



KAYLA JONES PRACTICES her flute for the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival held in Colby last Wednesday. — Dictator Staff Photo

Junior High students do well at music fest

By LAKIN BROWN
A total of 58 solos and ensembles performed at the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival held in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Oberlin ended the day with three Advanced Performances (AP), forty-nine I's, and six II's. Three judges rate the bands and choirs, and the Oberlin Junior High Band and the Oberlin Junior High both received I's from all judges. Caleb Koerperich and Cassidy Shields earned APs on their vocal solos, and Miki Dorshorst earned an AP on her trumpet solo.

Vocal soloists earning I's were Lara Zodrow, Jude Walinder, Sammy Meitl, Haley Schiessler, Keatra Fisher, Sierra Lohofener, Ben Glading, Hannah May, Ryan May, Zach May, Lizzy Nedland, Tyler Bruggeman, Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Channing Fortin, Miki Dorshorst. Darbi Rouse received a II.

Earning I's on their piano solos were Hannah May, Caleb Koerperich, Zach May, Lizzy Nedland, Miki Dorshorst, and Darbi Rouse. Cheyanne Soderlund received a II.

The instrumentalists also did exceptionally well. Earning I's on their solos were Sierra Lohofener, flute; Justin Gee, trombone; Channing Fortin, percussion; Kaitlyn Klima, flute; Ben Glading, tuba; Lizzy Nedland, French horn.

Jude Walinder, drum; Matthew Helm, trombone; Chris Anderson, trombone; Baron Green, trumpet; Brittany Urban, baritone; Hannah May, flute; Caleb Koerperich, saxophone; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Haley Schiessler, clarinet; and Nick Ashley, clarinet. Receiving II's were Ryan May, trombone; Matt Glading, baritone; and Zach May, trumpet.

Vocal ensembles earning I's were the seventh grade Girls Ensemble, the seventh grade Boys Ensemble, eighth grade Girls Sextet, eighth grade Boys Ensemble, eighth grade Girls Quartet, the Percussion Trio, the eighth grade Brass Ensemble, the seventh grade Brass Ensemble, and the Woodwind Ensemble.

The Flute Quartet received a II. The Flute Quartet includes Sierra Lohofener, Kaitlyn Klima, Kayla Jones and Lara Zodrow.

The seventh grade Girls Ensemble includes Jamie Soderlund, Brittany Urban, Kaitlyn Klima, Ashley Witt, Emma Borton, Hannah May, Sierra Lohofener, Mercedes Geishler, Haley Schiessler, and Lara Zodrow. They received a I.

The seventh grade Boys Ensemble also received a I. This includes Kyle Breth, Konner Fortin, Kennedy Fortin, Kolton Paul, Caleb Koerperich, Justin Gee, Ben Glading, Jude Walinder, Baron Green, and Ridge Roberts.

The eighth Grade Boys Ensemble and the eighth grade Girls Sextet earned I's. The boys' ensemble is Ryan May, Matt Glading, Tyler Bruggeman, Zach May, Channing Fortin, and Matthew Helm. Dannay Rhein, Lizzy Nedland, Kaylee May, Keatra Fisher, Sam Wrinkles, and Darbi Rouse make up the sextet.

The Girls' Quartet also earned a I: Miki Dorshorst, Jordyn Wasson, Cheyanne Soderlund, and Cassidy Shields.

The Woodwind Ensemble consists of Hannah May, flute; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Haley Schiessler, clarinet; Nick Ashley, clarinet; and Caleb Koerperich, alto sax. They received a I.

Green, Joslyn Wade, Alexis Hisson; trombones, Chris Anderson and Justin Gee; baritone, Brittany Urban; and tuba, Ben Glading.

The eighth graders playing trumpets are Miki Dorshorst, Zach May, Cassidy Shields; French horn, Lizzy Nedland; trombones, Matthew Helm and Ryan May; and baritone, Matt Glading.

Finally, the Percussion Trio, Channing Fortin, Kyle Breth, and Jude Walinder, also earned a I.

Music instructors are Susan Nelson and Sarah Bricker.

Cast selected for school play

Auditions were held last week for the 2009 All-School Play. Director Leigh Davis has chosen "You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

In the play, Grandpa, Martin Vanderhof, played by Jacob Helm, was once a competitive businessman. One day he stopped working because he was unhappy. Since that time, he spends his days catching and raising snakes, visiting old friends, and doing whatever else he wants to do.

The members of his household are just as eccentric except for Alice, played by Jacinta Carter, who falls in love with Tony Kirby, played by Jay Wessel.

However, his family does not approve of the match.

Other cast members include Anna Larue as Penelope Sycamore; Ashley Horton as Essie; Rhiannon Davies as Rheba; Daniel Jordan, Paul Sycamore; Ethan Merrill, Mr. De Pinna; Nolan Henningson, Ed; Hunter Nedland, Donald; Jaxen Alstrom, Henderson; Joe Hirsch, Boris Kolenkhov; Farra McChesney, Gay Wellington; Chris Larson, Mr. Kirby; Amanda Marshall, Mrs. Kirby; Serena Stacy, Olga Katrina; Toby Peters, The Man; Gatlin Reichert, G-Man 1; Jaxen Alstrom, G-Man 2; and Nakita Bose, Florist.

The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Speech team takes third place

By CHERISH MANNING
The Decatur Community High School Speech Team finished in third place at the Hill City Speech Invitational on Feb. 7. Quinter won the tournament, followed by Colby.

Joe Hirsch and Farra McChesney were crowned champions in improvised duet acting for the second week in a row.

Placing third were Laysha Medina in serious solo acting and Alyssa Rippe in original oration.

Placing fourth were Amanda Marshall in poetry and Megan

Huntley and Megan Wentz in duet acting. Nolan Henningson and Amanda Marshall placed fifth in duet acting.

Also competing in Hill City were Emma Merrill and Nolan Henningson, humorous solo acting; Laysha Medina, Emma Merrill, and Jasmine Pearson, poetry; Farra McChesney and Jordan McHugh, duet acting; Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies, improvised duet acting; and Alyssa Rippe, prose.

Senior Feature

Cherish Manning

By ADRIENNE PAULS
Cherish Manning is our second featured senior this week. Her parents are Rhonda Manning and the late Tom Manning. She has lived in Oberlin her whole life. She has four siblings: Ace, Trina, Cody, and Chad.

When asked what she plans on doing after she graduates in May, Cherish said, "I plan on moving to Colby towards the end of the summer with (her friend) Des and attend Colby Community College in the fall." She wants to study social work there.

Ten years from now, Cherish doesn't know where she will be, but she hopes to be married and starting a family.

Hobbies that Cherish has are volleyball, hanging out with her friends and family, watching movies, and shopping. The activities she is involved in at Decatur Community High School are volleyball, journalism, and Kayettes. She has worked at the Corner Cafe and currently works at Decatur Health Systems.

One of Cherish's favorite songs is "With You," by Chris Brown. Her favorite book is "Where the Red Fern Grows," and her favorite color is baby blue.

Cherish's short-term goal is to graduate college. Her long-term goal is to be happy with her life after school.

Her advice for the underclassman is, "Have fun and leave the drama behind."

School Menus

Feb. 23 - 27 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: chicken pattie sandwich, tater tots. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: chili, cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: scrambled eggs, muffin. Lunch: fish sticks, macaroni and cheese. **Thursday:**

Breakfast: bagel pizza. Lunch: hamburger, baked beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: pancake, ham pattie. Lunch: cheese pizza. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

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