



SHOWING OFF her Best of Show watercolor is freshman Fabiola Ortiz.

Students show off their art

By ASHLEY STRAGEY
The art show was back in town last week. Not since the latter 1980s has the Northwest Kansas League Art Show been in Oberlin. The show rotates from league school to league school, with each hosting it for two consecutive years. Over one thousand pieces of artwork were on display, representing eight schools in three different divisions: high school, middle school or junior high, and elementary. Oberlin had artwork in two of the three divisions, high school and junior high, but no elementary art because our school district no longer has an elementary art department. "The show was fantastic," said

Oberlin art teacher Terri Woolsey. "For those who didn't make it to the Gateway, you missed seeing the talent of over 1000 northwest Kansas art students, from kindergarten to seniors." Freshman Fabiola Ortiz received the Best of Show award for her watercolor. Blue ribbons were given to 10 Oberlin art students. Receiving blue ribbons for his mixed media, clay, and acrylic pieces was senior Anthony Marshall. Kelly Olson, a senior, earned blue ribbons for her mixed media and pencil, and Liz Boyd, also a senior, received a blue ribbon for her clay work. Junior Tawni Davis earned blue

ribbons for her mixed media and clay artwork. Amber Barratt, a junior, was awarded a blue ribbon for her wood piece, and Karyn Jordan, a junior as well, received a blue ribbon for her acrylic. Lydia Karnopp and Andy Inman, both juniors, received blue ribbons for their computer artwork, and freshman Jenny Ploussard earned blue ribbons on her clay and mixed media pieces. Eighth grader Nolan Wasson earned a blue ribbon for one of his clay pieces. "I am already planning the 2006 show that Oberlin will again host," said Mrs. Woolsey. "Then it will travel on and won't return for at least fourteen years."

Students are singing their way to state

Regional Music festival singers bring home top ratings

By SHAREE DEMPEWOLF
Twenty-seven superior ratings, nine excellent ratings, and one good rating were received by Decatur Community High School students at the Regional Music Festival held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 2. All eight ensembles received the top rating. Choir director Susan Nelson said, "I felt that all the soloists had some of their best performances. The ensembles came together nicely also." All individuals and ensembles with a (superior rating) qualified for the state music competition, which will be April 30 in Concordia. Vocal soloists who attained a I rating were Jessica Bremer, Anne Wasson, Kenzie Fisher, Tricia Dorshorst, Kaitlyn Stapp, Jenny Hirsch, Molly Coleman, Jeremy Tally, Destry Jackson, Andy Leitner, David Morris and Anthony Marshall. Instrumentalists who received a I on their solos were Jessica Bremer, clarinet; Amie Ritter, flute; Rebecca Helm, flute; Karyn Jordan, clarinet; Katrina Wentz, flute; Marci Matchett, flute; and Anthony Marshall, trumpet. Individuals that received II (excellent) ratings were Katrina Wentz, Danica May, Justine Miller, Amie Ritter, Gabe Moore, Kellen Doeden, and Karli Fredrickson, vocal solos;

and Destry Jackson, French horn solo. Instrumental ensembles receiving a I were the clarinet trio, Karyn Jordan, Jessica Bremer, and Aaron Helm; the flute trio, Marci Matchett, Jenny Hirsch, and Rebecca Helm; and the saxophone quartet, Jenny Hirsch, Andrew Dempewolf, Sarah Marcuson, and Andy Leitner. All vocal ensembles received I ratings, including the "Hope" ensemble, made up of Nolan May, Andy Gilliam, Drew Martin, Cameron Nedland, Sharee Dempewolf, Sarah Fringer, Lauren Fortin, Anne Wasson, Kurt Olson, Denton Bailey, Andy Leitner, Colt Diederich, Kaitlyn Stapp, Danica May, Kim Wessel, Gabe Moore, Jesse Juenemann, Jessica Soderlund, Sunnie Fredrickson, and Christa Hardy. The "Water is Wide" ensemble consisted of Kelly Olson, Nikki Wessel, Kelsey Gallentine, Malenda Johnson, Chantelle Beneda, Jake Padgett, Jonathon Richards, Tricia Dorshorst, Brittany Gould, Kayla Zoderow, Jenny Ploussard, Shelby Walters, Bethany Weishapl, Bronson Scott, Katrina Wentz, Jessica Dellere, Jessica Bremer, Jared Marcuson, Alyssa Montgomery, Justine Miller, David Barth, Riley Cochran, Brock Euhus, and Kenzie Fisher.

The women's ensemble presented "She Sings." This group included Karli Fredrickson, Karyn Jordan, Heather Williams, Shani Guzan, Molly Coleman, Sarah Murray, Nikki Lincoln, Sarah Marcuson, Jenny Hirsch, Destry Jackson, and Kim Ketterl. Chanté earned a I with "O Wind." This group included Justine Miller, Kelsey Gallentine, Sarah Marcuson, Sarah Fringer, Destry Jackson, Kenzie Fisher, Amie Ritter, Jennifer Ploussard, Ali Sampson, Kayla Zoderow, Bethany Weishapl, Katrina Wentz, Jessica Bremer, and Jessica Dellere. The DCHS Singers also earned a I with "If Music Be the Food of Love" and "Since All is Passing." The Singers included Anthony Marshall, David Morris, David Barth, Kellen Doeden, Jake Padgett, Riley Cochran, Jonathon Richards, Andy Leitner, Bronson Scott, Jeremy Tally, Kaitlyn Stapp, Nikki Lincoln, Kelly Olson, Anne Wasson, Jenny Hirsh, Danica May, Molly Coleman, Karyn Jordan, Tricia Dorshorst, and Karli Fredrickson. The men's quartet received their I rating singing "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair." The quartet included Kellen Doeden, Jeremy Tally, Anthony Marshall, and David Morris.

School Menus

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Monday — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, applesauce. Lunch: fried chicken. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: egg, ham and cheese biscuit, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: pizza. **Wednesday** — (No breakfast, school starts at 10 a.m.) Lunch: bierock. **Thursday** — Breakfast: breakfast burrito, pears. Lunch: chicken strips. **Friday** — Breakfast: cereal, muffin, mixed fruit. Lunch: sloppy joe with bun, chips. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar

served with all lunches. **PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**
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Miller to lead STUCO in 2005-06 school year

By KAYDEE LEITNER
Scott Miller has been elected as the 2005-2006 student council president. Running against him was Drew Martin. Jason Thomas will be the vice president. Kurt Olson was running against him. Denton Bailey was elected as secretary. Karli Fredrickson ran opposite him. The fourth student council officer will be Danica May. She defeated Breck Simonsson for treasurer. Every nominee gave a speech on

Friday, April 1, during homeroom, and the students voted during their lunch period. The eight candidates were chosen by the student body, which was divided into two parties—the Nationalists and the Federalists.



EXERCISING HIS RIGHT TO VOTE at the student council elections held early this month is sophomore Adrian Overmiller. Scott Miller was elected as the 2005-06 student council president.

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