

Military scholarship offered in memory of high school alumna

By **BRENDA BRETH**
DCHS Counselor

The family of Lora Marietta has begun a scholarship in her name for the purpose of promoting Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Lora graduated from Decatur Community High School as Co-Valedictorian in 2006. In high school, she was active in music and sports, and she excelled in power lifting and was a world-class lifter. She continued her strong academic record at Kansas State University with a cumulative 3.84 GPA in her senior year.

She was a member of the K-State ROTC battalion and was awarded the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and Battalion Commander. Lora was a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School and was a Level IV Combative instructor.

She was also named Distinguished Military Student at K-State and Distinguished Military Graduate for U.S. Army Cadet Command. She was ranked 25th out of 4,783 nationwide 2010 graduating ROTC cadets.

Lora had also completed the Baton Death March marathon at White Sands, New Mexico, and had been a member of the K-State Ranger Challenge team that placed fifth in the nation.

Lora found ROTC to be stimulating and challenging, offering a great number of opportunities for a career. The Marietta family hopes the recipient of this scholarship will also find ROTC rewarding.

To be eligible for the Lora Marietta Memorial ROTC Scholarship, a student must be in good standing, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better, and complete the ROTC course. First preference will be given to an Army ROTC student at Kansas State University. Second preference will be given to an Air Force ROTC student at Kansas State. The next preference will be an ROTC student at any college.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps, which began in 1916 under President Woodrow Wilson, provides leadership and military training at schools and universities across the country and has commissioned more than a half million officers. It is the largest commissioning source in the United States military.

Is enrolling in Army ROTC the same as joining the Army? Once a student starts taking ROTC courses, is he/she obligated to join the Army?

According to the ROTC website, enrolling in Army ROTC is not "joining the Army." However, the primary purpose of the Army ROTC program is to produce its officers, so young adults must agree to serve as officers in the Army after graduation in order to go through the entire program, or if they have received an ROTC scholarship.

Enrolling in the ROTC Basic Course the first two years of college does NOT involve a commitment of service to the Army unless you have received an ROTC scholarship from the army or other branch

of the military.

ROTC is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is part of many college curriculums. During classes, leadership labs, physical training and field training exercises, you will learn firsthand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and conduct missions as an officer in the Army.

Taking this course is the requirement for the Lora Marietta Memorial scholarship.

More than 40 percent of current active duty military officers were commissioned through ROTC.

Army ROTC Alumni include Colin Powell, former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; George C. Marshall, former Chief of Staff of the Army; Samuel Alito, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Samuel Walton, founder of Walmart; Lenny Wilkens, most wins as NBA coach.

Army ROTC alumni also include Lora's father, Alan, and her sister and brother-in-law, Travis and Leah Carreno. At graduation in May, Lora would have been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

You decide 'who dunnit'

By **GATLIN REICHERT**

"Break-a-leg." It's a phrase actors/actresses and the world around know. It's apparently for good luck, despite the fact that broken legs are generally bad. So, I say break-a-leg to all those who tried out for the all-school play.

The play this year is "Murder's in the Heir." It is a murder mystery about an old man who is murdered for his fortune. The play will be audience interactive. That's right. The audience will be given ballots to determine who they think the murderer is. The actors will then have to improvise the rest of the play.

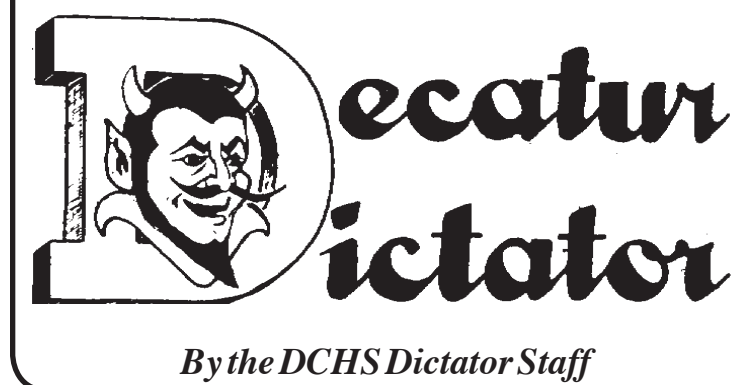
The play will be performed April 9 and 10. This is a change from the school calendar, so go to your

calendars right now and mark the changes.

Cast members include Daniel Jordan as Simon Starkweather and Simon Starkweather III, Elizabeth Nedland as Fiona Starkweather, Nolan Henningson as Jordan Starkweather, and Ashley Horton as Paula Thompson.

Matthew Helm will play Benson Hurst; Miki Dorshorst, Mrs. Trent; Jacob Helm, Horace Walker; Amanda Marshall, Nancy Pollard; Gatlin Reichert, Rufus Jones; Jaxen Alstrom, Lewis Van Zandt; Kiah Blau, Miss Withers; Nakita Bose, Kathy Collins; Matt Glading, Gene; and Joe Hirsch as Mike Davis.

The play is directed by Leigh Davis.



Scholar bowl team is headed to State

By **LAKIN BROWN**

Hunter Nedland, Elizabeth Nedland, Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm, Nolan Henningson and Joe Hirsch are headed to the State Scholar Bowl Tournament this Saturday in Goessel.

The six qualified for state by placing third at the regional tournament held last Thursday in Leoti.

"We worked well together," said Hunter, the only senior on the team, "each of us answering questions and contributing points."

The fifteen schools invited to the regional tournament were divided into two pools. In their five-round pool, Oberlin beat Rawlins County 50-10, Elkhart 40-20, and Oakley 70-60. They lost to Sublette by five points and Syracuse by ten. With their 3-2 record, the Oberlin students placed third in their pool and advanced to the championship round.

They started the championship round by playing against Syracuse

and Sublette, the top two teams in their pool. They lost to Syracuse 45-30, but then beat Sublette 45-25.

In round 3, Oberlin defeated Kinsley 40-20, but then lost to Leoti in round 4, 50-40. In its final round, Oberlin defeated Stanton County 60-50.

Based on the championship round pool play, Kinsley won the Regional, followed by Stanton County in second place, and Oberlin in third.

"We beat the first and second-place teams (Kinsley and Stanton County), so I think we have a real shot at placing at state," said Hunter.

According to Hunter, the Oberlin team did really well with the Greek mythology questions, calculus, science, social studies, and the arts, especially the music questions. "The only thing we are missing is a foreign exchange student to get the foreign language questions," said Hunter.

Band students attend clinic

By **KYLE HUNTLEY**

January 22- 24 was the K-State band clinic. This clinic is for students who participate in band and like to excel in the art of music. The students who went to the clinic were Nakita Bose, Amanda Marshall, Joe Hirsch, Nolan Henningson, Darian Bose, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, Matthew Helm, Samantha Anderson, Lizzy Nedland, Matt Glading and Tim Larson. The students were sponsored by Mark and Sarah Bricker.

At the band clinic more than 600 musicians participated from

90 different Kansas schools. Each musician auditioned in front of his/her specific instrument specialist for a placement in one of the six bands. Lizzy Nedland received the Outstanding Musician Award, which is given by the clinician of her band. Only a few of these awards were given in each band. The award comes with a scholarship to attend the Kansas State University Band Camp held in the summer.

Amanda Marshall, Samantha Anderson, and Nolan Henningson were also placed in the top band.

Donovan Baumann

By **TOBY PETERS**

Donovan Jack Baumann is the son of Karina and Jon Fisher. He has a brother, Royal Fisher, and a sister, Alex Fisher. His birthday is Jan. 6, and he is 18 years old.

His favorite hobby is hunting. His interests include cars and car audio. His favorite color is lime green.

When asked where he sees himself in ten years, he answered, "Working out of my own repair shop."

Donovan plans to attend McCook

Community College for one year and North Platte Community College for a year. He plans to major in automobile technology.

His advice to underclassmen is, "Stay in school and set your dreams high."

Stephanie Bruggeman

By **JORDAN DREHER**

Stephanie Bruggeman is the daughter of Gary and Alvera Bruggeman. She has two brothers, Derek and Tyler.

Stephanie's hobbies are hanging

out with friends, listening to music, texting, facebook and watching TV. The activities she participates in are Spanish Club, Student Council, Catholic Youth Organization and journalism. She is also the yearbook editor.

Her favorite color is pink, and her favorite book is the twilight series. Her favorite song is "Battlefield," by Jordin Sparks, and a quote she lives by is "Live life to the fullest."

In ten years, she sees herself "With a good job and possibly a family." She plans to go to Baker

University to major in nursing. She wants to get her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and then go on to become a nurse practitioner.

Stephanie's advice to the underclassmen is be involved and always do your best. "Don't get behind in school because it will just keep piling up," she said. The things she will miss about high school are her friends and all the memories.



Students eligible for National Honor Society

By **ADRIENNE PAULS**

Six sophomores have been invited to join National Honor Society.

To become a NHS member, students have to meet certain criteria. First, they must have at least a 3.4 grade point average to even apply for a membership. Next, those students fill out an application that is screened by a faculty committee. The committee considers the four pillars of NHS: service (school and

community), leadership, character, and scholarship.

The students who have applied for induction into National Honor Society are Nolan Henningson, Dalton Jones, Amanda Marshall, Shay McChesney, Tyler Shields and Matt Wittman.

The NHS banquet and induction ceremony is Monday, Feb. 15, at the Gateway.

Prom servers announced

By **STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

The 2010 prom servers have been announced. The prom servers were chosen by the junior class.

Every sophomore was placed on a ballot and then the juniors voted. This year's prom servers are Samantha Anderson, Nolan Henningson, Dalton Jones, Brent Juenemann, Amanda Marshall, Shane McEvoy, Brooklyn O'Hare, Miranda Shelton, Tyler Shields Serena Stacy and Megan Wentz.

Prom is May 15.



School Menus

February 15 - 19

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Fourth grade classes submitted lunch menus for February.

Monday: No school. **Tuesday:**

Breakfast: Bagel pizza. Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans. **Wednesday:**

Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese (OES sack lunch).

Thursday: Breakfast: Ham combo, muffin. Lunch: Burritos, corn.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans. (Emily Howland and Trevor Bruhn)

Fruit served with all breakfasts;

choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

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