

Tables brighten lunches

By KAITLYN STAPP

The lunchroom is looking fashionably up-to-date with the purchase of new lunchroom tables. Kenny Black, the school's head custodian, asked the school board to purchase the new tables because the old tables and chairs were worn out and looking bad. The tables were purchased using the district's capital outlay fund, which is used for building upgrades.

The 40 old tables will be put up for sale, but if they do not sell they will go into storage.

The new tables are round with round red chairs attached. They seat eight students.

The study hall side, which is also used for the concession area, still has the old square tables.

"I like these new tables a lot," said



TRYING OUT THE NEW TABLES at lunch time were sophomores Jenny Ploussard, Nikki Wessel, Jessica Dellere, Andy Dempewolf and Cody Haas.

Mr. Black. "They are much easier to clean."

Senior Kellen Doeden said,

"They really update our cafeteria."

One person had a negative comment: "I hate them," said senior

Courtney Gillespie. "It is a lot of trouble to sit in them when you are 5-foot tall."

Scholars end year at regional contest

By WHITNEY BEINKE

The Oberlin scholar bowl team put forth a valiant effort to make its fifth consecutive state appearance, but fell just short.

The Oberlin team wrapped up the season at the regional scholar bowl competition held in Cimarron on Thursday, Feb. 2. The competition was tough, and the Oberlin team was only three questions behind the top two teams in their pool.

Competing for Oberlin were Danica May, Destry Jackson, Cameron Nedland, Gabe Moore, and alternate Rory Wendelin.

"Competition was tough," said Coach Marlene Moxter. "All of these teams answered a lot of questions."

Questions for regional and state competitions are submitted by schools and are based on curriculums, which are in turn based on state standards. "It is clear these students are learning a great deal of information," said Coach Moxter.

In the first round, Oberlin squeaked by Lyons 70 to 60, winning on the last question, which was about current events. It was the only round where Oberlin did not answer the foreign language question, but Lyons had a native German speaker. Danica answered five foreign language questions for the day; Cameron, one.

In round two, Oberlin defeated Cimarron 60 to 40.

Oberlin lost to Norton in round three, 60 to 70 in a tiebreaker. Gabe Moore answered the current events question to tie the game, but then Norton got the tiebreaker question. Coach Moxter said, "Norton has a great team. They went undefeated in pool play."

In round four, Oberlin easily beat

Conway Springs 100 to 10. Cameron Nedland answered nine questions for Oberlin.

Phillipsburg was the next opponent for Oberlin in round five. Oberlin won 60 to 20. Cameron scored 50 of the 60 points; Danica answered the foreign language question for 10.

In round six, Oberlin lost to Lakin 40 to 60.

For the final round, Oberlin beat Cheney 60 to 50 on the final question, which was "Who was the first woman to have led at the Indianapolis 500?"

Danica answered the question correctly, "Danica Patrick."

With losses to Norton and Lakin, Oberlin did not make it out of pool play.

"This group — Danica, Destry, Cameron, Gabe, and alternate Rory Wendelin — can be proud of a fine effort and great season," said Coach Moxter. "All answered questions though Rory complained her buzzer wasn't hooked up, and no one counted her answers on the score sheet." Rory was the alternate and didn't get a chance to compete at regionals.

"This is a great group of seniors," said Coach Moxter. "Danica, Destry, Gabe and Denton Bailey all competed well for us this year. We will miss their experience, exuberance and enthusiasm."

Junior Cameron Nedland said, "As Buddha said, 'There is no downside, only a flipside.'"

"There will be a large group of seniors next year to lead the charge and some promising sophomores and freshmen who have gotten some experience competing this year," said Coach Moxter. "This team will come back strong next year."

Eight musicians attend K-State band clinic

By MARCI MATCHETT

Eight students went to Manhattan to join in the fun for the Kansas State University band clinic on Friday, Jan. 20.

Attending were Marci Matchett, flute; Sarah Marcuson, tenor sax; Karyn Jordan, clarinet; Makenzie Nelson, baritone sax; Amber Mason, trumpet; Chris Larson, clarinet; Alyssa Rippe, flute; and Destry Jackson, French horn.

The band clinic was not a competition, just a time to learn, have fun and meet new people.

After the musicians signed in, auditions were held to see who would be chosen for honor band, followed

by a three-hour wait.

Sarah Marcuson and Alyssa Rippe both were selected for the honor band.

The students who did not get in honor band were equally divided between five other bands.

When the wait was over, there were multiple ensembles that played for over six hundred people.

The band rehearsed for over thirteen hours Friday night and Sunday morning.

The students were very busy over the weekend, but it all paid off by the time of the concerts, which were Sunday afternoon.

Singers to provide valentine serenades

By KELLEN DOEDEN

The DCHS Singers will be spreading love this Valentine's Day with their annual singing valentines. Their hours are between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

If you want to give that special someone a nice gift this year, contact any DCHS Singer, or Susan Nelson at the high school.

Just provide the name of your Valentine, his/her location, and the best time to sing to him/her.

The group has an assortment of songs but they do take requests.

If you want to request a particular song, please get your information

to a Singer by Feb. 8.



School Menus

February 13-17
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, mixed fruit. Lunch: potato bar, beef fingers, roll, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: French toast sticks, ham patty, peaches. Lunch: huggable hamburgers with cheese, floating fries, peaches, beets. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast burritos, pears. Lunch: creamed

chicken and vegetables over biscuits, pears. **Thursday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy, applesauce. Lunch: ravioli, green beans, roll, applesauce. **Friday:** (grade school only, no school grades 7-12) Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Lunch: sack lunch. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Carnation sales to help celebration

By AMBER BARRATT

Decatur Community High School is going to celebrate Valentine's Day in a traditional way. Once again, Kayettes is selling carnations and National Honor Society is selling Data Match Surveys for Valentine's Day.

Kayettes have begun taking orders for the Valentine's carnations. The cost is \$1 per flower and they can be purchased in the library. The carnations can be sent to anyone in the school. The flowers will then be delivered on Valentine's Day during homeroom.

There are five colors available: red for "I love you," pink for "secret admirer," green is for "I think you're cute," blue means "friends," and yellow for "good luck."

Kayettes is sponsored by Linda Glaze.

Also for Valentine's Day, National Honor Society will be selling Data Match Surveys. High school students took the surveys during homeroom.

They are used to predict the persons you are most compatible with



in the school. The cost is \$1 per survey and is available in two forms, class results and whole school results. The data matches will be sold during the high school lunch shifts on Valentine's Day.

Candy Dejmal is the National Honor Society sponsor.

And finally, thanks to the generosity of Laurie Wasson at Prairie Petals, the yearbook staff is selling chances to win a dozen red roses on Valentine's Day. Tickets are \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held Feb. 14 during the Atwood/Oberlin basketball games.

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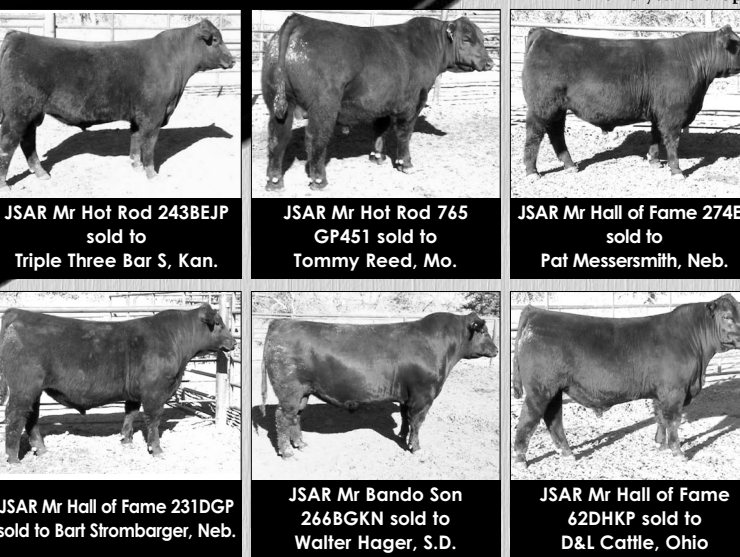
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