

# Oberlin ranks fifth at state speech

**By REBEKAH HASTY**  
The state speech tournaments were held Saturday, May 1. Oberlin brought home fifth place as a team and four medalists.  
The state championship tournament was hosted by Bethel College in Newton.  
Congratulations to the four medalists. Dane Anderson received second place in extemporaneous speaking. David Morris and Jeremy Tally got second in improvised duet acting. Rebekah Hasty received third place in serious solo acting, and Brent Smith and David Morris got fifth in duet acting.  
Along with the four who placed, Oberlin had four other events make it into semi-finals. These four were Dane Anderson in serious solo acting, Kelsey Dorshorst in poetry, Allie Moore in poetry, and Rebekah Hasty in prose.  
The other events that the team took to the championship tourna-

ment were Anthony Marshall in humorous solo, Brent Smith in humorous solo, Bayley Bryan in poetry, Kellen Doeden in poetry, Andrea Marshall in poetry and informative speaking, Allie in prose, and Tricia Dorshorst and Jenny Hirsch in duet acting.  
The state festival tournament was hosted by Wichita East High School.  
Receiving I ratings were Hana Withington, Kelly Olson and Sarah Marcuson in prose, Karyn Jordan in prose and serious solo, and Marci Metcalf and Katrina Wentz in duet acting.  
Events that received a II rating were Aaron Helm in oration, Destry Jackson in poetry and humorous solo, Gabe Moore and Scooter Matchett in improvised duet acting, and Kurt Olson and Nolan May in improvised duet acting. Adam Overmiller received a III rating for his poetry.



**AT THE PROMS SATURDAY** night Brent Smith, who had been named king, placed a crown on Amber Reynolds head. She had been named queen. —Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Band goes to Fat City

**By REBEKAH HASTY**  
The Oberlin high school band enjoyed some fun in the sun on their band trip Saturday, May 8. The students left on the bus at 6:30 a.m. for a fun-filled day in Denver.  
The band spent about six hours at Six Flags Elitch Gardens. Lunch was provided at the Mountain Grove Pavilion.  
Afterward, the band went to Fat City for supper and a couple more hours of fun. At Fat City, the students could enjoy laser tag, minia-

ture golf, cosmic bowling, roller skating, bumper cars, a roller coaster simulator, and an arcade.  
After Fat City, the band returned home to Oberlin, arriving at 1:30 a.m.  
The band did many fund-raisers this year to pay for their trip. These fund-raisers included a gift basket giveaway, wrapping Christmas gifts, bake sales, running concessions, a cake giveaway and "Best Seats in the House," offered at home games.

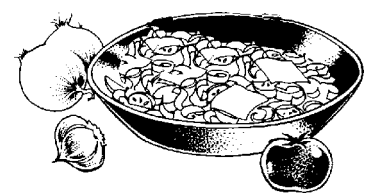
## Cheerleaders chosen for next school year

**By M.J. DEMPEWOLF**  
The 2004-2005 fall cheerleading squad will include Elizabeth Boyd, senior; M.J. Dempewolf and Jennifer Shaw, juniors; Katrina Wentz, sophomore; and Chantelle Beneda, Amie Ritter, and Kayla Zodrow,

freshmen.  
The 2004-2005 winter cheerleading squad will be Elizabeth Boyd, M.J. Dempewolf and Jennifer Shaw, Chantelle Beneda, Jessica Bremer, Amie Ritter, and Kayla Zodrow.

## School Menus

**May 24-26 OBERLIN**  
**Monday, Tuesday:** Cook's choice. (No lunch served Wednesday - half day). Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.



### Keely Witt

**By JAMIE ELWOOD**  
Keely, the daughter of James and Kimberly Witt, has been very active at Decatur Community High School. She has been in D-Club and Kayettes for four years, National Honor Society for three years, TACT for two years, and student council for one year. She participated in vocal and track and cross country all four years and cheerleading for three years. She also was selected for Girls State.  
Keely holds the record in the cross country two-mile and the soap run 1 1/2 miles as a senior. She qualified for state in the 4x800 meter relay in 2003. Keely made the All-League team in 2000 as a freshman and the All-League academic award all four years.

Keely enjoys running, reading, being outside, and playing sports. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in secondary education in history. She also plans to run cross country and indoor/outdoor track.

### Rena Unger

**By KENDRA ANDERSON**  
Rena Unger is the daughter of Kevin and Jeanie Unger. Rena has participated in volleyball, basketball, and track all throughout high school. She was named All-League in volleyball and was selected to play at the Northwest Kansas All-Star Game in Goodland. She lettered in volleyball and basketball three years each.  
Rena has been involved with many organizations in school in-

cluding science club, D-Club, student council, vocal, and Kayettes. She was also involved with Kansas High School Rodeo and participates in breakaway, team roping, and goat tying events.  
Rena loves to be outside riding her horses and is very excited that her mare will be having a colt. She plans on going to Fort Hays State University to major in Animal Science.

### Lacy Zodrow

**By KYM RICHARDS**  
Lacy Zodrow is the daughter of Leo and Carolyn Zodrow. During her high school career, Lacy has been involved in Kayettes, science club, and participated in Chanté for a year. She has been in music ensembles that have competed at State,

and has also been on the honor roll. Some of Lacy's hobbies include reading and helping others.  
Lacy plans to attend Goodland Community College and go into their Medical Assistant program this fall.

### Tara Votapka

**By KERRIE OLSON**  
Tara has been involved in science club, student council, Kayettes, vocal and vocal ensembles. She has also been on the honor roll.  
Tara enjoys spending her free time with friends.  
She plans to attend Washburn University, where she has received a scholarship, to study geriatric nursing.  
She is the daughter of Dan and Lisa Votapka.

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