



**THE DCHS SINGERS** performed earlier this month. The group will be giving two shows during the State Wrestling

Tournament in Hays this weekend.  
—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

**Decatur Dictator**  
By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Senior Feature

**By ASHLEY HUNTLEY**  
Kassia Bryan is the daughter of Ron Bryan. She has attended school in Oberlin 12 years. She says her favorite part of high school was "all the support I had from teachers and kids when I had Emily" (her daughter). Her favorite teacher from grade school is Jim Buchholz, and her favorite high school teacher is Matt Micek. Her favorite classes are balancing work and family along with tutor class. Her favorite high school ac-

tivity right now is forensics. What she is going to miss most about school is the "pointless high school drama." Kassia is involved in Drama Club, forensics, Scholar Bowl, FFA and music. She plans to go to the University of Kansas and major in elementary education. However, when she was a little girl she wanted to be a veterinarian. Her advice for underclassmen is, "Don't believe everything you hear."

## Singing their way to State Wrestling

**By JENNY PLOUSSARD**  
The DCHS Singers are preparing to perform at this year's state wrestling tournament, to be held this weekend in Hays.

Director Susan Nelson sent Rick Bowden of the Kansas State High School Activities Association a letter requesting that the Singers perform at state. A couple of weeks later she received an invitation for the group to perform there. The Singers will perform twice, once during the day and again before finals.

"We usually sing for local events, so it's nice to get the opportunity to perform for a state-recognized event," said Mrs. Nelson.

## Oberlin takes second in Norton

**By CHERISH MANNING**  
Oberlin took second at the Norton Invitational speech tournament on Feb. 9. Six Oberlin speech students qualified for the state meet. They are:  
• Ethan Merrill, first in prose interpretation.  
• Ashley Horton, second in both prose interpretation and poetry interpretation.  
• Makenzie Nelson, second in informative speaking.

• Amber Mason and Tim Larson, second in duet acting.  
• Jacinta Carter, second in humorous solo acting.  
Ethan and Ashley were the top scorers at the Norton speech competition, Ashley with 45, and Ethan with 42. "The team did an outstanding job," said Coach Leigh Davis. "The freshman novices competed like experts."

## Junior High students do well at concert

**By KENZIE FISHER**  
The Decatur Community Junior High band and vocal students earned three advanced performance ratings, 42 Is, and a pair of IIs at the Junior High Music Festival held Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Colby. The students have been working on their pieces for months. Earning advanced performance ratings were Nolan Henningson, piano; Miki Dorshorst, vocal solo; and the brass ensemble made up of Nolan May, Matt Glading, Matt Helm, Samantha Anderson, Elizabeth Nedland, Ryan May, and Miki Dorshorst.

trombone; Miki Dorshorst, Serena Stacy, Nolan Henningson and Zach May, trumpet; Amanda Marshall, flute; Samantha Anderson and Elizabeth Nedland, French horn; Matt Glading, baritone; Darbi Rouse, oboe; and Channing Farr, percussion. Cassidy Shields received a II on her trumpet solo. Piano soloists earning a I rating were Elizabeth Nedland, Zach May, Darbi Rouse, Samantha Anderson and Miki Dorshorst. Ensembles also had a good day. Receiving I ratings were:  
• The seventh-grade girls A ensemble of Samantha Wrinkles, Keatra Fisher, Taylor Macfee, Kaylee May, Nichole Russ and Elizabeth Nedland.  
• The seventh-grade girls B ensemble of Cassidy Shields, Darbi Rouse, Miki Dorshorst and Mika Hackney.  
• The eighth-grade girls ensemble of Samantha Anderson, Serena Stacy, Kiah Blau, Brianna Klima, Brooklyn O'Hare, Megan Wentz,

Amanda Marshall and Megan Huntley.  
• The seventh- and eighth-grade boys ensemble of Tyler Bruggeman, Zach May, Brady Fortin, Channing Farr, Kade Brown, Greg Shaw, Jesus Hernandez, Nolan Henningson and Tyler Shields.  
• The eighth-grade trumpet trio of Kiah Blau, Serena Stacy and Nolan Henningson.  
• The seventh-grade trumpet quartet of Zach May, Miki Dorshorst, Cassidy Shields, and Nichole Russ.

• The woodwind ensemble of Megan Wentz, Michelle Russ, Amanda Marshall, Darbi Rouse and Brianna Klima.  
• The junior high band and junior high choir.  
The percussion ensemble of Channing Farr, Kade Brown and Shay McChesney earned a II. Sarah Bricker is the instrumental director and Susan Nelson is the vocal director.

## School Menus

**February 25-29 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit. Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: waffle, sausage patty. Lunch: popcorn chicken, tater tots, green beans, strawberries. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast combo,

muffin. Lunch: hamburger, potato salad. **Thursday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll. **Friday:** No school (parent-teacher conferences). Milk served with all meals. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches.

## Speakers take fourth at Dighton tournament

**By FARRA MCCHESENEY**  
The sun rose extra early last Wednesday morning as the Decatur Community High School forensics team headed for Dighton. Despite delays the tournament got started about 9:15 a.m. and Oberlin finished the day with a fourth-place finish in a field of 23 teams. Five Oberlin students placed in

four events. Jacinta Carter and Chenny Langness placed third in duet acting and Farra McChesney placed third with her serious solo. Joe Hirsch placed fourth for his humorous solo, and Hunter Nedland placed sixth in extemporaneous speaking.

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