

Oberlin shows top art

By LAKIN LAHE

Senior Nicole Walters won Best of Show for a colored pencil drawing at the Northwest Kansas League art show held in Atwood last week.

Fifth-grader Konner Fortin won Best of Show at the elementary level.

Eight schools in the area brought lots of artwork to display for a chance to win a blue ribbon or a Best of Show ribbon. A total of 15 blue ribbons and one Best of Show ribbon are awarded to each school.

Oberlin winners in the high school division included Lakin Lahe, four blue ribbons – sculpture, two mixed media, and colored pencil artwork; Nicole, two blue ribbons – acrylic painting and mixed media, in addition to Best of Show; and Chyanne Lahe, two blue ribbons – pencil and clay categories.

Also winning blue ribbons were Jennifer Ploussard, mixed media; Kierstyn Johnson, pastel; Kane Ware, computer art; Sarah Murray, pencil; Desiree Vilar, acrylic painting; Ashley Huntley, pencil; and Farra McChesney, sketch board.

Nine blue ribbons were awarded to elementary students: Emma Green, Dakota Tate, Ashley Witt, Troy Juenemann, Haley Schiessler, Jordyn Wasson, Aspen Gallentine, Dayton Kempt and Daisy Rhein. Konner Fortin won the Best of Show.

Six junior high students also won blue ribbons: Matthew Wittman, Greg Shaw, Nolan Henningson, Graeger Grafel, Darian Bose, and Megan Wentz.

The Oberlin art teacher is Terri Woolsey.



SENIOR KATRINA WENTZ modeled a gown from years past Thursday during this year's Prom Review, sponsored by the Kayettes. — Dictator photo

Senior Kayettes show off vintage prom clothing

By MARCIMETCALF

The Kayette Prom Review held Thursday took a different twist with vintage dresses from The Vault.

Flowers by Lee and Prairie Petals donated flowers for the show.

Two Sisters Jewelry brought necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings.

Seniors modeled dresses from The Vault and ones they wore as

juniors. After the show door prizes from Shear Creations West, Sinclair, A&W, Shelli Fortin and the Hair Gallery were given out.

"The Prom Review was a lot of fun," said Kayette member Lakin Lahe. "Even though we didn't have new dresses to wear, the vintage dresses made it a lot of fun."

Linda Glaze is the Kayette sponsor.

College honors seniors

By KIM WESSEL

Many of the brightest seniors in the area gathered at the Gateway on April 4 to be honored by the University of Kansas. Each year University of Kansas Alumni hosts a special ceremony to honor the top 10 percent in each senior class.

This year, the top 10 percent of Oberlin's Class of 2007 consists of Karli Fredrickson, Andy Gilliam, Aaron Helm, Nolan May, Kurt Olson and Kim Wessel.

Fifteen schools from Northwest Kansas were represented. Thirty-nine out of 53 students were able to attend. Each student received a dictionary and a CD-ROM encyclopedia.

"It was great to be surrounded by the finest students from the area," said Andy Gilliam.

The honor shows what hard work in high school can result in," said Kurt Olson.

Rhonda May served as the master of ceremonies. Dr. Stuart Bell, dean of the school of engineering, University of Kansas, spoke about what each student can do for the future.

"Harness the potential as you move forward," Dr. Bell said. "You have control, make the most of it."

"I liked Dr. Bell's speech about life in the future," said Nolan May. "It is a great honor to be among the best in northwest Kansas and DCHS."

Sarah Blaney, Kansas Honors programs coordinator from the KU Alumni Association, presented the awards.

"Each one is the best and the brightest men and women Kansas has to offer," she said.

"I thought it was neat to honor the students who have put hard work in for four years," said Karli Fredrickson. "This honor means to me that I have worked hard to keep good grades in hard classes."

Aaron Helm said, "The KU Honors banquet was really great. It is awesome to be a member of such an elite group."

The KU alumni volunteers are Mike and Brenda Day, Jeff and Nona Mason, Wade Park, Charles and Connie Peckham, Sharon Steele, and Kurt Vollertsen.

The Oberlin honor students would like to thank all the contributors from this area who helped make the honor possible: Sharon and Rusty Addleman, Peggy Hamm Eland, Ken Eland, Kay Crumly Gaskill, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, David E. and Janet S. Leopold, Phyllis Lohofener, Jean Martin, Dr. Richard and Delayne May, Rhonda May, Elwood E. May, David and Marty Olson, John and Brenda Olson, Dr. Elizabeth Sliter, and Kurt and Rebecca Vollertsen.

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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Singers, musicians try for state meet

By MARCIMETCALF

Students performed at regional Music Festival on March 31 for the chance to qualify for state. All those who earned I ratings will perform at state later in the month.

Earning I ratings on their vocal solos were Ashley Horton, Annamarie Larue, Jenny Hirsch, Andy Leitner, Riley Cochran, Rory Wendelin, Kenzie Fisher, Tricia Dorshorst, Ethan Merrill, Katrina Wentz, Jacinta Carter, Jaxen Alstrom, Jordan Tally, Tricia Dorshorst, Lacie Alstrom, Makenzie Nelson and Karli Fredrickson.

Receiving Is on their instrumental solos were Chris Larson, clarinet; Jenny Hirsch, saxophone; and Rebecca Helm, Katrina Wentz, Alyssa Rippe, and Marci Metcalf, flute.

Vocal solos given II ratings were Erin Russ, Farra McChesney, Jessica Bremer and Amber Mason.

Instrumental solos which received IIs included Aaron Helm and Jessica Bremer, clarinet; Kenzie Carman and Chenny Langness, trumpet; and Jaxen Alstrom, bass horn.

Lakin Brown, clarinet solo, received a III.

Instrumental ensembles earning a I were the brass quintet of Jenny Hirsch, Jaxen Alstrom, Katrina Wentz, Amber Mason and Chenny Langness; the clarinet quartet of Chris Larson, Ashley Horton, Aaron Helm and Jessica Bremer; the flute trio of Marci Metcalf, Alyssa Rippe and Rebecca Helm; and the saxophone sextet of Tricia Dorshorst, Jenny Hirsch, Andy Leitner, Daniel Jordan, Makenzie Nelson and Jacinta Carter.

Vocal ensembles earning I ratings were the women's quartet of Jenny Hirsch, Tricia Dorshorst, Kenzie Fisher and Rory Wendelin; the

men's quartet of Jordan Tally, Andy Leitner, Bronson Scott and Riley Cochran; Chanté; the DCHS Singers; and the women's ensemble.

Chanté's members are Jacinta Carter, Erin Russ, Jessica Bremer, Sarah Fringer, Makenzie Nelson, Kira Meitl, Mary Olson, Emma Merrill, Macy Rouse, Sarah Russ, Stephanie Stone, Haley Barrett and Ashley Horton.

The DCHS Singers include Tricia Dorshorst, Karli Fredrickson, Kenzie Fisher, Jordan Tally, Annamarie Larue, Amber Mason, Riley Cochran, Andy Leitner, Jenny Ploussard, Kurt Olson, Katrina Wentz, Bronson Scott, Garrit Peters, Jenny Hirsch, Rory Wendelin and Ethan Merrill.

The women's ensemble includes Emma Merrill, Sarah Russ, Macy Rouse, Lacie Alstrom, Kierstyn Johnson, Haley Barrett, Jacinta Carter, Sarah Fringer, Annamarie Larue, Makenzie Nelson, Jessica Bremer, Ashley Brown, Mackenzie Carmen, Farra McChesney, Stephanie Stone, Tamara Ketterl, Katrina Wentz, Kortnie Fisher, Andrea Hitt, Adrienne Pauls, Stephanie Bruggeman and Chantelle Beneda.

The mixed ensemble of Chenny Langness, Kira Meitl, Jenny Ploussard, Marci Metcalf, Amber Mason, Karli Fredrickson, Danielle Vilar, Ali Samson, Amie Ritter, Ashley Horton, Lauren Fortin, Jessica Fredrickson, Alex Ortiz, Mary Olson, Nolan Wasson, Cameron Nedland, Josiah Russ, Nolan May, Jared Marcuson, Jaxen Alstrom, Daniel Jordan, Heather Williams and Ethan Merrill received a II.

The vocal director is Susan Nelson, and the instrumental director is Christie Morris. State Music Festival will be held Saturday, April 28, in Southeast of Saline High School, between Gypsum and Assaria.

School Menus

April 16-20

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: No breakfast. Lunch: chicken sandwich, French fries.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Tater tot casserole.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: Polish sausage, sauerkraut. **Thursday:** Breakfast: muffin, breakfast combo. Lunch: poor man's steak, mashed potatoes.

Friday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: burrito, corn. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

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One of the diagnostic tests was for sleep apnea, a condition in which air passages become blocked causing breathing to stop repeatedly during sleep and impacting the amount of oxygen and rest the body receives. Wentz learned that the lack of proper rest can affect the heart and – in the ensuing testing process – discovered serious cardiac problems.

"I had blockage in four arteries and so that lead to quadruple bypass surgery."

Preparation for his surgery was thorough and informative.

"I had never been through surgery, except when I was a young kid."

Wentz reviewed a videotape that walked him through the procedure.

"Knowing exactly what's going to happen, what all the procedures are, what the rehab is, everything you are going to be going through, then there's no surprises. You know what's coming."

In discussing options with his doctor and cardiac specialist, he was given the option of going elsewhere for his surgery but wouldn't even consider it.

"This is my home. I am proud that we have a quality regional hospital here and I want my surgery done here," he told them.

"During my surgery, the information beforehand, the procedures, the rehab afterwards, was excellent. Hays Medical Center gives excellent, excellent care."



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