

Team takes tourney

The Oberlin speech team won the Quinter Speech Tournament on April 16 by a landslide. Oberlin placed first with 311 points, followed by Ellis with 209 and Colby with 169.

Senior Anthony Marshall won first place in poetry and in humorous solo acting. He is qualified for state champs in both events.

Placing second and also qualifying for state champs were Gabe Moore in prose, David Morris and Jeremy Tally in improvised duet acting, and Kelly Olson and David Morris in duet acting.

Kellen Doeden placed third in prose, followed by Tricia Dorshorst who placed fourth.

Gabe Moore also placed fourth in serious solo acting.

Also breaking finals were the duet acting teams of Sarah Marcuson and Karyn Jordan, Molly Coleman and Danica May, and Tricia Dorshorst and Jenny Hirsch; Jeremy Tally in humorous solo acting, and Kelly Olson in poetry.

Others competing for Oberlin were Destry Jackson, Kim Wessel, Rory Wendelin, and Amber Barratt.

While these speech students were competing in Quinter, another group was competing at the Regional Speech Festival. Those who earn a I rating at Regionals qualify for State Festival.

Earning a I were Marci Metcalf in prose and serious solo acting, Katrina Wentz in prose, Andy Dempewolf in poetry, and Jenny Ploussard in humorous solo acting.

Aaron Helm received a II rating on his oration and in extemporaneous speaking. The teams of Jared Marcuson and Jenny Ploussard, and Becky Helm and Nikki Wessel, each received II on their improvised duets.

Jessica Bremer received a II in extemporaneous speaking as did Becky Helm in prose.

Also competing were Andy Dempewolf in oration and Melissa Hasty in informative speaking.



Seniors Kelly Olson and David Morris perform their duet during the Evening of Forensics. Kelly and David play two mentally challenged people on a date. The seniors have qualified their duet for the state tournament later in May.

Speech students do well

By MEGAN BARRETT
The Decatur Community High School speech team has had another great season. A total of 14 events have qualified for State Championship competition. In addition, three people have qualified for the State Speech and Drama Festival.

Qualifying for the festival are Destry Jackson in poetry, Katrina Wentz in prose and Jenny Ploussard in humorous solo acting.

To qualify for state championship competition, you have to finish in first or second place at an invitational tournament.

Heading to state are sophomores Tricia Dorshorst and Jenny Hirsch, and seniors Kelly Olson and David Morris, in duet acting.

Jeremy Tally and David Morris have qualified in improvised duet acting.

Last year at state, they finished in second place. Jeremy has also qualified in humorous solo acting this year.

Also qualified in humorous solo are senior Anthony Marshall and freshman Rory Wendelin.

Three Oberlin students have qualified in poetry: Molly Coleman, Kellen Doeden and Anthony Marshall.

Juniors Gabe Moore and Karyn Jordan have qualified in prose.

Rounding out the team are sophomore Marci Metcalf in serious solo acting, freshman Jessica Bremer in extemporaneous speaking, and freshmen Andrew Dempewolf in original oration.

Junior speech team member Karyn Jordan said, "I am really excited to finally go to the State Championship this year."

"I really think we have a good team, and I think we'll do really well at State."

Speech Coach Leigh Davis says, "I am excited for the team. I am confident in their pursuit of success this season."

The 17 competitors will compete on May 7 at Wichita South High School and Bethel.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Juniors, seniors clean things up

By ASHLEY STRAGEY
The Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School's first city-wide community service project was a success according to Principal Charles Haag.

Mr. Haag suggested the community service day since most of the high school students were gone on Thursday, April 14, for State Music in Colby, and most of the junior high students were at an all-day track meet in Oakley. With so many gone, teachers wouldn't have been able to get much accomplished in their classes.

The students and teachers that were left divided up into groups, and at about 9:30 a.m. they started working around town and the school.

Senior Megan Barrett said, "It felt good to go out and help the school and local people."

Junior Kaydee Leitner said, "It's a good feeling to drive by the hospital and say, 'Hey I painted that,' and hear people say it looks really good."

Students and teachers volunteered at Sappa Valley Park, the golf course, baseball/softball fields, museum, hospital, fair grounds, horse arena, Good Samaritan Center, and the high school. A few students also helped Peggy Pratt and the Oberlin Rotary Club by picking up donations for the after-prom party.

The volunteers painted, cleaned, pulled weeds, and other various jobs.

"It was very successful," said Mr. Haag. "Students and teachers did a good job, and the community has been very positive about the jobs that were accomplished."

School Menus

May 2-6 OBERLIN Unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.	May 2-6 OBERLIN Unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.	noodles, mashed potatoes, corn rolls, applesauce. Wednesday — BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, rolls, pineapple. Thursday — chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches. Friday — Frito pies, refried beans, tropical fruit, cookies. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.
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Decatur County Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Attend the Church of Your Choice	2 Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur Health Systems; Norcatat Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.; Oberlin 9-10 Track at Atwood, 3 p.m.; Oberlin Golf at TMP-Hays, 9 a.m.	3 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; Masons, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin Track, here, 3 p.m.	4 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Health Systems; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 11-11:30 a.m.; OBA, LandMark, noon; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 8 p.m.	5 Oberlin Elementary Spring Program, grades 3-6, 7:30 p.m. Oberlin Junior High Track at Hoxie, 3 p.m. Oberlin Golf at Colby, 3 p.m.	6 FFA banquet, 6 p.m. cafeteria	7 State Speech at Newton 1/2 Price Day, Bargain Box Plus
8 Attend the Church of Your Choice Mother's Day Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	9 Dr. McDonald, Urology, Decatur Health Systems Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Oberlin Golf at Phillipsburg, 1 p.m. Oberlin Track at Hill City, 3 p.m.	10 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, Medical Arts bldg, 5-6 p.m.; Band Concert, Grades 7-12, 7:30 p.m.	11 Dr. Eskildsen; Decatur Health Systems; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Norcatat Royal Neighbors; American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; Oberlin Speech Awards, 6 p.m.	12 Chamber Board Meeting, place to be determined, Noon; Oberlin Junior High NWKL Track at St. Francis, 11 a.m.	13 Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; Oberlin Elementary Fun Day, Grades 1-3, 1-3 p.m.; Grades 4-6 6 p.m.; Oberlin NWKL Golf at Goodland, 3 p.m.; Oberlin NWKL Track at Hoxie, 3 p.m.	14 Decatur Community High School Prom Jennings Graduation 2:30 p.m.
15 Attend the Church of Your Choice	16 Dr. McDonald, Cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Norcatat Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.; Hospital Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Oberlin; Oberlin Regional Golf; Oberlin Open House.	17 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems Rotary, Gateway, noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Medical Arts Bldg.; Oberlin Music Awards, 6:30 p.m.	18 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m. Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; Oberlin Awards Assembly, 2 p.m.; Oberlin Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m.	19 Convention Visitors Bureau, LandMark, Noon Oberlin Last Day for Seniors.	20 Jennings Awards Day-morning, 8:30-11:30 Jennings Fun Day Noon-3 p.m. Oberlin Regional Track	21
22 Attend the Church of Your Choice Graduation, Oberlin High School Gym, 2:30 p.m.	23 Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur Health Systems; Jennings Teacher In-Service and Work Day; Oberlin Junior Senior High Awards and Vocal/Band Concert 6:30 p.m.; State Golf	24 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; American Legion Members meeting; Jennings Teacher In-Service and Work Day.	25 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Dormisch, Decatur Health Systems; AA, amb. barn, 8 p.m. Jennings Teacher In-Service and Work Day.	26 	27 OBA Burger Fry, 11-1:30 p.m., The Bank drive-thru; Alumni Hospitality Room, 1-4 p.m.; State Track; Oberlin End of 2nd Semester; Oberlin dismiss at 11:30 a.m.	28 Alumni Hospitality Room, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Alumni Banquet, Gateway State Track
29 Attend the Church of Your Choice	30 Memorial Day Avenue of Flags Oberlin Cemetery 10 a.m.	31 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems			<p>The Oberlin Herald</p> <p>NOW IN OUR 127th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>	