

Junior High band brings home high ratings from music festival

By CHELSEY BLACK

The Junior High band and music students brought home over thirty I ratings from the music festival contest on March 1 held in Colby. The festival had been postponed from an earlier date because of snow.

The choir received a I and a I-. Director Susan Nelson said that the choir performed very well and did their best. The band received two 2+'s.

"The contest went very well, and I am very pleased with each student's effort," said Quentin Breese, instrumental instructor. "The solos and ensembles all received great ratings; however, I would like to base our musical efforts this year on more than a piece of paper with a 1+ or a 2 on it."

Receiving I ratings on their vocal solos were Anthony Marshall, Chris Jordan, Jake Padgett, Jeremy Tally, Kaitlyn Stapp, Lora Marietta, Kelsey Gallentine, Kellen Doeden, Sunnie Fredrickson, Nikki Lincoln, and Molly Coleman.

Receiving 2+'s on their solos were Richard Huff, Karyn Jordon, Danica May, Destry Jackson, and Lydia Karnopp.

On their piano solos, Nikki Lincoln got a II, and Jeremy Tally and Sunnie Fredrickson received I's. Lora Marietta was given an AP or advanced performance.

On their instrumental solos, earning I's were Bret Marietta, baritone; Danica May, Marci Matchett, and Kaitlyn Stapp, flutes; Anthony Marshall and Jesse Juenemann, trumpets; David Morris, snare drum; Kelly Olson, sax; Nikki Lincoln, Karyn Jordan, and Sunnie Fredrickson, clarinets.

Receiving IIs on their solos were Anne Wasson, trumpet; and Chris Jordan, snare drum.

Lora Marietta earned an AP on her horn solo.

Three instrumental ensembles also performed at festival, all receiving I's: The clarinet trio consisting of Hayley

Leitner, Kelsey Gallentine, and Sunnie Fredrickson; the flute quartet, which consists of Danica May, Kaydee Leitner, Marci Matchett, and Kaitlyn Stapp; and the percussion ensemble with David Morris, Chris Jordan, Molly Coleman, Denton Bailey, and Brent Stallman.

The eighth grade boys' vocal ensemble, which included Anthony Marshall, David Morris, David Barth, Richard Huff, Rodney Marshall, and Jake Padgett, received a I.

The 7th grade girls' vocal ensemble also received a I. This group included Amber Barratt, Whitney Beinke, Danica May, Kaitlyn Stapp, Destry Jackson, Karyn Jordan, and Lydia Karnopp.

The 8th grade girls' ensemble and the 7th mixed ensemble both received II's. All of the 8th grade girls make up

the ensemble, Molly Coleman, Jamie Elwood, Haley Leitner, Trina Shields, Ashley Stragey, Megan Barrett, Elizabeth Boyd, Kelsey Gallentine, Kim Ketterl, Justine Miller, Kelly Olson, and Bethany Weishapl.

The 7th mixed ensemble included Jennifer Shaw, Kellen Doeden, Lora Marietta, Jessica Barber, Nikki Lincoln, MJ Dempewolf, Kaydee Leitner, Anne Wasson, Sunnie Fredrickson, Kari Fortin, Jason Trimble, Denton Bailey, David Edgerton, Bret Marietta, Jeremy Tally, Teryn Grafel, Chris Jordan, Rory Fossum, and Anthony Flora.

"I was not only impressed with our students musically, but also with their outstanding behavior," said Mr. Breese. "This proves we have great students as well as great parents supporting these students."

Speech team takes first at WaKeeney

The Oberlin speech team placed first out of 18 teams at the WaKeeney Speech Tournament held last week.

Four more events also qualified for state competition including Corey Fortin and Andrea Bailey who placed second with their duet act, Wendy Fossum, who placed second in serious solo acting, Kelsey Jackson, third in original oration, and Leslie Marcuson, fifth in poetry.

Also placing at the meet were Greta Wendelin, third in humorous solo act-

ing; Jess Elwood and Greta, fourth in improvised duet acting; Theresa Smith and Jess, fourth in duet acting; and Kelsey and Dani Dorshorst, sixth in duet acting.

The highest team scorer was Jess Elwood with 37 points.

Contributing to the team's total points were Jessi Stanley, Sarah Olson, Ramsey Meitl, Quintin Cundiff, Jenny Kramer, Ben Bryan, Joy Eldridge, and Dane Anderson.

Juniors choose prom servers

The following sophomores have been selected by the junior class as prom servers:

Erik Ahlberg, Kenyon Badsky, Tyler Cook, Jess Elwood, Kyle Inman,

Grant Reichert, Ryan Ruf, Britton Scott, Leia Depperschmidt, Lindsay Fortin, Ramsey Meitl, Becky Moore, Trista Ploussard, Courtney Scott, Kortney Stapp, and Janna Stef.

School Menus

March 19-23
OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Corn dog, fries. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Hot pockets. Lunch: Potato bar, beef nuggets, corn.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: BBQ ribs, fries, peas. **Thursday**—French toast. Lunch: Ravioli, roll, peas. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Hamburgers, tuna salad, fries, green beans.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday—Breakfast: Turnovers, cereal. Lunch: Lasagna, bread. **Tuesday**—Breakfast:

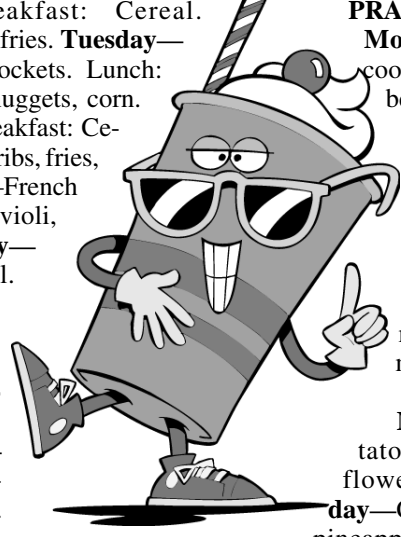
Waffle, ham patty. Lunch: Popcorn chicken. **Wednesday**—Toast, egg patty. Lunch: Beef stew. **Thursday**—Breakfast: Breakfast bagel. Lunch: Hamburgers. **Friday**—Cinnamon

tasty, cereal. Lunch: Cheese pizza.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Monday—Enchiladas, cookie. **Tuesday**—Hot beef sandwich, spuds, Waldorf salad, cookie. **Wednesday**—Chicken patty, fries, cake. **Thursday**—Tacos, corn, cookie. **Friday**—No school. All meals are served with milk and salad bar.

HERNDON
Monday—Ham, potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, oranges. **Tuesday**—Chili soup, relishes, pineapple cinnamon rolls. **Wednesday**—Chicken cordon

bleu sub, relishes, chips, apple crisp. **Thursday**—No school. Parent-Teacher conferences. **Friday**—Tuna subs, peas, peaches, brownies. All meals served with milk.



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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Colby College singers entertain student body

By KIMIA BUNDGARD

The Sunflower Singers and Jazz Band from Colby Community College entertained the student body on March 6, with lots of music. The singers sang "Steam Heat," "That's the Way it is," and a medley of other tunes.

The jazz band played "The Glory of Love," "Power Trip," and many more. Our very own band teacher, Quentin Breese was asked by their conductor Julie Groom to play with them because one of their members got sick right before the performance.

Mr. Breese was sight reading the whole time and even played a solo in "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

"I personally think that our singers are better," said Andrea Bailey.

"I was impressed with the band and Mr. Breese did a good job," said band student Theresa Smith.

"The over-all performance was okay, but they didn't do anything our high school couldn't do," said Jake Robinson.

"I think it was a great opportunity for the students to hear other groups perform," said Mr. Breese.

Seeing a wide variety of performances and hearing a wide variety of music will not only benefit students musically but also educate non-musical students culturally."



Destry Jackson qualifies for state geographic bee

By TARA VOTAPKA

Destry Jackson has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The Bee will be held on Friday, April 6, at Fort Hays State University.

The junior high geography students first took a preliminary written test to qualify for the local bee, which Destry won.

She then took a written test, which was mailed to the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C.

Her geography teacher, Marlene Moxter, was notified that she quali-

fied for the state bee last week.

"I really enjoy learning about other places," said Destry. "I feel great that I qualified."

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 22 and 23 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington D.C.

The host of "Jeopardy!" Alex Trebak will emcee the finals.

Miss Moxter said, "I'm pleased and proud that Destry will represent us at the state competition."



Miss Jackson

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