

Students surprised by visits, presents

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
Ever wonder what you're going to get for Christmas, or what surprises could appear?
We all do, even if we don't want to admit it. Take for instance, if you

were only expecting three people for Christmas and then about 1:30 a.m., a car pulls up and brings your relatives that live 30 hours away. Wouldn't that surprise you? So instead of just six people, there were ten. It was

quite a surprise for me and my mom.

After the Christmas break, many students have shared some of their surprises.

"I got a new T.V.," said Jennifer Thomas. "I really enjoy it because it's a lot bigger than my last one."

"I got a leather coat from my sister," said Kamy Diederich.

"My cousin came back from the National Guards," said Danielle Diederich.

"I went skiing, and it was so much fun," said Zachary Scott.

"I thought I was only getting my Columbia coat, but I got a lot more presents," said Katie Malone.

"I wasn't expecting to get the pajamas I asked for, but I did," said Angie Fortin. "They are so warm and comfy!"

Haley Vollertsen got a puppy for Christmas. Megan Tally and Andrea Marshall said that having it snow on Christmas surprised them.

"It snowed, and my husband gave me a gift certificate for a full body treatment day at a spa in Denver," said Amanda Jones, biology teacher.

Wrestler Jason Gallentine said that it surprised him that he didn't gain much weight.


"I got a paint ball gun," said Chase Juenemann. "Now I can have wars with my brothers."

"I had cousins over that I had never seen before," said Matt Mondero.

"I saw Mr. Stapp hit a deer," said Rusty Grafel.

Now the Christmas season has ended, and all these gifts and surprises are memories.

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Speech team enjoys games and fun at lock-in

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
The 2001 speech team kicked off the season with a lock-in Jan. 5.

The evening began after the basketball games and ended the following morning around 7 a.m. Eating, watching movies, playing games and choosing events to do during the season filled the evening.

"The lock-in was a good way for everyone to get to know everybody else better," said Andrea Bailey. "I enjoyed sleeping during the movie, and picking out the duet Corey Fortin and I are doing."

"The lock-in was a great way to start the year off and very entertaining," said senior Joy Eldridge.

"It was actually fun," said Kara Richards. "I think we have an awesome team and could possibly take a full team to state."

"The lock-in was fun, maybe too much fun," said junior Ben Bryan. "I think that we are going to have a good year."

"The lock-in was really fun," said junior Jessica Gamblin. "Most of the people worked really hard trying to find events to work on this year. I believe the team has a lot of potential to do great this year."

"I had a lot of fun staying up late, and I learned a lot," said Greta Wendelin, sophomore.

"I had fun, but since I am a novice, I didn't know what to expect," said sophomore Sarah Olson. "I learned a lot during the night."

Freshman Katie Malone said she enjoyed the lock-in and introducing herself with the game they played. Her goal this year is to gain confidence in herself.

Freshman Brent Smith would like to go to state and place in two different events.

"My goal for this year is to get more comfortable speaking in front of people," said Leah Marietta.

Junior Laci Lechlitter said she wants to be prepared for each tournament and do her best.

"I want to make it to state," said Leslie Marcuson, senior.

"I was tired, had tons of fun," said sophomore Jess Elwood. His goal is to make it to state this year.

The coach of this energetic bunch is Leigh Davis. Susan May will be her assistant. "Through a long night of games and searches, emerged a promising team of enthusiastic speech students," said Miss Davis. "I'm encouraged and anticipate another successful season."

The speech team has 32 members: freshmen Dane Anderson, Allie Moore, Andrea Marshall, Katie, Zachary Scott, Brent, Bailey Bryan, Scooter Matchett, Kelsey Dorshorst, Leah and Matt Coleman; sophomores Kelsey Jackson, Greta, Jess, Wendy Fossum, Quintin Cundiff, Sarah and

Ramsey Meitl; juniors Ben, Theresa Smith, Jantje Kramer, Laci, Jessi Stanley, Brianna May, Sarah Alexander, Jessica and Dani Dorshorst; and seniors Corey Fortin, Joy, Kara, Leslie and Andrea B.

The team will host the first tournament of the season on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Scholar bowl team takes first

By MEGAN RUSS

The eighth-grade scholar bowl team brought home the first place trophy from the Oakley tournament last Monday. The seventh grade finished third.

The eighth graders — Lance Fortin, Kelly Olson, David

Morris, and Zane Pauls — were undefeated, beating Grinnell, Oakley

White, Oakley Blue, Colby and Quinter.

The seventh-grade team — Kelly Doeden, Destry Jackson, and Chris Jordan — defeated Oakley Blue, Quinter and Grinnell.



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OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled chicken patty, green beans. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit, milk. Lunch: Beef burrito, roll, corn. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Dried beef or sausage gravy, biscuit, wax beans. **Thursday**—Breakfast: French toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hambugers, cheese, fries, peas. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, roll, green beans. All lunches are served with a salad bar, fruit, relishes and milk.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday—Breakfast: Waffle, ham, fruit, milk. Lunch: BBQ beef. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips, roll. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: French toast, sausage, fruit, milk. Lunch: Burrito. **Thursday**—Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey fingers, roll. **Friday**—Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, milk. Lunch: Hot dogs. All lunches are served with a choice bar and milk.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday—Ham, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, rolls. **Tuesday**—Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll. **Wednesday**—BBQ beef subs, potato salad, pineapple. **Thursday**—Chicken nuggets, green beans, roll, apple crisp. **Friday**—Ham and cheese sub, relishes, chips, banana, cookie. All lunches served with a salad bar and milk.

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No menu available.