



JOSH RITTER REFEREED one of the basketball games held last week in Oberlin. — Dictator staff photo.

Athletes referee basketball tourney

By **TAMARA KETTERL**
The last weekend in February, several Decatur Community High School athletes helped out by refereeing at the basketball tournament. Oberlin fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys and girls played against several teams, which meant continuous games for the high school refs. Both gyms were used, with games beginning at 8 a.m. and finishing around 6 p.m. "I hated it because it was stressful," said Adrienne Pauls. The high school students who helped with the tournament were Erin Jones, Elisha Jones, Nolan Pe-

ters, Kiah Blau, Dakota Soderlund, Dalton Jones, Adrienne Pauls, Megan Huntley, Toby Peters, Brandi Diederich, and Josh Ritter. "It was actually a lot better than it has been because I've done it quite a bit, and I'm pretty comfortable refing," said Toby Peters. "I got yelled at and screamed at," said Brandi Diederich. "It was stressful. But did learn that the refs have a hard job." "I didn't like the coaches yelling at me when I was doing the best that I could," but I learned that when playing a game, you don't yell at the refs."

FFA members celebrate week

By **FARRA MCCHESENEY**
February 21-28 was National FFA Week. In 1947, it was decided that the week of George Washington's birthday would be designated as National FFA Week because of his importance to agriculture. FFA Sponsor Jason Ketterl said, "FFA is an organization that teaches young students how to become leaders and better members of our community." FFA week for Decatur Community High School consisted of a number of activities. Tuesday FFA held an "Old Junk Truck" contest. The winner of the contest was Greg Shaw with an '83 Dodge junker. The only rule was that the vehicle had to be drivable to its parking spot. Wednesday, all FFA members had to wear their FFA attire and Thursday was dress like a leader day. Wednesday, a few FFA members spent the day touring Northwest Technical College in Goodland, where nine other schools also spent the day. Members who went included Jordan Tally, Sam Stapp, and John Meitl who competed in the

agricultural construction/welding event. Jordan Tally, Nathan Baker, and Ryan McEvoy competed in the Farm Power Competition. The first three places get scholarship money, but we do not know the results yet. Thursday, FFA Officers went to the grade school to talk to fifth and sixth graders for "Ag in the Classroom." Officers who went were Kortnie Fisher, president; Josh Ritter, treasurer; Nathan Baker, reporter; Nolan Wasson, secretary; John Meitl, sentinel, and Bret Ashley, historian. "FFA week is fun," said Cole May. "We have competitions and games. FFA week is a fun way to get involved." In other FFA news, two Oberlin members have been slated for district offices. This year, Kortnie Fisher has been selected to be considered for District Treasurer, and Nolan Wasson has been selected to be considered for office as District President. The election is on April 16 during the District FFA Banquet, held this year in Norton.

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SEVENTH GRADER Sierra Lohofener competes in the junior high scholar bowl where they won third place overall. — Dictator staff photo

Senior Feature

Ryan McEvoy
By **ASHLI SAMSON**
Ryan McEvoy is a seventeen year old senior at Decatur Community High School. He was born on May 20, 1991. He is the son of Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, and has a younger brother, Shane, who is fourteen years old. During high school Ryan has worked at Oberlin Automotive. The activities he has been involved in include football for two years, basketball for one year, National Honor Society, and FFA. Ryan's favorite movies are "30 Days of Nights" and "Without a Paddle." His favorite songs are "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," by Poison and "The Crimson," by Atreyu. His favorite book is "Fallen Angels," by Walter Dean Meyers. For fun, Ryan likes to ride motorcycles and work on engines. After high school Ryan is planning on going to college at the

Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland to study Automotive Technology. Ryan hopes to graduate from college with an associate's degree. In ten years Ryan sees himself living fairly close to Oberlin. Ryan's favorite quote is, "You only live once...WATCH THIS!" When asked if he had any advice for underclassmen, he said, "You have to respect the upperclassmen to earn their respect and to give your best effort at all times."



Junior high scholars finish second, third

By **ELISHA JONES**
Decatur Community High School hosted a junior high school bowl on March 2. The eighth graders finished in second place, and the seventh graders in third. Teams that competed were Cheylin, Colby, Oakley, Oberlin, Hoxie, and Rawlins County. In round one, the seventh grade team defeated Hoxie, 60-20, and the eighth grade team lost to Hoxie, 80-30. In round two, the seventh grade team beat Oakley 60 to 40, and the eighth grade team also defeated Oakley with a score of 75-40. The seventh graders were defeated by Rawlins County 60-50 in the third round as the eighth graders won 95-10. Oberlin's seventh graders were then defeated by Cheylin in round four, 40-30, and the eighth

grade team beat Cheylin 70-40. In the final round, Oberlin seventh graders fell to Colby, 80-30 while the eighth graders defeated Colby 100-40. At the end of the five rounds, the seventh grade team from Colby received first place, Cheylin, second, and Oberlin, third. For the eighth grade teams, Hoxie won first place, followed by Oberlin and Colby. The seventh grade team from Oberlin consisted of Chris Anderson, Nick Ashley, Ben Glading, Alexis Hissong, Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohofener, and Hannah May. The Oberlin eighth grade team included Kade Brown, Miki Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Ryan May, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Darbi Rouse, and Cassidy Shields.

School Menus

March 16 - 20
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Spring break; no school.

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