

# Scholars take first in region

**By KENDRA ANDERSON**  
They did it again. The Decatur Community High School scholar bowl team won regionals and are headed for state. They successfully defended their regional title at Hill City, which was postponed from an earlier date because of snow.

To win their pool, Dane Anderson buzzed in early with the answer of "Wal-Mart". With his correct answer, the Oberlin team broke a tie and remained undefeated for the day.

Oberlin beat Lincoln in the semi-finals and Downs-Lake Side in the finals 60 to 15.

The Oberlin team consisted of Dane, Allie Moore, Matt Coleman, and Destry Jackson. Cameron Nedland was alternate.

"The thing I like about scholar bowl is that I see people I know and want to beat," said Dane, who is the



**REGIONAL CHAMPS!** Dane Anderson and Destry Jackson wait patiently for the next round of competition during the league meet held in Oberlin in January. Dane, Destry, Allie Moore, Matt Coleman and Cameron Nedland won the regional competition in Hill City last Thursday. — Dictator photo

only returning member of last year's state championship team. The team is coached by Marlene Moxter.

One of the questions they successfully answered was "What amend-

ment did President Clinton want to change that could have given a longer term as president?"

State scholar bowl was to be in Spearville on Monday.

# Crowd cheers team on 'Black Friday'

The yearbook staff would like to thank everyone who participated in our Black Friday activities.

"We would have liked to have seen the gym packed, but we had a nice crowd considering a lot of Oberlin fans were in Hoxie for the basketball game," said yearbook adviser Brenda Breth. "The north side of the gym was pretty full of fans in black."

Chris Bailey was the Pin Club member who won a bucket of goodies, such as a sweatshirt, T-shirt, pop, and candy.

The winner of the dozen roses donated by Prairie Petals was Lacey Zodrow, a senior at Decatur Community High School.

"We made nearly 200 dollars on our roses give-away," said Mrs. Breth.

"Thank you to Laurie Wasson and Prairie Petals for making that possible."

"We'd also like to thank the Reload and Custom Trophy for the pizza and T-shirts," said yearbook

editor Sarah Ruf. "We gave away two pizzas and about 15 T-shirts."

We are going to try to pack the house again this Thursday for the basketball teams as they take on the Oakley Plainsmen.

The yearbook staff is planning to

give away more T-shirts, some cash, and other prizes as well throughout the evening.

The high school flag team and the elementary grades Gym Ratz will also perform at "Raise the Roof" Thursday.

## Seniors

### Krista Fowler

**By RENA UNGER**

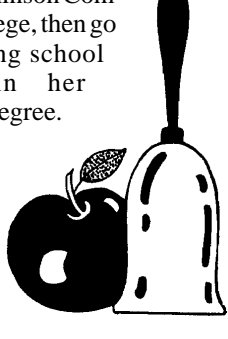
Krista Kaye Fowler, daughter of Ron and Sondra Fowler, is an active member of D-Club, science club and National Honor Society. She also serves on the Kayette board.

Krista is a competitive athlete, lettering in cross country all four years. She has been on the honor roll all through high school.

Krista was also chosen as a Homecoming queen candidate. Krista enjoys running, reading,

and playing with her niece and nephews, Brittney and Bryson Wesley, and new baby Carter Taplin.

Next year, she plans to attend Hutchinson Community College, then go on to nursing school and obtain her bachelor's degree.



# Athletes read to children

**By KERRIE OLSON**

For "Kansas Read Week" during the last week of January, Paul Nepodal, the grade school physical education teacher, had the idea to have Oberlin students who participate in winter sports read to the elementary students.

The athletes chose a time they could go to the grade school and read to the students. They read either books that they brought or those that Mr. Nepodal provided. This is a new, fun activity that everyone seemed to enjoy.

The athletes read to the first grade on Monday. Students that participated that day from girls' basketball were Rena Unger, Nichole Wolters, and Sarah Murray. For the wrestlers, it was Brett Keck and Jake Padget. Matt Mondero represented boys' basketball.

Tuesday was the second grade's chance. Kerrie Olson, Christa Hardy, Heather Williams, Logan Glaze, Chance Harman, and Egan Grafel all read.

"My second grader was so excited to have the high school athletes reading to his class," said Brenda Breth, English instructor.

"My son loves to watch Egan play basketball, so this was a great reinforcement that a student can be an athlete and still enjoy reading."

Reading to the third grade on Wednesday were Kelsey Dorshorst, Anne Wasson, Danica May, Matt Coleman, Gannon Reichert, and Chase McKittrick.

Kindergarten classes were also read to on Wednesday. The readers in the morning and afternoon were Leah Marietta, Tricia Dorshorst, Megan Barrett, Andy Anderson, and Shane Montgomery.

Fourth graders were read to on Friday.

The readers included Jamie Elwood, Kaitlyn Stapp, Lauren Fortin, David Barth, and Chase Juenemann.

The readers for the fifth grade were Abby Ream, Lydia Karnopp, Whitnee Ashley, Lance Fortin, and Ryan Nichols.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# Speech team takes second in Hill City

**By REBEKAH HASTY**

The speech team had a great start to their season Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Hill City tournament. The team placed second with 291 points. Quinter took first with 313 points and Ellis placed third with 198 points. Eight Oberlin students qualified for the state championship meet, which will be held in Wichita later in the spring.

State championship qualifiers were Dane Anderson in serious solo (first), Rebekah Hasty in prose (second), Kelsey Dorshorst in poetry (second), Jenny Hirsch and Tricia Dorshorst in duet acting (second). Brent Smith qualified his humor-

ous solo for state festival with a third-place finish. Other events that placed at the tournament were Kellen Doeden in poetry (fifth) and Rebekah Hasty in serious solo (fifth).

Other speech team members that participated were Kyle Glodt in extemporaneous speaking, Destry Jackson in humorous solo, Sarah Marcuson and Kelly Olson in prose, Kelsey Dorshorst and Jeremy Tally in duet acting, and Chris Jordan and Destry Jackson, and David Morris and Jeremy Tally, in improvised duet acting.

"I am so pleased with the team's performance," said speech Coach Leigh Davis. "Once again Quinter is our toughest opponent. We plan to improve as we must to stay competitive all season."

## School Menus

**February 23-27 OBERLIN**

**Monday** — Breakfast: French toast with syrup, sausage patty, fruit. Lunch: chicken strips, dinner roll, vegetable, lettuce salad, potato wedge, fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, fruit, toast, margarine, jelly. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic twist, broccoli and cauliflower, lettuce salad, cream corn, apples, Oreo-chocolate pudding. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: pancake and sausage bites, fruit. Lunch: Dog-Gone Chicken, dinner roll, vegetable, lettuce salad, hot vegetable, fruit. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, fruit, toast, margarine, jelly. Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots, lettuce,

orange Jell-O, apple wedge. **Friday** — No School. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — hamburgers, French fries, relishes, cookies, Mandarin oranges. **Tuesday** — spaghetti, peas, bread sticks, grapes. **Wednesday** — tomato or potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches, twists. **Thursday** — sliced ham, au gratin potatoes, corn, applesauce, ice cream. **Friday** — cheese pizza, green beans, tropical fruit, cake. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



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