



**D-CLUB INITIATES** do push-ups and sit-ups in front of a crowd during home room.  
— Dictator photo by Jamie Elwood

## D-Club initiates new members

By Jamie Elwood

For all of the new talented athletes, D-Club initiation is over. Last week, all new initiates had to participate in an obstacle course around the square during home room. Down each hallway they skipped, did the bear crawl, army crawl, and crab walk, and at each corner of the square they did either sit-ups or push-ups.

The initiation wasn't only during homeroom—it lasted all day. Every time they went through a doorway, they were to army crawl. Having to carry around not only their books, but an item dealing with their sport, made the task a little more difficult.

If a D-Club member happened to catch one of these individuals without their item or not crawling through a door, the initiate had to give that member gum or candy.

New members of D-Club are

Jesse Juenemann, Jason Thomas, and Josh Fortin, who lettered in both football and basketball. Caleb Peters lettered in football and track.

Lettering in basketball were Teryn Grafel, Andy Inman, Lauren Fortin, and Kaitlyn Stapp. Teryn and Kaitlyn also lettered in track. Kellen Doeden, Andy Leitner, Aaron Helm, Whitney Beinke, and Lora Marietta all lettered in cross country. Lettering in volleyball was

Trina Shields. The cheerleaders who lettered were Katrina Wentz, Nikki Lincoln, Jennifer Shaw, Ashley Stragey, and M.J. Dempe-wolf.

Breck Simonsson, Cameron Nedland, Kegan MacFee, Garrit Peters, Brock Euhus, and Bret Marietta all lettered in wrestling.

The track lettermen included Joe Mondero, Christa Hardy, Lora Marietta, and Whitney Beinke.

## We have gift for mom

Mothers Day is May 9. Need the perfect gift? The journalism department can help.

We are giving away a picnic basket full of things any mom would love; things like an address book, flower seeds, a picture album and a trinket box (courtesy of Photos by

Jeannie), nail polish, conditioner, lotion, and \$10 off any product or service (courtesy of Shelli's Hair Design).

Get your mom a great gift and help the yearbook fund at the same time.

## School Menus

May 3-7

**OBERLIN**

Unavailable.

**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**

Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — Super nachos, refried beans, peaches, cookies. **Tuesday** — cavitini, corn, garlic bread, pears. **Wednesday** — chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday**

— chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, peaches. **Friday** — corn dogs,

chicken patties, peas, tropical fruit. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



## Senior Profile

Abby Ream

By RENA UNGER

Abby Ream, daughter of Terry and Peggy Ream, is one of Decatur Community High School's outstanding athletes. She participated in volleyball, basketball, and track all four years, lettering every year in basketball and track, and three in volleyball.

She also helped lead the girls' powerlifting team to a state championship as a freshman, winning bench, clean, and squat in her weight class.

As a junior, Abby received All-League Honorable Mention in basketball, was selected to the All-Tournament team at the Brewster Tournament, and was the three-point contest runner-up there as well.

As a senior, she was on the All-League team in both volleyball and basketball. Abby was on the All-Tournament team for the Oberlin Invitational both her sophomore and senior years. In addition, she was selected to compete in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball game.

In track, Abby set the school record in both pole vault and javelin. She placed fifth at state track in pole vault her freshman and junior years, and third as a sophomore.

Not only is Abby involved in athletics, but she is an active member of many organizations such as D-Club, science club, weight club, National Honor Society, student council, band, and Kayettes. She served as both the D-Club and science club treasurer as a junior, and went on the student council Washington, D.C., trip that same year.

Abby has been on the 3.4-3.99 honor roll all four years of high school, and was selected as a Dane G. Hansen scholarship candidate. She also was elected as a Halloween Clean-Up captain this year.

Outside of school, Abby is involved in Girl Scouts and youth group at Faith Lutheran Church. Her future plans include attending Fort Hays State University in the fall to become a radiologist.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Speech team takes first at Quinter

By KYM RICHARDS

The Oberlin speech team placed first with 321 points at the Quinter Speech Tournament. Placing second was Oakley with 287 points, and third was Ellis with 223 points.

Placing first were Rebekah Hasty in serious solo acting and Anthony Marshall in humorous solo acting. Placing second in the latter event was Brent Smith.

Brent and David Morris also placed second in duet acting, and Andrea Marshall placed second in informative speaking.

Allie Moore placed third in prose interpretation. Others competing in prose were Kelly Olson, Rebekah Hasty, and Tricia Dorshorst.

Dane Anderson placed third in

serious solo acting, and Karyn Jordan placed sixth.

Also placing third were Tricia Dorshorst and Jenny Hirsch in duet acting.

In poetry interpretation, Kellen Doeden placed fourth and Dane fifth. Also competing were Kelsey Dorshorst and Bayley Bryan.

Kelly Olson placed fourth in humorous solo acting, and Amber Barratt and Karyn Jordan placed fifth in duet acting.

Gabe Moore and Scooter Matchett participated in improvised duet acting, and Jenny Hirsch participated in oration.

"This was an excellent final tournament," said Coach Leigh Davis.

## KU honor banquet held in Oakley

By KRISTA FOWLER

Each year Kansas University hosts Honor Banquets around the state to recognize the top 10 percent of each senior class.

The top 10 percent of the Oberlin graduating class of 2004 are students Amber Reynolds, Kelsey Dorshorst, Serina Heikes, and Allie Moore.

The banquet for northwest Kansas was held in Oakley this year. Surrounding schools such as Atwood, St. Francis, Jennings, Hoxie, and Northern Valley also attended.

Each county has an alumni coordinator who raises money for the banquet and represents their community. Kurt Vollertsen is the alumni from Oberlin who raised money for the students' meals and small fees. Each student also received a nice, hard-bound dictionary.

The area students were entertained with a Kansas University students performance, and a guest speaker encouraged them to take risks and grasp all opportunities in life.

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## Decatur County Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>Hansen Mueller</b>					<b>The Oberlin Herald</b> NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE	1 Oberlin Golf at Atwood, 9 a.m. <b>State Speech at Newton</b> 1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus.
2 <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b> Cheryl Metcalf's Students Recital, 2 p.m., Gateway "Settin' Pretty," sponsored by DCSAV, 3:30 p.m., Gateway	3 Dr. Rubinowitz, Dec. Co. Hospital; <b>Norcatour Rebekahs</b> ; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.; <b>9-10 Track at Atwood, 3 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Golf at TMP-Hays, 8:30 a.m.	4 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. County Hospital; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; <b>Masons, 6:30 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Track, Oberlin Invitational, 3:30 p.m..	5 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; <b>Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m.</b> ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; <b>OBA, Noon, LandMark</b> ; Eastern Star, 8 p.m.; <b>Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.</b> ; Speech Awards, 6 p.m.	6 Oberlin Elementary 3-6 Spring Program, 7:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Golf at Colby, 3 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Junior High Track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.; <b>Open House and Book Signing for Gisela Fisher at Hirsch &amp; Pratt, 2-5 p.m.</b> ; City Council, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.	7 <b>Gifted Seminar</b> <b>June ACT Registration Deadline</b>	8 <b>Bargain Box Plus Yard Sale</b>
9 <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice; HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY</b> ; Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Speedway Races, 6 p.m.</b>	10 Hospital Board, 7 p.-10 m.; <b>Grades 5-8 Band Concert at Oberlin High, 7:30 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Track at Hill City, 4 p.m.; <b>Board of Education meeting 7:30 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Golf at Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.	11 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Dec. Co. Hospital; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; DPW, Gateway, Noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.	12 Dr. Eskildsen, <b>Dr. Curry Urology, Dec. Co. Hospital</b> ; Norcatour Royal Neighbors; <b>American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.</b> ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	13 <b>Grades 1-3 Fun Day 12:30 p.m.</b> Chamber Board, Hirsch & Pratt, Noon <b>Oberlin Junior High NWKL Track at Hoxie, 11 a.m.</b>	14 <b>Coffee Hour, The Oberlin Herald, 9-11 a.m.</b> ; Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; <b>Grades 4-6 Fun Day, 12:30 p.m.</b> ; NWKL Golf at Atwood, 3 p.m.; Oberlin NWKL Track at Oakley, 3 p.m.	15 <b>DCHS Prom, 7 p.m.</b> OBA Burger Fry, 5-7 p.m. <b>Jennings Graduation, 2:30 p.m.</b>
16 <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>	17 Dr. McDonald, <b>Cataracts, Dec. Co. Hospital</b> ; Norcatour Rebekahs; <b>Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.</b> ; Oberlin High School Open House; <b>Regional Golf, 9 a.m.</b> ; Jennings Awards Day, 8:30-11:30 a.m.	18 Dec. County Commissioners Health meeting, courtroom, <b>10:30 a.m., open to public</b> ; Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> ; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; <b>Music Awards &amp; Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.</b> ; Jennings Teachers Work Day.	19 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital; <b>AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.</b> ; Oberlin Awards Assembly; <b>Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m.</b> ; Jennings Teacher In-Service.	20 <b>Thallium Testing, Dec. Co. Hospital</b> ; CVB, LandMark Inn, Noon; <b>Last Day for Seniors</b> ; Jennings Teachers Work Day; <b>Oberlin City Council, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.</b>	21 <b>Oberlin Regional Track</b> <b>Jennings Teacher Work Day and Check-out</b>	22
23 <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b> Oberlin Commencement Herndon Commencement, 5:30 p.m. Oberlin Speedway Races, 6 p.m.	24 Dr. Rubinowitz, Dec. Co. Hospital; <b>Oberlin Junior High Awards &amp; Vocal Concert, 6:30 p.m.</b> ; State Golf at 8 a.m.	25 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon</b> Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m. <b>Oberlin Elementary Carnival, 6-8 p.m.</b>	26 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital <b>Oberlin Last Day of School, out at 11:30 a.m.</b>	27 <b>Oberlin Teachers Work Day</b> Americal Legion Meeting	28 <b>OBA Burger Fry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</b> ; Alumni Hospitality Room, open 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; <b>State track at Wichita</b> ; Oberlin Poppy Day.	29 <b>Alumni Hospitality Room, open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</b> ; Alumni Banquet, Gateway, 7 p.m.; <b>State Track at Wichita</b> ; \$3 Bag Day, Bargain Box Plus.

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