



Music students take 36 top ratings

By SUNNIE FREDRICKSON
Decatur Community Junior High band and vocal students did an outstanding job at the Northwest Kansas League Music Festival held at Colby Community College on Feb. 15.

Vocal and band students came home with thirty-six "I" ratings and eleven "II" ratings. Both the choir and the band received I ratings.

"We are so proud of all of our students," said Susan Nelson, vocal director.

Vocal soloists who earned the top rating of I were Sara Kyte, Mackenzie Carman, Jaxen Alstrom, Sydney Grafel, Jessica Weaverling, Kira Meitl, Kortnie Fisher, Ashley Horton, Jacob Helm, Hunter Nedland, Jacob Larue, Joe Hirsch and Daniel Jordan.

Vocalists with II ratings were Laysha Medina, Jon Samson and Nolan Peters.

The seventh-grade mixed ensemble received a I rating. This ensemble included Dalton Dolan, Sara Kyte, Erin Jeffery, Jacob Helm, Joe Hirsch, Katie Glading, Rachelle Scott, Carissa Wentz, Laysha Medina, Sydney Grafel, Jasmine Pearson, and Rhiannon Davies.

The seventh- and eighth-grade mixed ensemble received a I rating, and it consisted of Kirsten Haas, Jessica Fredrickson, Adrienne Pauls, Jaxen Alstrom, Alex Ortiz, Brandi Diederich, Ashli Samson, Kira Meitl, Mary Olson, and Jacob Larue.

Also receiving I ratings were the eighth-grade boys ensemble and the eighth-grade girls ensemble. The boys ensemble included Clay Andersen, Ray Zodrow, Hunter Nedland, Nolan Wasson, Daniel Jordan and Wiley Farr; and the girls ensemble included Stephanie Bruggeman, Mackenzie Carman, Kort-

nie Fisher, Andrea Hitt, Kelsey Padgett, Ashley Horton, Jessica Weaverling, Lakin Brown and Erin Russ.

Band students who performed solos with I ratings were Mary Olson, saxophone; Mackenzie Carman, trumpet; Jacob Helm, clarinet; Alex Ortiz, saxophone; Brandi Diederich, violin; Lakin Brown, bass clarinet; Katie Glading, trombone; and Jaxen Alstrom, tuba.

Band students who received II ratings on their solos were Adrienne Pauls, flute; Jasmine Pearson, clarinet; Jacob Larue, trombone; Joe Hirsch, saxophone; Marissa Baker, flute; Kelsey Padgett, flute; Ashley Horton, clarinet; and Dalton Dolan received a "good" rating on his tenor sax solo.

All of the instrumental ensembles received I ratings. The percussion ensemble included Chad Williams, Dakota Soderlund, Tim Larson,

Josh Ritter, Mary Olson and Sara Kyte. The brass ensemble consisted of Mackenzie Carman, Kortnie Fisher, Rhiannon Davies, Jessica Fredrickson, Bret Ashley, Katie Glading, and Jaxen Alstrom.

The saxophone ensemble is made up of Daniel Jordan, Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch, and Dalton Dolan. The flute ensemble included Adrienne Pauls, Kelsey Padgett, Marissa Baker, Laysha Medina, and Nakita Bose. The clarinet trio is Ashley Horton, Jacob Helm and Sara Kyte.

Not only were there vocal and band solos, but some Oberlin students performed piano solos also. Pianists receiving I ratings were Jacob Helm, Jessica Fredrickson and Mary Olson. Hunter Nedland and Nolan Wasson earned II ratings.

The students are directed by Susan Nelson, vocal, and Christie Morris, band.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

School Menus

February 27-March 3 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, peaches. Lunch: soft shell tacos, potato olays, peaches.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese and sausage biscuit, applesauce. Lunch: hamburgers with cheese, French fries, beets, applesauce.
Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast combos, pears. Lunch: biscuits and gravy, potato patty, pears.
Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burritos, Mandarin oranges. Lunch: spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli with cheese, Mandarin oranges.
Friday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, apricots. Lunch: pizza, green beans, apricots. Milk served with all



meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

Decatur Community High speech team attends tourneys

Team fifth at Hill City

By AMBER BARRATT
The Decatur Community High School speech team loaded the bus bright and early on Saturday, Feb. 4, to attend its first tournament of the year at Hill City.

Placing second overall and qualifying for state were Kellen Doeden and Tricia Dorshorst in duet acting, and Gabe Moore in prose.

Also placing were Kellen Doeden, fifth in poetry; Gabe Moore, fourth, and Annamarie Larue, fifth, in informative speaking; and Amber Barratt, sixth in extemporaneous speaking.

As a whole the team placed fifth. Quinter won the tournament, followed by Colby and Norton.

Others attending were Jeremy Tally, and Melissa Hasty, in prose;

Destry Jackson, serious solo and poetry; Kim Wessel and Tricia Dorshorst, and Jolynda Chase and Melissa Hasty, improvised duet; Ethan Merrill with a humorous solo; and Haley Barrett and Jay Wessel, and Annamarie and Makenzie Nelson, in duet acting.

The high team scorer was Kellen Doeden with 40 points.

"We had lots of nervous jitters today," said Coach Leigh Davis. "I look forward to next week when everyone is more confident and pre-



tournament, Oberlin placed second, behind Quinter.

Nine of the Oberlin team members placed at the meet. This included Kellen Doeden, first in poetry interpretation; Karyn Jordan, second in serious solo acting; Alyssa Rippe, second in original oration; and Jeremy Tally, second in prose interpretation. These four students are now qualified for the state

tournament in May.

Jessica Bremer received fourth in extemporaneous speaking. In sixth place were Ethan Merrill, humorous solo; Tricia Dorshorst, prose interpretation; Annamarie Larue, informative speaking; and Aaron Helm, extemporaneous speaking.

Other competitors included Jenny Hirsch, Ethan Merrill, poetry; Sarah Marcuson, Jacinta Carter, prose; Kellen Doeden and Tricia Dorshorst, Karyn Jordan and Sarah Marcuson, Makenzie Nelson and Annamarie Larue, and Jacinta Carter and Alyssa Rippe, duet acting; and Sarah Russ and Jolynda Chase, improvised duet acting.

Kellen Doeden, with 31 points, was the high team scorer.

According to Coach Leigh Davis, Ethan Merrill had the most improved performance. He went from scoring three points in the first meet to 10 points this week, and he received a sixth-place medal.

Three to finals at Dighton

By KELLEN DOEDEN
The Oberlin team left Oberlin at 5:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, on their way to Dighton for their third speech meet in eleven days. Oberlin finished fourth out of 16 schools. Placing first through third were Quinter, Ellinwood, and Hoisington.

Eighteen events competed in the tournament, but only three made it into finals. Jacinta Carter placed sixth in prose interpretation and qualified for the state festival. Gabe Moore finished sixth in informative speaking, and Rory Wendelin, seventh in humorous solo acting.

Other team members included Andy Dempewolf, extemporaneous speaking; Alyssa Rippe, original oration; Karyn Jordan, Destry Jack-

son, and Katrina Wentz in serious solo acting; Ethan Merrill in humorous solo acting; Nikki Wessel and Rebecca Helm, Makenzie Nelson and Annamarie Larue, and Jay Wessel and Haley Barrett in duet acting; Jordan Tally and Jay Wessel in improvised duet acting; Kellen Doeden, Destry Jackson, and Haley Barrett in poetry interpretation; and Gabe Moore and Katrina Wentz in prose interpretation.

Leigh Davis, speech team coach said, "Overall, it was a disappointing day as we only had three finalists, and they didn't fare well in finals. In team scores, however, we were able to stay in fourth place, beating Ellis."

The next tournament is in Ellis.

Decatur County Community Calendar

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

Call 785-475-3441

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>THE OBERLIN HERALD NOW IN OUR 128th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>			<p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; OBA, noon, LandMark Inn; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age Center, 11-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.; AA Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Compassionate butterflies, Medical Arts Bldg., 7 p.m.; Sub-State Basketball; Gifted Seminar, Gr. 2-5</p>	<p>Sub-State Basketball</p> <p>Junior High Band/Vocal Concert 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Hour and Ribbon cutting, Nex-Tech/Ulimate Fertilizer, 9-11 a.m.</p> <p>Sub-State Basketball</p>	<p>Sub-State Basketball 4</p> <p>High School Speech at Ellis</p> <p>1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Norcatat Rebekahs, Lions, Medical Arts Bldg., Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.; Freshman Orientation, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, noon, Gateway; Masons, 6:30 p.m.; State Basketball; Junior High Scholar Bowl, home, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; DPW, Gateway, Noon; Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; Norcatat Royal Neighbors; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Students Late Start Day, 10 a.m.; State Basketball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chamber Board, noon, Chamber office, SOS, Oberlin Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.; Eastern Star Chicken & Noodle benefit; State Basketball; Junior High Scholar Bowl at Wheatland, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age Center, 4 p.m.; State Basketball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Night, Gateway, 6 p.m. FREE</p> <p>State Basketball</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Attend the Church of your Choice</p> <p>Antique Engine Club, Sappa Manor, potluck, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Arts & Humanities Rendezvous and Oberlin Area Concert Band, Gateway, 2 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle Decatur Health Systems; Dr. McGowan, cardiology, Decatur Health Systems Rotary, Gateway, noon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CVB, LandMark Inn, noon; High School Speech NWKL at Quinter, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>All School Play 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Home and Garden Show, Gateway, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free admission</p> <p>All School Play, 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Home & Garden Show, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Admission</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dr. McDonald, cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Norcatat Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.; Decatur Health Systems Board meeting, 7 p.m.; NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK 20TH - 24TH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gateway, Noon</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems</p> <p>AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Medical Arts Bldg.; Pre-Contest Recital, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; American Legion meeting; Rotary, The Gateway, Noon; Junior High NWKL Scholar Bowl, Atwood, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; \$3 Bag Day, Bargain Box Plus</p>	<p>30</p> <p>High School NWKL Speech, at Quinter, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>High School Track at Quinter, 3 p.m.</p>	