

Junior high students do well at festival

By JESSICA FREDRICKSON

Oberlin seventh and eighth graders came home after a long day at the Junior High Music Festival with one Advanced Performance (AP), thirty-five I's, and fifteen II's. The contest was held in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The Junior High Band and the Junior High Choir were evaluated by three judges. Both the band and the choir earned two I's and a II.

Regent Erickson received an AP on his saxophone solo.

Of the sixteen students who performed vocal solos, 10 received I's: Elizabeth Hollars, Kyle Breth, Grace Randel, Demi Murray, Lara Zodrow, Ben Glading, Caleb Koerperich, Morgan Jansonius, Molly Jansonius, and Baron Green.

Receiving II's were Timothy Helm, Hannah May, Nick Ashley, Brittany Urban, Haley Schiessler, and Becky O'Boyle.

All six pianists earned I's on their piano solos: Caleb Koerperich, Dakota Tate, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Caitlin Shields, and Hannah May.

All three vocal ensembles also received I's: the seventh grade boys' ensemble, the seventh grade girls' ensemble, and the eighth grade mixed ensemble.

Aaron Cressler, Regent Erickson, Ganon Henningson, Austin Hendrickson, Kaleb Teddlie and Wesley Geihlsler make up the seventh grade boys' ensemble.

The seventh grade girls' ensemble includes Caitlin Shields, Molly Jansonius, Elizabeth Hollars, Winter Polivka, McKenna O'Hare, Rebecca Wentz, Morgan Jansonius and Daisy Rhein.

The eighth grade mixed ensemble includes Kayla Jones, Becky O'Boyle, Sierra Lohofener, Emma Borton, Hannah May, Chris Anderson, Nick Ashley, Kyle Breth, Mercedes Geihlsler, Grant Gilliam, Ben Glading, Baron Green, Katlyn Klima, Caleb Koerperich, Kolton Paul, Payton Ramsey, Haley Schiessler, Brittany Urban, Jude Walinder, Lara Zodrow, and Justin Gee.

Matching the ten I's on vocal solos were ten instrumental solos. Receiving I's were Morgan Jansonius, clarinet; Ben Glading, tuba; Becky O'Boyle, flute; Caleb Koerperich, sax; Ganon Henningson, percussion; Rebecca Wentz, clarinet; Grace Randel, flute; Hannah May, flute; Sierra Lohofener, flute; and Molly Jansonius, sax.

Receiving II's were Caitlin Shields, percussion; Baron Green, trumpet; Justin Gee, trombone; Jude Walinder, percussion; Kaine Fredrickson, percussion; Nick Ashley, clarinet; Katlyn Klima, flute; and Dakota Tate, sax.

Five of the six instrumental ensembles earned I's on their pieces. The seventh grade brass ensemble

received a II. This includes Gabe Anderson, Kelden Breth, Garrett Scott, Fernando Sanchez, Troy Juenemann, and Aaron Cressler.

The clarinet ensemble, which earned a I, includes Haley Schiessler, Nick Ashley, Rebecca Wentz, Morgan Jansonius and McKenna O'Hare.

The saxophone ensemble also earned a I: Caleb Koerperich, Molly Jansonius, Dakota Tate, Regent Erickson, and Rex Diederich.

Hannah May, Sierra Lohofener, Katlyn Klima, Lara Zodrow, Kayla Jones, Becky O'Boyle, and Grace Randel make up the flute ensemble, which earned a I rating.

The 8th grade brass ensemble also received a I. This includes Grant Gilliam, Alexis Hissong, Joslyn Wade, Mercedes Geihlsler, Baron Green, Chris Anderson, Justin Gee, Brittany Urban, and Ben Glading.

The percussion ensemble, which consists of Kyle Breth, Jude Walinder, Caitlin Shields, Ganon Henningson, Kaine Fredrickson and Kaleb Teddlie, received a I.

Members of the junior high band are Chris Anderson, Gabe Anderson, Nick Ashley, Kelden Breth, Kyle Breth, Aaron Cressler, Rex Diederich, Regent Erickson, Kaine Fredrickson, Justin Gee, Mercedes Geihlsler, Grant Gilliam, Ben Glading, Baron Green, Ganon Henningson, Alexis Hissong, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Kayla Jones, Troy Juenemann, Katlyn Klima, Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohofener, Hannah May, Becky O'Boyle, McKenna O'Hare, Cierra Ramsey, Grace Randel, Fernando Sanchez, Haley Schiessler, Garrett Scott, Caitlin Shields, Dakota Tate, Kaleb Teddlie, Brittany Urban, Joslyn Wade, Jude Walinder, Rebecca Wentz and Lara Zodrow. Their director is Sarah Bricker.

Members of the junior high choir are Chris Anderson, Nick Ashley, Emma Borton, Kyle Breth, Justin Gee, Mercedes Geihlsler, Grant Gilliam, Ben Glading, Baron Green, Alexis Hissong, Kayla Jones, Katlyn Klima, Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohofener, Hannah May, Becky O'Boyle, Kolton Paul, Payton Ramsey, Haley Schiessler, Brittany Urban, Jude Walinder, Lara Zodrow, Shawn Baker, Kariah Castle, Elizabeth Hollars, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Harley Lipker, Demi Murray, McKenna O'Hare, Dallas Paul, Winter Polivka, Grace Randel, Daisy Rhein, Caitlin Shields, Rebecca Wentz, Whitney Witt, Gabe Anderson, Logan Berry, Kelden Breth, Aaron Cressler, Rex Diederich, Regent Erickson, Kaine Fredrickson, Wesley Geihlsler, Timothy Helm, Austin Hendrickson, Ganon Henningson, Troy Juenemann, Austin Kyte, Fernando Sanchez, Garrett Scott, Dakota Tate and Kaleb Teddlie. Their director is Susan Nelson.

Senior Feature

Brandi Diederich
By ADRIENNE PAULS

Brandi Rose Diederich is involved in many different activities that keep her busy. Some athletics she's involved in are basketball, volleyball and track. Brandi is also very active in clubs: Physics/Chemistry Club, D-Club secretary, Student Council representative, Spanish Club president, Weight Club treasurer, TACT Board Member, Kay-

ette vice president, National Honor Society, and the United Methodist Church Youth Group.

Brandi Diederich is 18 years old and was born on Aug. 11, 1991. Her parents are Steve and Marilyn Diederich. Spring Louderback, Ryan and Arlie Diederich, and Colt Diederich are her siblings. Some of her hobbies include shopping, playing the violin, hanging out with friends and family, skiing, camping, and boating.

A quote that means a lot to Brandi is, "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me,'" by Erma Bombeck. Her favorite color is grey, her favorite book is "13 Reasons Why," and her favorite song is "Time of your Life," by David Cook.

Brandi's future plans are to attend college at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, get good grades, and then hopefully be accepted into medical school. She is going to major in Pre-med and sees herself in ten years having a medical degree. Brandi's advice to underclassmen is, "High school is so much fun if you make it fun." She says she is going to miss all of her friends and her activities.

Student qualifies for State Speech

By GATLIN REICHERT

At the first speech tournament of the season, senior Hunter Nedland qualified for State Speech.

The Hill City Invitational Speech Tournament took place Feb. 6 with 16 teams participating. Of the 12 events competing for Oberlin, three placed. Hunter Nedland in extemporaneous speaking placed first, Kiah Blau and Miranda Sheldon placed third in improvised duet acting, and Amanda Marshall placed fifth in prose interpretation.

The team also came in fifth with 121 points.

"This was our first tournament, and it's clear we have a great deal of work ahead of us," said Coach Leigh Davis. "First we need to get the entire team to a tournament. Second, each individual must work harder. Preparation is the key to success, and the competition won't get any easier."

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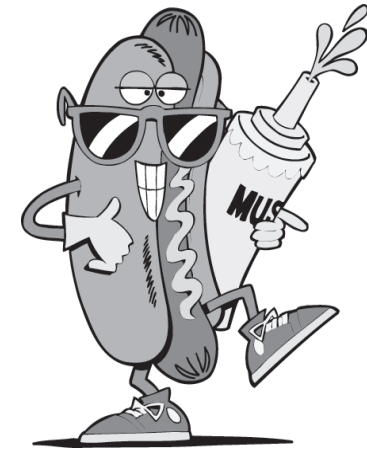


By the DCHS Dictator Staff

School Menus

February 22 - 26 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Fourth grade classes submitted lunch menus for February.
Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, au gratins. (Mason Mumm, Megan Lohofener) **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Tacos, mexican rice. (Lily Marine, Kelli Bryan) **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy. Lunch: Baked chicken legs, mashed potatoes. (Kel Grafel, Kole Breth) **Thursday:** Breakfast: Fruit turnovers. Lunch: Cheeseburger, french fries. (Genna Randel, Aspen Gallentine) **Friday:** Breakfast: Breakfast boats. Lunch: Chili or tomato soup, cinnamon

roll.
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Help has arrived for those patients in Western Kansas suffering from kidney disorders. This summer Hays Medical Center hired its first in-house nephrologist, Johanna "Joni" McCullagh, M.D. The addition of Dr. McCullagh, medical director of the Nephrology Center program, means advanced kidney care is now available for patients closer to home.

Dr. McCullagh and the Nephrology Center staff provide a variety of services, including caring for patients with:

- Kidney failure
- Hypertension and hypertensive kidney disease
- Diabetes and diabetic nephropathy
- Inflammation, scarring or hardening in the kidney
- Cystic kidney disease (polycystic)
- Inflammation of blood vessels in the kidneys
- Kidney stones

Management of dialysis patients, transplant patients and those with end stage renal disease

One of the biggest benefits of this addition to Hays Medical Center is that the hospital now has greater capacity to care for patients in need of regular dialysis. While the hospital previously treated dialysis patients, they can now treat more patients - and patients who need a higher level of care - eliminating the burden and stress of travel for additional families in the area.

Dr. McCullagh, a Wichita native, grew up in Kansas City and completed her education

at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She completed both her residency in Internal Medicine and her fellowship in Nephrology and Hypertension at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. McCullagh is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and holds memberships with the American Society of Nephrology, American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Wanting to stay within driving distance of family and friends, Dr. McCullagh and her family were excited to make the move to Hays.

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