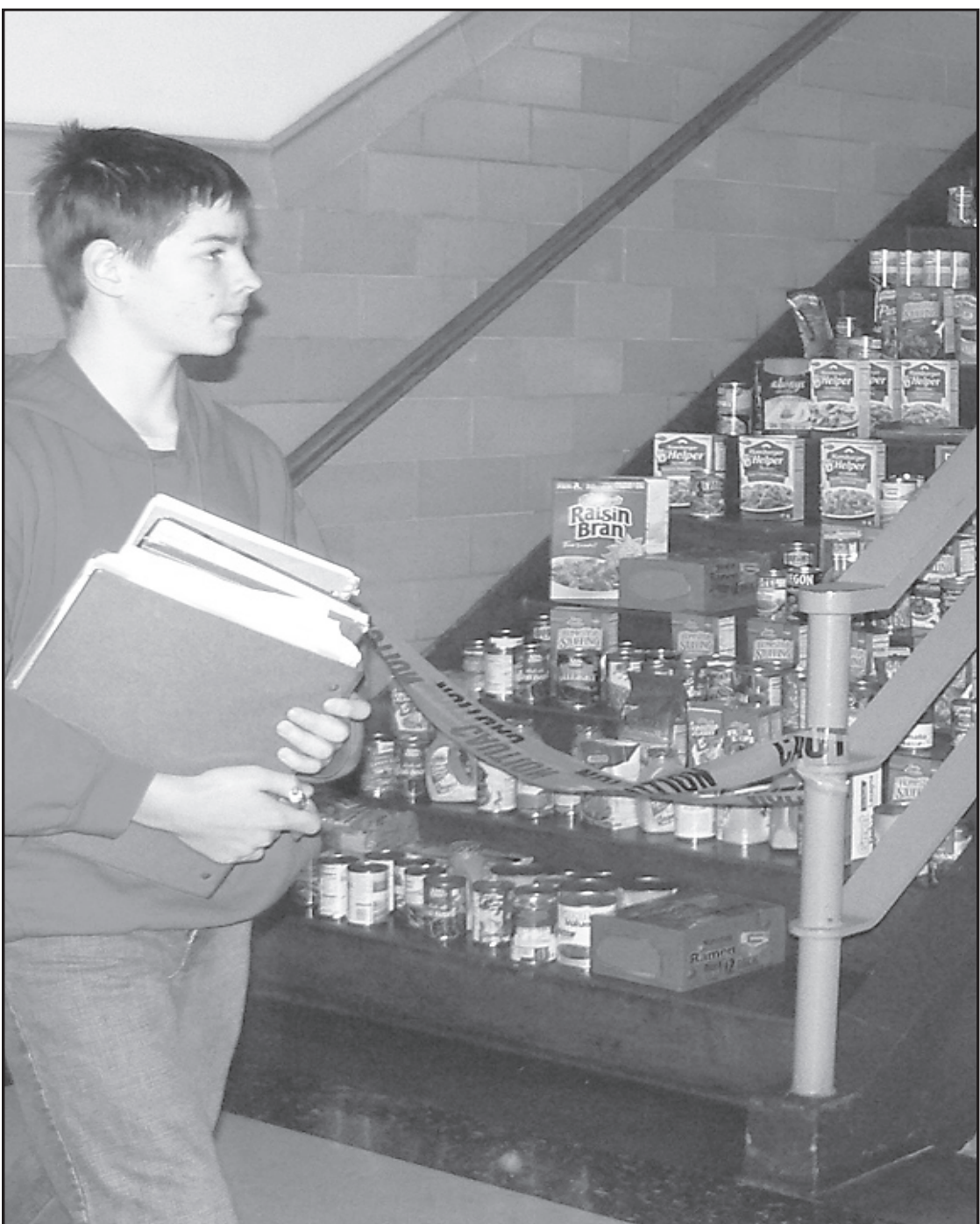
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Cheeseburger, potato wedges.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap. Lunch: Chili, cinnamon roll.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffle, ham pattie. Lunch: Cibatta boat pizza, corn.

Fruit served with breakfasts, choice bar with lunches, milk with all meals.



Students fill steps with lots of food

By BROOKLYN O'HARE

Members of the KAYs organized a food drive this week to collect food for the local food pantry.

The goal was to fill up the east stairway of the main entrance. On Thursday, it didn't look like the students would meet their goal as only two steps were filled, but the office was flooded on Friday morning with cans, boxes and other supplies for the food pantry.

Kay President Tracy Hoppal said she got the idea from a KAY conference and presented it to Principal Ben Jimenez. Students

were asked to bring canned and boxed food to contribute to the drive. If the goal was met and the staircase was filled, Mr. Jimenez told the students, they would get out of class early on Tuesday before Thanksgiving break to watch a movie as a treat.

"I was a little nervous on Thursday that we wouldn't meet our goal, but everyone pulled through," said Tracy.

Before Thanksgiving, the KAYs will move the food to the pantry.

FOOD FILLED THE EAST STAIRWAY of Decatur Community High as students collected edibles for the food pantry. — Dictator photos

Voice of Decatur Community High School

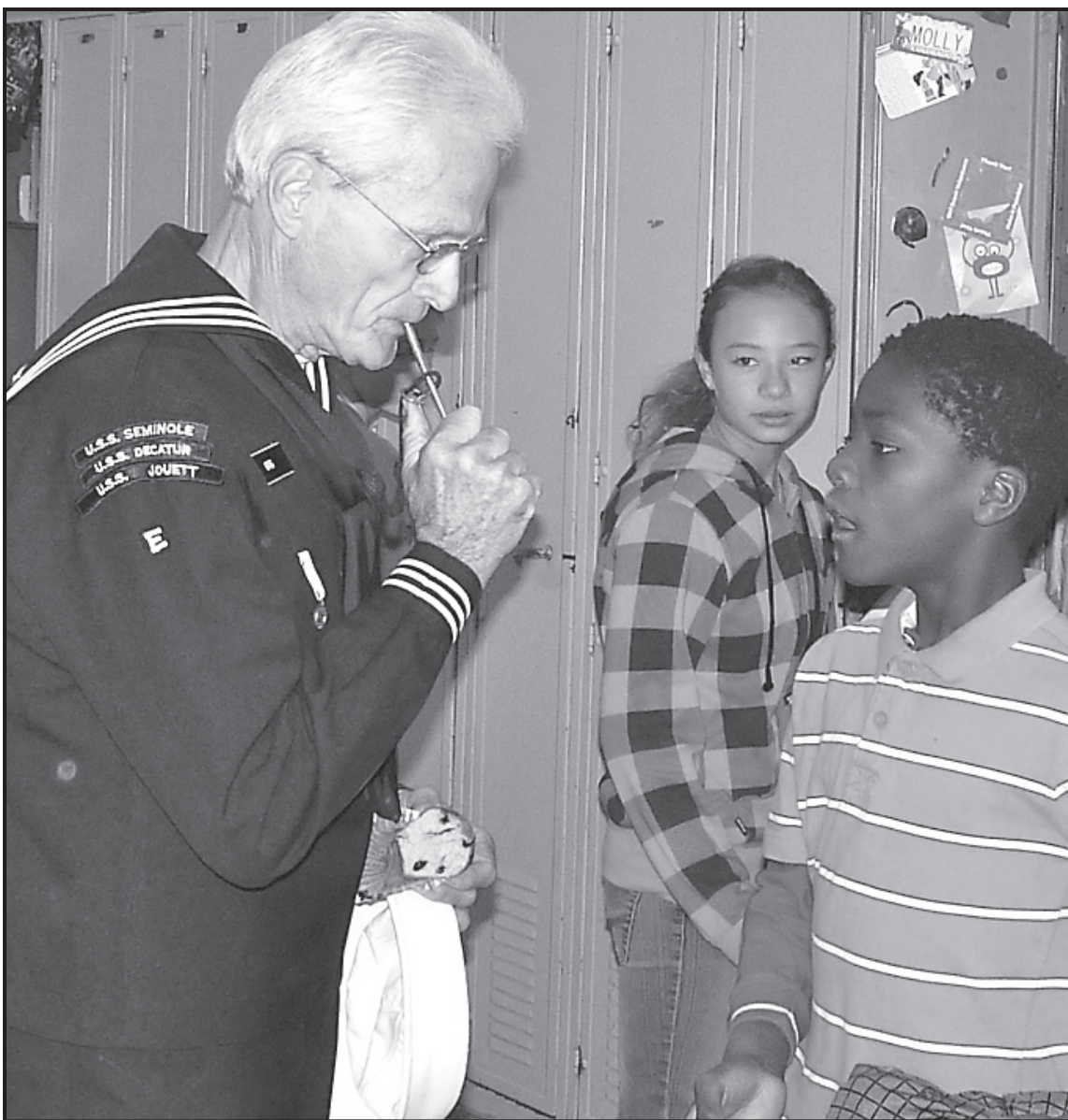
Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

New custodian joins school staff

By KIAH BLAU
Oberlin Elementary School has a new janitor in the building and his name is John Otis. Mr. Otis used to live in Kinsley, which is southeast of Dodge City. He spent 13 years as a custodian in an elementary school. Mr. Otis said he retired in July. "I prayed to God and asked him where I should be and Oberlin was the answer I got," said Mr. Otis. "I love it here."
Some of Mr. Otis's goals are to run a marathon some day and make toys for young children. He said he

also loves being outside. He served six years in the Navy, including one year in Vietnam. The motto he lives by is from President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." He has two children, a son, age 34, and a daughter, age 33, who both live in Wichita. He also has four grandkids.
If you see Mr. Otis at the elementary school, please say hello and make him feel welcome.



OBERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL custodian John Otis showed students his navy whistle.

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