

# Thirty soloists and ensembles go to State Music Festival

**By HEATHER WILLIAMS**  
State Music Festival was on April 28 in Salina. In order to make it to the state level, a soloist or ensemble had to earn a I rating at the Regional Music Contest.

Thirty soloists and ensembles from Oberlin qualified for state resulting in 11 superior (I), 16 excellent (II), and 3 good ratings (III).

Vocal soloists who received I ratings were Jaxen Alstrom, Ashley Horton, Rory Wendelin and Jenny Hirsch.

Receiving a II were Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, Andy Leitner, Riley Cochran, Jacinta Carter, Makenzie Nelson, Anna Larue, Kenzie Fisher, Karli Fredrickson and Katrina Wentz.

The DCHS Singers and the women's quartet (Rory Wendelin, Tricia Dorshorst, Kenzie Fisher, and Jenny Hirsch) received a I. The DCHS Singers include Rory, Tricia, Kenzie, Jenny, 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,

Ethan Merrill.

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

Instrumental soloists who earned a I were Rebecca Helm, flute; Chris Larson, clarinet; and Jenny Hirsch,

saxophone. Earning II ratings were flautists Marci Metcalf, Alyssa Rippe and Katrina Wentz.

Also earning I ratings were the flute trio (Rebecca, Marci, and Alyssa) and the clarinet quartet (Aaron Helm, Chris Larson, Ashley Horton, and Jessica Bremer).

Instrumentalist ensembles receiving a II were the brass quintet and the saxophone sextet. Playing in the quintet were Jenny Hirsch, Jaxen Alstrom, Katrina Wentz, Amber Mason, and Chenny Langness. Tricia Dorshorst, Jenny Hirsch, Andy Leitner, Daniel Jordan, Makenzie Nelson, and Jacinta Carter

make up the saxophone sextet.

Susan Nelson is the vocal director, and Christie Morris is the instrumental director.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Science Club show Thursday

**By AMIE RITTER**

The Decatur Community High School Science Club would like to invite everyone to the fourth annual Science Show at the high school.

The show will be held on May 10 in the high school auditorium begin-

ning at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.

"It will be another fantastic and fun evening. You won't want to miss it," said Science Club sponsor

and chemistry teacher Mark Brickner. "In keeping with tradition, there will be a Top 10."

## Seat belts save lives

**By LAKIN LAHE**

State Trooper Allan Lytton from Hays was invited to Decatur Community High School to give a presentation on the importance of wearing a seatbelt. Kayette President Marci Metcalf had listened to Trooper Lytton at Kayette camp and arranged for him to give the same presentation for the entire Oberlin student body.

Trooper Lytton showed a graphic video that included pictures of actual wrecks and interviews with wreck survivors and parents of passengers in fatal car accidents. He stressed that seatbelts have saved many lives, and that soon the seatbelt law will be enforced. Anyone 17 and under will be forced to wear a seatbelt, and can be pulled over with no previous offense.

Becky Helm commented on the presentation, "I thought it was very inspirational, and I will definitely wear my seatbelt from now on!"

Students seemed to be very attentive throughout the presentation, which was very real and even harsh. With an audience of this age group, presentations like this are very easy to relate to.

"It was very eye-opening," said senior Heather Williams. "I was just in awe. I couldn't believe these things happen everyday."

"Something as simple as clicking my seatbelt saved my life this past summer," said English teacher Brenda Breth. "I could have been in Trooper Lytton's video if it weren't for my seatbelt. I can't stress enough for everyone to buckle up."

## Next year's cheerleaders chosen

**2007 CHEERLEADERS NAMED**

**By AMIE RITTER**

Next year's cheerleaders have been selected. The fall cheerleaders will be Shelby Jeffrey, Danyel Jeffrey, Amie Ritter, Tamara Ketterl, Emma Merrill and Kira Meitl.

The winter cheerleaders will be Shelby Jeffrey, Danyel Jeffrey, Amie Ritter, Tamara Ketterl, Kira Meitl, Sara Kyte, Sydney Grafel, and Elleigh Walker.

The girls are coached by Tiffani Farr and Brenda Ploussard.

## School Menus

May 14-18

**OBERLIN SCHOOLS**

**Monday:** Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: chicken strips, au gratin potatoes. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Bites. Lunch: sloppy joe sandwich, baked beans. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll. **Thursday:** Breakfast: cherry or apple turnover. Lunch: cook's choice. **Friday:** cook's choice. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals.

Choice bar served with all lunches.

All menus subject to change.

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