

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Christmas concert to be next Thursday

By KRISTA FOWLER

What better way to get in the holiday spirit than listening to Christmas music.

The Decatur Community High School vocal department invites the public to its annual Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. This is a change from the origi-

nal school calendar because of the extended Christmas vacation, so make sure you change your calendar.

The DCHS Singers, Chanté, and the concert choir will be performing. The choirs have a variety of Christmas music to get everyone in holiday cheer.



AT THE END OF NOVEMBER Brent Smith played the Major General during two showings of "Pirate of Penzance" at the high school.

Students present well delivered show

By REBEKAH HASTY

If you couldn't make it to this year's high school musical, "Pirates of Penzance," then you missed out on a great show.

This year's large cast portrayed a bumbling band of pirates that try to marry the Major General's daughters, and some scary-cat policemen who try to stop them. The story line revolves around a pirate's apprentice, Frederic (Anthony Marshall), who falls in love with Mabel (Molly Coleman), but is forced by his sense of duty to rejoin the pirates. In the end, the pirates rejoin society so they can marry the Major General's (Brent Smith) daughters with his blessing.

Production nights were Nov. 21 and 22. The musical was very well attended both nights, although Saturday's turnout may have been smaller due to the snow and cold weather.

Director Susan Nelson said, "I was very pleased with how this year's musical came together. It involved a lot of singing and memorization of difficult music. 'Pirates of Penzance' was very challenging, but we had many fine characters."

Even with the great difficulty of this musical there were very few "bloopers," or mistakes, on the two production nights. On the second night, the sound system was not turned on during the overture. Luckily, Mrs. Nelson turned it on before the opening lines.

If you paid close attention, you may have noticed Ruth (Andrea Marshall) sang the third verse of her solo about apprenticing Frederic to the Pirate King (Matt Coleman) twice, omitting the second verse. Also, one of the pillars was almost knocked over in Act II.

"The musical was a wonderful experience!" said junior Anthony Marshall. "It was great how much the audience enjoyed it."

Senior Brent Smith said, "I think the production went off well. Everyone did a great job."

"The whole atmosphere of the musical was exciting!" said junior Kelly Olson.

"By far, 'Pirates of Penzance' was my most memorable and favorite musical," said senior Andrea Marshall. "The cast was so much fun and we had such a blast."

School Menus

December 15-19 OBERLIN HIGH

Monday — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: BBQ chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Bits, juice. Lunch: hamburger, French fries, vegetable. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: cereal, juice. Lunch: Christmas Dinner. **Thursday** — Breakfast: waffles, juice. Lunch: pizza, mashed potatoes. **Friday** — Breakfast: French toast, juice. Lunch: beef/noodles, rolls, vegetable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY
Monday — Breakfast: French toast, fruit. Lunch: cheese pizza. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice. Lunch: chicken fried steak, roll. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: pancakes/syrup, ham patty, fruit. Lunch: sloppy joe/bun. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice. Lunch: reindeer ham. **Friday** — Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit. Lunch: popcorn chicken, roll/butter. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — super nachos, green beans, rolls,

pineapple. **Tuesday** — chicken sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, apples, brownies. **Wednesday** — turkey, potatoes/gravy, corn, rolls, peach halves. **Thursday** — hamburgers, French fries, broccoli/cheese, tropical fruit. **Friday** — chicken strips, potatoes/gravy, peas, rolls, pears. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chili, crackers, relishes, juice, cinnamon balls. **Tuesday** — sloppy joes, cole slaw, hash brown sticks, fruit, cookie. **Wednesday** — chicken a la king, tossed salad, corn, fruited jello, cookie.

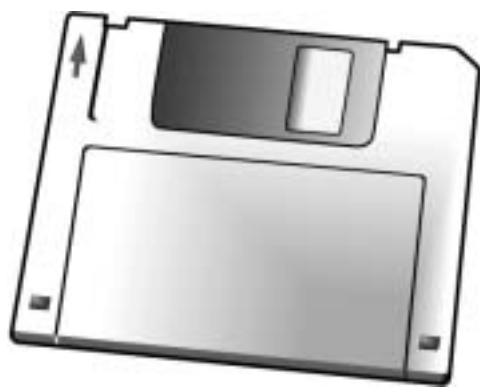
Thursday — beef stew, biscuits, tossed salad, fruit, cookie. **Friday** — macaroni/cheese, ham salad sandwich, peas, juice, cherry crisp. Milk served with all meals.



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