



# Junior High excels at music festival

**By CHANELLE SCOTT**  
Oberlin junior high students earned two advanced performance ratings, 29 superior or "I" ratings, and 10 excellent or "II" ratings at the music festival held in Colby on February 19.

Jennifer Hirsch and Riley Cochran received advanced performance ratings for their vocal solos.

Earning I ratings for vocal solos were Nolan May, Kassia Bryan, Andrew Dempewolf, Rebecca Helm, Aaron Helm, Jessica Bremer, Jenny Ploussard, Kenzie Fisher, Marci Metcalf, Tricia Dorshorst, Andy Leitner and Karli Fredrickson.

Instrumentalists earning I ratings on solos were Jessica Bremer, clarinet; Kurt Olson, drum; Marci Metcalf, flute; Nolan May, trumpet; Katrina Wentz, flute; Royal Fisher, trumpet; and Aaron Helm, clarinet. Piano soloists getting I ratings were Heather Glodt, Jessica Bremer, Whitnee Ashley, and Marci Metcalf.

Jennifer Hirsch received a II on her piano solo.

## Concert set for Thursday

**By KYM RICHARDS**  
From rock-and-roll to Latin, there will be a song for whatever your musical style is at the junior high vocal and band concert on Thursday.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be in the senior high gym.

The vocal portion of the concert will consist of songs such as "Fisde Up In A Chariot," "Come Celebrate This Day" from "Saviezza Qiovarile," "Three Contempor," and "Rock and Roll

is Here to Stay," a medley of "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," "Rock Around the Clock," "Splish Splash" and "The Twist."

The band will be performing "Balladair" and "Pageantry Overture." There might also be songs by Beethoven. Mrs. Spanier would like the ensembles that received I ratings at contest last week to perform as well.

So whatever your music style, young or old, the Decatur Community Junior High will perform something for you to enjoy.

Receiving II ratings for vocal solos were Alyssa Montgomery, Brittany Gould and Sarah Murray.

Instrumentalists receiving II ratings were Rebecca Helm, flute; Kayla Zodrow, flute; and Tricia Dorshorst, sax.

The eighth-grade boys ensemble received a I rating.

The ensemble includes Regan

Badsky, Riley Cochran, Corey Cook, Andy Gilliam, Kyle Glodt, Nolan May, Bronson Scott, Kurt Olson, Breck Simonsson, Dustin Warta, Aaron Helm and Aaron Morton.

The eighth-grade girls ensemble also received a I.

The ensemble includes Whitnee Ashley, Tricia Dorshorst, Lauren

Fortin, Sarah Fringer, Jennifer Hirsch, Marci Metcalf, Shaylei Miller, Sarah Murray, Chris Noah, Emmie Pauls, Jessi Soderlund, Katrina Wentz, Heather Williams and Karli Fredrickson.

The seventh-grade mixed ensemble received a I.

The group includes Jessica Bremer, Kenzie Fisher, Brittany Gould, Rebecca Helm, Malenda Johnson, Jared Marcuson, Kendra Noah, Amie Ritter, Shelby Wolters, Kayla Zodrow and Colt Diederich.

The seventh-grade girls ensemble received a II.

It includes Chantelle Beneda, Kassia Bryan, Kierstyn Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery, Fabiola Ortiz and Leanna Sheaffer.

Both flute trios received I ratings.

These trios consisted of Rebecca Helm, Kenzie Fisher and Kayla Zodrow; and Amie Ritter, Malenda Johnson, and Alyssa Montgomery.

The trumpet trio of Nolan May, Andy Gilliam and Heather Glodt received a II.

The junior high choir received a I rating and the junior high band a II.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

# Speech team takes first place in tourney

**By KRISTA FOWLER**  
The Oberlin speech team took first place, with 231 points, against 20 other teams at the Wheatland Speech Tournament on Feb. 15.

Weskan finished in second place with 212 points and Northern Valley third with 208 points.

Placing first were Dane Anderson in serious solo acting, Anthony Marshall in humorous solo acting and Jess Elwood and Greta Wendelin in improvised duet acting.

Placing second was Greta Wendelin in humorous solo acting. Brent Smith and David Morris placed third in duet acting.

Bayley Bryan took fifth in poetry interpretation.

Dane Anderson came in fifth in extemporaneous speaking and Rebekah Hasty in serious solo acting. Rebekah also placed sixth in prose interpretation.

Others participating were Ramsey Meitl, informative speaking; Anthony and Andrea Marshall, duet acting; Sarah Olson, prose interpretation; Sarah Marcuson, prose interpretation; Kellen Doeden, poetry interpretation; Bayley Bryan, humorous solo acting; Jeremy Tally and David Morris, improvised duet.

The team high scorer was Greta Wendelin with 50 points.

# Speakers get third

**By KORTNEY STAPP**  
The speech team finished third at the Dighton tournament last Wednesday. Quinter won the tournament, followed by Ellinwood.

Dane Anderson took first in extemporaneous speaking and Greta Wendelin in poetry.

Jess Elwood finished second in poetry and Allie Moore and Adam Spanier in improvised duet acting.

Kelsey Dorshorst and Sarah Olson placed fourth in duet acting.

Kelsey Jackson took fifth in original oration, Rebekah Hasty in serious solo and Quintin Cundiff in serious solo acting.

Ramsey Meitl placed sixth in in-

formative speaking and Allie seventh in prose interpretation. Allie was also the team's high scorer with 32 points.

Others competing were Chris Jordan, Danica May, Sunnie Fredrickson, Lora Marietta, Bayley Bryan, Karyn Jordan, David Morris, Jeremy Tally, and Sarah Marcuson.

"Our team keeps every tournament exciting," Coach Leigh Davis said. "Our juniors and seniors are paving the way for the less experienced teammates. I couldn't ask for better team leaders."

The team has 14 events qualified for the state championship and five for state festival.

# Junior High gets the spirit

**By KERRI OLSON**  
The Oberlin Junior High participated in a Spirit Week to promote enthusiasm throughout their week of league wrestling and the girls' basketball tournament.

The junior high student council suggested the week.

Activities included pajama/slipper day Monday, twin day Tuesday, career day Wednesday, Red Devil day Thursday and on awards for the most participation on Friday.

"My favorite day was twin day

because I was able to dress like and feel like a twin," said seventh-grader Heather Glodt.

She and Lacey Ream dressed as twins.

In order to encourage students, candy was awarded every day to participants. Spirit week seemed to have been a success, as many students took part.

"It keeps the junior high interested and involved in school activities," said Jody Shike, junior high student council sponsor.

# Scholars take state

**By JANNA STEF**  
Oberlin scholars buzzed just in time to take the 2003 State Scholar Bowl championship.

The tournament was held on Feb. 15 in Bennington. Senior Greta Wendelin secured the first place victory over Leoti.

Coming in third was Sublette and fourth Horton.

Seniors Greta, Sarah Olson, Grant Reichert and Jake Robinson

and junior Dane Anderson made up the team with Marlene Moxter as coach.

"It was not only a fantastic end to the year, but a wonderful ending to the four years that I've been in scholar bowl," said Greta.

The participants were Bennington, Canton-Galva, Hutchinson-Trinity, Valley Falls, Cherryvale, Moundridge, and Sacred Heart of Salina.

# Seniors

## Jennie Swart

**By KERRIE OLSON**  
Jennie Swart is the daughter of Kevin and Pam Swart.

Her hobbies include working as a certified nurse aide at the Good Samaritan Center, scrap booking and taking pictures. Jennie is involved in TACT, Spanish Club, Science Club, Weight Club, "D" Club, cheerleading, journalism and Kayettes. She is on the Kayette board.

Some of her accomplishments include graduation door usher and homecoming queen candidate. She has also earned a trip to Mexico with the Spanish Club.

Jennie plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the fall to study nursing.

## Kenyon Badsky

**By SARAH RUF**  
Kenyon Badsky is the son of Ken and Jan Badsky. He has attended the Oberlin school system for twelve years.

When he isn't busy with football, wrestling or track, he finds himself racing, hunting and watching his favorite hockey team, The Avalanche. He is also involved in "D" Club, Science Club and Weight Club.

He has received all-league foot-

ball honors, an academic award for football and an outstanding wrestler award his senior year.

He qualified for state in wrestling the last three years. His junior year he took fourth and this year he was second.

He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and study criminal justice. Later he hopes to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in Virginia.

## Lindsay Fortin

**By REBECCA NICHOLS**  
Lindsay Fortin, the daughter of Jamie and Lisa Fortin, has gone to school in Oberlin for 12 years.

Her hobbies include spending time with her family and friends, reading and playing sports.

Lindsay is a four-year participant in volleyball, basketball and track and she's in National Honor Society, Kayettes, "D" Club, TACT, Student Council, Science Club and Spanish Club.

Lindsay has been on the honor roll all four years, and has lettered in track for three years. She also lettered in volleyball her junior and senior years, and basketball her sophomore and junior years.

She plans to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall and major in secondary education.

# School Menus

## March 10-14

### BERLIN HIGH

**Monday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: dried beef or sausage gravy, biscuit, peas, peaches. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: Hot Pockets. Lunch: ravioli, spinach, applesauce, mixed fruit. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: beef enchilada, rice, pear. **Thursday** — Breakfast: pancakes, sausage. Lunch: chicken strips, hash browns, corn, mixed fruit. **Friday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Bits. Lunch: pizza, green beans, pineapple. Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

### BERLIN ELEMENTARY

**Monday** — Breakfast: cherry or apple turnover, cereal. Lunch: Pepperoni Hot Pockets. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice. Lunch: beef steak. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: waffle, ham, fruit. Lunch: chicken drummies. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: hamburger. **Friday** — Breakfast: English muffin/egg/cheese, fruit. Lunch: grilled cheese, tomato soup. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

**Monday** — Breakfast: cinnamon raisin biscuits. Lunch: chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit cocktail. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: scrambled eggs. Lunch: spaghetti, corn, hot rolls, peaches, no bake cookies. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burritos. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, peaches. **Thursday** — Breakfast: maple long johns. Lunch: Salisbury Steak, potatoes/gravy, peas, pears. **Friday** — Breakfast: pancake sausage bites. Lunch: tomato/potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tropical fruit, brownies. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

### HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — bierocks, cottage cheese, French fries, tossed salad, fruit, cake. **Tuesday** — Tater Tot casserole, hot roll, tossed salad, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — BBQ beef/bun, coleslaw, Tater Smiles, corn, cookie. **Thursday and Friday** — No School (Spring Break). Milk served with all meals.

# Columnist gets week off

Grant Reichert does not have a column this week.

He was all tied up this week, literally like a pretzel, as he would say, practicing for the state wrestling meet in Hays.

So we gave him the week off.

He should be back causing consternation in the ranks of his friends and family next week.



Their name is simple, but the Jones family of Cambridge doesn't lead a simple life. There are family businesses to run, community and school volunteer work, umpiring and more. That's just Jim and Patty. Add in teenager Whitney and they're always on the move.

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