

Students do well at music

Oberlin junior high music students earned one Advanced Performance rating, 34 superior or I ratings, and 4 excellent or II ratings at the Junior High Music Festival held in Colby.

Both the Junior Band and the Junior Choir received I's.

Regent Erickson received the prestigious AP rating on his vocal solo. He also earned a I on his sax solo.

Other instrumentalists who received I's on their solos were Kade Grafel, saxophone; Morgan Jansonius, clarinet; Emily Larson, trumpet; Molly Jansonius, saxophone; Grade Randel, flute; and Alexandra Waterman, clarinet.

Vocal soloists with I ratings were Lizzy Hollars, Winter Polivka, Alexandra Waterman, Demi Murray, Ganon Henningson, Kaine Fredrickson, Kaitlynn Fisher, Molly Jansonius, Grace Randel, and Morgan Jansonius.

Pianists also performed at the music festival. Caitie Shields, Morgan Jansonius, Molly Jansonius, Kade Grafel, and Daniel Lerew all earned I's on their piano solos.

All instrumental and vocal ensembles also received I's. This included the Clarinet Trio, the Percussion Ensemble, the Woodwind Ensemble, the Saxophone Ensemble, the Brass Ensemble, the 7/8 Girls Ensemble, the 7th Grade Girls Ensemble, the 8th Grade Girls Ensemble, the 7th Grade Boys Ensemble, and the 8th Grade Boys Ensemble.

Meghan Davies received a II+ on her vocal solo. Also receiving a II+ on their instrumental solos were Rebecca Wentz, clarinet; Caitie Shields, percussion; and Ganon Henningson, percussion.

The junior high students are directed by Sarah Bricker, instrumental; and Susan Nelson, vocal.



SENIOR MEMBERS Brett Ashley makes up NHS inductee Cassidy Shields as a mime. —Photo by Rachelle Scott

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Speakers take second at Norton

By KEITHEN FORTIN
The Oberlin speech team had an overall great day at the Norton Speech Tournament, placing second overall.

Joe Hirsch qualified his humorous solo for the state meet by placing first. Joe has now qualified both his humorous solo and his serious solo.

Caleb Koerperich and Sammy Meitl also qualified for state speech. Caleb placed second in prose, and Sammy placed second in informa-

tive. Miki Dorshorst placed third in poetry, and Ryan May placed sixth. Miki Dorshorst also placed sixth in prose.

Channing Fortin and Cassidy Shields placed third in Duet Acting.

The team is coached by Deedre Frasier, head coach, and assistant coaches Tony Marshall and Doug Mason.

Seventh graders win scholar bowl

By LAYSHA MEDINA
The seventh grade scholar bowl team dominated at the Oberlin Invitational Scholar Bowl Tournament on Feb. 14. The team won all four rounds and won the tournament.

Oberlin won 80-20 over Quinter, 60-40 over Colby, 60-10 over Rawlins County, and 70-20 over Hoxie.

Competing for Oberlin were Keagen Blau, Kade Grafel, Jonathon Howland, Andrew Wade, and Meghan Davies.

The eighth grade team won two rounds and lost two rounds. They placed third overall.

The eighth graders lost to Quinter 70 to 40 but then beat Colby, 30-0. In round three, they faced Rawlins County and lost 45-20. The final round was a 30-20 win over Hoxie.

In the seventh grade division, Colby came in second, and Rawlins County, third.

Quinter won the eighth grade tournament, followed by Rawlins County in second.

Oberlin eighth graders competing were Austin Hendrickson, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Caitlin Shields, and Rebecca Wentz.

Other junior high scholars helped run the tournament: Kelly Brown, Daniel Lerew, Regent Erickson, Kaine Fredrickson, Ganon Henningson, and Garrett Scott. High school scholar bowl members Nolan Henningson and Laysha Medina helped coach the teams.

Marlene Moxter organized the meet and is the scholar bowl coach.

Ten new members inducted

By RACHELLE SCOTT

The National Honor Society inducted ten new members at the NHS Banquet on Feb. 14 at the Gateway.

The new inductees are Kade Brown, Miki Dorshorst, Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Brent Juemann, Ryan May, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Darbi Rouse, and Cassidy Shields.

As part of their initiation, the inductees had to paint their faces like mimes for the school day. Not only did they look like it, but they also had to act like mimes by not talking all day, looking extremely happy or sad, and acting as if there was a box around them in the lunch line.

That evening was the banquet at the Gateway for the new inductees, the members, and their parents. After dinner the candidates and their parents were introduced before going to the theater where they were entertained by the DCCHS Singers and guest speaker James Hollowell.

Mr. Hollowell was a vocational program coordinator for developmentally disabled adults in the Denver metro Area for 29 years. Mr. Hollowell spoke about the four qualities of honor society members: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The evening ended with the induction ceremony where the new

members pledged to uphold the four qualities.

Honor society members are Tiffany Anderson, Bret Ashley, Rhianon Davies (secretary/treasurer), Jacob Helm, Nolan Henningson, Joe Hirsch, Dalton Jones, Sara Kyte, Jacob Larue (president), Amanda Marshall, Shay McChesney, Rachelle Scott, Tyler Shields, Dakota Soderlund, and Carissa Wentz (vice president). Candy Dejmal is the faculty adviser.

To be eligible for honor society, a student must have a 3.4 grade point average and exhibit service, leadership, and character.

School Menus

February 28 - March 4
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: Waffle, ham pattie. Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, corn.

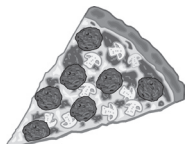
Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, mini loaf. Lunch: Beef ravioli, cheesy green beans.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins with Mom, (DCJR./SRHS) biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, baked potato.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap. Lunch: Poor man's steak, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Friday: Breakfast: Cibatta breakfast, pizza. Lunch: Chicken pattie sandwich, baked beans.

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



Counsel wants to stop hurtful words

By BRENDA BRETH

This past summer when the Student Council officers attended camp, they were very touched and honored to help with the Special Olympics. Partly because of that experience, we are very excited to do our part to "Spread the Word to End the Word."

March 2 will mark the third annual Special Olympics campaign to raise awareness of the hurtful effects of the words "retard" and "retarded" and to encourage people to stop using these "R" words, which are often used as synonyms for "dumb" or "stupid."

Last Friday for advisory groups, Student Council asked all advisers to discuss with their group just

how hurtful the "R" word can be. Often unwittingly, the word is used to denote behavior that is clumsy, silly, hopeless, or even dumb. But whether intentional or not, the word conjures up a painful stereotype of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It hurts -- even if you don't mean it that way.

According to the Special Olympics, most people don't think of this word as hate speech, but that's exactly what it feels like to millions of people with intellectual disabilities, their families, and friends.

Nearly every Oberlin student in grades 7-12 signed a pledge sheet to try to stop using the R words. These pledge sheets are part of a huge banner in the hall outside the high

school gym. If they hear someone use the R word, students are asked to gently remind them that DCCHS no longer tolerates that word.

During sub-state basketball, community members are encouraged to add their names to the banner and join the effort to ban the R words from their speech.

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