

Six students fly south for five days

By ERIN ANDERSON

During spring break six young ladies took a little trip to Costa Azul in Mexico. They left on Monday, March 12, and they came back on Saturday, March 17.

The girls who went were Kendra Anderson, Dana Sattler, Tara Dowling, Kari Stanley, Katelyn Unger, and Rena Unger. The girls traveled with Katelyn and Rena's mother, Jeannie Unger, and some of her students the Atwood Spanish Club.

This was Dana's first time to fly and her first time to go to Mexico. She enjoyed being buried in the sand, going to a waterfall and dancing at a fiesta, but her favorite part of the trip was spending time with her friends on the beach. Her favorite food was Chicken Quesadita, and she hated the Chapas De Frutas.

"I really enjoyed it and I can't wait to go back," said Dana.

During her time in Mexico, Dana also had a birthday. Her friends had a Mexican sing her Happy Birthday. Dana said it was the best birthday she had ever had, but it would have been better if her family were there.

Tara said she enjoyed playing on the beach, snorkeling and dancing. Her favorite part was snorkeling. She liked the hot sauce but hated every breakfast.

Tara said Mexico was different from Oberlin, but in some ways, it was alike. She said it wasn't very sanitary unlike here, but there were a lot of bumpy roads like here. This was not Tara's first trip to Mexico.

"I loved it, and I didn't want to come home," said Tara. Kari enjoyed shopping and playing in the ocean with the blowfish. This was Kari's first time to Mexico, and she liked the palm trees and how big they really are. She also liked the limeades, but thought the milk was gross. She said that more Mexicans could speak English clearly than she thought could.

"I really liked it, and it was fun," said Kari.

Katelyn said she enjoyed spending time with her friends, snorkeling and holding a blowfish, and playing in the waves. Her favorite part was spending time with her friends. She loved

the pineapples but hated all the deserts. She said Mexico is very different from Oberlin right now because it was very orful, green, and sandy. This was Katelyn's fourth trip to Mexico, and she said it was the best time.

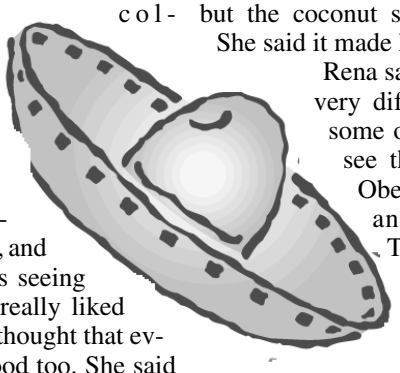
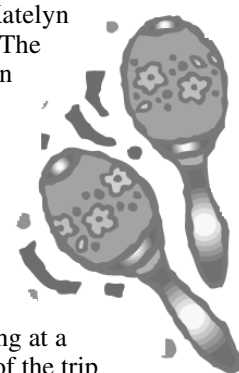
Kendra enjoyed going on a jungle cruise, and her favorite part was seeing the crocodiles. She really liked the hamburgers and thought that everything else was good too. She said the land was beautiful. This was Kendra's first time to go to Mexico. She said, "I thought it was a lot of fun and would like to go back."

Rena's favorite part of the trip was

the jungle cruise. She also enjoyed playing on the beach and on the waves. She said the chicken fritas were great, but the coconut shrimp was gross. She said it made her sick.

Rena said the culture was very different because of some of the poverty you see there, where as in Oberlin, we don't see anything like that. This was Rena's third time to go to Mexico. She said "I really want to go back soon because I had a lot of fun."

For fun, all the girls got their hair braided, and they all had a great time. It was an experience they will never forget.



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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Nail technician talks about careers to Kayettes

By TARA VOTAPKA
Nails was the main focus at the Kayette meeting on Tuesday, March 20. Janice Smith from Chic but Cheap talked to the girls about a career as a nail technician.

"I thought nails were a fun and interesting topic for the girls to hear about," said Kayette sponsor Linda Glaze, especially with the Junior-Senior Prom coming up.

Ms. Smith discussed the courses one has to take to become nail technician. She explained that she took a three-

month course, 350 hours, in McCook to learn the basics and techniques of acrylic nails.

Ms. Smith also spoke about the fun nails she will be doing for prom. She can hand paint almost anything or any design on nails.

She is offering a 5 percent discount on all prom nails, and she will maintain all nails until prom for free. Early appointments can be made.

When Ms. Smith was asked how she liked speaking to the Kayettes, she responded, "I loved it. I love teenagers and talking to them."

Speech team takes fourth

By KIMIA BUNDGARD
On the first day back from Spring Break, the Red Devil speech team already had to get back into the swing of things.

On Monday, March 19, the team competed in Oakley against 17 schools and placed fourth with 113 points. This was a two-round tournament plus finals.

Ramsey Meitl placed fifth in prose Interpretation and qualified for state festival. She also qualified for the state championship meet in informative speaking, placing second.

Kelsey Jackson took fifth in original oration and also qualified for the state festival. Ramsey was the team's high scorer with 26 points.

"It was a very tough tournament," said Coach Leigh Davis. "Qualifying Ramsey for the state championship was definitely the highlight."

Students enjoy spring break

By CHELSEY BLACK
Spring Break comes around and usually goes so quickly, but students always seem to enjoy their time off.

Some of the Oberlin student did some interesting and different things during their week-long break.

Junior Skyler Tacchini went to Wyoming to visit his parents, and Chanelle Scott, a freshman, and her family went to Omaha to a wedding.

Erik Ahlberg a sophomore, went to see his sister in Lincoln for her birthday. Freshman Isaac Shaw went to

Mexico with his mom and sister Jennifer, a seventh grader.

Junior Nichole Gotchall went to Colorado Spring and to Goodland, and senior Danielle Diederich and her family went to Georgia to visit her aunt.

Dan Dempewolf, a sophomore, went to Hutchinson to the Cosmosphere with his family.

Senior Erin Anderson went to McPherson to visit the college.

Over spring break many students went skiing, but some like Bent Smith, freshman, just hung out with friends and had fun.

Speech team places first at Norton Tournament

By COURTNEY SCOTT

While most of the student body was taking it easy, 14 speech team members competed in the Norton Invitational Speech Tournament on Tuesday of spring break. It was well worth it since Oberlin won the meet. The 14 members competed in 19 events; 15 of those events made it into the final round.

Five events qualified for State Championship Tournament by placing first or second, and five events qualified for the State Festival by placing third to sixth.

Those qualifying for State Championships were Corey Fortin, first place in poetry interpretation; Brent Smith, second place in both poetry interpretation and humorous solo acting; Corey Fortin and Theresa Smith; second place in improvised duet acting; and Ben Bryan and Bayley Bryan, first place in duet acting.

Qualifying for Festival were

Theresa Smith, third place; Quintin Cundiff, fifth, and Sarah Olson, sixth place in prose interpretation; Kelsey Jackson, third in informative speaking; and Ben Bryan and Joy Eldridge, third in improvised duet acting.

The team's high scorer was Corey Fortin with 29 points.

Also competing and helping Oberlin win the first-place trophy by adding points were Jessi Stanley, prose; Katie Malone, poetry; Andrea Marshall, poetry and serious solo acting; Bayley Bryan, humorous solo acting; Kelsey Jackson, original oration; Laci Leichliter, informative speaking; Jessi Stanley and Sarah Olson, duet acting; and Leslie Marcuson, extemporaneous speaking.

"It was very exciting to bring home first place," said speech team Coach Leigh Davis.

"I'm proud of the team not only for their placement, but for giving up a day of their spring break."

Eighth graders finish second

By COURTNEY SCOTT

The eighth grade team finished in second place in the NWKL Jr. High League Scholar Bowl Tournament on Tuesday, March 20 held in Goodland.

The eighth grade team representing Oberlin consisted of Lance Fortin, Jake Henzel, Richard Huff, David Morris and Kelly Olson.

The eighth grade won three rounds

and lost two.

The seventh grade team also competed. This team included Destry Jackson, Chris Jordan, Lora Marietta, Danica May, Kellen Doeden and Denton Bailey.

Out of the five rounds, the seventh grade won one round and lost four.

Both teams are coached by Marlene Moxter.

School Menus

April 2-6

OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Weiner wrap, baked beans, fries. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Frech toast, sausage. Lunch: Chili crispo, cinnamon roll, corn. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Hamburgers, fries, vegetables. **Thursday**—Breakfast burrito. Lunch: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, peas. **Friday**—Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Bean and cheese burrito, roll, green beans.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday—Breakfast: Pancake sausage bites, pineapple tidbits. Lunch: Pig in a blanket. **Tuesday**—Breakfast: Frech toast, sausage. Lunch: Spaghetti. **Wednesday**—Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Beef and spatzels. **Thursday**—Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch:

Chicken patty. **Friday**—Breakfast: Hot pockets. Lunch: Bean and cheese burrito.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday—Macroni and cheedse, carrots, cottage cheese, peaches, bread. **Tuesday**—Pizza, breadsticks, pears, ice cream. **Wednesday**—Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn rolls, grapes. **Thursday**—Corn dogs, green beans, roll, bananas. **Friday**—Tuna subs, peas, pineapple, brownies. All meals are served with milk and salad bar.

HERNDON

Monday—Biscuits and gravy, grape juice. **Tuesday**—Pig in a blanket, spuds, green beans, salad. **Wednesday**—Chicken nuggets, spuds, corn, roll. **Thursday**—Pizzawiches, peas, salad, cake. **Friday**—Fish, spuds, salad, roll. All meals served with milk.

Decatur County Community Calendar

Call 785-475-3441 (Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Attend the Church of Your Choice Daylight Savings Time Begins. Spring Ahead 1 Hour	2 American Legion, Bingo, 6 p.m.; Oberlin Lions, Medical Arts Bldg., 7 p.m.	3 Covenant Church Choir, Gateway, 7 p.m. Rotary, Noon, Gateway Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room Oberlin Track	4 Gifted Seminar - Elementary Northwest Kansas League meeting at Colby, 10:30 a.m. Norcatur Rebekahs AA, ambulance barn 7:30 p.m.	5 Oberlin Track Kindergarten Screening Decatur County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., museum; City Council meeting, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.; American Legion Board meeting, 7 p.m.	6 Kindergarten Screening Oberlin Track Weeds & Seeds Garden Group, Wheat Ridge Terrace, 7 p.m. FFA Northwest District Banquet	7 ACT Testing Oberlin Vocal Trip Passover begins at Sundown
8 Attend the Church of Your Choice Palm Sunday Mini Sappa Antique Club potluck supper Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Vocal Trip	9 Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, Bingo, 6 p.m. Jennings School Board	10 Oberlin Golf Oberlin Track Rotary, Noon, Gateway Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room Business Professional Women meeting, Gateway, Noon Master Garden Landscaping program, 7 p.m. at Gateway	11 Oberlin Business Alliance meeting, LandMark, Noon; Convention Visitors Bureau meeting, 6 p.m.; Legion Auxiliary meeting, 6:30, Legion; AA, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m.; Sappa Manor Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Norcatur Royal Neighbors meeting.	12 Oberlin Large Groups State Music Chamber of Commerce meeting, Noon City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.	13 Good Friday No School Royal Neighbors of Oberlin Camp 660 meet at Goldeb Age Center, 4 p.m.	14
15 Attend the Church of Your Choice Easter Sunday	16 Evening of Forensics, Oberlin, 7 p.m. American Legion, Bingo, 6 p.m.; Oberlin Lions, 7 p.m. Med. Arts Bldg. Norcatur Rebekahs	17 Oberlin Golf Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, Oberlin Clinic meeting room, 6 p.m.	18 KMO Computer Bowl Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.	19 Oberlin Junior High Track City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	20 Health Fair, Gateway 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oberlin Golf Oberlin Track	21 Decatur Co-op Annual meeting, Gateway, 6 p.m. Oberlin Golf FFA District Livestock Contest Regional Oberlin Speech
22 Attend the Church of Your Choice Chip Smith (Hastings College) Broadway & Popular Songs Morgan Theater Gateway, 2 p.m.	23 Bingo at American Legion at 6 p.m.	24 Oberlin Golf Oberlin Track Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, Oberlin Clinic meeting room, 6 p.m.	25 Professional Secretaries Day Secretary Luncheon, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council meeting, Gateway, 7 p.m. AA meeting, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m.	26 Oberlin Junior High Track	27 Sixth Grade Visitation at 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten Round Up	28 Sappa Shelter House Work Day Begin putting roof on. Oberlin Golf State Music
29 Attend the Church of Your Choice State FFA	30 Oberlin 9-10 Track Oberlin Golf State FFA					

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