

# Speech team has eventful night

**By KELSEY GALLENTE**  
The 2004-2005 Decatur Community High School speech team had their annual lock-in on Jan. 7. Students arrived around 9 p.m. Friday night, and they left about 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Leigh Davis coaches the team and is assisted by Elaine Marcuson. Miss Davis said the lock-in was open for anyone to attend. The purpose was to give new members a view of what speech is like and to give the experienced members time to find new material.

"We had a lot of fun and should have had a great season," said Miss Davis.

Those who attended were seniors Molly Coleman, David Morris, Kelly Olson, and Anthony Marshall; juniors Sarah Marcuson, Karyn Jordan, Danica May, Gabe Moore, Kellen Doeden, and Jeremy Tally; sophomores Marci Metcalf, Katrina Wentz, Kyle Glodt, Andy Leitner, Kane Ware, Kim Wessel, Tricia Dorshorst, Andy Gilliam, Nolan May, Kurt Olson, and Jenny Hirsch; and freshmen Melissa Hasty, Rory Wendelin, Jessica

Dellere, Ethan Long, Kenzie Fisher, Kayla Zoderow, Jared Marcuson, Rebecca Helm, Jessica Bremer, David Urban, Amie Ritter, Nikki Wessel, and Chantelle Beneda.

To start things off, the team had a meeting and watched videos of individual events from past years. After the meeting, the group played games like, "Being a household appliance."

Senior Molly Coleman said, "I enjoyed making a skit to share with the rest of the group."

Speech team members also got ideas for their events throughout the lock-in. They watched former Decatur Community High School speakers for examples.

Junior Karyn Jordan said, "I had a lot of fun. Picking out individual events was the best part of the night."

Later, they watched two movies, "Napoleon Dynamite" and "Moulin Rouge."

Overall, the group had a good time and got a lot accomplished. Senior Anthony Marshall said, "The lock-in was a good opportunity to get to know the new members."



**ME AND MY SHADOW** — Josh from Resurrection Christian High School in Loveland, Colo., attended classes with Josh Fortin (right) on Friday. The basketball players from Colorado were guests of the Oberlin basketball players and attended classes second through fourth hours.

## Bowl tourney held

**By KAYDEE LEITNER**  
What is the reciprocal of the period of a function?

This is just one of the questions the scholar bowl team answered during the Northwest Kansas League Scholar Bowl Tournament on Jan. 10.

Junior Destry Jackson answered the question correctly and scored ten points for her team.

Students who competed for Oberlin at the league meet were Destry,

Kelly Olson, Danica May, Cameron Nedland, Aaron Helm, and Karli Fredrickson.

The Oberlin team won two rounds and lost three. The other schools there were Colby, who took first place; Quinter, coming in second; Rawlins County, who placed third; and Oakley, Goodland and Oberlin.

So, what is the reciprocal of the period of a function?

Destry correctly answered, "Frequency."



**Decatur Dictator**  
By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Four to attend state honor choir

**By SHAREE DEMPEWOLF**  
Four students have earned their way to this year's KMEA State Honor Choir. Jeremy Tally, Kellen Doeden, David Morris, and Anthony Marshall will be going to Wichita Feb. 26.

for a high school vocalist. The four Decatur Community High School students and many others from across Kansas auditioned at Hays during the annual District Honor Choir. There they had to sing parts of three songs.

KMEA stands for Kansas Music Educators' Association, and State KMEA is one of the highest honors

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**Wednesday** — Breakfast: French toast sticks, ham patty, oranges. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: hamburger with cheese. **Friday** — Breakfast: donut, yogurt, tropical fruit. Lunch: chicken nuggets. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

Crispitos, broccoli and cheese, peaches, cookies. **Wednesday** — beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, pears. **Thursday** — club subs, Doritos, baked beans, Mandarin oranges. **Friday** — pizza, green beans, breadsticks, applesauce. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon;</b> Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; <b>Masons, 6:30 p.m.;</b> <b>Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball at Colby, 4:30 p.m.;</b> Oberlin Basketball here, Quinter, 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Health Systems; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 11-11:30 a.m.; <b>OBA, LandMark, noon;</b> Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; <b>AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.;</b> Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball, here, Quinter, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior Wrestling, here, Quinter, 6 p.m.; <b>Oberlin JV Basketball tourney at Colby, 5 p.m.;</b> Regional Scholar Bowl.	<b>4</b> <b>Oberlin Basketball at Colby, 6:30 p.m.;</b> <b>Oberlin Wrestling, here, Colby, 6:30 p.m.;</b> Oberlin C-team Basketball at Colby, 4:30 p.m.; <b>1/2 Price Day, Bargain Box Plus.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Seeds of Hope Telethon, Gateway, 1-10 p.m.;</b> <b>Access Channel 7;</b> Chili Cook-off, Gateway, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin JV Wrestling at Goodland, 9 a.m.; <b>Oberlin Wrestling at Rep. Valley Tourney, 10 a.m.;</b> Oberlin Speech at Hill City; <b>Regional Piano.</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>	<b>7</b> Norcatour Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; <b>Kindergarten Enrollment for 2005-2006 all week.</b>	<b>8</b> Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; <b>Rotary, Gateway, Noon;</b> Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.;</b> Oberlin Basketball, here, Norton, 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Dr. Eskildsen; Decatur Health Systems; Legion Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.; <b>Norcatour Royal Neighbors; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.;</b> <b>County Spelling Bee.</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Chamber Board, Hirsch &amp; Pratt, noon;</b> Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball, Oakley at Monument, 4:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Junior Wrestling, Atwood/Oakley at Oakley, 4:30 p.m.;</b> Rainbow/K P/T Conference.	<b>11</b> <b>Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.;</b> OBERLIN, NO SCHOOL. Parent-Teacher conference; <b>Oberlin Basketball, here, Hoxie, 6:30 p.m.;</b> Oberlin Wrestling at Hoxie, 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Oberlin Junior Wrestling, Phillipsburg tourney, 9 a.m.;</b> Oberlin Wrestling at Colby Novice, 9 a.m.; <b>Oberlin Speech; State Scholar Bowl;</b> Arts & Humanities Dinner Theatre Concert, 6:30 p.m.; <b>Davis Burgess Classical Guitarist Concert, 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b> Antique Engine Club, Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b> Dr. Werth, Urology, Dec. Health System; <b>Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.;</b> Oberlin Basketball at Atwood, 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Curtis, Urology, Decatur Health Systems; <b>Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.;</b> AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Oberlin Junior Music Contest; <b>Oberlin Speech at Dighton;</b> Kayette Conference.	<b>17</b> Dr. Dormish, Podiatry, Dec. Health Systems; <b>CVB, LandMark, Noon;</b> Oberlin Junior Girls Basketball, here, St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Junior Wrestling, Goodland/Hoxie at Hoxie, 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Regional Wrestling</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Regional Wrestling</b>  Oberlin Speech at Wheatland <b>State Piano</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>	<b>21</b> Dr. McDonald, Cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Hospital Board; <b>Norcatour Rebekahs;</b> Lions club, Medical Arts Bldg.; <b>JENNINGS NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service;</b> Oberlin C Basketball at Norton, 6 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Junior Girls NWKL Basketball.</b>	<b>22</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems Rotary, Gateway, noon; <b>Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.;</b> Oberlin Junior NWKL Wrestling Tourney at Colby, 2 p.m.; <b>Oberlin Basketball, here, Phillipsburg, 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Health Systems</b>  Gifted Seminar Grades 2-5	<b>24</b> <b>American Legion meeting;</b> Oberlin Junior NWKL Girls Basketball Tourney, 7th at Atwood, 2 p.m.; 8th at Goodland, 2 p.m. <b>State KMEA.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>OBERLIN NO SCHOOL</b>  State KMEA  State Wrestling at Hays	<b>26</b>  State KMEA  State Wrestling at Hays
<b>27</b> <b>Attend the Church of Your Choice</b>	<b>28</b> Dr. Rubinowitz, Dec. Health Systems  Sub-State Basketball					

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