

Speech team wins at Dighton tourney

By KYM RICHARDS
The Decatur Community High School speech team brought home the championship trophy from the Dighton speech tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Oberlin had 356 points. Quinter placed second with 324 points and Hoisington placed third with 285 points.

Placing first were Anthony Marshall in humorous solo acting, Brent Smith and David Morris in duet acting, and Dane Anderson in poetry interpretation. Dane also received second place for extemporaneous speaking.

Placing third in prose interpretation was Karyn Jordan. Taking fourth place were Andrea Marshall and Rebekah Hasty in duet acting, Brent in humorous solo, and Allie Moore in poetry interpretation. Karyn also received sixth place on her serious solo acting.

Students that participated were Dane Anderson and Kyle Glodt in extemporaneous speaking, and Andrea Marshall with informative speaking. Performing prose interpretation were Allie Moore, Karyn Jordan, and Sarah Marcuson. Poetry

interpretation was done by Allie Moore, Dane Anderson, and Bayley Bryan. Karyn Jordan and Rebekah Hasty did serious solo acting. Humorous solo acting was performed by Brent Smith and Anthony Marshall. Duet acting teams were Brent Smith with David Morris, Jenny Hirsch with Tricia Dorshorst, Andrea Marshall with Rebekah Hasty, and David Morris with Jeremy Tally. Kurt Olson and Nolan May participated in improvised duet acting.

Qualifying for the state meet were Dane Anderson in poetry and extemporaneous, Karyn Jordan in prose, Anthony Marshall in humorous solo acting, and Brent Smith and David Morris in duet acting.

Qualifying for festival were Andrea Marshall and Rebekah Hasty in duet acting, Brent Smith in humorous solo acting, Karyn Jordan in serious solo acting, and Allie Moore in poetry.

Decatur Community High speech Coach Leigh Davis said, "We had an excellent tournament. It was a very hard-fought battle and we came out victors."

Speech finishes second at Ellis

By REBEKAH HASTY
The Oberlin speech team came home with a second-place finish at the Ellis tournament on Saturday, Feb. 14. Oberlin had 276 points. First place went to Quinter with 356 points. Colby took third with 164 points.

Events that placed were Anthony Marshall, first place in humorous solo, and David Morris and Brent Smith, second in duet acting. Placing third were Andrea Marshall in informative speaking; Brent Smith in humorous solo; Karyn Jordan, third in serious solo; and Bayley Bryan in poetry.

Placing fourth were Rebekah Hasty in serious solo, Kellen Doeden in poetry, and Scooter Matchett and Gabe Moore in improvised duet acting. Anthony finished in fifth place in poetry. Placing sixth


were Andrea Marshall and Rebekah Hasty in duet acting and Kelly Olson in prose.

Other team members that participated were Sarah Marcuson in prose, Gabe Moore in humorous solo, Bayley Bryan in prose, Marci Metcalf and Katrina Wentz in duet acting, and in improvised duet acting, the teams of David Morris and Jeremy Tally, and Tricia Dorshorst and Kellen Doeden.

The new event to qualify for state championships was the duet of David and Brent.

"The team did an outstanding job," said Coach Leigh Davis.





Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

It is your choice; can you live with it?

Student body hears a real story about making the wrong choice

By RENA UNGER

Living with your choices—this is the message that Jim and Cheryl Sheets presented to the student body last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets are from Hyannis, Neb., and are related to Bea and Marvin Hansen. Once a month, Mr. and Mrs. Sheets travel to Oklahoma to visit their son, Travis, who is in prison. They often share their story with others, hoping it will make a difference in their decisions in the future. They stopped in Oberlin last week, on their way to see him.

The couple's main message was about making good choices, and how they can affect you and the people surrounding you for the rest of your life.

They talked about their son, who made a single bad decision one night to drink with his buddies which led to a series of events he'll regret for the rest of his life.

At the age of nineteen Travis, who had never been in any kind of trouble before, was a very active student at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where he was a

tough competitor as a saddle bronc rider. While driving drunk he hit a truck and trailer on his way home, killing the man in the passenger seat. "Travis doesn't remember driving that night," said Mrs. Sheets, "but he chose to drink with his friends. That decision ended one man's life and changed many others' lives forever."

Travis was charged with manslaughter and sentenced to twenty years in prison. Now his parents tell his story to other teenagers hoping what happened to their family never has to happen to anyone else's.

"Every day Travis has to live with his decision to drink and drive that night," said Mrs. Sheets. "He would give anything to change that night, but he can't."

"Their presentation was very direct because it dealt with a real story that happened to an average, common, aspiring teenager like every one of our students," said Principal Charles Haag. "I hope it affected the students because it was such a sincere story, which hopefully touched many hearts."

Senior Profile

Lindsey Euhus

By KENDRA ANDERSON

Lindsey Euhus is the daughter of Kent and Diana Euhus. She has been involved in Kayettes for four years,

and science club as a senior. She also played volleyball as a freshman.

Lindsey's hobbies include reading and sleeping. She plans to go to Washburn University and study criminal justice.

Junior High music scores big in Colby

Oberlin Junior High music students had an outstanding day at the Music Festival held Wednesday in Colby, coming home with four advanced placement ratings, 27 superior or "I" ratings, and 10 excellent or "II" ratings.

Earning advanced placement ratings were Jordan Tally on both vocal and trumpet solos, Chris Larson on clarinet solo, and Alyssa Rippe on flute solo. According to vocal director Susan Nelson, the judges gave only five advanced placement ratings all day, and Oberlin students received four of these.

The Junior High choir, as well as the Junior High band under the direction of Deanne Spanier, both received I ratings.

Vocal solos who received a I rating were Farra McChesney, Alyssa Montgomery, Kenzie Fisher, Rebecca Helm, Annamarie Larue, Andy Dempewolf, Taylor Young, Rory Wendelin, Ethan Merrill,

Jenny Ploussard and Jessica Bremer.

Instrumental soloists receiving I's were Annamarie Larue, French horn; Farra McChesney, flute; Rebecca Helm, flute; Amie Ritter, flute; Taylor Young, tenor sax; Jessica Bremer, clarinet; and Heather Ploussard, snare drum.

Pianists who received a I were Jessica Bremer, Taylor Young, Nathan Simonsson, and Heather Glodt.

The seventh-grade mixed ensemble, eighth-grade girls ensemble B, and flute trio all received a I rating.

Receiving a II were the seventh-grade girls ensemble, the eighth-grade mixed ensemble, the eighth-grade girls ensemble A, the low brass trio, and the woodwind trio.

Soloists receiving II ratings were Kassia Bryan, Haley Barrett, Tamara Ketterl, Kayla Zodrow, vocal; and Andy Dempewolf, baritone sax.

School Menus

MARCH 1-5 OBERLIN
Unavailable.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, pears. **Tuesday** — Frito pies, corn,

peaches, brownies. **Wednesday** — sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, biscuits, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — BBQ beef sandwich, chips, potato salad, fruit cocktail, apple crisp. **Friday** — fish nuggets, au gratin potatoes, broccoli and cheese, peaches. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

Senior Profile

Chance Harman

By SARAH RUF

Chance Harman is the son of Ron and Renee Harman. He has been involved in FFA, D-Club, weight club, football, wrestling, and track.

Chance also finds time for high school rodeo, and is the State Champion Saddle Bronc rider in Kansas High School Rodeo.

In wrestling, he is this year's league tournament champion. In football, he made the All-league

team as a defensive end.

Besides rodeo, Chance likes to hunt in his free time. After graduation he plans to attend college, although he's not sure where, and participate in rodeo there.









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MARCH

Decatur County Community Calendar
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(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 St. Patrick's Day, March 17th	1 Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur County Hosp.; Norcatat Rebekahs ; Lions Club Medical Arts Bldg.; 2004-2005 Freshman Orientation, 7 p.m. ; Sub-State Basketball, Monday thru Saturday	2 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon ; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Masons, 6:30 p.m. ; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Goodland	3 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hosp. ; OBA, LandMark Inn, Noon; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m. ; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m. AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m. ; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.	4 Oberlin City Council, Gateway, 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Junior High Band and Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.	5 	6 Oberlin Speech at WaKeeney United Methodist Church Norcatat, Pancake & Sausage Supper, 5-7 p.m. Bargain Box Plus, 1/2 Price Day.
7 Attend the Church of Your Choice	8 Hospital Board, 7 p.m. ; Jennings School Spring Break, March 8-12; Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. ; Track Rules meeting at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.	9 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon ; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon ; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl, Oberlin, 4 p.m.	10 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital ; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Legion Auxiliary meeting 7:30 p.m. ; Norcatat Royal Neighbors ; State Basketball, Wednesday thru Saturday.	11 Chamber Board meeting, Decatur Co-op board room, Noon Chicken Noodle Benefit for Forget-Me-Nots, Masonic Temple, 5:30-7 p.m.	12 Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.	13 
14 Attend the Church of Your Choice Antique Engine Car Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	15 Norcatat Rebekahs Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.	16 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.	17 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Dr. Curry, Urology, Dec. Co. Hospital ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m. ; Chamber Ribbon Cuttings, Spring break, 17-19	18 Thallium Testing, Dec. Co. Hospital Convention Visitors Bureau, Land-Mark Inn, Noon.	19 	20 Home and Garden Show, Gateway, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
21 Attend the Church of Your Choice Home and Garden Show, Gateway, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.	22 	23 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m. Oberlin Speech at Colby	24 Dr. Eskildsen; Dec. County Hospital Jennings P/T Conferences, 5-8 p.m. End of 3rd 9 Weeks	25 American Legion meeting Pre-Contest Recital, 7 p.m.	26 Jennings P/T Conferences, 8:30-Noon	27 Regional Music Contest
28 Attend the Church of Your Choice	29 Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur County Hosp.	30 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m. Oberlin Junior High NWKL Scholar Bowl at Oberlin, 4 p.m.	31 Dr. Eskildsen; Dec. Co. Hospital; Oberlin Business Alliance, 5th Wednesday Drawing ; Gifted Seminar, Grades 7-12; NWKL Art Show in St. Francis ; \$3.00 Bag Sale, Bargain Box Plus.	 Hansen Mueller		The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE