

Play cast named "The Brothers' Grimm Spectaculathon"

By LEANNA SHEAFFER
The cast for the Decatur Community High School play has been announced.

The Drama Club will be presenting, "The Brothers' Grimm Spectaculathon," on March 14 and 15.

"The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride," said Director Leigh Davis.

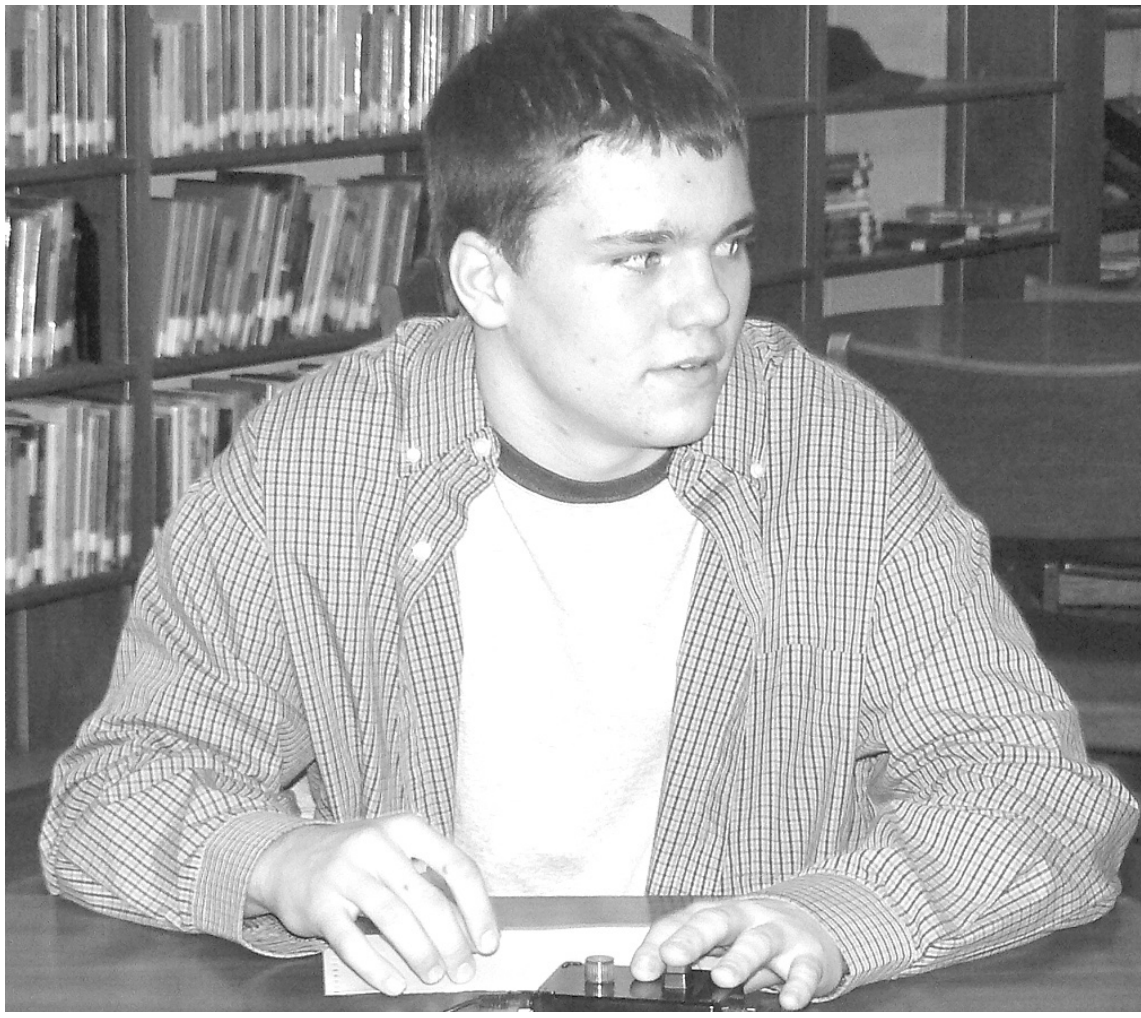
Two narrators, Becky Helm and Rory Wendelin, and the actors attempt to combine all Grimm 209 stories ranging from classics like "Snow White," "Cinderella" and "Hansel and Gretel" to more bizarre, obscure stories like "The Devil's Grandmother" and "The Girl Without Hands."

The play is a comedy with lots of audience participation and fun, Miss Davis said. The cast includes more than 25 actors playing 44 characters.

In addition to the narrators, the cast includes Melissa Hasty as Actor Page 57, Dirt Merchant, Girl Without Hands, and Crab Person, Alyssa Montgomery as a Girl; Ethan Merrill as Ruplestiltskin and Dwarf 2; Jacinta Carter as Enchantress and Witch 2, and Jaxen Alstrom as The Devil, Father, Crab Person 1, Giant (off stage voice), God (off stage voice);

Hunter Nedland will be Prince 1 and The Devil's Grandmother; Amber Mason as Rapunzel; Tim Larson as Prince 2; Jay Wessel as Hansel; Makenzie Nelson as Gretel and Prince 3; Emma Merrill as Witch; Ashley Horton as Mother and Snow White; Kassia Bryan as Fishergirl, The Devil 2, and Grandma; Daniel Jordan as Talking Fish and The Wolf;

Jenny Ploussard will be the Host; Jared Marcuson as Frog Prince and Walt Frog Prince; Jacob Helm as Elf Cobbler; Haley Barrett as Princess; Chris Larson as King; Chenny Langness as Dwarf 1 and Doctor; Nikki Wessel as Little Red; Jacob Larue as the Woodcutter; Anna Larue as Cinderella; and Joe Hirsch as Actor in Cinderella Story.



JUNIOR NATHAN SIMONSSON concentrated during the Class 2A Regional Scholar Bowl competition. Oberlin finished in second place and qualified for state. / Dictator Dictator photo

Scholar Bowl team qualifies for State competition

By DANYEL JEFFREY
Coming down to the final match, the Oberlin scholar bowl team needed a win against Rawlins County to qualify for the state tournament.

Decatur Community High won the match 40-30 and placed second in the Class 2A Regional Scholar Bowl held in Oberlin on January 31.

Winning the regionals was the team from Clifton-Clyde. Frankfort also qualified for state by placing third.

Competing for Oberlin were seniors Jessica Bremer, Rebecca

Helm, Andy Dempewolf and Gage Reichert and juniors Chris Larson and Nathan Simonsson.

Oberlin won its pool by finishing 5-1. The team defeated Stockton 60-30, Valley Heights 80-10, Wa-Keeney 40-20, Smith Center 60-20, and Osborne 50-15. The only loss was to Frankfort 60-20.

The top three teams from each pool advanced to the championship, a round-robin tournament. Advancing from Pool A were Clifton-Clyde, Rawlins County and Ellis. From Pool B were Frankfort, Oberlin and Stockton.

Oberlin avenged its earlier loss to Frankfort with a 50-40 victory.

Both Frankfort and Oberlin ended up the championship round with three wins and two losses, but because Oberlin beat Frankfort in the championship round, Oberlin earned the second-place trophy.

Oberlin also defeated Stockton, 70-10, and Rawlins County, but lost to Clifton-Clyde and Ellis.

The state scholar bowl is Saturday in Brookville. The Oberlin team is coached by Marlene Moxter.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Band students participate in clinic

By KENZIE FISHER
Band students from across the state enjoyed a good time at the Kansas State University band clinic January 25-27.

Students from Decatur Community High School chosen to participate were Alyssa Rippe, Nakita Bose, Laysha Medina, Chris Larson, Jasmine Pearson, Lakin Brown, Makenzie Nelson, Jacinta Carter, Joe Hirsch, Amber Mason, Jaxen Alstrom, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, Tim Larson and Kyle Huntley.

The students started rehearsing Friday night and continued through-

out the weekend until a concert on Sunday. While the students were rehearsing, the directors were attending sessions of their own.

The students also participated in master classes, where they were divided into sections according to instruments.

"In our sessions, we learned how to play the tambourine and cymbals correctly, as well as other things," said Kyle Huntley, percussionist.

"It was a lot of fun," said Alyssa Rippe. "But, it was very difficult music."

The students are directed by Sarah Bricker.

We want your cents

By ANDY DEMPEWOLF
The journalism staff working to raise enough money for this year's yearbook. The group has come up with a penny war.

If you've walked into the school lately, you couldn't miss the six Culligan water jugs sitting on a table—right underneath the security camera. Inside the jugs, one for each class, are hundreds and hundreds of pennies, other change and a few dollars.

The classes are competing to see who can dump the most pennies in their jug. Pennies count toward the class totals, but paper money and

other change counts against the class totals.

Students, who want another class to lose, add those to another class's jar.

During fifth hour, the journalism class empties the jugs and counts the money to see who is ahead. The seniors are ahead now with \$19.66. The freshmen are losing with a negative 10 cents.

The penny war will continue through Friday, Feb. 8. The class with the highest total will get to keep half. All other proceeds go to the yearbook fund.

School Menus

February 11-15 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: No school (teacher workday). **Tuesday:** Breakfast: yogurt, muffin. Lunch: ham and cheese sandwich, chips, carrots, fruit (Oberlin Elementary - sack

lunches). **Wednesday:** Breakfast: pancake, ham. Lunch: burritos, corn, kiwi. **Thursday:** Breakfast: apple or cherry turnover. Lunch: pretty pizza, jealous Jello, cuddly cauliflower, beautiful broccoli, adorable apples. **Friday:** Break-

fast: French toast sticks. Lunch: spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, kiwi. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

* Tour of Arab country shows contrasts

(Continued from Page 1B) workers in restaurants and other businesses, mostly Muslims, live as families with both man and wife working.

There has been unrest among the thousands of mostly young, single men recruited from Pakistan, India and other Muslim nations, who do construction and labor jobs. The government has cracked down on prostitution, drugs and unscrupulous contractors, but problems remain.

These men are not exactly poor by their home standards, but their life as temporary residents is not plush.

As these crews move on to another project, a new world fills the hotels and skyscrapers they leave behind. The world's tallest building is under construction in Dubai, replacing the Taipei 101 in China — for a short time, anyway.

The hotels, oh the hotels. They range from adequate tourist places

with beaches and business centers, to the truly grand, each new hotel more opulent than the last.

On the beach at Dubai, the Burj al Arab rises like the sail of an Arab dhow from a manmade island. Suites — there are no "rooms" — start at \$2,000 a night and if you have to ask, you don't need to know about the \$38,000 units on the upper floors.

Tours are \$25, though as guests of the government we do not have to pay, and no, we can't see one of the suites because they are all full. Every night. A couple from New York, hearing our plight, invites us to see their two-story home for the week. It's easy to see why this, the world's tallest hotel, and the most expensive, it billed as the only seven-star hotel in the world.

Below the hotel, a theme-park submarine takes guests to the sea food restaurant, while on the 42nd floor, another restaurant offers sweeping vistas of the beach. The

view would be truly spectacular if it weren't for the constant haze, a mixture of dust, humidity, pollution and heat that persists along the shore. Five miles inland, they say, it's dry as dry could be, but near the sea, the humidity is overpowering.

The opulence, even excess, of development exists alongside history and tradition. Some Arabs still live a tribal life in the desert — our

guide says his father refuses to move to town — and a few camps about the new international airport. Goats wander in the yards.

Developed blocks give way to the raw sand and concrete of construction, building everywhere, bringing yet more opulence and yet more guest workers. It's astounding, really, an experience unequalled anywhere.

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The DCHS, Alumni Banquet will be held in Oberlin, Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$14.00 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class	Year to be seated with
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