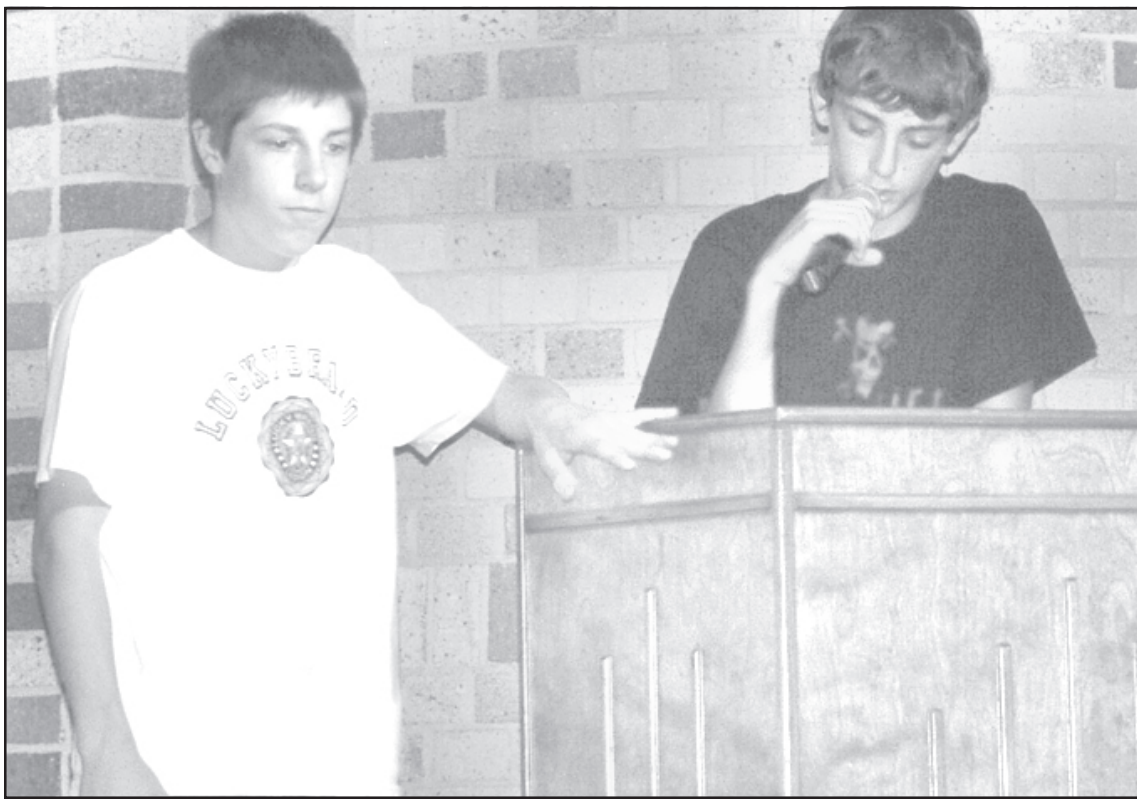


# Council officers chosen

Chad Williams was elected president of the junior high student council during the sixth-grade visitation to the high school on Friday, April 28.

Also elected were Josh Ritter as vice president, Carissa Wentz as secretary, and Rachelle Scott as treasurer.

This year's sixth and seventh graders voted for the officers. Tim Breth is the junior high student council sponsor.



**CHAD WILLIAMS** (right) spoke to the sixth and seventh graders during the election campaign for Junior High Student Council officers. His campaign manager, **Clay Andersen** (left), was this year's president. Chad won the election for president. — Photo by Kim Wessel

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## School Menus

**May 8-12**  
**OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, applesauce. Lunch: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, applesauce. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: waffles, ham patty, pears. Lunch: barbecue smokies, baked beans, roll, peas, pears. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: turnovers, sausage patty, mixed fruit. Lunch: burritos, Mexican rice, beets, mixed fruit. **Thursday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: pizza, green beans, Mandarin oranges. **Friday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin, peaches. Lunch: grade school - sack lunch; high school - sub sandwich, chips, peaches, carrots. Milk served with all meals. Juice served with all breakfasts. Choice bar served with all lunches.

# Students qualify for state meets

Twenty-nine Oberlin students will compete at the State Speech tournament and State Speech festival this Saturday in Wichita.

Competing at the State championship tournament will be Gabe Moore in prose and informative speaking, Jeremy Tally in prose and humorous solo acting; Destry Jackson in serious solo acting and poetry; Ethan Merrill in poetry and humorous solo acting; Katrina Wentz, prose; Kellen Doeden in poetry and duet acting; Alyssa Rippe, oration; Karyn Jordan, serious solo acting; Rory Wendelin, humorous solo acting; Aaron Helm, extemporaneous; Jessica Bremer, extemporaneous; and Tricia Dorshorst in duet acting with Kellen Doeden.

At the same time, 17 students will be competing at the State festival.

These students will be trying to earn a I rating, much like at State music.

Students competing in prose are Sarah Marcuson, Jacinta Carter and Melissa Hasty; and in poetry, Jenny Hirsch and Emma Merrill.

Annamarie Larue will be competing in informative speaking, Andrew Dempewolf in extemporaneous speaking, and Kim Wessel in humorous solo acting.

The duet acting pairs competing are Annamarie Larue and Makenzie Nelson, Haley Barrett and Jay Wessel, and Rebecca Helm and Nikki Wessel.

Competing in improvised duet acting are Rebecca Helm and Nikki Wessel, Melissa Hasty and Jolynda Chase, and Jenny Ploussard and Heather Ploussard.

The students are coached by Leigh Davis and Elaine Marcuson.

# Oberlin speakers win Quinter meet

By **SUNNIE JO FREDRICKSON**

The Oberlin speech team scored 335 points to win the Quinter Invitational speech tournament on April 22.

Hill City placed second with 208 points, followed by Ellis with 191.

Finishing in first place with perfect scores of 28 were Karyn Jordan in serious solo acting and Gabe Moore in informative speaking.

Also placing first were Ethan Merrill in humorous solo acting, Aaron Helm in extemporaneous speaking, and Alyssa Rippe in original oration.

By placing first Karyn, Gabe, Ethan, Aaron, and Alyssa have qualified for the state tournament.

Finishing in second place were Jeremy Tally in humorous solo acting, and Kellen Doeden and Tricia Dorshorst in duet acting.

Placing third were Jeremy Tally, prose; Rory Wendelin, humorous

solo; Karyn Jordan and Sarah Marcuson, duet acting; and Annamarie Larue, informative.

Destry Jackson in serious solo acting and Jessica Bremer in extemporaneous speaking placed fourth, and Jacinta Carter and Alyssa Rippe in duet acting placed fifth.

Placing sixth were Destry Jackson in poetry and Kellen Doeden in extemporaneous speaking.

Others competing for Oberlin were Sarah Marcuson, Tricia Dorshorst, and Jacinta Carter, prose; Makenzie Nelson, poetry; Annamarie Larue and Makenzie Nelson, duet acting; and Aaron Helm, oration.

"It was an excellent day for the DCHS team," said Coach Leigh Davis.

"Everyone had outstanding performances. Our next stop is the State Championship Tournament on May 6."

# Forensics team attends regional festival

By **LAKIN LAHE**

The Decatur Community High School speech team earned nine excellent or I ratings, five very good (II) ratings, and one fair rating at Regional Speech and Drama festival on April 22 at Smith Center.

At the Regional event students perform once for a judge. If they earn a I rating, they receive a medal and qualify for the State Speech and Drama festival.

Earning a I and qualifying for State festival were Kim Wessel, humorous solo; Melissa Hasty, prose interpretation; Emma Merrill, poetry interpretation; Haley Barrett and Jay Wessel, duet acting; Rebecca Helm and Nikki Wessel,

duet acting and improvised duet acting; Melissa Hasty and Jolynda Chase, improvised duet acting; Jenny and Heather Ploussard, improvised duet acting; and Andrew Dempewolf, extemporaneous speaking.

Earning IIs were Haley Barrett with her prose interpretation, Andrew Dempewolf, prose interpretation; Sarah Russ, poetry; Jolynda Chase, poetry; and Jay Wessel and Jordan Tally, improvised duet acting.

Amber Barratt also participated in extemporaneous speaking.

"Super effort, team!" said Coach Leigh Davis.

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