



RAISING A NEW American flag recently purchased by the Student Council is sponsor Dick Ahlberg, with the help of M.J. Dempewolf.

Student council purchases new flag

By WHITNEY BEINKE
The Oberlin student council is displaying their patriotism by purchasing new flags for Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School. Student council adviser Dick Ahlberg brought the idea to the organization after he noticed how worn and faded the old flags were

getting. The student council then decided to purchase new flags for the school, including the Kansas state flag and the American flag. Mr. Ahlberg and the club are still looking for a new education flag, which flies below the Kansas state flag.

Scholar bowl team headed to state

The Decatur Community High School scholar bowl team is headed to the state tournament. For the fourth year in a row, Oberlin will be represented at the state scholar bowl level. The team finished in third place at regionals, held in Osborne, which was good enough for the right to compete at state. Members of the state-qualifying team are senior Kelly Olson, juniors Destry Jackson and Danica May, sophomores Cameron Nedland and Karli Fredrickson. The team is coached by Marlene Moxter. The state scholar bowl is in Bennington on Saturday, Feb. 12. Fourteen teams competed at regionals, which were divided into pools. The top two teams of each pool then went on to the semi-finals. The top three teams qualified for state. Sacred Heart won the tournament, followed by Atwood. To qualify for state, Oberlin first went up against Oakley and defeated them 55 to 30. In round 2, Oberlin was defeated by Bennington 50 to 20, but then beat Osborne 70 to 10. In round four, Oberlin defeated Hill City 40 to 30 and next beat WaKeeney 60 to 20, and Stockton 80 to 20. In pool play, Oberlin won five and lost one, which placed them first in their pool. In the semi-finals, Oberlin lost to Atwood 60 to 40, but then defeated Oakley 90 to 20. Sacred Heart beat Atwood. "I feel like I'm doing something for my school and community by qualifying for state," said Cameron Nedland. One of the questions Cameron answered correctly was "Who was the ruler of Ancient Greece during which the Parthenon was built?" Answer: Pericles. Karli said, "Danica smoked everyone in the foreign language questions, answering at least eight correctly." She also did well in the science and health category. Destry's best categories are fine arts, language arts, and history; Kelly can be counted on for the math and literature questions; and Cameron does well with the history and math questions. Karli likes the fine arts and year in review questions. "It was a team effort, and everyone contributed," said Coach Moxter.

Wristbands new trend

By LIZ BOYD
Orange, green, yellow, and blue wristbands are the new trend at Decatur Community High School. Weight club is selling the wristbands to raise money for new equipment. Since wristbands are the new trend lately, everyone is buying them. The wristbands are two dollars each. A month ago, the weight club was selling red, white, and blue ones. They sold all of those, and are now offering the multi-colored ones, which say "Support cancer research and education." Joe Dreher, weight club sponsor, said, "The guys and girls in weight club thought it would be a good idea to sell them. Plus they support a good cause." "Any time kids do a project to support a cause beyond their own self-interests shows that they are growing into adults," said Principal Charles Haag.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Novices participate in speech tourney

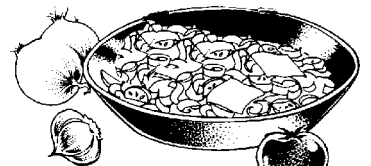
By KELSEY GALLETINE
Decatur Community High School hosted its annual speech tournament on Saturday, Jan. 29. Placing first was Quinter, followed by Ellis and Colby. Norton placed fourth. Because Oberlin hosted the tournament, only the novice members or those competing in a different event could participate. Those who competed for Oberlin included Gabe Moore, Andrew Dempewolf, Rebecca Helm, Nikki Wessel, and Jessica Bremer. Gabe competed in prose and improvised duet acting with Andrew. Rebecca and Nikki also competed in improvised duet acting. Jessica competed in extemporaneous speaking. Speech coach Leigh Davis said, "[Our tournament] gave our novices a chance to see how a tournament works." Since Oberlin hosted the tournament, the other members helped in some way in running the event. Tasks they did included tabulating results, keeping time, running ballots, working at the draw tables for improvised duet acting and extemporaneous speaking, and checking in the judges. Those who helped run the tournament were Danica May, Karyn Jordan, Destry Jackson, Anthony Marshall, Amber Barratt, Kellen Doeden, Kim Wessel, Marci Metcalf, Katrina Wentz, Jonathan Smith, Tricia Dorshorst, Jenny Hirsch, Sarah Marcuson, Molly Coleman, Nikki Wessel, Jenny Ploussard, Kelly Olson, Andy Gilliam, Kyle Glodt, Melissa Hasty, David Morris, and Jeremy Tally. Nolan May, Kurt Olson, Gage Reichert, and Jared Marcuson donated food. Many community members and former Oberlin students also helped at the tournament by judging the events. It takes a lot of people to run a speech tournament, and Miss Davis, assistant coach Elaine Marcuson and the Oberlin speech team would like to thank all those who helped judge at the tournament.

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