Speakers show off skills

Team takes fifth place at Hays

By BETHANY WEISHAPL

The Decatur Community High School speech team took fifth place at the Hays Speech Tournament on February 19.

The Oberlin team consisted of seniors Kelly Olson, David Morris, and Anthony Marshall; juniors Sarah Marcuson, Karyn Jordan, Destry Jackson, Gabe Moore, and Jonathan Smith; sophomores Kim Wessel, and Katrina Wentz; and freshmen Nikki Wessel, Jenny Ploussard, Rebecca Helm, and Jared Marcuson. The team is coached by Leigh Davis and Elaine Marcuson.

The events that Oberlin competed in were duet acting, improvised duet acting, informative speaking, serious solo acting, humorous solo acting, prose interpretation, and poetry interpretation.

Oberlin finished in fifth place with 126 points. Ellis won the tour-

nament with 170 points, followed at the Norton High School's Forenby Garden City with 167 points, Lyons with 156 points, and McPherson with 139 points.

by Kelly Olson with 15. Anthony finished in second place in both poetry and humorous solo acting, and is now qualified for State Championship competition in both events. Jenny Ploussard finished in fifth Aaron Helm. place in humorous solo acting, and Kelly Olson also finished in fifth place in poetry interpretation, both qualifying for State Festival.

will be in Ellis on March 5. Good luck to the speech team.

Oberlin wins fourth in Norton

By MEGAN BARRETT

School speech team finished fourth

sics Tournament on Feb. 12 with 188 points.

Competing were Karyn Jordan, Anthony Marshall was our team Jenny Hirsch, Gage Reichert, Kathigh scorer with 44 points, followed rina Wentz, Kellen Doeden, Jonathan Smith, Andrew Dempewolf, Jeremy Tally, David Morris, Nolan May, Kurt Olson, Sarah Marcuson, Tricia Dorshorst, Andy Gilliam, Jessica Bremer, Rebecca Helm, and

Seven performances made it to finals. Jeremy Tally and David Morris took first in improvised duet acting. Kellen Doeden, poetry; Sarah The next tournament for Oberlin Marcuson, serious solo; and Aaron Helm, extemporaneous speaking, got fourths. Jenny Hirsch and Tricia Dorshorst finished fifth in duet acting; Rebecca Helm, extemporaneous and Jeremy Tally, humorous solo, took sixth.

Jeremy Tally was the lead scorer with 40 points.

Oberlin speech Coach Leigh Davis said she sees progress and the novice performers are doing well.

"It was really fun breaking into The Decatur Community High the finals after the first round," Tricia Dorshorst said.

Fifteen attend meet in Dighton

By AMBER BARRATT

Fifteen speech students loaded the bus early Wednesday morning, Feb. 16, and headed to Dighton to compete. Oberlin came in fourth overall with a total of 195 points.

Placing for Oberlin were Rory Wendelin, fourth in humorous solo; Anthony Marshall, fifth in humorous solo; Kellen Doeden, fifth in poetry; Tricia Dorshorst and Jenny Hirsch, fifth in duet acting; and Destry Jackson, sixth in serious

Others participating were Kelly Olson, Gabe Moore, Danica May, Jessica Bremer, Rebecca Helm, Kenzie Fisher, Molly Coleman, David Morris, Jeremy Tally, and Jenny Ploussard.

Next the speech team was headed to Hays on Feb. 19.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Vocal students ready for Kansas City trip

By JUSTINE MILLER

Decatur Community High School high dances, popped popcorn for are gearing up for their vocal trip to Kansas City. The vocal students will go to State Music Festival on April 30, then head to Kansas City from there.

On Sunday, May 1, the students will go to Worlds of Fun and the to go, and the students are getting musical "Aida." They will head excited about the trip. back to Oberlin Monday.

Sixty-eight students from bake sales, acted as DJs for junior game concessions, worked concessions, and sold food items.

Each vocal student has to earn 80 percent of the cost of the trip, which is \$132. Right now half of the vocal students have earned enough money

School Menus

March 7-11 **OBERLIN**

Monday — Breakfast: yogurt, donut, pears. Lunch: beef stew, roll with butter. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito, peaches. Lunch: chicken sandwich. Wednesday -No breakfast (late start). Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll. Thursday — Breakfast: waffles, hampatty, Man-cocktail, Fridarin oranges. Lunch: pizza. Friday day — pizza,

— Breakfast: French toast sticks, breadsticks, tropical fruit. Lunch: tuna or c o r n, chicken salad on a bun. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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Breakfast is served daily: toast, served with all cereal, juice. Lunches: Monday-

peaches, cookies. Tuesday - sausage patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, pears. Wednesday — hot dogs, chili with cheese, pineapple, cookies. Thursday chicken and noodles, mashed pota-

Crispitos, broccoli and cheese.

rolls, fruit applesauce. Milk served with all meals. Salad



FFA members celebrate special week

By KELSEY GALLENTINE Oberlin FFA members celebrated

National FFA Week, which was Feb. 21-25. FFA week is celebrated all over the United States.

Copeland. This year's president is junior Caleb Peters.

According to Mr. Copeland, FFA week was established to recognize the groups for all they do. FFA is one of the most active groups at Decatur Community High School, with 49

something special going on. Monday, the members had donuts and juice for breakfast; Tuesday, all Oberlin's advisor is Nathan members enjoyed a steak dinner during their lunch shifts; Wednesday, members proudly wore their FFA t-shirts or sweatshirts.

On Thursday, the members had fun playing games and drinking pop in homeroom. Oberlin didn't have ticipate in a meat-judging contest, school on Friday.

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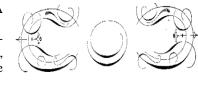
Trisha Sheley

So far this year, the Oberlin chap-Each day last week the group had ter has been very busy. They've participated in several land and home site judging contests, dairy judging contests, a leadership contest, a hot dog social, and a Christmas party. The Greenhands participated in a Greenhand conference, and nine members attended the national FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

> Yet this spring, they plan to parlivestock judging contests, state

convention, and the annual FFA Banquet.

An upcoming event for the FFA is their annual community breakfast on March 5. Members will be cooking from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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