



KENZIE FISHER (right) was all knotted up. At the KAY Conference, the students participated in an ice-breaker activity. Keeping the cord in one hand, KAYS had to work together to get the knots out. Also pictured are Heather Glodt, and Lacey Ream.

— Photos by Ali Samson



JUNIOR AMBER MASON (at the head of the table) demonstrated how to make roses with Hershey's Kisses to a group of KAYS. Each KAYS member took their "flowers" home to distribute them to others for Valentine's Day.

Kayettes take over Oberlin high school

By **LAKIN LAHE**

The Decatur Community High School Kayette Club hosted the Kansas Association of Youth Unit Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The theme this year for the Kansas State High School Activities Association KAY club is Leadership Round-up. Nearly 200 youth from northwest Kansas gathered in Oberlin to share service ideas and talk about leadership. Featured guest was Cheryl Gleason, the state director of KAYS.

The day began with the opening general session in the auditorium. Decatur Community High Kayette President Marci Metcalf welcomed the KAYS. All of the KAYS then recited the club pledge and privileges. For entertainment the DCHS Singers performed for the crowd, singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," by Marvin Gaye and

Tammi Terrell.

Ms. Gleason spoke about leadership and community service, comparing it to shoveling snow.

Next was "Quick as a Hiccup," where groups combined ideas of new projects and shared old ones. Then it was off to the "Laugh, Love, and Lift" sessions.

KAYS listened to several guest speakers in break-out sessions. Jim Hollowell talked about jazz music. Becky Helm spoke on her trip to Panama. Merlou Robinson talked about her trip to Brazil, Ward Foley from Norton talked on overcoming adversity and happiness, Tina Perrin told of relaxation in the work area. Alan Marietta showed slides and informed us of Hurricane Katrina. Amy Carman talked about and shared music, and Brenda Breth discussed leadership skills.

"I really enjoyed my sessions with

the kids," said Mrs. Breth. "I had great participation and was impressed with the many kids I met."

After the break-out sessions it was off to make a difference. In the Fixin' To Make a Difference group project, groups made Hershey kiss roses to give to the elderly. Members of each group took their creations home to give away to others.

The conference ended with a "Rootin' Tootin' Superfantastic Time" by Cheryl Gleason and a farewell by Marci.

President Marci Metcalf was very relieved at the end: "Everyone worked extra hard to make this conference a success, and I don't think we could have done it any better."

"It was a great conference," said Kayette sponsor Linda Glaze. "All of the girls did a great job in their committees, and the guests seemed to enjoy themselves."

School Menus

Feb. 19-23
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: No school (teacher in-service). **Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake, ham patty. Lunch: Poor Abe's steak, mashed potatoes, gravy. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: cherry or apple turnover, cereal. Lunch: cheese pizza, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll. **Friday:** Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: fish sandwich, French fries. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.



Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Regional scholars have exciting meet

By **Lakin Lahe**

The 3A regional scholar bowl meet was held on Jan. 31, at Decatur Community High School, and it turned out to be a very exciting competition.

"The competition was great," said Principal Charles Haag. "Pool B had 5 teams tie at 3-3 for second place."

Oberlin was one of the five teams to tie for second. The tie was broken by the margin of victory, which was won by Scott City.

Competing for Oberlin were seniors Cameron Nedland and Karli

Fredrickson, and juniors Andrew Dempewolf, Chenaniah Langness, Rory Wendelin, and Gage Reichert. The team is coached by Marlene Moxter.

Scott City went on to defeat Sacred Heart of Salina in the semifinals, and Ellsworth in the finals.

Southeast of Saline (Gypsum) defeated Sacred Heart in the consolation finals.

Scott City, Ellsworth, and Southeast all earned the right to compete at the state scholar bowl, which was to be held Saturday in Hutchinson.

Speech team gets going

By **KAITLYN GILLESPIE**

After hosting their own tournament at the beginning of the season, the Oberlin speech team had their first shot at competition in Hill City on Feb. 2.

Top placers for Oberlin were Annamarie Larue in informative speaking and Alyssa Rippe in original oration. Both finished in third place.

Ethan Merrill placed fifth with his humorous solo.

Others competing for the first

time this year were Jacinta Carter, Tricia Dorshorst, Kim Wessel, and Ethan Merrill in prose interpretation; Emma Merrill and Erin Russ in poetry interpretation; and Cameron Nedland in extemporaneous speaking.

Oberlin also had four different duet acts and three improvised duet acts competing. The duet teams were Annamarie Larue and Mackenzie Nelson, Alyssa Rippe and Heather Ploussard, Jenny Hirsch and Tricia Dorshorst, and Jacinta

Carter and Chenaniah Langness.

The improvised duet teams were Jay Wessel and Chenaniah Langness, Rebecca Helm and Nikki Wessel, and Emma Merrill and Melissa Hasty.

"We have some potential," said Coach Leigh Davis, "but we need to kick in the practice, so we are more polished in order to score more points."

Winning the Hill City tournament was Quinter, followed by Norton and Ellis.

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