

Scholar Bowl team travels to Atwood

By ASHLI SAMSON

The Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl team traveled to Atwood on Monday, Dec. 8. They competed against seven teams, which were, Hoxie, Golden Plains, Rawlins County, Colby, Oakley, Cheylin, and Goodland.



The eighth graders won four rounds and lost three and finished in fourth place behind Goodland, Cheylin, and Rawlins County.

The seventh graders won three rounds and lost four.

The eighth grade team beat Golden Plains 70 to 10, Oakley 70 to 60, and Goodland 65 to 40.

They were defeated by Hoxie 55 to 50, by Rawlins County 40 to 30,

and by Cheylin 60 to 45.

The seventh grade team defeated Golden Plains 50 to 30, Cheylin 70 to 40, and Goodland 50 to 40. They lost to Hoxie 55 to 45, Oakley 80 to 50, Colby 65 to 30 and Rawlins County 50 to 30.

The seventh grade team from Colby won the meet, followed by Hoxie and Goodland.

Competing on the eighth grade Oberlin team were Miki Dorshorst, Elizabeth Nedland, Darbi Rouse, and Cassidy Shields.

Competing on the seventh grade Oberlin team were Alexis Hissong, Sierra Lohoefer, Hannah May and Nick Ashley.

High School scholars finish in third place

By ASHLI SAMSON

The Decatur Community High School Scholar Bowl Team competed in Colby on Monday, Dec. 8. They competed against eight teams: Hoxie, Grinnell, Brewster, Hays TMP, Norton, Hill City, and Scott City.

Oberlin finished the day with six wins and one loss and ended up in third place.

In round one, DCHS beat Hill City 60 to 0 and had a bye for the second round. In round three, Oberlin beat Brewster 90 to 0; and in round four, they beat Hoxie, 25-10.

The first loss came in round five against Hays TMP - 10 to 50. In round seven, DCHS beat Scott City 40 to 20, and in round eight we beat Norton 50 to 30, and in round nine they beat Grinnell 30 to 20. Over all Oberlin finished in third place.

The team members who competed were Chris Larson, Jacob Helm, Hunter Nedland, Rhiannon Davies, and Tim Larson.

Scholar Bowl team competes

By ASHLI SAMSON

The Decatur Community High School Scholar Bowl team won three rounds and lost six on Dec. 4 at the Rawlins County Scholars' Bowl.

Oberlin competed against Norton, Colby, Wheatland, Quinter, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Rawlins County, and Golden Plains.

Oberlin beat Colby 40-5, Golden

Plains 65 to 30 and Hoxie 70 to 20.

Oberlin lost in close matches to Rawlins County 40-30, Quinter 40-20, Norton 50-40, Oakley 70-50, Wheatland 50-40, and Goodland 60-40.

The members competing for Oberlin were Chris Larson, Tim Larson, Tyler Shields, Jacinta Carter, and Nolan Henningson.



DANNAY RHEIN and Cheyenne Soderlund show off the chain they made in advisory groups on Friday. Each advisory group's chain was linked with all other groups to make one big chain, which is in the cafeteria.

- Dictator photo by Kyle Huntley

Band selling musical holiday greeting cards

By LAKIN BROWN

The members of the Decatur Community High School band are selling musical holiday greeting cards for \$10 each. All proceeds will go toward students going to the K-State Band Clinic and for the band trip next year.

The musical holiday greeting cards include a small ensemble of high school band members playing selections of your favorite Christ-

mas carols, a small greeting from the person who sent the card, and some special holiday goodies. All of this just for you!

The band will be delivering these musical cards Monday, Dec. 15 through Tuesday, Dec. 23. Anyone interested in these musical holiday greeting cards, please contact any high school band member or the band director Sarah Bricker at 475-2231 or sreif@usd294.org.

Vocal concert set Monday

By KYLE HUNTLEY

The Decatur Community High School Vocal Department will be performing its winter concert on Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will be singing "Sweet Baby Jesus," "Hands of Winter," "Deck The Halls," "Pat A Pan," and more.

Also performing will be Chanté, the DCHS Singers and the 4 J's.

There will be raffling of tickets for a winter Christmas basket filled with goodies.

The price for one ticket is \$1 and five for \$6.

All proceeds will go towards the vocal department.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

How to have a green Christmas

By SIERRA LOHOEFENER

Choose LED lights instead of conventional bulbs. They use up to 95 percent less energy and can last up to 100,000 hours when used indoors. LED's are also safer because they barely heat up. Over a 30-day period, lighting 500 traditional bulbs will cost you \$18.00, but when lighting the same amount of LED bulbs for the same amount of time, it would cost \$0.19. Also, if one light burns out, the rest of the strand will stay lit.

The total U.S. annual trash from gift-wrap and shopping bags totals over 4 million tons. Instead of buying new paper, you could use grocery-store bags or old scarves. Also avoid buying glossy foil or metallic paper. Use tape in mod-

eration. If you are using a ribbon to finish the gift, you might not need tape at all.

Another way to save electricity is to burn candles. Toss old ones, which could have lead wicks, which are toxic and were banned in October of 2003.

Store-bought Christmas cards are rich, elegant and expensive. The amount of cards sold in the U.S. during the holidays would fill a football field 10 stories high and requires the cutting of nearly 300,000 trees. Homemade cards may not be as professional, but are just as appreciated.

Making cards can also be a fun family activity. Children's artwork can be a good source for Christmas card pictures.

Winter sock hop Saturday

By FARRA MCCHESENEY

The Senior High Student Council is organizing a winter sock hop. The dance will be held in the senior high gymnasium on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. The dance is not formal, so students can wear what they want, but they must take off their shoes. Admission is \$3 per

person or \$5 per couple. Students need to enter through the southwest doors by the cafeteria.

Freshmen through seniors are invited. Guests may attend and regular dance rules apply. In order for a guest to be allowed in, he/she must be at least a freshman in high school and no older than a freshman

School Menus

Dec. 22 - 26

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: pizza, mandarin oranges. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: yogurt, muffin. No lunch - dismissal at

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November County bills

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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
MONTH OF November 2008

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
SALARIES IN GROSS AMOUNTS PAID
11 - 26 - 08: GENERAL 50,005.19; R/B
32,088.48; HEALTH 5,241.50; AMBULANCE
5,037.10; NOXIOUS WEED 6,592.45; ELECTION
3,053.65; TRANS BUS 1,704.50; RFD
13,655.00; TREAS AUTO 1,800.80;
TOTAL PAYROLL \$119,178.67.

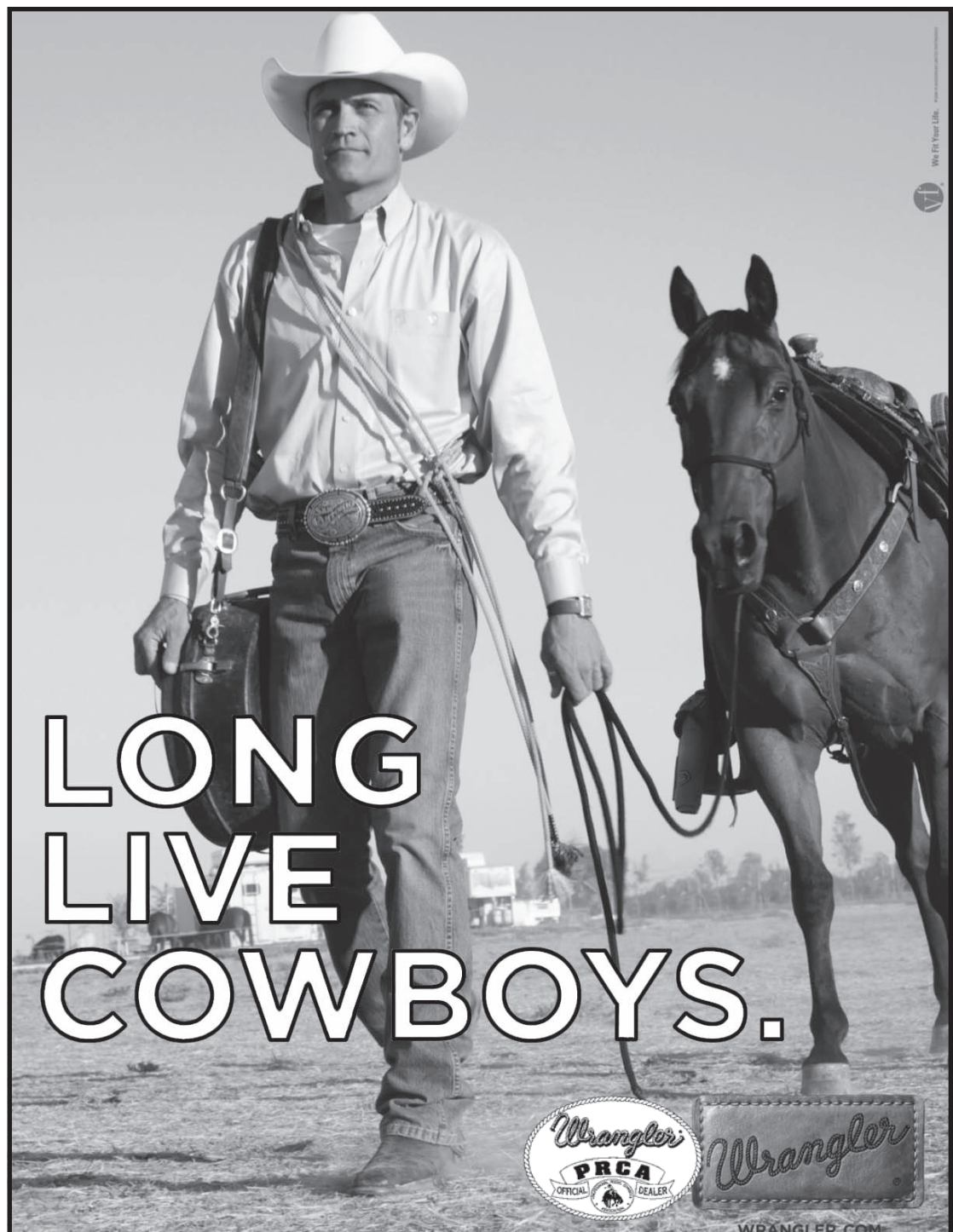
ACCTS PAYABLE WARRANTS November
PAID 12 - 9 - 08: Advance Ins 201.86;
Allied Oil 883.80; Alltel 105.30; Stelian Andrea
65.00; AT&T 130.08; AT&T 977.24; B&K
275.00; BG&S Tran 1,184.50; Ken Badsky

530.90; Baumgartner Law Ofc 184.00; Jack
Benton 63.95; Bob Barker Co 971.67; Nancy
Bollig 208.58; Doyle Brown 439.22; CSI
Forms 187.10; City of Jennings 517.20; City
of Oberlin 2,307.37; Conoco 207.91; Conoco
289.69; CMA Dist 144.93; Corp Plan Emp
Trust 13,635.10; Corp Plan Mngmt 1,047.98;
Corp Plan Mngmt 14,585.60; Culligan Water
164.00; D&M Service 14,169.36; D&M Sin-
clair 265.65; Decatur Cnty Treas/Emp Ben
32,350.13; Dec Cnty Treas/Emp Ben 1,809.44;
Decatur Cnty Emp Cafeteria 1,860.00; Decatur
Cnty Fair Board 7,500.00; Decatur Cnty Title
& Abstract 455.00; Decatur Coop 1,699.83;
Decatur Cnty Hlth Dept 550.00; Eagle Comm
99.95; Eagle Comm 167.11; Eakes Ofc Center
429.68; Edwards Machine Shop 134.16; FA
Consulting 158.75; File Safe 328.00; Gene
Gallentine 320.58; Hancock Gravel 2,512.50;
Hansen fs Plumbing & Htg 419.81; Hirsch &
Pratt 3,381.39; Marilyn Horn 279.32; Hyatt
Hotels 1,696.20; Ideal Linen 109.57; Kans-
a-n 369.14; Kansas Solvent 91.87; KONE
420.52; KS Reg of Deeds Assn 160.00; Lewis,
Beims & Holste 230.30; Manatron 5,134.00;
Reva Marshall 328.40; Martin Tractor 463.77;
Stanley McEvoy 114.60; Sam Mertens 72.72;
Mid Plains Energy 309.06; Midwest Energy
72.64; Midwest Energy 2,118.84; Modern Mar-
keting 255.17; Murphy/Powerplan 15,466.39;

Nex-Tech (rural) 102.06; Nex-Tech (wireless)
132.42; Nex-Tech (wireless) 1,054.44; Norca-
tur Sr Citizens 192.00; Norton Cnty Clerks Ofc
209.97; Oberlin Automotive 534.37; Oberlin
Concrete 748.00; Oberlin Herald 645.91;
Oberlin Meal Site 126.00; Oberlin Medical Arts
198.00; Oberlin Tire Center 252.50; Penco
Engineering 2,035.00; Phillips Cnty Clerk
310.03; Prairie Land Electric 71.01; Quality
Truck & Auto 125.57; Rayes Grocery 1,111.97;
Patti Skubal 165.00; Timothy Stallman 215.22;
Stanley Hardware 286.49; Sunflower Senior
Center 569.66; Super 8 58.39; Jay Tate 180.00;
TMHC Ser 55.00; Top Ofc 115.82; US Post-
master 304.75; Ralph Unger 438.45; United
Business Supply 194.19; Vegetation Mngmt
Supply 531.00; Wal-Mart 187.09; WDWDAK
190.00; Weathercraft 29,720.00; Weis Fire &
Safety 2,243.88; West Group Pymnt Center
712.00
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INCLUDING WARRANTS \$50.00 & UNDER
AT \$729.26

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