

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# School musical both funny and satirical

By CASSIDY SHIELDS

This year's school musical is "Urinetown," which is set in a small town that is suffering from a severe drought with an extreme water shortage. Mr. Cladwell (played by Caleb Koerperich) is the richest man in town and controls all public amenities through his megacorporation, Urine Good Company. Everyone is forced to pay to use the bathroom.

This little known musical originated 2001 and won Tony awards for Best Book and Musical Score.

The quirky title comes from an unknown place where the people are sent when they cannot afford to pay to use the restroom and break the law.

"Urinetown" is a comedy satire featuring good guys, bad guys, romance, big business and the oppressed. The show also parodies other musicals like "Les Miserables."

Auditions for the musical were held last week. This year's cast includes the following: Officer Lockstock, Channing Fortin; Penelope Pennywise, Miki Dorshorst; Bobby Strong, Ganon Henningson; Little Sally, Lizzie Nedland; Mr. McQueen, Regent Erickson; Senator Fipp, Zach May; Officer Barrel, Kaine Fredrickson; Hope Cladwell, Lara Zodrow;

Old Man Strong, Baron Green; Tiny Tom, Zach Macki; Caldwell B. Cladwell, Caleb Koerperich; Girl Cops, Molly Jansonius and Morgan Jansonius, Lara Zodrow; Josephine Strong, Cassandra Canto;

Mrs. Millennium, Hannah May; Dr. Billeaux, Grace Randel; Dr. Ahndur, Jalyn Shaw; Office Assistants, Hannah May, Alexandra Waterman, Haley Schiessler, Sarah Macki;

Four Eyes Freddie, Baron Green; Soupy Sue, Morgan Jansonius; Little Becky Two Shoes, Molly Jansonius; Bobbi the Stockfish, Haley Schiessler; Hot Blades Harriet, Sarah Macki; Billi Girl Bill, Lara Zodrow; Angry Alice, Alexandra Waterman; Lil' Lucy, Leah Chambers.

Director Susan Nelson chose this show because she expects it to feature many of the outstanding young actors and singers at the school. It is more of an "ensemble cast" rather than a show that features only two or three characters and the rest are "extras."

Urinetown also features a lot of musical styles, and she is hoping to add some instrumentation to get more people involved.

The musical will be presented in the school auditorium a week earlier than usual, the weekend of Nov. 9-10. This is to help students who have always had a hard week of musical practice and starting winter sports the same week.

The music of "Urinetown" was written by Mark Hollmann, with lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis. Greg Kotis had the idea for "Urinetown" while traveling in Europe. A traveling student on a budget, he encountered a pay-per-use toilet and began writing about it shortly thereafter.

and cheese.

Thursday: Breakfast: waffle, ham. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll.

Friday: Breakfast: fruit turnovers. Lunch: baked ham, two-potato mash.

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

## School Menus

Sept. 24-28

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: pancake wrap. Lunch: hamburger on bun, sweet-potato fries.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cold cereal, mini loaf. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: meatballs, macaroni

## Student Council kids are selling magazines

By LARA ZODROW

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If you are looking to subscribe or renew your subscriptions of your favorite magazines, contact any sophomores or Student Council member. Not only do you get your favorite magazine, but you also help students raise money at the same time. Forty percent of each subscription goes back to the school.

"It's one of the biggest fundraisers we do," said Student Council sponsor Brenda Breth.

While magazine readership is declining, online magazines are booming. Great American Opportunities, the company that organizes our sales, offers digital magazines.

If you don't renew your subscriptions through high school students, all that money goes to the publisher.

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This year's goal is 400 subscriptions. You can order from a student or online. Click on this link [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and then click on "Just Shopping" and enter the school's code 2525566. There is no deadline for buying magazines on-line.

The online store also offers other merchandise; stationery, gift wrap, jewelry, personalized gifts, and many other things.

Magazine subscriptions make great birthday or Christmas presents. The sophomores are raising money for prom, and Student Council is raising money for activities, such as the Snoball Dance, homecoming, and our winter Olympic games.



OBERLIN STUDENTS HELPED celebrate Homecoming Spirit Week on Monday by dressing up as rock and roll stars. The sophomores showing off are (from left) Morgan Jansonius,

Molly Jansonius, Ganon Henningson, Troy Juenemann, and Austin Hendrickson.

## High school busy with homecoming

Decatur Community High School students will be extra busy this week with all the Homecoming activities. Homecoming is Friday when the Red Devils take on the Norton Blue Jays.

Students will start working on their floats Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and then will gather in front of the high school for the pep rally/bonfire,

which will begin at 8 p.m. in front of the high school. The students will walk to the end of main street for the bonfire.

On Friday, the Homecoming assembly is at 1:30, where the 2012 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. King candidates are Tyler Bruggeman, Channing Fortin, Matt Glading, Ryan May,

Zach May, and Cody Wurm. The queen candidates are Keatra Fisher, Mika Hackney, Cassidy Shields and Cheyanne Soderlund.

The 10-year Queen is Kortney Stapp Poire, and the Athlete of the Past is Ryan Ruf. Mrs. Poire just had a baby last week, so Lindsay Fortin will be representing the Homecoming Court of 2002.

The parade through the downtown area will follow the assembly at 2:30 p.m. The Homecoming game begins at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming dance will be the following day Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

## Several fundraisers going on at school

Several fundraisers are currently going on. Each one is completely different from the others, so there is something for everyone.

For those who want to show their school spirit, the Junior Class is selling eye black. Thanks to Tim Tebow's college football days, these removable rub-ons are very popular. There are two types available - Go Big Red and #1. Each pair costs \$2.

The Student Council is selling

spirit sleeves, which is the latest craze in sports wear. If you watched the crowds at the NCAA Final Four, you surely noticed spirit sleeves.

The sleeves can be worn on the arms or the legs. One size fits most. Student Council is selling the sleeves for \$10 a pair. If interested contact Brenda Breth at the high school.

The freshmen are selling stadium blankets for \$35. The blankets are fleece on one side and polyester

(moisture resistant) on the other. The fleece is red and the polyester black. These blankets are versatile and can be used for track, cross country, football, picnics, road trips.

Interested parties may contact a freshman class member or Rachel Johnson at the high school (475-2231).

Finally, the Oberlin Booster Club is selling stadium seats and license plates. They will be set up at the

football game Friday, from 6 p.m. to half-time of the game. Anyone interested in joining Booster Club is encouraged to stop by the club's table.

If you want something to show your school spirit, check out the eye black and spirit sleeves. If you want to be warm at a ballgame, consider a stadium blanket, and if you want a comfortable seat for all those ballgames, check out the Booster Club's stadium seats.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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**Salina AutumnFest**  
September 22, Salina  
SIX great family events! Oktoberfest, German Autofest, Steel Day, Marathon, Half, 5K Runs, Street Fair, Parade, Rodeo, Concerts & Food!  
[SalinaAutumnFest.com](http://SalinaAutumnFest.com)

**Prairie Fire Marathon**  
October 14, Wichita  
More than 5,000 runners are expected to run one of the flattest and fastest marathon courses in the U.S.  
(316) 265-6236, [prairiefiremarathon.com](http://prairiefiremarathon.com)

**10th Annual Tallgrass Film Festival**  
October 18-21, Wichita  
Bringing the best of indie cinema to the Heartland 10 years in a row! Variety of film screenings. All access passes are available.  
(316) 303-9292, [tallgrassfilmfest.com](http://tallgrassfilmfest.com)

**Wichita Asian Festival**  
October 20, Wichita  
32nd Annual. Enjoy food, cultural programs, talent and artistic events from 15 Asian countries. A family event!  
(316) 689-8729, [indoasian.org/waa](http://indoasian.org/waa)

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**Kansas Byways**  
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