



SHOWING MEDIEVAL FASHION during an English class presentation are juniors Karyn Jordan and Jennifer Shaw.

Junior High music students perform

By JUSTINE MILLER
Students from Decatur Community Junior High School earned four Advanced Performance ratings, twenty-two Is and eight IIs at the Music Festival held in Colby last Wednesday. Oberlin took 13 vocal solos, 10 instrumental solos, four piano solos, four vocal ensembles, an instrumental ensemble, the junior high choir, and the junior high band.

The Decatur Community Junior High band received a II+, and the choir received a I-.

Students who received Advance Performance ratings were Jordan Tally, trumpet; Alejandra Ortiz, saxophone; Alyssa Rippe, flute; and Chris Larson, clarinet.

Students who received a I rating were Kyle Huntley, vocal; Hunter Nedland, piano; Tamara Ketterl, voice; Jordan Tally, voice; Farra McChesney, flute; Annamarie Larue, French horn; Ashley Horton, vocal; Mary Olson, piano; Ethan Merrill, vocal; Annamarie Larue, vocal; Ashley Horton, clarinet; Kortnie Fisher, voice; Jessica Fredrickson, piano; Cindy Murray, vocal; Kira Meitl, vocal; Farra McChesney, vocal; and Hunter Nedland, clarinet.

Those students receiving IIs on their solos were Emma Merrill, vocal; Haley Barrett, vocal; Jaxen Alstrom, tuba; Hunter Nedland, vocal; Sara Copeland, trumpet; and Nolan Wasson, piano.

The seventh grade mixed en-

semble got a I. This included Mary Olson, Adrienne Pauls, Clay Andersen, Daniel Jordan, Hunter Nedland, Jaxen Alstrom, Kortnie Fisher, and Brandy Diederich.

The seventh grade girls ensemble also received a I. This ensemble included Kelsey Padgett, Alex Ortiz, Stephanie Bruggeman, Lakin Brown, Kira Meitl, Ashley Horton, Makenzie Carman, Andrea Hitt, and Erin Russ.

The eighth grade girls ensemble received a I, and the eighth grade boys received a II.

The eighth grade boys ensemble included Derek Chambers, Kevin Farr, Chris Larson, Ethan Merrill, Andrew Richards, Nathan Simonson, Jordan Tally, Everett Urban, and Sean Herring.

In the eighth grade girls ensemble were Emma Merrill, Sarah Russ, Jolynda Chase, Haley Barrett, Cindy Murray, Jordan McHugh, Sabrina Dellere, Cherish Manning, Danyel Jeffery, Tamara Ketterl, and Farra McChesney.

The clarinet quartet received an I; this included Jolynda Chase, Chris Larson, Ashley Horton, and Hunter Nedland.

"I was very proud and they worked really hard," said Susan Nelson, vocal director. The junior high represented our school well."

Deanne Spanier, band director, said, "I was very proud and excited at the outcome and ratings. Our students worked very hard and really did a great job."

Kayettes attend conference

By LIZ BOYD
The Kayettes went to Almena for the KAY Conference Wednesday and learned exactly what the KAY organization is all about.

All clubs were asked to bring items for Care packages for a service project. Oberlin members brought packages of drink mix and Care packages were made for soldiers in Iraq.

Kayette member Whitney Beinke said, "It felt good making the soldier Care packages."

Kayettes listened to motivational speakers Abner Williams and Randa Ray, who had gone through some tough times.

Marci Matchett, said, "I enjoyed Abner Williams' speech and singing."

The conference was a great experience for those who wanted to learn more about the organization.

Attending from Oberlin were sponsor Linda Glaze, Bethany Weishapl, Sharee Dempewolf, Karyn Jordan, Emmie Pauls, Ali Samson, Kelsey Gallentine, Brittany Gould, Lauren Fortin, Whitney Beinke, Ashley Stragey, Shani Guzan, Sarah Murray, Liz Boyd, Sarah Fringer, Kaitlyn Stapp, Tawni Davis, Trina Shields, Sunnie Fredrickson, Marci Matchett, Sarah Marcuson, and LeAnna Sheaffer.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



PRACTICING FOR SCHOLAR BOWL during home room is junior Destry Jackson. The team, coached by Marlene Moxter, practices once a week and has qualified for state scholar bowl the last four years.

Long, long ago...

By M.J. DEMPEWOLF
The juniors in Brenda Breth's English class have been studying the Middle Ages. They read stories from Thomas Malory's "Le Morte De Arthur," and "Sir Gawain and the Green," as well as excerpts from Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

To better understand the historical time period of the literature, Mrs. Breth had each class research various topics and give an oral presentation to the rest of the class.

Each class divided into groups and chose a topic.

One group researched the medieval coat of arms. Amber Barratt said, "One thing I learned is that different symbols in a coat of arms meant different things. I also learned that the coat of arms was used as identification on the battlefield."

The group of Kaydee Leitner, Bret Marietta, Marci Matchett, and Caleb Peters made their own coat of arms. They explained what each part of the coat of arms meant by adding pieces, one at a time.

"My favorite part of this project was drawing symbols for the coat of arms to show my class," said Marci Matchett.

The groups who chose fashion explained what kind of fabrics were used and what the styles were like for each class of people.

Sunnie Fredrickson said, "I learned that rich people wore silk, and the poor people wore cotton, back in the Middle Ages."

Nikki Lincoln, Karyn Jordan, Sarah Marcuson, and Jennifer Shaw made a fashion catalog. Karyn dressed in medieval clothes, and styled her hair in a medieval fashion with many braids.

"My favorite part of this project was being able to work with my friends and also being able to learn how people dressed back in the Middle Ages," said Sharee Dempewolf.

A third group researched weapons and armor used in the Middle Ages. David Edgerton, Andy Inman, Scott Miller, and Joe Mondero made a weapons catalog, complete with descriptions of how the weapons and arms were used, what they did, and who they were used by. They then showed the catalog to the class in a Power Point presentation.

Group four researched castles. Kellen Doeden, Gabe Moore, Denton Bailey, Drew Martin, and Jason Thomas drew a large poster that explained the different parts of a castle.

"My students came up with great projects," said Mrs. Breth. "They worked hard and learned a lot as well."

Scholar Bowl Team competes at state

By BETHANY WEISHAPL
Five members of the Decatur Community High School scholar bowl team represented Oberlin in Bennington at the Kansas State 2A Scholar Bowl on Feb. 12.

Competing for Oberlin were Kelly Olson, Danica May, Destry Jackson, Cameron Nedland and Karli Fredrickson. They are coached by Marlene Moxter.

Also competing at state scholar bowl were Hutchinson-Trinity, Immaculata, Meade, Oberlin, Sacred Heart, Sedgwick, Atwood, Frankfort, Leoti, Lyndon,

Remington, and St. Johns. Oberlin won their first match in their pool against Meade 150 to 30, but then lost to Sacred Heart 70 to 25, Immaculata 80 to 50, Trinity 100 to 20, and Sedgwick 55 to 50.

Two of the teams in their pool went on to be crowned state champion and state runner-up: Immaculata, first; and Sacred Heart, second.

Oberlin did not place at the state tournament, but they have qualified four years in a row which makes them one of the top 12 scholar bowl teams in the state of Kansas.

School Menus

February 28-March 4 OBERLIN
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Monday — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, mixed fruit. Lunch: tacos. **Tuesday through Friday** — unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
Breakfast is served daily: toast, cereal, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — Frito pies, refried beans, fruit cocktail, cookies. **Tuesday through Friday** — unavailable. Milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

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| MARCH | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | 1 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; Masons, 6:30 p.m.; Sub-State Basketball; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Goodland, 5 p.m. | 2 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Health Systems; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 11-11:30 a.m.; OBA, LandMark, noon; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.; Sub-State Basketball | 3 Oberlin Junior High Band and Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m. Sub-State Basketball | 4 Sub-State Basketball | 5 United Methodist Church, Norcat Pancake Supper, 5-7 p.m.; Sub-State Basketball; Oberlin Speech at Ellis; 1/2 Price Day, Bargain Box Plus. |
| 6 Attend the Church of Your Choice Arts & Humanities Koshare American Indian Dancers, Gateway, 2 p.m. | 7 Norcat Rebekahs Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg. Freshman Orientation, 7 p.m. | 8 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; State Basketball; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl, here, 4 p.m. | 9 Dr. Eskildsen; Decatur Health Systems; Legion Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.; Norcat Royal Neighbors; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; State Basketball. | 10 Chamber Board, Hirsch & Pratt, noon; Eastern Star Chicken & Noodle Benefit for Forget-Me-Nots, 5:30-7 p.m. Jennings P/T Conferences, 5-8 p.m.; State Basketball; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl at Wheatland, 4 p.m. | 11 Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m. Jennings Parent-Teacher conference, 8:30-Noon, No School; State Basketball. | 12 State Basketball |
| 13 Attend the Church of Your Choice Antique Engine Club, Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m. | 14 Dr. Curry, Urology, Decatur Health Systems; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg., Norcat Rebekahs; Jennings no school, spring break, 14th to 18th. Board of Education, 7:30 p.m. | 15 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; Weight Watchers, Medical Arts bldg, 5-6 p.m. | 16 Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m. | 17 Dr. Dormish, Podiatry, Dec. Health Systems; Oberlin Business Alliance Pot of Gold contest; Coffee Hour, The Bank, 9-11 a.m.; Oberlin High Speech at Colby, 2 p.m. | 18 Set Up For Home and Garden Show Gateway, 1 p.m. End of 3rd 9 Weeks All-School Play 7:30 p.m. | 19 Chamber/KFNF Home & Garden Show, Gateway, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., admission free All-School Play 7:30 p.m. |
| 20 Attend the Church of Your Choice Palm Sunday Chamber/KFNF Home & Garden Show, Gateway, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | 21 Dr. McDonald, Cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Hospital Board; Oberlin, No School Spring Break, 21st-25th. | 22 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems Rotary, Gateway, noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m. | 23 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Health Systems AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m. | 24 American Legion members meeting | 25 GOOD FRIDAY JENNINGS NO SCHOOL Oberlin Business Alliance Fish & Burger Fry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | 26 Easter Egg Hunt City Park Races, Oberlin Speedway, 6 p.m. |
| EASTER Attend the Church of Your Choice | 28 Jennings, No School Teacher-in-Service Pre-Contest Recital 7 p.m. | 29 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems Rotary, Gateway, noon; Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High NWKL Scholar Bowl at Quinter, 4 p.m. | 30 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Health Systems AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m. \$3 Bag Day Bargain Box Plus | 31 Senior High Northwest Kansas League Speech, Oakley, 3:30 p.m. | The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 127th YEAR OF SERVICE | |

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