

# Speakers qualify for state

By CASSIDY SHIELDS

The speech team kicked off its season at the Hill City speech meet Jan. 28 with just four members competing, however, those four members have already qualified for the state Speech Festival.

Molly Jansonius and Kaine Fredrickson placed first in Improvised Duet Acting and Morgan Jansonius and Ganon Henningson placed second.

In this form of competition, a team of two draws two characters, a setting, and a situation. The two then have 30 minutes to come up with a skit ranging from four to seven minutes, incorporating their characters, setting, and situation. For example, from a bag of choices, they might get a pro wrestler, a teenager, the Super Bowl, learning to play the clarinet. The team must come up with a skit that includes an introduction, a plot, and a conclusion.

Kaine Fredrickson said, "It was really exciting to place first at our first meet with Molly. We had a blast."

Ganon Henningson said, "It was a relief to qualify for state at our first meet. I am proud of Kaine and Molly for doing well, and of Morgan and I for doing well also."

## Head over heels



**FLIPPING END OVER END**, Darbi Rouse helped with the introduction of players for the boys basketball game against Norton last week. — Photo by Lem Marsh



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## New Students

Nikki Bates is a new freshman at Decatur Community High School. She is the daughter of Jessica and Johnathan Owens. Her dad is the new hospital administrator. Nikki has one sister, Emily, who is in the fifth grade.

"So far, Oberlin is a nice town," said Nikki.

Nikki and her family moved from

LaCrosse, but she spent most of her life in Washington.

She said she does not really have any hobbies, but she loves sports. She is playing basketball for the Lady Devils.

Her favorite class in school is art because it's fun and she gets to be creative. She also likes math and thinks it's fun.

## School Menus

Feb. 18 - 22

### OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: hot pockets. Lunch: corn dog, sweet potato fries.

Tuesday: Breakfast: pancake wrap. Lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: hamburger, tritators.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: chicken-fried steak, corn.

Friday: Breakfast: omelet, mini loaf. Lunch: tomato soup, grilled cheese.

Fruit served with all breakfasts, choice bar with all lunches, milk with all meals.

## Seniors

### Darbi Rouse

By MIKA HACKNEY

Darbi Rouse is the daughter of Robert and Robyn Rouse. Darbi has two sisters, Macy and Danielle, and one older brother, Conrad.

Darbi plans to attend Wichita State University and major in physical therapy and specialize in aqua therapy.

Her interests and hobbies include gymnastics, swimming, coaching and running. Her favorite classes while

in high school are calculus and band.

The advice Darbi would give to underclassmen is to "never procrastinate and give 100 percent in everything you do." Darbi also advises, "Try to not cry while in calculus class if at all possible."

Darbi says that her biggest influences throughout her high school years have been all of her family members. "It's impossible to narrow it down to one person because they all have helped me."



Darbi Rouse

What Darbi will miss the most about high school are her friends, classes and not having to pay bills.

### Kade Brown

By TAYLOR MACFEE

Kade Brown is the son of Kevin and Carol Brown. He has one younger brother, Kelly.

Kade is planning to attend Creighton University in the fall on a golf scholarship.

His hobbies are golfing, staying fit and traveling.

During high school, Kade said his favorite classes have been Physical Education and Industrial Arts.

He also said his brother Kelly has been the biggest influence on him because he is always making him laugh.

What he will miss most about high school is rarely having homework.

Kade's advice

to the underclassmen is to reach your potential at something you love to do and to also be academically honest at all times.



Kade Brown

### Channing Fortin

By JAMIE SODERLUND

Channing Fortin's parents are Ryan and Amanda Fortin. His future plans are to play football at Garden City Community College and major in physical education.

Channing's hobbies and interests are hunting, trapping, playing guitar, singing and sports.

Woodshop and Physical Education are his favorite classes.

"Don't get behind in classes" is

Channing's advice for the underclassmen.

Channing said his biggest influence throughout high school has been his grandpa Rod Farr.

The thing he will miss most about high school is seeing his friends every day.



C. Fortin

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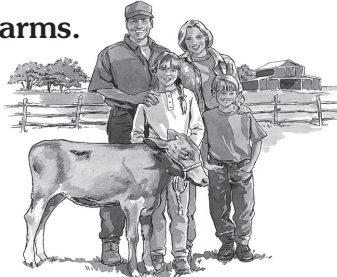
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