



Anthony Marshall and Jennifer Hirsch perform during the variety show. —Photos by Diana Hashenberger

# Students show off talents

Drama Club offers variety of performances

**By LIZ BOYD**  
The annual Drama Club variety show was Wednesday, April 27, in the Decatur Community High School auditorium. The show featured duets from the forensics team as well as a variety of skits from Drama Club members. Katrina Wentz and Amie Ritter opened the show with a dance routine, and Kim Wessel and Andy Leitner performed their speech duet with Andy supposedly spilling gravy on someone's head during lunch, and their trying to plan how to get out of trouble with Mr. Haag. One of the favorite skits was by David Morris and Jeremy Tally who wrote their own script. They acted as pig thieves, with Anthony Marshall as a crazy farmer who caught them stealing a pig. In another popular skit, Rory Wendelin and Jennifer Ploussard were backup dancers for Jared Marcuson, who dressed up like a girl and lip-synced to the song "Barbie Girl." Karyn Jordan and Sarah Marcuson also performed their



Alyssa Montgomery and Gabe Moore demonstrate the latest hair care products during the variety show sponsored by Drama Club.

speech duet on the do's and don'ts for boys trying to attract girls, with special guests teachers Trevor Williams and Mark Bricker. Destry Jackson sang a solo, and Anthony Marshall and Jennifer Hirsch performed a scat medley. Jennifer Hirsch also performed her duet with Tricia Dorshorst. They were anchors for the WWF, World Wide Fans, for very uncommon sports around the world such as staring and sleeping contests, and toe wrestling. The last duet was by Alyssa Montgomery and Gabe Moore who were introducing new objects to use on hair and objects to annoy relatives with. Gabe was also the master of ceremonies for the show, which was as entertaining as the

# Three seniors honored

University fetes students, pharmacist

**By MEGAN BARRETT**  
Three Oberlin students were honored at the Kansas University honors banquet in Goodland on Wednesday, April 20. The top 10 percent of high school students and their families in this region were invited to the banquet along with administrators. Andy Anderson, Kelly Olson, and Anthony Marshall attended from Oberlin. They listened to speakers and entertainment from Kansas University and were each presented with a dictionary. Local pharmacist Kurt Vollertsen was also honored at the banquet for his twenty-five years of service on behalf of the Kansas University honors program. According to Principal Charles Haag it was unexpected, and a good reward for his hard work in the community and the school. "It was an extreme honor to be recognized for my volunteering," said Mr. Vollertsen, "but I don't volunteer for the awards or recognition. It is all for the students."

# Lifters place second

**By SCOTT MILLER**  
The Oberlin girls weightlifting team placed second at the State Power Lifting Meet held in Meade. The boys team placed eighth. The girls team had three state champions: Lora Marietta, Alyssa Montgomery and Ashley Huntley. Lora Marietta is state champion in bench, squat, and clean. She also set new records in bench press and squat, and won first overall. The new state meet record in bench press is 145 pounds, and the new squat record is now 255 pounds. Alyssa Montgomery is also state champion in squat, and Ashley Huntley, state champion in bench press. State champions for the boys were Gannon Reichert in squat, Jake Padgett in clean, and Joe Mondero in bench press.

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# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## New Students

**Jessica Weaverling**  
**By BETHANY WEISHAPL**  
Jessica Weaverling is a new seventh grader at Decatur Community Junior High School. She is 13 years old and is from Norton. Jessica's parents are Marla and Rodney Job. Her father recently started work at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. Jessica's hobbies include various sports, and she is currently on the track team. "I try to get along with everyone so that I will have new friends here," said Jessica. "Both schools are hard, but I have less homework here."

**Tika Hall**  
**By BETHANY WEISHAPL**  
Tika Hall is a new junior at Decatur Community High School. She is 18 years old and has three siblings: Michael, David, and Jessica. Tika's parents are Dedar Bennett and Joe Bennett from Goodland. She is currently living with Deb Lohoefer. Some of Tika's hobbies include watching TV and playing sports. "Oberlin isn't any harder than Goodland," said Tika.

## School Menus

**May 9-13 OBERLIN**  
**Monday** — Lunch: sausage pizza. **Tuesday** — Lunch: chicken strips. **Wednesday** — Lunch: spaghetti, garlic roll. **Thursday** — Lunch: stuffed crust pizza. **Friday** — Lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich. Breakfast menu this month is cook's choice. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**  
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — hamburgers, Doritos, green beans, fruit cocktail. **Tuesday** — roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, rolls, tropical fruit. **Wednesday** — club subs, Doritos, baked beans, Mandarin oranges. **Thursday** — sliced ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies. **Friday** — super nachos, refried beans, pears. Milk served with all lunches.

## Notice Taxpayers

May 10th is the Deadline for the Last Half of 2004 taxes. If not paid on or before May 10, 2005 these taxes will bear interest. Please bring first half paid receipt or tax statement information when making payment.

**Jean Hale**  
County Treasurer  
Decatur County, Kansas

# Sheriff talks about safety

**BY KELSEY GALLETINE**  
The Oberlin FFA chapter recently invited the Decatur County Sheriff's Department to speak to the students about safety. Sheriff Ken Badsky spoke briefly to three different groups of students during their lunch period about what to look for if they are pulled over by police. FFA President Caleb Peters organized the event. Sheriff Ken Badsky and Barry Richards showed students what Decatur County's unmarked car looks like. They pointed out where the lights are and what colors they are. He told the students if a real police officer is trying to pull them over, the lights will be red, blue, and white. Lights will be flashing on top of the vehicle, as well as in the grill. If the lights are just one color, probably it is not a policeman. Sheriff Badsky told the students if they were suspicious or scared,

they should drive to a place where there are people and then pull over. He also told the students to look for the driver's uniform. All of the policemen have uniforms and badges. Also present was Randy McHugh, who had just returned from Iraq. Caleb said, "I just wanted every-

Q: How do I know if a car is unmarked?  
A: Look for red, blue, and white flashing lights on top of the vehicle and in the grill.

Q: What should I do if I'm pulled over?  
A: Stay calm, get out of the car, and follow the officer's instructions.

Q: How can I stay safe?  
A: Always wear your seat belt, don't drink and drive, and don't use your cell phone while driving.

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