



THE OBERLIN QUARTET of Marci Matchett, Rebecca Helm, Marci Metcalf and Alyssa Rippe (above) took a I with their flute selection at the regional music festival in Oberlin

on Saturday. Riley Cochran (right) studied his music as he prepared for his vocal solo. — Herald staff photos by Jim Merriott



Musicians win top ratings at festival

Decatur Community High School vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles captured many top ratings at the Regional Music Festival held Saturday at the high school in Oberlin.

Christie Morris is band director and Susan Nelson, vocal director. "We're always so happy to have such a large group of students representing themselves so well at Regional and State Music. They should be very proud of their efforts," said Mrs. Nelson.

Entries receiving Iratings on Saturday will go on to state competition at Southeast of Saline on April 29.

IRATINGS

Women's Ensemble: Lauren Fortin, Marci Metcalf, Heather Wil-

liams, Whitnee Ashley, Anne Wasson, Rory Wendelin, Emma Merrill, Tika Hall, Stephanie Stone, Karli Fredrickson, Destry Jackson, Tricia Dorshorst, Nikki Lincoln, Ashley Brown, Danielle Vilar.

Mixed A: Drew Martin, Kurt Olson, Jesse Juenemann, Jon Smith, Kellen Doeden, Jeremy Tally, Nolan May, Katrina Wentz, Emmie Pauls, Kaitlyn Stapp, Sunnie Fredrickson, Sharee Dempewolf, Sarah Fringer, Danica May, Karyn Jordan, Duygu Kavran, Sarah Marcuson, Gabe Moore, Denton Bailey.

Flute Ensemble A: Alyssa Rippe, Marci Metcalf, Rebecca Helm, Marci Matchett.

DCHS Singers: Kaitlyn Stapp, Nikki Lincoln, Kenzie Fisher,

Tricia Dorshorst, Karyn Jordan, Karli Fredrickson, Danica May, Jenny Hirsch, Anne Wasson, Jeremy Tally, Kellen Doeden, Andy Leitner, Teryn Grafel, Riley Cochran, Bronson Scott, Jonathon Richards, Kurt Olson.

Clarinet Quartet: Chris Larson, Karyn Jordan, Jessica Bremer, Jacinta Carter.

Sax Quartet: Jenny Hirsch, Sarah Marcuson, Andy Leitner, Mackenzie Nelson.

Vocal Solos: Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, Jacinta Carter, Amber Mason, Andy Leitner, Karli Fredrickson, Kellen Doeden, Jeremy Tally, Jenny Hirsch, Tricia Dorshorst, Anne Wasson, Kenzie Fisher, Destry Jackson.

Instrumental Solos: Destry Jackson, Katrina Wentz, Marci Matchett, Rebecca Helm, Alyssa Rippe, Marci Metcalf, Jessica Bremer, Chris Larson, Aaron Helm, Jenny Hirsch, Jordan Tally, Sarah Marcuson.

II RATINGS

Mixed B: Amber Mason, Chantelle Beneda, Lacie Alstrom, Kenzie Fisher, Jenny Ploussard, Shelby Jeffries, Kierstyn Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery, Malenda Johnson, Makenzie Nelson, Amie Ritter, Farra McChesney, Tamara Ketterl, Desire Vilar, Annamarie Larue, Jessica Bremer, Jacinta Carter, Jared Marcuson, Joe Carter, Jordan Tally, Ethan Merrill, Nathan Simonsson, Garret Peters, Cameron Nedland.

Flute Ensemble B: Katrina Wentz, Kenzie Fisher, LeAnna Shafer, Jenny Hirsch.

Chanté: Tamara Ketterl, Jacinta Carter, Jessica Bremer, Sarah Fringer, Sarah Marcuson, Jenny Ploussard, Makenzie Nelson, Alyssa Montgomery, Destry Jackson, Annamarie Larue, Tika Hall, Rory Wendelin, Malenda Johnson, Amber Mason, Haley Barrett, Katrina

Wentz, Farra McChesney, Emma Merrill.

Vocal Solos: Riley Cochran, Danica May, Annamarie Larue, Lacie Alstrom, Rory Wendelin, Sarah Fringer, Katrina Wentz.

Brass Quartet: Amber Mason, Gabe Moore, Katrina Wentz, Destry Jackson.

Instrumental Solo: Karyn Jordan.

Gerontology symposium set for May at Colby college

Colby Community College will offer the 22nd annual Gerontology Symposium on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2-3, in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union. Registration will be from 8:30 to

9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2. The Tuesday session will meet from 9 a.m.-noon and 1 to 5:30 p.m. and the Wednesday session from 8 a.m.-noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Presenter will be Jenni Reling,

owner of Perspective Learning, a motivational speaker who will focus on "stress busting" and conflict resolution to help participants in their own lives and working relationships.

Students will learn techniques to help elderly clients deal with the frustration resulting from loss of independence, living in a structured environment, etc.

Methods to bring out the best in

families, clients and co-workers will be addressed.

Advance registration is required for the symposium, which is worth 15 contact hours.

The fee is \$95 for Kansas resi-

dents. To enroll, write to Mary Herbel, Health and Continuing Education, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701, or call (785) 462-3984, extension 286.



DECATUR COUNTY'S new district conservationist, Ben Letourneau, was getting settled into his office last week. He replaces Lee Copeland, who left a year ago. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Conservationist takes reins of Decatur County service

With five years in conservation, Ben Letourneau has taken the job as Decatur County district conservationist with U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Mr. Letourneau said he has always been interested in agriculture and natural resources since he grew up on a farm near Concordia. Shortly after he graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in park resources management and natural resources, he moved to Idaho to work for the Agriculture Department agency. Before moving to Idaho, he worked for a short time

with a landscaping office.

He said he decided to take the job in Oberlin to be closer to home. Decatur County has been without a conservationist since Lee Copeland left in March 2005.

Mr. Letourneau said the main goal of the service is to conserve natural resources, so he will be working a lot with landowners who want to conserve water and soil. Part of the job includes working with cost-share programs to help the owners get their conservation plans accomplished, and part is technical assistance for those plans.

He works at the Agriculture Service Center at 410 S. Buffalo. The two other employees are Lee Don Scott who is the conservation technician and Diana Solko who is the district manager and non-point source coordination. Mrs. Solko is the only employee for the Decatur County Conservation District. The other two work for the conservation service.

He and his wife Wendi, who does medical transcription at home, have a daughter Jane, who just turned 1, and they are expecting a second child.

You're invited to the

DECATUR TOMORROW COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



- > Thursday, April 6th
- > Decatur Community High School
- > 5:30 FREE Supper
- > 6:15 Conversation

Enjoy ... Free food
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Great ideas for our future

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