

Music students do great at State

By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN

State Music was Saturday, April 25 in Concordia. Both vocal and band did a fantastic job, earning 23 I's and ten II's.

Vocal Soloist receiving I's were Annamarie Larue, Jacinta Carter, Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, Serena Stacy, Daniel Jordan, Joe Hirsch, and Katie Glading.

Receiving II's were Kortnie Fisher, Jacob Larue, Ashley Horton, Mary Olson, Nolan Henningson, Jaxen Alstrom, and Rhiannon Davies.

All vocal ensembles received I's. This included Chanté, the Freshmen Girls Trio, the 4 J's, the Mixed En-

semble, and the DCHS Singers.

Chanté includes Serena Stacy, Emma Merrill, Tiffany Anderson, Emma Merrill, Amanda Marshall, Samantha Anderson, Kiah Blau, Katie Glading, Megan Wentz, Carrisa Wentz, and Erin Jones.

The freshmen girls Amanda Marshall, Samantha Anderson, and Serena Stacy comprise the girls' trio, and Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, and Jacob Larue make up the 4 J's.

The Mixed Ensemble includes Erin Jones, Carrisa Wentz, Katie Glading, Sara Kyte, Mary Olson, Jaxen Alstrom, Jay Wessel, Nolan Henningson, Hunter Nedland, Greg Shaw, Tim Larson, Emma Merrill,

Jordan McHugh, Rhiannon Davies, Kira Meitl, Daniel Jordan, and Miranda Shelton.

DCHS Singers are Anna Larue, Sara Kyte, Kira Meitl, Mary Olson, Jacinta Carter, Makenzie Nelson, Haley Barrett, Rhiannon Davies, Kortnie Fisher, Ashley Horton, Jordan Tally, Ethan Merrill, Daniel Jordan, Jaxen Alstrom, Jay Wessel, Jacob Larue, Hunter Nedland, and Joe Hirsch.

Instrumental Soloist receiving I's were Alyssa Rippe, Flute; Katie Glading, Trombone; Chris Larson, Clarinet; Jaxen Alstrom, Tuba; Amanda Marshall, Flute; and Samantha Anderson, French Horn.

Receiving II's were Jacob Helm,

Clarinet; and Joe Hirsch, Saxophone.


Flute Trio, Saxophone Quintet, and the Brass Ensemble received I's. The Clarinet Ensemble received a II.

The Flute Trio is Alyssa Rippe, Nakita Bose, and Amanda Marshall, and the Saxophone Quintet is Joe Hirsch, Tiffany Anderson, Jacinta Carter, Daniel Jordan, and Makenzie Nelson.

The brass ensemble includes Nolan Henningson, Darian Bose, Samantha Anderson, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, and Jaxen Alstrom.

The clarinet ensemble is Chris Larson, Jacob Helm, Lakin Brown, and Lacy Misk.

Voice of Decatur Community High School



Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Junior Senior Prom planned Saturday

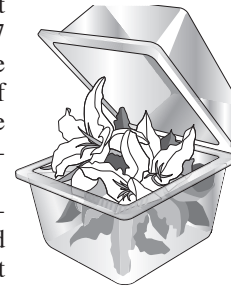
By TAMARA KETTERL
The Junior/Senior Prom is Saturday, May 9. The public can view the prom decorations at the Gateway from 6 to 7 p.m. This is also the time that parents can drop off their students' change of clothes for the post-prom party.

The banquet will then begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Gateway, followed by the dance until midnight.

At that time, the students will change into more comfortable clothes for the post-prom activities, which are being sponsored by Rotary.

The 2009 prom servers are Tiffany Anderson, Jordan Dreher, Jori Diederich, Sara Kyte, Sarah Campbell, Carissa Wentz, and Rhiannon Davis.

The boys are Nolan Peters, Josh Ritter, Jeb Fortin, Keithen Fortin, Jacob Larue, Jacob Helm, Dakota



The Florence Nightengale Experience

By ASHLI SAMSON

Junior Stephanie Bruggeman had always thought she wanted to be a nurse, but after experiencing a unique opportunity, she is sure she has found the career for her.

In early January, Stephanie applied for the Nightingale Experience sponsored by Fort Hays State University. She spent two days learning more about the nursing field and experiencing first hand what it is like to be a nurse. She visited the Department of Nursing at Fort Hays State and observed clinicals at the Hays Medical Center.

Stephanie also learned about all the different types of nurses there are and how they are greatly needed.

The Nightingale Experience began with a game, similar to the

"Amazing Race" television show. They were given clues that led them to destinations where they had to complete a medical-related task. This event took up almost the whole first day.

Stephanie said, "It was a really fun and interesting game. It gave us a chance to work with different learning devices used in the nursing program at Fort Hays State."

The next day, they attended clinicals at Hays Medical Center. This day was divided into four sessions. For two of the sessions, Stephanie and other future nurses were on the floor following actual nurses in different types of areas.

For the remaining two sessions, they went around to different booths set up and learned about that particular nurse.

"We all learned so much and experienced things we never would have dreamed of," Stephanie said.

The Decatur County Hospital

sponsored Stephanie, which is where she works as a nurse's aid. She is the daughter of Gary and Alvera Bruggeman.

Four seniors named KU honor students

By TAMARA KETTERL

Four seniors were honored at a banquet in Goodland on April 9. As the top 10 percent of their class, Chris Larson, Alyssa Rippe, Nathan Simonson and Jay Wessel have been designated as KU Honor Students.

Every year, Kansas University

Alumni honor top students throughout the state. All honorees receive a nice dictionary and are treated to a banquet along with their parents and principal.

Kurt Vollertsen, a Kansas University alum, helps organize the banquet each year for area seniors.

Oberlin Elementary track meet this Friday

By ELISHA JONES

Grade school students will be competing in a track meet during the school day on May 8.

Each student was allowed to choose three events to be in.

Events that Kindergarten through third grade were allowed to choose from were the 30 meter dash, sack race, softball throw, standing long jump, 50 meter dash, and the bean

bag relay.

The fourth through sixth graders were allowed to choose from the 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800 run, softball throw, long jump, and the 400-meter relay.

Come join the fun next Friday and watch the Oberlin Grade School Track and Field Day.

Senior Features

Jordan Tally
By DES SHIELDS

Jordan Tally is the son of Eugene and Tonya Tally. He has one brother Jeremy and a sister-in-law Jenny.

Jordan has been very involved during his four years of high school. He is in FFA, National Honor Society, Drama Club, TACT, Tech Club, and Science Club. He is also a member of the golf team, the DCHS Singers, and the 4 J's.

Jordan enjoys hunting, golfing, singing, and farming. When he isn't in school, he is usually working for his dad on the family farm. Jordan's favorite colors are John Deere Green and Case IH Red. He enjoys any movie with Adam Sandler.

After high school, Jordan plans to study Diversified Agriculture at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. In ten years he hopes to be living back in Kansas with his own farm and a couple of kids.

His favorite quote is "You don't always have to go to school to learn something."

His advice for underclassmen is "Don't get behind in your work." When asked what he is going to miss most about Decatur Community High School, he said, "I'm going to miss the closeness of teachers and students."

Sam Stapp
By CINDY MURRAY

Sam Stapp is the son of Dave and Patti Stapp. He has two sisters: Kaitlyn, 20, and Kortnie, 23.

After graduation, Sam plans to farm with his dad. His hobbies include working, farming, cattle, and sports. In ten years, he hopes to be successful and starting a family.

While in high school, Sam has been involved in football, basketball, track, D-Club, Weight Club, and Student Council.

His favorite movie is "Four Brothers," and the last book he read was "The Grapes of Wrath."

Sam said that he will miss his friends the most when he graduates.

His advice for the underclassmen is to "listen to your elders."

School Menus


May 11 - 15
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Cook's choice.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Cook's choice.
Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes.
Thursday: Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Cook's choice.
Friday: Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Cook's choice.

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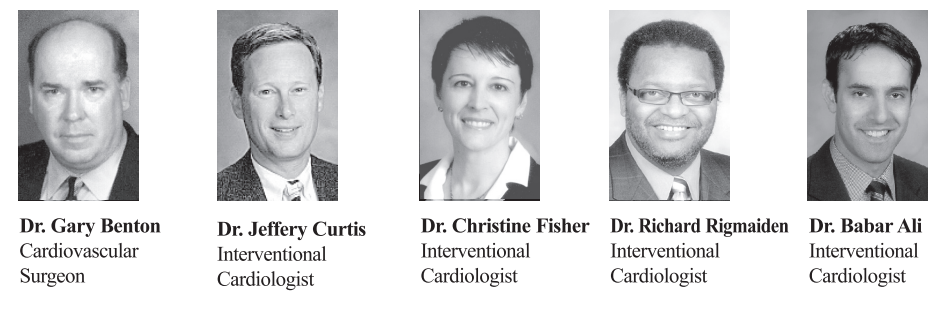
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