



DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK, senior high student Cassandra Canto, painted a mural on a hallway wall depicting a scene from the book, "Where the Wild Things Are."

Mural puts book on wall

Oberlin Elementary students were in for a treat when they arrived back to school after Christmas break. Cassandra Canto, a Decatur Community High School senior, painted a scene from Maurice Sendak's book, "Where the Wild Things Are" on the south wall of the grade school

library during the winter break. Grade school students listened to the book during library classes. This book is the 1964 winner of the Caldecott Medal, which is awarded to the most distinguished picture book of the year. Cassandra commented that she

had never done anything like this before "but would like to do more of this type of painting." Although the book was written nearly 50 years ago, it is still a favorite, especially now, with the new mural in the library.

Donuts to help with trip

You don't need to go to the city to get everyone's favorite doughnuts, Krispy Kremes. Four high school students would love to bring them to you.

Zach and Hannah May, Kaine Fredrickson and Miki Dorshorst are headed to Europe this summer as part of the Kansas Music Ambassadors. To help fund their trip, they are selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

A dozen regular glazed Krispy Kremes cost \$7 or a dozen crème-filled Krispy Kremes cost \$8. A 12-ounce bag of the signature Krispy Kreme coffee can also be ordered for \$9.

You can pre-order your donuts by contacting one of the students or their vocal director Susan Nelson at the high school (475-2231 or nelsons@usd294.org).

All orders must be made by Friday, Jan. 25. The donuts will be delivered Jan. 27-28.

Krispy Kremes can be frozen, so order extra for your freezer.

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Honor band, choir selected

One of the highest achievements for a music student is to be selected for State Kansas Music Educators Association. Six Oberlin students have achieved that honor: Caleb Koerperich, Baron Green and Cassandra Canto for State Honor Choir and Matthew Helm, Darbi Rouse and Elizabeth Nedland for State Honor Band.

The vocalists were selected based off their district honor choir auditions earlier this year. The students

had to sing selected sections of three songs in a blind audition.

To be chosen for the state band, a student auditions on scales, sight-reading and playing selected material.

State competition will be in Wichita on Feb. 21-23.

This is Darbi and Elizabeth's third year for State Band, which is the most a musician can be selected. This is Caleb's second year for State Choir.

Student wins geography bee

Luke Koerperich, an eighth grade student at Decatur Community Junior High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 25th annual National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google.

The Oberlin students who qualified were Gatlin Hissong, Max Diederich, Quinton Cook, Cerys Davies, Tabor Erickson, Luke Koerperich, Kel Grafel, Zeke Jimenez, Stacia Russ and Kole Breth. Kole was the runner up.

"Competition was very strong this

year, said geography teacher Rachelle Johnson, "and Luke and Kole went many rounds before Luke came out on top."

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 12, with thousands of schools around the country participating. The school winners, including Luke, will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on



Koerperich

April 5.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the championship rounds May 20-22. The first-place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership to the society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals, which will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Luke is the son of Chris and Dana Koerperich, Oberlin.

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School Menus

Jan. 21-25

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Breakfast: ham combo, muffin. Lunch: corn dog, seasoned peas.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: cowboy cavatini, green beans.

Friday: Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: chicken quesadilla, tortilla chips and salsa.

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