



Math-a-thon raises money for St. Jude's

By KELSEY GALLENTE
Eighteen junior high math students raised more than \$1,400 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital by participating in a math marathon. The math exercises are voluntary, and this is the first time the Oberlin seventh and eighth graders have participated in the event. More than 53,000 schools have taken part in this activity over the last 25 years. Results show that almost ten million students have benefited from this experience.

To participate in the activity, students first had to get permission from their parents, and then on their own time, the kids either worked in a workbook or on a computer disk that was appropriate for their grade level.

They collected pledges from parents, grandparents, and friends for each problem they completed. The series of math problems has been praised by educators around the nation for its academic quality and orientation toward increased parental involvement in the students' scholastic skills development.

Those who collected the most money were awarded prizes. Chris Larson raised \$409. For his efforts, he received a CD player. Anyone who raised over \$35 received an admission ticket to a Six Flags Amusement Park and a T-shirt. All of the Oberlin students who participated raised at least \$35.

Those who raised over \$75 also received a sports bag in addition to the Six Flags ticket and T-shirt.

Raising over \$75 were Alyssa Rippe, Heather Ploussard, Clay Andersen and Ray Zadow.

Raising over \$35 were Lakin Brown, Jessica Fredrickson, Tamara Ketterl, Derek Chambers, Ashley Horton, Mary Olson, Kira Meitl, Stephanie Bruggeman, Brandi Diederich, Kortnie Fisher, Danyel Jeffrey, Joe Dunham, and Farra McChesney.

The junior high math teacher is Tim Breth.



DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS, Anthony Marshall hangs mistletoe in a hallway at the high school. Drama Club members put up decorations in the entire building for the Christmas season.

Decking the halls

By KAYDEE LEITNER
The halls of Decatur Community High School literally are decked with "boughs of holly" thanks to the Drama Club.

Thursday evening, members were busy decorating the main hallways, cafeteria, office, and every classroom in yuletide cheer.

Members of the club were divided into teams. They all brought decorations and pitched in.

The two main hallways are lined with holly and twinkling lights. There are even two Christmas trees at the top of the main staircase. Classrooms have wreaths, paper chains, decorations hanging from the ceiling, lights, holly, and a whole lot of Christmas cheer.

"Christmas is a fun season and should be festive," said Drama Club sponsor Leigh Davis, who organized the event.

Kayettes celebrate

By LIZ BOYD
Last week the Kayettes celebrated KAY Week at school. The girls did a variety of activities throughout the week.

Monday, they decorated the Christmas tree by the cafeteria and the bulletin board at the front entrance.

The Kayettes made Christmas ornaments out of glue and glitter to give to residents of the Good Samaritan and Cedar Living centers, which were delivered Tuesday.

Another activity the club does is collect paper for recycling. They have everyone in the school helping with this project, so on Wednesday they picked up paper from the collection boxes.

Thursday the club sold cookies for twenty-five cents each, and donated the money to the American Cancer Society.

To conclude the week, the girls showed their appreciation to the staff at Decatur Community High School by hosting a breakfast for them.

They served a variety of goodies such as breakfast burritos, casseroles, muffins, and fruit.

Kayette sponsor Linda Glaze said, "It is fun to celebrate KAY Week, with the best part selling cookies on Thursday."

Journalism sponsors 3-Point Club fund raiser

By SHAREE DEMPEWOLF
The journalism staff is again sponsoring a fund raiser called the "3-Point Club" for basketball and the "Pin Club" for wrestling.

To join either club, anyone can pledge any amount of money for every 3-point shot made during a boys or girls varsity basketball game, or for any wrestling pin for varsity players. At the end of the season we will tally up the total amount of 3-point shots and wrestling pins, and multiply that number by the amount of money pledged. Every cent will go toward the yearbook fund.

People that pledge 50 cents or more will receive a free T-shirt. At home games we will also have prize drawing for anyone who joins the 3-Point Club.

Scholar Bowl team second

By BETHANY WEISHAPL
The Decatur Community High School scholar bowl team received second place at the Atwood Scholar Bowl tournament on Dec. 2.

Students competing for Oberlin were Destry Jackson, Cameron Nedland, Kelly Olson, Danica May and Karli Fredrickson.

The Oberlin team finished with six wins and one loss.

At the tournament Oberlin beat Colby 80-20, Quinter 70-30, Oakley 60-50, Atwood 65-30, Goodland 60-40, and Norton 90-20, then lost to Golden Plains, 70-55.

The following schools participated: Oberlin, Atwood, Brewster,

Cheylin, Colby, Golden Plains, Hill City, Norton, Oakley, Quinter, and Goodland.

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