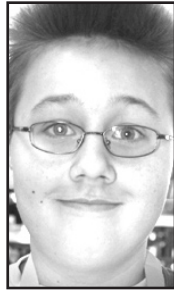




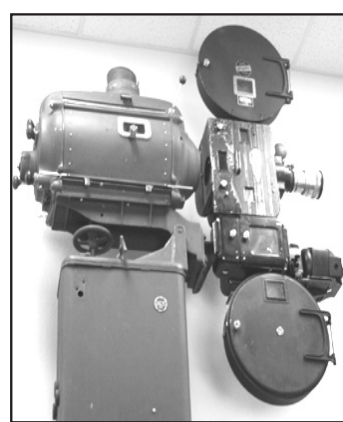
IN THE FINAL ROUND of the Geography Bee, Nick Ashley and Austin Hendrickson compete for regional competition. — Photo by Dictator Staff

## Seventh grader wins local Geography Bee

By JORI DIEDERICH  
Austin Hendrickson, a seventh grader, won the local geography bee. Seventh and eighth grade students took a written test to first qualify for the local geography bee. The top ten scores were the finalists, which qualified the students for the oral questions. The finalists were Nick Ashley, Regent Erickson, Kennedy Fortin, Kaine Hendrickson, Baron Green, Austin Hendrickson, Sierra Lohoefer, Garrett Scott, Kaleb Teddlie and Rebecca Wentz. The students took turns answering questions read by geography teacher Marlene Moxter until there



were only two students left: Austin and Nick Ashley. "I didn't think I was going to win," said Austin. The questions were pretty tough, but things turned out great, and I'm very excited." Austin will have to take another written test, which will be sent to the National Geographic Society to see if he qualifies for state competition. If he wins the state bee, the National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. on May 25-26. The winner of the state competition will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.



ON A TOUR of the new theater, the Current Events class gets to view the new (left) and old (right) projectors, among other things. — Photos by Dictator Staff

## Class tours building

By TOBY PETERS  
Mr. Ahlberg's second-hour current events class took a field trip to the new Recreation Center/Theater last week. "What is a better, more appropriate local current event than the opening of the theater?" said Mr. Ahlberg. The man in charge of the building project, Kevin Brown, gave the class a tour of the building. The students learned that the theater is finished and has been showing movies for about a month. They are now working on the game room and bowling alley. They've already bought the bowling balls and lockers, but they are still needing to raise about \$100,000 for the lanes and to sound proof it all. "There will be six lanes and night bowling," said Jessica Fredrickson, "which I'm very excited about. I also learned that

they purchased the bowling balls and equipment from another bowling alley that was going out of business." The students also learned that the theater is capable of playing slide shows, DVD's, Blu-Ray, music, gaming consoles such as Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, and much more. The Golden Age Center is finished and is being put to use every day. It can hold about 200 people and can also be rented out. There is a 50-inch plasma TV on the wall, a pool table, a piano and a kitchen, which contains two ovens, a six-burner stove, and an enormous refrigerator. "The trip was very functional," said Gatlin Reichert, "offering education with a healthy dose of fun. It will be nice to have the finished building for kids to hang out at."

## Students place third at League Scholar Bowl

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON  
Oberlin scholars competed at the Northwest Kansas League Scholar Bowl on January 11. The six members representing Decatur Community High School were captain Hunter Nedland, Nolan Henningson, Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm, Joe Hirsch and Elizabeth Nedland. Their coach is Marlene Moxter. The team competed in a total of seven rounds of competition, ending with a record of 5 and 2. They

placed third out of the eight league teams. Goodland ended up getting first followed closely by Quinter. These are the only two teams the DCHS team lost to. Captain Hunter Nedland said, "League scholar bowl went very well because the team worked together on coming up with the right answer." The next scholar bowl competition is for regionals on Feb. 2.

## Financial Aid Night set

By LAKIN BROWN  
A college education can cost thousands, so, of course, any financial help would be welcomed. To find out about applying for college financial aid, you won't want to miss Financial Aid Night. According to guidance counselor Brenda Breth, everyone is welcome, but "parents of juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend." The event will be held at the Decatur Community High School auditorium tonight, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Paula Halvorson, the Director of Financial Aid at Colby Community College. She will explain how to apply for federal grants and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).



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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Job is more than answering phones

This is the second article in a series the journalism class is doing on different jobs throughout the school. By KYLE HUNTLEY  
Money, Money, Money... that's a big part of what Judy's job is. Judy Marietta is one of the secretaries at the high school, specifically the activities and athletic secretary. She works 40 hours a week with a lot of hard work and dedication. The most important thing Judy likes about her job is "that it is never boring and something new is always happening. There is nothing routine about it." said Judy. She also said there isn't really anything she doesn't like about her job. One thing Judy wishes that people would realize about her job is that there is a lot more involved than just answering the phone and helping students and teachers. "I am responsible for over 40 different accounts for different clubs and organizations," said Judy — everything from

band to yearbook. She also counts all of the money from ball games and concessions. Every cent that students collect for fundraisers has to go to Judy before it goes into the account and the bank. She also writes all the checks and balances the books, keeps track of everyone's lunch account, and is responsible for the athletic programs. One specific thing that would make Judy's job a bit easier is if students would pay their lunch bills on time. Parents can check their child's lunch account when they log in to check grades. Judy has worked for the school district for 19 years, fifteen of those at the grade school. She has been the high school secretary four years. She said she wanted this job because she likes being around students and staff. She also enjoys all the different events that go on during the school year. Judy said, "There is never a dull moment!"

## School Menus

January 25 - 29  
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast: Fruit turnover. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, french fries. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Tacos, refried beans. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Chili, cinnamon roll. **Friday:** Breakfast:

Ham combo, muffin. Lunch: Polish dog, sauerkraut. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

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