

# Branch of the Past, Branch for The Future

## *Rededication Of Old Olive Branch High School Slated For Jan. 17*

January 17, 2010 is the date selected for the rededication of Olive Branch High School which comes on the heels of the building being listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 23 of this year.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and will include speeches from various officials and a brief slide show on the history of the building. Participants will then move to the Olive Branch building, weather

permitting, where the official plaque will be placed on the building.

The ceremony will also serve as an unofficial kickoff for a major fundraising effort by the Olive Branch School Preservation Society (OBSPS). T

he group hopes to raise \$1.6 million to renovate the building and make it the new main office for the Tecumseh School District. In addition the building will also be able to be used as a site for various

community meetings and events.

"The public needs to be reminded that all funds for this project are coming from private donations and fund raising efforts with none of it coming from the school district itself," said Assistant Superintendent Matthew Curtis.

Members of OBSPS hoped to restore at least one of the rooms to the condition it was in when the building was used as the first high school, but Curtis said that was doubtful

"When we move into Olive Branch, we'll actually have less square footage than we do now," he said. The group decided to include

an old desk and chalkboard in the rotunda with the rest of the artifacts to show the public a flavor of the time.

The group is urging the public to get the word out about the fundraising effort and will soon be distributing pledge cards throughout the community.

They are also asking for help in finding old photos of the Olive Branch building. If you can help contact Assistant Superintendent Curtis at 845-3576.

For more information on the project, click on "Preserve Olive Branch" at [www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us](http://www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us).