

Seniors

John Mike Fordham

By KRISTA FOWLER

John Mike is the son of Mike and Judy Fordham. His sister Cassie attends Fort Hays State University.

He spends a great deal of his time at his dad's shop, Two Mike's Custom, working on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

John Mike has built a 1950 Pan Head Harley-Davidson, and restored a 1949 Jeep Willy. He is also an honor roll student.

He plans to enjoy his summer vacation, then head to Fort Hays state to study business management.

Davi Ann Hardy

By KRISTA FOWLER

Davi Ann Hardy is the daughter of James and Christina Hardy of Cedar Bluffs. Her sister Christa is a freshman and her brother Tanner is an eighth-grader.

Davi's hobbies include going to the movies, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends.

This year Davi is involved in Kayettes, science club, and National Honor Society.

Davi Ann plans to attend Washburn University in Topeka. She hopes to get into the radiology department to become an X-ray technician.

Janna Stef

By TARA VOTAPKA

Senior Janna Stef is the daughter of Rich Steff from Aurora, Colo., and Lisa and Steve Stacy of Oberlin.

She has three brothers Matthew, Andy and Aaron and a sister, Serena.

Her hobbies include artwork such as watercolor, ceramics and sketching. She enjoys spending time with her friends and loved ones and going to church. She also works at Good Samaritan Center as a dietary aide, and behind the counter at the A & W restaurant.

Janna is very active in clubs at school. She is the secretary of National Honor Society, president of Science Club, and director of world service for Kayettes. She is also in drama club and the editor of the yearbook.

Janna has had the grand champion entry at the Decatur County Fair for a watercolor, Dane G. Hansen Award, honor roll student, and Science Gold Award. She has also earned outstanding academic achievements on the state science, math, reading, and writing assessments.

After graduation she plans to attend Fort Hays State University, majoring in studio art or graphic design. Someday she hopes to get married and have a family of her own.

"Basically, I know that God has gifted me and has a plan for my life. I just want to remain in His will because I know that His plans are far better and well-suited for me than anything I could plan for myself. I trust that God knows how to bless me," she said.

Dustin Ketterl

By KERRIE OLSON

Dustin is the son of Kevin Ketterl. He has two younger sisters, Kim, a sophomore, and Tamara, a sixth-grader.

Some of Dustin's interests and hobbies include hanging out with friends, working on the farm and participating in sports. He is involved in many clubs and activities, including weight club, "D" Club, science club and the Catholic Youth Organization.

He is also a three-sport athlete. He has been out for football, wrestling and track. He is a three-year letterman in track, and a two-year letterman in football. Dustin plans to attend Butler Community College where he will major in agronomy and hopefully participate in track.

Flag gives the names of veterans, those serving

By TARA VOTAPKA

As you walk into the entrance to Decatur Community High School, you might notice a new display—a flag made of paper that covers the showcase. The red stripes are made of hearts that have the names of military veterans on them. The white

stars have names of people who are now serving our country.

The veterans are friends or family of people in our school and community, not just from Oberlin, but from anywhere.

The flag was made by English teacher Brenda Breth. With the help



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Now it's time to see who gets what in Iraq

Reconstruction has begun.

Buy Abdul another camel, pick up all those Saddam statues, maybe add some mood lighting and voilà, better than new.

When reconstructing Iraq, we should remember that there are two kinds of foreigners: those who love America and want to live here, and those who hate America and want to live here. Basically, post-reconstruction Iraq should look as close to America as possible for a nation with terrain like a giant litterbox (sandy, with clumpy "mountains" every now and then).

As for the insignificant matter of who gets all of that delicious oil, the U.S. has decided to put up a sign in Iraq reading "Because of 9-11, you're now our 7-11."

Problem solved. As for the French, Germans and Russians, well, solar power sure is clean, isn't it?

The battle has just begun for who will get the big reconstruction contracts. Although the bids could go to anyone that doesn't wear a beret, the rumor around Washington is that the "While You Were Out" crew from TLC has the best shot. Their lack of good taste is just what a nation that thinks camel fur is a luxury wants.

We should also realize that Abdul

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

is hungry, and wants some humanitarian aid to supplement the sand in his diet. The dying Iraqi regime offers help in true Mary Antoinette style even as they stand at their own guillotine, with the words: "Let them eat biological weapons." It wouldn't be that hard to do, just bring in some U.S. marketing gurus and before long they'd have billboards with: "Three out of four Muslim clerics agree that Yumthrax is not potentially fatal" and "Issue a fatwa on your hunger! Have an infectiously delicious bag of small poxcom now!"

Which they could eat while watching one of the great Sean "Abdullah Saieed Akbar Mohammed" Penn's great thrillers. Unless, of course, he was ousted with Saddam. If so, he can join Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Roy Williams on most Americans' (or at least Kansans') hit list.

honor these men and women as well as those who served in the past."

There is plenty of room for more names, so if you want to honor someone with a heart or star, contact Mrs. Breth or Sarah Olson at the high school.

Oberlin student takes best of show

By JANNA STEF

Oberlin senior Greta Wendelin won best of show at the Northwest Kansas league Art Show in St. Francis with her ink drawing of a young girl entitled "Alexandra."

Other Oberlin students exhibiting were seniors Janna Stef, Jess Elwood, Nick Anderson, Bryan Richards and John Mike Fordham; junior Rebekah Hasty; and freshmen Tawni Davis, Tyler Anderson and Karyn Jordan.

Fifteen blue ribbons were awarded to high school students. Jess received five blues for pencil, acrylic, watercolor and mixed media.

"I think that our school had one of the strongest exhibits this year," he said. "It shows that even with a small budget, we can still create some really good artwork."

Besides best of show, Greta also earned three blues with her ink drawings.

Janna was awarded five blues. She used pencil, clay, pastels and

watercolor.

John Mike and Bryan also earned blues on their computer artwork.

Fifteen blues were awarded to junior high and elementary students. Mackenzie Carman, an Oberlin fifth grader, won best of show with a crayon drawing.

Other blue ribbon winners from the grade school were: first grade, Kyle Breth, marker; third grade, Darian Bose, crayon; fifth-grade, Sara Copeland, mixed media, Mary Olson and Adrienne Pauls, crayon, and Kirsten Haas, pastel; sixth grade, Heather Ploussard and Tamara Ketterl, construction paper, Chyanne Lahe, crayon, and Lucas Juenemann and Chelsea Warta, mixed media.

Winning blue ribbons for their artwork using acrylic were seventh-graders Jennifer Ploussard, Gage Reichert, Heather Glodt and Jessica Bremer.

The art teacher at both the grade school and high school is Terri Woolsey.

School Menus

April 28-30

(Thursday-Friday, May 1-2 will be in next week's paper)

OBERLIN HIGH

Monday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: spaghetti/meatballs, green beans, pears. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: eggs, toast. Lunch: chicken nuggets, potato bar, tropical fruit.

Wednesday — Breakfast: cereal. Lunch: hamburger, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit. Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Salad bar with all lunches.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday — Breakfast: blueberry pancake and sausage tidbits, banana. Lunch: ham slice/bun. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: spaghetti/meat sauce.

Wednesday — Breakfast: bagel, cream cheese/peanut butter, fruit. Lunch: hamburger. Lunch: chicken fajita. Milk with all meals. Choice bar with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday — Breakfast: Danish. Lunch: crispsitos, Spanish rice, corn, pears. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Tater Tot casserole, peaches, chocolate cake. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: breakfast burritos. Lunch: chicken-fried steak sandwiches, Tritators, peas, applesauce. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar with all lunches.

HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — rib patty/bun, cheesy potatoes, corn fruit, cherry crisp. **Tuesday** — pizzawiches, tossed salad, broccoli/cauliflower, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — stromboli, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, cake. Milk served with all meals.

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