

FFA tops week

Famous folks were members of group

By DICTATOR STAFF

What do Tim McGraw, Jimmy Carter, Bo Jackson, Garfield creator Jim Davis, Trace Adkins, Don Henley, Sam Brownback, Rulon Gardner, and Bryant "Big Country" Reeves all have in common? They each wore "the Blue Jacket" and called themselves FFA members.

"Blue Jackets, Gold Standards" is the theme this year of the National FFA Organization, which celebrated National FFA Week Feb. 17-24. "Blue Jackets, Gold Standards" embodies all the best about FFA members, from the most recognizable symbol of the organization, the blue corduroy jacket, to the best ideals and traditions of national life, the gold standards.

Nearly half a million members around the nation participated in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels last week.

The focus of National FFA Week was to tell America about the great opportunities available for all youth. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills and preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

With 7,242 chapters and 495,046 members nationwide, FFA is found in urban, suburban and rural



FIELDING QUESTIONS. FFA reporter Kayla Zodrow visited fourth graders last week to tell them more about the group. Kayla is the northwest district sentinel and plans to run for district office again this year.

schools.

Founded in 1928, the Future Farmers of America brought together students, teachers and agribusiness to support agricultural education. In Kansas City's Baltimore Hotel, 33 young farm boys charted a course for the future. They could not have foreseen how the organization would grow and thrive.

Since that year millions of agriculture students — no one knows exactly how many — have donned the official jacket and championed the club creed. FFA has opened its doors and its arms to minorities and women, ensuring that all students could reap the benefits of agricultural education.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Now, the organization is expanding the nation's view of "traditional"

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agriculture and finding new ways to infuse agriculture into the classroom.

To help with this mission the Oberlin FFA officers went to Oberlin Elementary School on Thursday, Feb. 22, spoke to the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders about agriculture and did some activities with them. Officers are Chet Ely, president; Tanner Hardy, vice president;

Katrina Wentz, secretary; Chris Larson, treasurer; Kayla Zodrow, reporter; Cole May, sentinel; and Shelby Jeffrey, historian.

Kayla is also a district officer, serving as the northwest Kansas sentinel. She, Cole, and Alyssa Montgomery will be running for district offices in the next few weeks.

Jason Ketterl is the FFA adviser.

Musicians earn junior high awards

By SARAH MURRAY

Both the Decatur Community Junior High band and choir earned I ratings at the Northwest Kansas League music festival Feb. 16 in Colby. Christie Morris directs the band and Susan Nelson, the choir.

Oberlin was host for the festival, held at Colby Community College, and provided doorkeepers and award room workers. High school students, teachers, and community members volunteered.

Oberlin students brought home an advanced performance rating, 37 "I" ratings, and seven "II" ratings.

Tim Larson received an advanced performance rating on his xylophone solo.

Students receiving a I on their instrumental solos were Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch and Katie Glading, sax; Samantha Anderson, French horn; Amanda Marshall and Laysha Medina, flute; Nolan Henningson, trumpet; Jasmine Pearson, bass clarinet; Katie Glading and Bret Ashley, trombone; and Jacob Helm, clarinet.

Vocal soloists receiving I ratings were Serena Stacy, Samantha Anderson, Greg Shaw, Sydney Grafel, Jacob Helm, Nolan Henningson, Megan Huntley, Megan Wentz, Amanda Marshall, Tim Larson, Joe Hirsch, Sara Kyte, and Jacob Larue.

Receiving a II on their vocal solos were Katie Glading, Dalton Paul, Laysha Medina, Rhiannon Davies and Kiah Blau.

Piano soloists earning a I rating were Nolan Henningson, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Helm and Samantha Anderson.

Katie Glading received a II on her piano solo.

The Sax ensembles I and II, flute, woodwind and brass ensembles received Is.

Dalton Dolan, Joe Hirsch and Megan Wentz are in the sax ensemble I.

Tiffany Anderson, Tyler Shields, Megan Huntley and Katie Glading are in sax ensemble II.

Amanda Marshall, Nakita Bose, Tim Larson and Laysha Medina are in the flute ensemble.

Amanda Marshall, Jacob Helm and Sara Kyte are in the woodwind ensemble.

Nolan Henningson, Kiah Blau, Serena Stacy, Darian Bose, Rhiannon Davies, Samantha Anderson, Bret Ashley and Katie Glading are in the brass ensemble.

The eighth-grade girls ensemble, which earned a I, includes Jordan Dreher, Rachelle Scott, Carrisa Wentz, Sara Kyte, Sydney Grafel and Jori Diederich.

The seventh-grade mixed ensembles, which earned a I, includes Nolan Henningson, Samantha Anderson, Serena Stacy, Megan Wentz, Kiah Blau, Amanda Marshall, Megan Huntley, Matt Wittman, Ryan Bishop, and Tyler Shields.

The eighth-grade mixed ensemble, which earned a II, are Nakita Bose, Bret Ashley, Tim Larson, Rhiannon Davies, Laysha Medina, Katie Glading, Brianna Reiter, Joe Hirsch, Dalton Dolan, Jacob Larue, Jacob Helm, Jasmine Pearson, Tiffany Anderson and Dalton Paul.

School Menus

March 5-9

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: hamburger, Tater Tots. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: bagel pizza. Lunch: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: tacos, refried

beans. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Hot Pockets. Lunch: pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, Oreo dessert. **Friday:** Breakfast: waffles, scrambled eggs. Lunch: cheese pizza, green beans. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

BULL SALES

See additional sales on Pages 5B and 5A.

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154S - LOT 5
Sire: **TK ACCLAIM N165**
37% Lim-Flex - Homozygous Black, Polled
EPD's: B-1.3 W36 Y72 M18 CW23 REA-.52 YG.33 MAR-.03



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