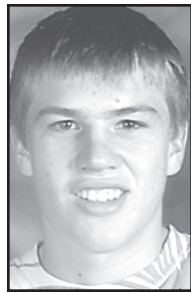


By Ali Samson

The top 10 percent of senior students from 14 area schools were invited to the Kansas University Honor Banquet held in Oakley on Wednesday April 3. Representing Decatur Community High School were Gage Reichert, Jessica Bremer, Heather Glodt, and Chenaniah Langness.

The students were accompanied by their parents; Principal Charles Haag; Guidance Counselor Debbie Arp and Kurt



G. Reichert



J. Bremer



H. Glodt



C. Langness

Vollertsen, the local Kansas University representative for Oberlin. The students received a certificate and a

Webster's Dictionary as a symbol to never stop learning. David Johnston, Director of Mar-

keting and Internet Services for the Kansas University Alumni Association, gave an inspirational speech about taking advantage of every opportunity presented. That leads to creating your own success, instead of just waiting for it to happen.

"It was quite an honor to announce Gage, Jessica, Heather, and Chenaniah as our recipients from DCHS," said Mrs. Arp. "They are well-rounded and high-achieving students, and we are proud of each and every one of them."

27 advance to State Music Festival

Twenty-seven entries from Oberlin earned the right to advance to the State Music Festival by receiving superior ratings (or I's) on their vocal and instrumental performances.

State Music is April 26 in Concordia.

Oberlin students also received 14 excellent (or II) ratings and one good (or III) ratings at the Regional Music Festival held in Oberlin on April 5.

Vocal soloists earning I's were Kortnie Fisher, Kenzie Fisher, Mary Olson, Haley Barrett, Rory Wendelin, Jaxen Alstrom, Amber Mason, Jacob Larue, Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, Daniel Jordan, Katie Glading, and Joe Hirsch.

Instrumental soloists earning I's were Katie Glading, trombone; Becky Helm, flute; Chris Larson, clarinet; Alyssa Rippe, flute; Royal Fisher, trumpet; and Joe Hirsch, saxophone.

Earning II's on their vocal solos were Chenny Langness, Rhiannon Davies, Makenzie Nelson, Jessica Bremer, Jacinta Carter, Ashley Horton, and Annamarie Larue.

Earning II's on their instrumental solos were Jaxen Alstrom, tuba; Tim Larson, percussion; Chenny Langness, trumpet; Jacob Helm, clarinet.

All of the vocal ensembles received I's. This includes a mixed ensemble, the DCHS Singers, Chante', the 4J's, and the women's ensemble.

The mixed ensemble includes Chenny Langness, Amie Ritter, Kassia Bryan, Jaxen Alstrom, Alyssa Montgomery, Daniel Jordan, Kenzie Fisher, Jenny Ploussard, Ali Samson, Hunter Nedland, Jessica

Bremer, Rory Wendelin, Joe Hirsch, Dalton Dolan, and Kyle Huntley.

The DCHS Singers include Jessica Bremer, Kenzie Fisher, Annamarie Larue, Amber Mason, Kira Meitl, Mary Olson, Haley Barrett, Ashley Horton, Makenzie Nelson, Jenny Ploussard, Rory Wendelin, Daniel Jordan, Chenny Langness, Jared Marcuson, Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, and Jay Wessel.

Chante' includes Katie Glading, Emma Merrill, Rhiannon Davies, Carissa Wentz, Jacinta Carter, Sara Kyte, Stephanie Stone, Laysha Medina, Kortnie Fisher and Sydney Grafel.

The 4J's are Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Larue, and Ethan Jack Merrill.

The women's ensemble includes Kira Meitl, Stephanie Stone, Kortnie Fisher, Ariel Coon, Tiffany Anderson, Emma Merrill, Erin Jones, Jordan McHugh, Rhiannon Davies, Mary Olson, Laysha Medina, Alex Ortiz, Haley Barrett, Ashley Horton, Tamara Ketterl, Annamarie Larue, Makenzie Nelson, Jacinta Carter, Carissa Wentz, Sara Kyte and Sydney Grafel.

The sax quintet, the flute quartet, and the brass ensemble also received I's. The sax quintet includes Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch, Jacinta Carter, Daniel Jordan, and Makenzie Nelson.

The flute quartet includes Becky Helm, Alyssa Rippe, Nakita Bose, and Laysha Medina.

The brass ensemble includes Rhiannon Davies, Amber Mason, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley and Jaxen Alstrom.

The clarinet trio, the trumpet trio, and the B percussion trio all received II's. The A percussion trio

received a III.

The clarinet trio includes Jacob Helm, Chris Larson and Lakin Brown. The trumpet trio members are Chenny Langness, Royal Fisher, and David Urban.

A percussion trio includes Da-

kota Soderlund, Chad Williams and Everett Urban. B percussion trio members are Rory Wendelin, Tim Larson and Kyle Huntley.

The music instructors at DCHS are Sarah Bricker and Susan Nelson.

Speech team takes gold

Six Decatur Community High School students came home with gold medals from the Hill City Speech Tournament held on April 7.

Placing first at Hill City were Emma Merrill in poetry; Hunter Nedland in extemporaneous speaking; Jacob and Becky Helm in improvised duet acting; Joe Hirsch in humorous solo acting and Farra McChesney in serious solo acting.

Ethan Merrill placed third overall in humorous solo acting. Laysha Medina also placed third in serious solo acting.

Placing fourth was Jacob Helm in informative speaking. Jay Wessel placed sixth in poetry and seventh in duet acting with Makenzie Nelson.

Jessica Bremer competed in prose; Hunter Nedland and Ashley competed in duet acting and Jordan McHugh competed in serious solo. "Our season is reaching its conclusion," said Coach Leigh Davis. "We have one more invitational tournament (Quinter) and the Regional Festival (Oberlin.) before the state festival and state tournament."

"We now have 19 events qualified for the State Championship Tournament. Sixteen is a full team. Some of these students will be competing in the State Festival instead. We can have 16 events there as well," said Coach Davis. "I am proud of all members who have worked hard to achieve goals of success."

School Menus

April 21-April 25
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: bagel pizza. Lunch: corn dog, macaroni and cheese. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast combo, muffin. Lunch: vegetable soup, cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: chicken enchiladas,

potato rounds. **Thursday:** Breakfast: waffle, sausage pattie. Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes. **Friday:** Breakfast: apple or cherry turnover. Lunch: sloppy joe sandwich, potato salad. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Art students bring home best of show

By Farra McChesney
Art teacher, Terri Woolsey, took a suburban full of Oberlin high school students and lots of art pieces to Atwood on April 2 for the North-west Kansas League Art Show. The students put up artwork from grades kindergarten through grade 12.

Oberlin Elementary School brought home six blue ribbons; the junior high brought home nine blue ribbons and one best of show; and the senior high returned with 15 blue ribbons and one best of show.

Jordan McHugh won Best of Show at the high school level with a pastel drawing, and eighth grader Taylor Macfee won Best of Show with her marker drawing.

Six elementary students won blue ribbons: Dayton Kempt, third grader, crayon; Leah Chambers, fourth grader, mixed media; Emily Larson, fourth grader, crayon; Justin Gee, sixth grader, mixed media; Hannah May, sixth grader, watercolor; and Lara Zodrow, sixth grader, marker.

In the junior high, Keatra Fisher and Kaylee May won blue ribbons with their clay pieces, and Elizabeth May and Michelle Russ won blue ribbons with their weavings.

Also winning blues were Channing Farr, acrylic; Taylor Macfee, watercolor; Sammy Meitl, tempera; and Cheyenne Soderlund and Jordan Wasson, mixed media.

Seventeen blue ribbons were given out to senior high students. Jenny Ploussard won four of them with an acrylic, a watercolor, and two pencil drawings.

Jared Marcuson won two blues on two photographs, and Melissa Hasty won two blues with a marker and a pencil drawing.

Lacie Alstrom also won two blues with a marker drawing and a collage.

Amanda Edmiston, Tim Larson and Emma Merrill earned blues on their clay pieces; Andrew Dempewolf on his acrylic, and Heather Glodt on her mixed media.



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A Familiar Face

Chapter Four - by Kay Hively

On Saturday morning, Scotty hurried downtown. Walking all around the courthouse, he found the spot where Mr. Truman had stood in 1939.

Checking to be sure no one was watching, Scotty stood straight and tall just as Mr. Truman had done more than 60 years before. As he stood there, Scotty wondered if he might grow up to be President of the United States. Then he took a mental photograph of himself standing in front of the courthouse door.

When Scotty got back home, he was surprised to find Grandfather Edwards sitting in the porch swing. Grandfather was one of Scotty's best friends. He was full of stories, and he liked to go out to the park to watch the boys play.

Scotty plopped down beside Grandfather and they began pushing the swing as hard as they could. Grandfather was as much of a kid as Scotty, and the two often got into trouble together. Riding too high in the porch swing usually got them in trouble.

Scotty and his grandfather talked about important things when they sat in the swing. On this day, Scotty asked Grandfather if he remembered when Harry Truman was president.

Grandfather smiled and said he did, indeed, remember him. In fact, Grandfather said, he once spent part of a day with President Truman.

Scotty could hardly believe his ears. His own grandfather had spent time with the President of the United States!

Pushing gently on the swing, Grandfather told Scotty about the day he spent guarding Mr. Truman when the President was on Wake Island talking with a famous general. Grandfather said he was a young soldier in the United States Army at the time.

It was a big surprise to get such duty, Grandfather said. It was something he would never forget. And, as the years passed, Grandfather read the newspapers every day to see what President Truman was doing.

Grandfather said that one of the greatest things Mr. Truman did was to establish the Berlin Airlift. And one of the hardest things Mr. Truman did, Grandfather said, was to order the explosion of the first atomic bomb.

Grandfather said the bomb was a powerful weapon. It was so powerful that it ended a long and bloody war. Grandfather stopped for a moment and then told Scotty that if the war had continued millions of people around the world would have died in the fighting and famine.

Scotty had never heard of the Berlin Airlift, and he wasn't sure what the atomic bomb was. But he didn't ask any more questions. He knew he could learn about them in the books.

That afternoon, after Grandfather Edwards left, Scotty hurried to his room and pulled out the books on President Truman. He had a lot to learn.

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Things to Think About and Do

- Using a map, find Wake Island. Find the name of the famous general who had a meeting with President Truman on Wake Island. All Presidents have a military title. What is that title?
- Scotty's grandfather said he read newspapers every day to see what President Truman was doing. Every day for a week, look at a newspaper and circle every article that talks about the President of the United States. Make a list of five different things the President is doing in the articles.
- Research the Berlin Airlift and learn more about the reason for this military action ordered by President Truman.

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Next Week Chapter Five - Jimmy and the wooden bat

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