

Senior Features

Andrew Richards
By DES SHIELDS

Andrew Richards is the son of Barry and Patti Richards. He has three older brothers: Curtis, Bryan, and Jonathon.

In high school Andrew has been involved in D-club, Weight Club, wrestling, track and cross-country. He has also been busy with a mowing job. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, paint balling and competing in the demo derby every summer.

His favorite song is "Fishin' in the Dark," and his favorite movie is "Stepbrothers."

After high school Andrew plans to go to attend Garden City Community College and major in business. He will also run cross-country. In ten years he hopes to be living in a small town, married, and have a job that he loves doing.

When asked what his advice would be for underclassmen he replied, "Don't get behind in your school work."

Andrew's favorite quote is "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift," by Steve Prefontaine.



KIAH BLAU AND JESSICA FREDRICKSON colored Easter eggs as a project for their weekly advisory group. Tim Larson (below) helps to color 300 Easter eggs. Most of the eggs were given to the two nursing homes and the Golden Age Center.

—Photos by Dictator Staff

Over 300 eggs colored for Easter

By FARRA MCCHESENEY
You're never too old to color Easter eggs. At least that's what Brenda Breth believes.

Mrs. Breth, with the help of Carol Dixson, boiled 25 dozen eggs so that the high school kids could color them.

The project was just one of many that the advisory groups have done this year. Every other week students meet with their advisory team during homeroom. Each group includes four to eight students and an advisor.

Some weeks, the advisor just checks on our grades and talks to us

about what we are doing, and some weeks we do projects to build unity and to have fun.

Mrs. Breth thought that since Easter is just around the corner, why not color eggs. For some students, it's been years since they've colored eggs, and for others, this was the first time they've ever colored eggs.

Terri Woolsey's group won the decorating contest and received a basket of candy.

Most of the eggs went to the nursing homes and to the Golden Age Center. Teachers and students took them the rest home.



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4 speech students crowned champs

By FARRA MCCHESENEY
Four students in three events were crowned Northwest Kansas League speech champions at the league speech meet held in Hoxie on March 30.

The Oberlin team finished in third place with 291 points. Quinter won the league title with 258 points, followed by Colby in second place with 245 points.

League champions were Annamarie Larue in informative speaking, Anna and Makenzie Nelson in duet acting, and Joe Hirsch and Farra McChesney in improvised duet acting.

Placing third were Amanda Marshall in poetry, Makenzie Nelson in informative speaking, Alyssa Rippe

in oration, and Joe Hirsch and Ashley Horton in duet acting.

Amanda Marshall and Nolan Henningson earned fourth in duet acting. Chris Larson also placed fourth in extemporaneous, followed by Jacob Helm in fifth.

Jay Wessel placed fifth in serious solo acting and sixth in prose. Also placing sixth were Emma Merrill in poetry and Jacinta Carter in humorous solo acting.

Contributing to team points were Ashley Horton and Heather Ploussard in prose; Nolan Henningson and Ethan Merrill in humorous solo acting, and Jacinta Carter and Jordan McHugh in improvised duet acting.

School Menus

April 13 - 17 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: No school. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: cinnamon pastries. Lunch: tater tots/green bean casserole, mandarin oranges. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich, applesauce. **Thursday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: chicken fried steak, corn. **Friday:** Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: potato bar, chicken nuggets, broccoli and cheese.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



Speech team second in tourney

By KYLE HUNTLEY
The Oberlin speech team came home with the second-place trophy from the Smith Center Speech Tournament on March 26. Washington won the tournament, and Northern Valley placed third.

Miranda Shelton placed first in prose, and Emma Merrill placed first in poetry.

Placing second were Megan Wentz and Megan Huntley in duet

acting, and Alyssa Rippe in original oration.

These students are now qualified for the state tournament.

Kiah Blau and Miranda took third place in improvised duet acting, and Amanda Edmiston in prose and Jacob Larue in original oration placed fourth. Jaxen Alstrom in poetry placed fifth.

Also placing at the tournament were Alyssa Rippe and Heather

Ploussard. They took 6th place in duet acting.

Also competing for Oberlin were Heather Ploussard, prose; Tim Larson, original oration and prose; Megan and Megan in improvised duet acting, Jaxen Alstrom and Emma Merrill and Serena Stacy and Samantha Anderson in duet acting, and Haley Barrett in humorous solo acting.

The Decatur County Health Department
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Tuesday, April 14th
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April 18, Hoisington
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April 18-19, Wichita
Go medieval at this two-day family fun festival. Games, food and fun for all! Free advanced tickets for Kids under 12. (316) 253-3392, www.greatplainsrenfest.com

Wamego Tulip Festival
April 18-19, Wamego
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May 2-3, Studley
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January 29 - July 26, Topeka
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