

Oberlin musicians qualify for state

By SERENA STACY
Of the 51 entries from Decatur Community High School in the Regional Music Festival, 37 of them received I's, which is the highest rating and qualifies the musicians for State Music Contest.

Oberlin students also earned 11 IIs and three IIIs. Regional Music was held in Oberlin on March 31.

The regional contest is all about students in grades 9-12 learning the correct techniques for singing and playing. Judges for vocal music look for good stage presence, tall open vowels, tone quality, pitch and rhythm. For band they look for rhythm, tone, dynamics and personality.

Vocal soloists who received a superior or I rating were Regent Erickson, Cassandra Canto, Cassidy Shields, Serena Stacy, Zach May, Samantha Anderson, Nolan Henningson, Molly Jansonius, Matt Glading, Channing Fortin, Morgan Jansonius and Miki Dorshorst.

Receiving a I rating on their instrumental solo were Molly Jansonius, Caleb Koerperich and Regent Erickson, saxophone; Elizabeth Nedland and Samantha Anderson, French horn; Matthew Helm, trombone; Miki Dorshorst, trumpet; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Nick Ashley and Rebecca Wentz, clarinet; Amanda Marshall and Hannah May, flute; Ben Glading, tuba; Ganon Henningson and Caitie Shields, percussion; and Matt Glading, baritone.

Vocal soloists who received II's were Ben Glading, Hannah May, Caleb Koerperich, Amanda Marshall, Matthew Helm, Baron Green, Elizabeth Nedland and Brittany Urban.

Receiving II's on their instrumental solos were Grace Randel and Sierra Lohofener, flute; Cassandra Canto, percussion. Baron Green, trumpet; and Justin Gee, trombone, received good ratings.

All four instrumental ensembles received I's. This includes the per-

ussion ensemble, the woodwind ensemble, the saxophone quartet and the brass ensemble.

Members of the percussion ensemble are Kyle Breth, Cassandra Canto, Channing Fortin, Ganon Henningson and Caitie Shields.

The woodwind ensemble includes flutes Amanda Marshall, Hannah May, Sierra Lohofener, Grace Randel; clarinets Nick Ashley, Morgan Jansonius, and Rebecca Wentz; and Darbi Rouse, oboe.

The saxophone quartet consists of alto saxophones Caleb Koerperich and Regent Erickson; tenor saxophone Molly Jansonius, and baritone saxophone Rex Diederich.

Members of the brass ensemble are trumpets Nolan Henningson, Miki Dorshorst, Darian Bose, Baron Green and Garrett Scott; French horns Samantha Anderson and Elizabeth Nedland; trombones Matthew Helm and Justin Gee; baritones Matt Glading and Brittany Urban; and tuba Ben Glading.

The DCHS Singers, Men in Black, Chante, Senior Girls Trio, and Girls Ensemble all received I's. The Mixed Ensemble received a II.

The DCHS Singers are Samantha Anderson, Cassandra Canto, Miki Dorshorst, Channing Fortin, Ben Glading, Matt Glading, Baron Green, Matthew Helm, Nolan Henningson, Alexis Hissong, Caleb Koerperich, Amanda Marshall, Hannah May, Ryan May, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields and Serena Stacy.

Men in Black includes Jude Walinder, Ben Glading, Baron Green, Matthew Helm, Zach May, Kaine Fredrickson, Gabe Anderson, Nolan Henningson, Ryan May, Ganon Henningson, Caleb Koerperich, Channing Fortin, Kennedy Fortin, Justin Gee and Grant Gilliam.

Eight girls make up Chante: Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius, Mika Hackney, Cheyanne Soderlund, Lara Zodrow, Caitie Shields, Jalyn Shaw and Grace Randel.



DARBI ROUSE GOT A I on her oboe solo at the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin last Saturday. — Herald staff photo

Amanda Marshall, Samantha Anderson and Serena Stacy are the Senior Girls Trio.

The Girls Ensemble includes Elizabeth Nedland, Hannah May, Demi Murray, Miki Dorshorst, Cassidy Shields, Alexis Hissong, Molly Jansonius and Morgan Jansonius.

Members of the Mixed Ensemble are Brittany Urban, Brooklyn O'Hare, A.J. Stoll, Ashly Farr, Brianna Klima, Austin Hendrickson, Winter Polivka, Asia Tegels,

Dalton Jones, Elizabeth Hollars, Kayla Jones, Regent Erickson, Keatra Fisher, Cassandra Canto, Gabe Anderson, Kariah Castle, Ganon Henningson and Kaine Fredrickson.

Music directors are Sarah Bricker and Susan Nelson. Accompanists are Jenny Tally, Cheryl Metcalf and Joy Russell.

State Music will be Saturday, April 28, at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Student Council officers chosen

Zach May has been chosen by the high school student body as next year's Student Council president.

Stuco elections were held last Friday during home room. Each applicant had to give a speech in front of the eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th graders.

The 2012-2013 vice president will be Cassidy Shields.

Rounding out next year's officer team will be Matthew Helm, Kade Brown and Miki Dorshorst.



Zach May

Russell teacher helps Oberlin vocal students

By CASSIDY SHIELDS

On Wednesday, March 21, the vocal class had the privilege to work with Mr. Alex Underwood for the day. Mr. Underwood is the vocal teacher at Russell. According to vocal instructor Susan Nelson, the DCHS Singers heard his groups last year and were very impressed.

"I thought it would be good for our students to perform for some new ears," said Mrs. Nelson.

He started off the day by having soloists sing their contest pieces and then gave them advice and pointers on how to improve their music.

Then, during 4th hour, the DCHS Singers worked with him for the entire hour. Nolan Henningson said, "Mr. Underwood was really help-

ful. The Singers group learned a lot about working as a team, and I think we will be greatly improved."

Next, during the regular vocal hour, Mr. Underwood worked with the entire choir. He focused on the two contest pieces. "I felt that he didn't really help us on anything Mrs. Nelson hadn't already told us," said Brianna Klima.

Mr. Underwood spent the rest of the day working with more soloists.

Zach May said, "It was a good learning experience, and I felt like he helped me improve a lot."

Mr. Underwood's visit was made possible by a grant through the Decatur Community Education Foundation.

Seniors

Kiah Blau

By BROOKLYN O'HARE
Kiah Blau is the daughter of David and Stephanie Blau. She has three siblings. Her sisters are Jakobi and Kyleana, and her brother is Keagen. Kiah has attended Oberlin schools since kindergarten. Her favorite class has been journalism. She said, "We make so many wonderful memories, and we are a very important group."



Kiah Blau

While in high school, Kiah has been involved in volleyball, track, the all-school play, basketball, Chante, cheerleading, D-Club, Drama Club, forensics, journalism, KAYs, the musical, Spanish Club and Weight Club.

Her favorite activities have been the sports and KAYs. After graduation, she plans to attend Barton Community College and then Kansas State University. She will major in elementary education.

Her favorite hobby is volleyball, and she will be playing in college. Her advice to the underclassmen is "Believe in yourself."

When she graduates, she would like to be remembered by the other students as a person who speaks her

mind. The people who have inspired Kiah the most have been her parents and Brenda Breth.

Darian Bose

By BRIANNA KLIMA
Darian Bose is the daughter of Dave and Kayla Bose. She has gone to Oberlin schools since kindergarten. She plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College, majoring in nursing. Her favorite



Darian Bose

class has been independent chemistry with Mr. Bricker because she has a lot of fun.

Darian has an older sister, Nakita. Her favorite activity during high school has been cheerleading.

Her advice to underclassmen is "Do not procrastinate! Keep up with homework, ask questions if you have them, and don't stress out!"

Darian's hobbies are cheering, reading and hanging out with friends. She has participated in cheerleading, KAYs, Student Council, Drama Club, FFA, and Spanish Club. She said that Corey Cook, the Sheltons, the Soderlunds and her parents have inspired her to get where she is today and have always been there for her.

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See more of Kathy's story at www.gshs.org/stories.

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Monday: No Breakfast. Lunch: Tater tot/green bean casserole.
Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, rice.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel pizza. Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, dinner roll.
Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry pancakes. Lunch: Cibatta pizza, peas.
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