



SHOWING OFF HER FINERY Jessica Stritt was one of several Oberlin High girls to take part in the annual Prom Review last week. — Dictator photo

Votapka host exchange student

By KRISTA FOWLER
 Marilia Martins Ferreira Correais our foreign exchange student from Aracatula, Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is staying with Dan, Lisa, and Tara Votapka.
 Marilia's aunts and mother have all been to the United States, as previous foreign exchange students. In fact, years ago, Marilia's aunt Carmen, her dad's sister, lived in Oberlin with Joy and Chuck Votapka.
 Marilia has great usage of the English Language mainly because her mother is an English teacher in Brazil. Her parents are Falrio and Patricia Correa. Her father is a veterinarian. Marilia also has a younger sister, Olivia, who is 13. Marilia keeps in close contact with her family and friend through e-mails once a week.
 Being so far from home, it would be understandable if she is very homesick, but she said she isn't at all. "I am very adaptable to new places," Marilia said.
 She does miss her grandmother's rice and bean dish, though. "I miss rice and beans the most. We had it almost every day in Brazil," she said.

Marilia's hobbies in Brazil were dancing and going out with her friends. Brazil has night clubs, which admit people 16 years of age, that Marilia and her friends like to go to on the weekends. While in Oberlin, Tara Votapka has been introducing her to cosmic bowling, basketball, wrestling, sunflower seeds, and peanut butter. "I love peanut butter. We do not have it in Brazil, and I take a spoonful of it just to eat plain," said Marilia.
 She says her school in Brazil started at 7:10 a.m. and dismissed students at 12:20 p.m. Also, in Brazil, she didn't get to choose the classes she took; they were assigned to all students. Marilia took math, Portuguese, English, geography, and history there. She is enjoying school here even though it lasts all day long. Her favorite class is art.
 A major difference Marilia is getting used to is the weather. "The weather is very different, too. Where I live is very hot, and here it is very cold," said Marilia.
 Someday Marilia wants to graduate from college, although her major is still undecided. For now, she says she just wants to enjoy her experience in Kansas.

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Speech brings home another first place

By REBEKAH HASTY
 The Oberlin speech team came home Saturday, Feb. 21, with another first-place finish. The team scored 289 points. In second was Oakley with 220 points. Ellis took third with 207 points.
 Oberlin took first place in seven out of the nine categories. First-place finishers and state qualifiers were Kellen Doeden in poetry, Rebekah Hasty in prose, Andrea Marshall in informative speaking, Anthony Marshall in humorous solo, Dane Anderson in serious solo, Brent Smith and David Morris in duet acting, and Jeremy Tally and David Morris in improvised duet acting.
 Two new performances qualified for state championship competition.

These were Kellen Doeden in poetry, and Jeremy Tally and David Morris in improvised duet acting.
 Others who placed at the Wheatland tournament were Brent Smith, third in humorous solo; Dane Anderson, third in extemporaneous speaking; Karyn Jordan, fifth in prose; and Jeremy Tally and Kelsey Dorshorst, fifth in duet acting.
 Other speech team members that participated were Bayley Bryan in poetry, Destry Jackson in poetry, Andrea Marshall and Rebekah Hasty in duet acting, Karyn Jordan in serious solo, and Kelly Olson in humorous solo.
 "What a team," said Coach Leigh Davis. "Out of nine individual events we brought back seven first-place finishes. This is outstanding."

Treats all around for great students

By KRISTA FOWLER
 A day of celebration! The entire student body was treated to donuts and juice last Tuesday during home room to celebrate the achievements of our students.
 The five wrestlers who qualified for state last week brought home a third-place team trophy.
 Principal Haag was presented with the trophy by senior wrestler Matt Coleman, who placed second. Matt also thanked the student body and faculty for all their support during the season. Other wrestlers honored were David Barth, Chance Harmon, Logan Glaze, and Brett Keck.
 Also recognized was the scholar bowl team who placed first at regional competition and qualified for the state bowl.
 The speech team is also doing well, winning two tournaments so far and placing second in two other tournaments.

"It was fun to welcome home our boys from state wrestling with treats. We want them to know how proud we are," said Jamie Elwood.



Taylor's Bridal provides the latest for prom fashion modeling

By SARAH RUF
 Glamour and beauty—that's what the annual Prom Review was all about.
 Senior girls modeled different styles of prom dresses for the annual event sponsored by Kayettes on Friday, March 5.
 Maureen of Taylor's Bridal and Special Occasions from North Platte came down with a large selection of dresses so the high school girls and their mothers could get a taste of the latest fashion.
 Senior members of Kayettes then modeled some of the dresses for the review.
 Colors and styles were varied, everything from pastels to richer colors.
 Local businesses also volun-

teered their time and products. Flowers By Lee and Prairie Petals brought flowers to accessorize to the dresses.
 Stylists from Shelli's Hair Design and The Washboard did many of the girls' hair, and also donated door prizes. Carol Morford, a Mary Kay beauty consultant, also did many of the girls' make-up.
 "Modeling dresses for the prom review was a blast because you got to see some of the new styles," said Kayette president Kym Richards.
 The models were Amber Ritter, Serina Heikes, Sarah Ruf, Kerrie Olson, Keely Witt, Lacy Zodrow, Kym Richards, Hayley Robinson, Leah Marietta, Bayley Bryan, Kelsey Dorshorst, Krista Fowler, and Jessica Stritt.

School Menus

March 15-19 OBERLIN
Monday — Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice. Lunch: chicken glazers, vegetable, salad, fruit. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, biscuit, fruit. Lunch: hot dog with bun, baked beans, fruit. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pocket, juice. Lunch: beef nuggets, rolls, vegetable, fruit. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, fruit. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit. **Friday** — Breakfast: pancakes with syrup, sausage patty, juice. Lunch: fish fillets, vegetable, salad, fruit. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
 Breakfast is served daily: toast,

cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — beef crisps, refried beans, corn, applesauce, cookies. **Tuesday** — ham patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit cocktail. **Wednesday** — chili cheese dog, peaches, long johns. **Thursday** — chicken, mashed potatoes / gravy, corn, rolls, Jell-O. **Friday** — cheese pizza, green beans, tropical fruit, cake. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.



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