



# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## School earns top ratings in music

DCHS earned 33 I's and seven II's at the Regional Music Festival held in Oberlin on March 27. All solos and ensembles with the top rating are now eligible to perform at the State Music Festival on April 24.

Seventeen vocal soloists earned I's: Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Ashley Horton, Jacob Larue, Jaxen Alstrom, Tiffany Anderson, Rhianon Davies, Daniel Jordan, Amanda Marshall, Samantha Anderson, Zach May, Katie Glading, Miki Dorshorst, Mary Olson, Joe Hirsch, Cassidy Shields and Serena Stacy.

Earning I's on the their instrumental solos were Matt Glading, baritone; Jaxen Alstrom, tuba; Amanda Marshall, flute; Miki Dorshorst, trumpet; Katie Glading, trombone; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Samantha Anderson, french horn; Elizabeth Nedland, french horn; Joe Hirsch, saxophone; Jacob Helm, clarinet.

Vocal ensembles earning I's were the DCHS Singers, Men in Black, Girls Trio, and Mixed Ensemble. The Brass Ensemble and the Saxophone Trio also earned I's.

The Brass Ensemble includes Nolan Henningson, Darian Bose, Miki Dorshorst, Samantha Anderson, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, Matthew Helm, Matt Glading and Jaxen Alstrom.

Joe Hirsch, Tiffany Anderson and Daniel Jordan make up the Saxophone trio.

Receiving IIs were Girls Quartet, Woodwind Ensemble, Chanté, Elizabeth Nedland, Matthew Helm, Nolan Henningson and Hunter Nedland.

The Woodwind Ensemble consists of Amanda Marshall, Nakita Bose, Darbi Rouse, Jacob Helm, Lizzy Nedland and Jasmine Pearson.

## Students qualify for State

By ADRIENNE PAULS

The DCHS Speech Team won the Smith Center Speech Tournament on March 25. Thirteen schools participated.

Oberlin beat Norton by one point, and Sylvan Grove finished in third place.

Placing first and qualifying for the state tournament were Channing Fortin in prose, and Amanda Marshall and Nolan Henningson in duet acting.

Placing second and also qualifying for the state tournament were Daniel Jordan in poetry and Kiah Blau and Joe Hirsch in improvised duet acting.

Matt Glading also qualified for state speech by finishing in third place in poetry. Miki Dorshorst

is serious solo acting and Jacob Larue in informative speaking also placed third.

Jasmine Pearson finished in fourth place in original oration, and Sammy Meitl in informative speaking and Jaxen Alstrom in poetry finished in fifth place.

Placing sixth were Ashley Horton in prose and Cassidy Shields and Matthew Helm in improvised duet acting.

Contributing points to the team's first-place finish were Tiffany Anderson in prose, Nolan Henningson and Matthew Helm in humorous solo acting, and the duet acting teams of Miki Dorshorst and Cassidy Shields, and Tim Larson and Jasmine Pearson.

## Stuco elects officers

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON

The 2010-2011 Student Council officers were announced last week. Jacob Helm will be president, Serena Stacy will be vice president, Jacob Larue will be secretary, and Joe Hirsch will be treasurer.

A total of six students applied for Stuco office, the four elected and freshmen Matthew Helm and Tyler Bruggeman.

The six candidates gave their campaign speeches last Friday to the eighth graders, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Most of the candidates touched on improving school spirit and school lunches. Some even talked about giving more respect for each other.

Tyler Bruggeman and Matthew Helm will be the "at-large members" for the Student Council next school year.

## Art show planned April 7-9

Oakley High School is the host of the 2010 Northwest Kansas League Art Show.

Artwork from the NWKL schools will be on display on Wednesday, April 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and then on Friday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. Parents, grandparents, students and teachers are invited to view the work of students in elementary, junior high and high school.

Ribbons and the "Best of Show" medal will be awarded to each school.



## We are the Champions



JOE HIRSCH AND MIKI DORSHORST react after being named the duet acting champions at the Rawlins County Speech Tournament. — Photo by Anita Hirsch

## Team wins top honors at tourney

By ADRIENNE PAULS

Joe Hirsch qualified two events for state at the Rawlins County Speech Tournament. He placed second in poetry interpretation, and he and his partner Miki Dorshorst placed first in improvised duet acting.

Hunter Nedland also placed first in extemporaneous speaking and

has qualified for state speech.

Miki and her partner Cassidy Shields placed third in duet acting. Jacob Helm finished in fourth place in extemporaneous speaking, and Daniel Jordan finished sixth in poetry.

As a team, Oberlin came in second place. Quinter won the tournament, and Colby came in third.

## Three take first at league meet

By ASHLI SAMSON

Daniel Jordan, Ashley Horton and Joe Hirsch are Northwest Kansas League Speech Champions.

Daniel placed first in poetry and Ashley placed first in prose at the 2010 NWKL Speech Tournament held last week in Oakley. Ashley and Joe Hirsch also placed first in duet acting.

Placing second were Jacob Helm in extemporaneous speaking, and Nolan Henningson and Amanda

Marshall in duet acting. These six students are now qualified for the state speech tournament, which will be held in May.

Quinter won the tournament, followed by Colby. Oberlin placed third overall as a team.

Miki Dorshorst was fourth in serious solo acting. Placing fifth were Matt Glading in poetry, and Nolan Henningson in humorous solo acting.

Jaxen Alstrom in poetry, Amanda

Marshall in prose, and Hunter Nedland in extemporaneous speaking all placed sixth.

Others competing at the league tournament were Matt Glading in prose, Jacob Larue and Sammy Meitl in informative; Jasmine Pearson and Hunter Nedland in original oration; and the improvised duet acting teams of Miki Dorshorst and Joe Hirsch, Matthew Helm and Cassidy Shields, and Kiah Blau and Sarah Campbell.

## Speech team wins Hays invitational

By ADRIENNE PAULS

Miki Dorshorst, Amanda Marshall, Nolan Henningson, Ashley Horton, Joe Hirsch and Elizabeth Nedland had a good day at the Hays Invitational Speech Tournament with each placing in two events.

Miki placed first in serious solo acting, and she and her partner Joe Hirsch placed first in improvised duet acting. Joe and Ashley also

placed second in duet acting, and Ashley placed third in prose.

Nolan won the prose category, with Amanda on his heels in second place. Together Nolan and Amanda took third in duet acting.

Elizabeth Nedland took sixth place in both poetry and extemporaneous speaking. Her brother Hunter was fifth in original oration.

Contributing to the team total and

helping win the first-place trophy were Ryan May and Kiah Blau in poetry, Tim Larson in original oration, Sarah Campbell and Rhianon Davies in duet acting, Tim Larson and Megan Huntley, Hunter Nedland and Rhianon Davies, and Sarah Campbell and Kiah Blau in improvised duet acting, and Nolan Henningson in humorous solo acting.

## Senior Features

### Adrienne Pauls

By JORDAN DREHER

Adrienne Dorian Pauls is the daughter of Rick and Dori Pauls. She is an eighteen-year old senior born on February 11, 1992. She has one sister, Emmie, and one brother, Zane. Her activities in school are volleyball, basketball, golf, D-club, Kayettes, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, and Scholar Bowl.

Adrienne's hobbies include hanging out with her friends, playing with her dog Jersey, listening to music, and watching movies. Her interests are editing and taking pictures because they make good memories.

Her favorite color is black, favorite books "Twilight Series," song "What a Shame" by Shinedown, quote "If I'd observe all the rules, I'd never have got anywhere," by Marilyn Monroe.

Adrienne plans to go to Fort Hays State University and play volleyball. She plans to major in accounting or business; she also loves graphic design. In ten years she sees herself at a great job that she loves.

What she will miss most about high school is the chances to make memories. She said, "I will miss all of my friends and the everyday chaos that happens." Her advice to the underclassmen is work hard now and take advantage of all the chances to make memories.

### Mary Olson

By JORI DIEDERICH

Mary Rachel Olson is the daughter of Mark and Barbara Olson. She is 18 years old and has two older siblings, Sarah and Kurt.

Mary's hobbies include sports, texting, reading and fishing. She

is interested in sports and technology. Mary keeps herself active with volleyball, basketball, track, golf, Kayettes, National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Scholar Bowl and D-Club.

Her favorite color is purple and her favorite books are "The Lightning Thief" series. Her favorite song is "Down" by Jay Sean featuring Lil Wayne, and her favorite quote is "Always give 110 percent."

She plans to attend K-State in the fall, and major in kinesiology. In ten years, Mary sees herself graduated from college with a master's degree and a good job, married, and starting a family.

Her advice to younger classmen is, "Don't wait until the last minute to do things; stay ahead and you will be less stressed."

Mary said that she will miss seeing all of her friends that she has grown up with her entire life.

## School Menus

April 12 - 16

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** No breakfast. Late start. Lunch: Sloppy Joe sandwich, french fries. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Bagel pizza. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: Ham and Cheese sandwich, oranges, chips. (OES sack lunch) **Thursday:** Breakfast: Western omelet, muffin. Lunch: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese. **Friday:** Breakfast: Waffle, ham patie. Lunch: Beefy nachos, pears.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the Specialty Clinic lobby for the first of a series of three Diabetes Education Workshops hosted by Merck, a national drug company.

Speaking will be Wini Schadel, a registered dietitian, who will be directing the group through a "diabetic road map" that provides important information in managing diabetes.

Brochures and other resources will be available at the meeting. Packets have been sent out to those who have attended these meetings in the past. The meeting is free, and the public is invited, but registration is required. Call toll free (877) 532-4545 to register if you plan to

attend.

The 2010 Decatur County Health Fair is scheduled for 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Golden Age Center downtown. This opportunity to obtain information about different health agencies and services in our community is put on by the Decatur County Health Department.

Children enjoyed hunting the Easter treats at the Cedar Living Center Easter-egg hunt on Tuesday. Residents enjoyed watching the event, from the preschoolers' opening bunny hop, to the diligent searching for elusive goodies, through the sharing of Easter baskets full of treats.

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## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On April 1, at Senior Citizens, Ralph Weis won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Pat Wessel got low and Shirley Emigh had the most Kings. Other members present include Jeanie Spesser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Matt Finnesy, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Bob Wessel, Ann Hazlitt, Carl Mumm and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: April 9 - Scotty Hunziker. April

10 - Joe and Carol Lobato. April 11 - Gary Emigh. April 12 - Wayne Brantley, Mike and Tammy Miller. April 13 - Bill Wessel. April 15 - Carl Mumm, Steve Shaw, Greg and Stephanie Ritter.

School Calendar: April 9 - 3 p.m. High School track at Hoxie. April 12 - 7 p.m. Junior High and High School Spring Program, Sophomore Ice Cream Social and Worker Auction. April 13 - 10 a.m. High School

track at Colby. April 15 - 9:30 a.m. Junior High track at Norton.

Community Clean-up day will be Saturday, May 1, with the backup date set for Saturday, May 8. We are urging everyone to pitch in and help clean before the upcoming holidays of Mothers day weekend, Graduation, Memorial weekend and the Tractor Show. For more information call 386-4108.

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