



Youth advances in contest

By KRISTA FOWLER
Jace Robinson has worked his way up the geography bee ladder. He has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The state bee will be held on Friday, April 4, at Fort Hays State University. To qualify for the state bee, Jace first had to take a test in history class. He had the high-



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est score in Trevor Williams' class. He and nine others competed in an oral bee, much like a spelling bee. He had one of the top 100 scores on a written test in the state of Kansas, which has qualified him for the state-level competition. One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 20 and 21 at the Na-

tional Geographic headquarters in Washington. Transportation and accommodations for the trip are provided for each state winner and a teacher-escort. Marlene Moxter is the junior high geography teacher. The final round, featuring Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy!", will air nationally on public television. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

Speakers take first in meet

By SARAH OLSON
The speech team brought home another championship plaque after a trip to WaKeeney on March 8. Quinter took second, Hoisington third and Ellis fourth.

There were several new qualifiers on the Decatur Community High School team. Kelsey Dorshorst qualified for the state tournament in poetry, placing second.

Brent Smith and David Morris qualified in duet acting with a third. Brent also placed first in his humorous solo.

Jeremy Tally and David Morris qualified for state festival in improvised duet acting with a fourth. Allie Moore, fifth in prose, and Bayley Bryan, fifth in poetry, also qualified for state festival.

Others placing at the meet were Jess Elwood and Greta Wendelin, second in improvised duet acting; Greta, fifth in humorous solo acting; Danica May, sixth in original oration; and Sarah Olson, seventh in prose.

Others competing for Oberlin were Jeremy Tally, prose; Kelly Olson, poetry; Dane Anderson, serious solo acting; Andrea Marshall and Destry Jackson, humorous solo acting; Kelsey Jackson, original oration; Anthony and Andrea Marshall, duet acting; and Sarah Olson and Kelsey Dorshorst, duet acting.

Brent Smith was the high team scorer with 47 points.

The speech team has a break until the Colby on Thursday, March 27.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Seniors

Ryan Ruf
By SARAH RUF

Ryan Ruf, the son of Bob and Sherri Ruf, has been going to school in Oberlin for eight years.

He has been in football, basketball and track all four years of high school. He has excelled in all three sports.

In basketball he made the all-league first team his sophomore and junior year, first team Hays Daily News his sophomore and junior years and all-state first team Salina Journal his junior year.

He received all-league first team honors his senior year in football.

In track, he qualified for state in the 4X800 relay.

Ryan is involved in "D" club, Spanish club, weight club, science club, and is the student council president. He enjoys golfing, hunting and hanging out with his friends.

His plans for college are still undetermined, but he hopes to continue to play basketball. He wants to major in sports medicine or business management.

Ramsey Meitl
By BECKY MOORE

Ramsey Nichole Meitl is the daughter of Gary and Tina Meitl.

Ramsey lives on a farm south of Oberlin. She has an older brother Josh, who attends the University of Kansas, and a younger sister Kira, who goes to Oberlin Elementary.

Some of her hobbies include singing, playing sports, going to the lake and hanging out with friends. Ramsey has been a major contributor to many clubs and organizations including Kayettes, Spanish club, science club, DCHS Singers, track, student council, TACT and drama club. She is also president of the senior class.

Her accomplishments include Miss National Pre-teen Cover Girl of 1997, recording a country music demo in Nashville and being in the 2002 Homecoming court.

Ramsey hopes to pursue a country music career, and major in marine biology at either Texas A & M at Galveston or the University of Maine at Machias.

School Menus

March 31-April 4 OBERLIN HIGH
Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: BBQ chicken, potatoes/gravy, corn, mixed fruit. **Tuesday** through **Friday** — Unavailable. Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

— Breakfast: pancake/sausage bites, pineapple. Lunch: lasagna, garlic bread. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast. Lunch: pig in a blanket. **Friday** — Breakfast: French toast, potato wedge, fruit. Lunch: fish sticks. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday — Breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage, peach halves. Lunch: oven fried chicken. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast. Lunch: chicken and spatzels. **Wednesday**

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: corn dogs, Tritators, green beans, tropical fruit. **Tuesday** through **Friday** — Unavailable. Milk served with all

HERNDON
Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chicken/noodles, cottage cheese, whipped potatoes, green beans, lazy peach pie. **Tuesday** — Sno-capped Wieners, broccoli, salad, cookie. **Wednesday** — pizza, salad, fruited Jell-O, corn, cookie. **Thursday** — hamburger, baked beans, potato salad, salad, fruit, cookie. **Friday** — No school (teacher-in-service). Milk served with all meals.

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Decatur County Community Calendar

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APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE		Northwest Kansas League Junior High Scholar Bowl; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Masons Supper, 6:30 p.m. Election Day.	Gifted Seminar, Oakley, 6-12; Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Decatur County Hospital; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-1:30 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; Oberlin Business Alliance, LandMark, Noon; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 8 p.m.	City Council 6:30 p.m. Gateway Kindergarten Screening 2003-2004 Students	Oberlin Track, Quinter/Atwood, 3 p.m.; Kindergarten Screening, 2003-2004 Students; Jennings Junior High Track at Cheylin, 10 a.m.	Chamber Spaghetti Supper, Norcatur Educational Bldg., 5:30-7 p.m. 1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus
Attend the Church of Your Choice Daylight Savings Time Begins.	Norcatur Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg., 8 p.m.; Dr. Rubinowitz, Oncology, Decatur County Hospital	Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur County Hospital.	Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur County Hospital; Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; Northwest Kansas League Art Show at St. Francis; Norcatur Royal Neighbors; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	Junior High Track at Oakley, 10 a.m.; Chamber, Co-op board room, Noon; Dr. Rainwater, Decatur County Hospital; Northwest Kansas League Art Show at St. Francis; Jennings track at Cheylin.	Oberlin Track at Hoxie, 3:30 p.m.; Northwest Kansas League Art Show at St. Francis; Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.	Oberlin Regional Speech at Quinter, 8 a.m.; Jennings Regional Speech, Jennings Prom; Needles & Pins Quilt Guild, Mini-Quilt Show with guest speaker.
Attend the Church of Your Choice PALM SUNDAY Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	Oberlin - Northwest Kansas League Speech at Hoxie	Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Dr. Dolittle, Decatur County Hospital; Evening of Forensics, 7 p.m. Oberlin Golf at Goodland, 1 p.m.; Oberlin track at Atwood, 3 p.m.; Jennings Track at Oakley, 10:30 a.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur County Hospital; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	Oberlin City Council, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.; State Music Festival, large groups; Oberlin Golf at Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.; Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Decatur County Hospital; Jennings Junior High Track at Norton, 9 a.m.; Jennings State Music, large groups at Colby.	GOOD FRIDAY School dismisses 1 p.m.	
EASTER SUNDAY Attend the Church of Your Choice	Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m.; Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.; Jennings, No School, Teacher Inservice; Lions, Medical Arts bldg.; Norcatur Rebekahs.	Kansas University Honors Banquet at Gateway, 6:30 p.m.; Junior High Track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.; Kansas State Honors Program, Gateway, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon, Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Jennings Junior High Track at Arapahoe, 2:30 p.m.; Jennings Track at Logan, 3 p.m.	KMO Computer Bowl; Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Newman, Urology, Decatur County Hospital; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	Junior High Track at Quinter, Quad; FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.; Legion meeting	Kindergarten Roundup; Oberlin Track at Oakley, 3 p.m.; Oberlin Golf at Hill City, 3 p.m.; 6th Grade Visitation.	State Music Festival Oberlin Invitational golf, 9:30 a.m.; Museum Rummage Sale
Attend the Church of Your Choice		Jennings Track at Sharon Springs, 3 p.m.; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur County Hospital; Oberlin Golf at Hoxie, 3 p.m.; Oberlin Track at St. Francis; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Dr. Eskildsen Decatur County Hospital \$3 Bag Sale Bargain Box Plus			Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.