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Yorkville Music Boosters Newsletter

Winter 1993

## Carlyn Bartles Attends All-State Festival

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Carlyn Bartles

Carlyn Bartles is the first YHS student of this decade to be selected for the All-State Music Festival. This is a very significant achievement, and congratulations are in order!

Ms. Bartles went to Peoria January 28-30, along with choir, band and orchestra members from high schools across the state. She sang Soprano II in the All-State Choir, which presented its program during a concert on Saturday afternoon, January 30. The choir was the finest in quite a number of years, according to both Mr. Mark French and Dr. Martha Henrikson.

All-State students followed a rigorous schedule of rehearsals during the three days: six hours each on Thursday and Friday, and two hours before the performance on Saturday. The conductor was Dr. Mark Torkelson from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Carlyn plans to pursue music studies at Eastern Illinois University next year, perhaps transferring after two years to another school. She has studied voice for several years, first with Dr. Lynn Drafall, and presently with Mr. Mark French. She has participated in YHS choral ensembles during all four years at YHS. She participated in the select District I Chorus in 1990, and her District I audition in 1992 qualified her to advance to the State level.

## New format planned for Show of Arts, Ice Cream Social

*By Donna Bastian  
President, Yorkville Music Boosters*

A new collaborative spirit among the fine arts programs in the Yorkville schools will be evident this spring! YHS faculty members Ms. Carolyn Freese (art), Mrs. Colleen Konop (drama) and Dr. Martha Henrikson (music), along with the Music Boosters, have planned an exciting weekend for May 8-9, 1993.

Beecher Center will be the site of the 1993 Yorkville "Show of Arts" weekend. On Saturday afternoon at 2:00 the art students will open their exposition. The Principal's Choice Awards will be part of the exhibited works. The Music Boosters Annual Ice Cream Social will be held from 3:30-8:00 p.m. on Saturday. A small admission fee will be charged (\$1.00 per person). Offerings by Yorkville music and drama/speech students will be interspersed with additional opportunities to view the art work.

The Music Boosters have made plans to offer a "Dessert Bar," including ice cream sundaes, cakes

and cookies. The expanded dessert selection will replace the former offering of hot dogs, barbecue dinners and sundaes. Hot and cold beverages will also be sold.

The Art Exposition will continue on Sunday, May 9 from noon until 4:00 p.m. at the Beecher Center.

YHS art students will be designing a t-shirt for the celebration of Show of Arts. The t-shirt will be produced and sold (pre-ordering will be done prior to the Show of Arts) to fund two important art and drama projects: a camp scholarship for an art student, and payment of royalty fees for the production of a YHS musical!

It is the hope of the fine arts faculty that the new Show of Arts weekend will be a celebration attended by the Yorkville community. Art work will be displayed in local businesses in the week preceding the Beecher Center celebration. The t-shirts will be offered for sale to the wider community, not just Yorkville students.

The Music Boosters will need your help to execute this new format. People will be needed to set-up and clean-up Beecher Center on Saturday, May 8. Baked goods will be needed for the dessert bar. Please call Kathy Farren (553-7327 or the Kendall County Record) to offer your help!

## Music Boosters Change Fund Raising Events

Effective immediately, the Music Boosters will no longer be providing concessions for the March Bingo games at Beecher Center. The Board decided the profit margin was not sufficient to justify the hours of labor needed. The Board will be investigating other profit-making ventures at the next meeting on Monday, February 15 (YHS faculty lounge, 7:00 p.m.). We will also be finalizing plans and work crews for the Saturday, May 8 Ice Cream Social at Beecher Center. Please bring your input to this meeting! All music parents are welcome, regardless of participation prior to this meeting.

Please note that Music Boosters has a Market Days sign up in May, with pick up on Wednesday, June 9 at YGS. Although the YGS PTO has sometimes noted that the "last Market Days of the year" is their April-May event, Music Boosters in fact has the "last" Market Days!! Save room in your freezer! Look for the order forms in early May (we will be sending them home with your children!)

## Music Boosters Announce Senior Music Scholarship

The Yorkville Music Boosters Organization is pleased to announce the development of an annual scholarship program. The first recipient of the \$1000 scholarship will be awarded the scholarship in mid-May of this year.

Applicants for the scholarship should be YHS seniors currently enrolled in a music ensemble, college-bound, and preparing to register for classes in a music program at the college or university level.

The YHS music faculty is developing the application and criteria for the scholarship in consultation with college admissions officers and a Music Boosters committee. Applicants will be required to submit the application, along with written essay, and perform an audition. Applications will be ready by April 1, 1993.

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# Band

## Students Can Experience Many Kinds of Success

By Steve Moline  
Director of Bands

What makes a person successful? Money.... fame.... a "name".... a reputation? What makes a group successful? Winning.... trophies.... great uniforms?

There are many degrees of success, all of which can be experienced in band. With activities such as concert, pep, jazz and marching band, and solo and ensemble contests, virtually every student in band can experience success.

But success comes from within each individual, by fighting for, working toward, and believing in a common cause. That cause, of course, is to make the best music possible, whatever the situation may be. Each individual? Yes, that also includes the director, who hopefully can provide a certain level of standards and expectations for the students to achieve success.

Can a group or an individual attain success by failing? Yes! But reflection, review and the will to try again must follow. This also must be carried out by each individual.

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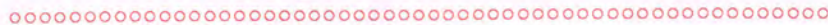


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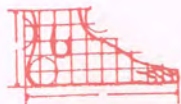
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# Orchestra

## Innovation and Excellence Are Keys To Yorkville's Vigorous Orchestra Program

*By Dr. Martha Henrikson  
Director of Orchestras*

All four of the Yorkville school orchestras are working to improve their performances in upcoming contests and concerts. Parental support of practice and practice cards is certainly appreciated during this winter stretch!

The CCIS Orchestra is making the transition to note reading. Violin students Lauren Marshall, Allison Harding and Rena Pedersen are student leaders for a series of counting exercises. Bass students Lindsay Holmgren and Jonathan Bastian began private lessons with a NIU graduate student at the end of January. Mrs. Michelle Fiore comes to CCMS on Wednesday afternoons for bass lessons.

The majority of CCMS orchestra members are

practicing individually and with their ensembles for the Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday, February 27 at Plainfield H.S. Soloists include: Alissa Corrington, Phil Gaebler, Kara Heintz, Missy Lupei and Kurt Muth, violin; Andrea Bastian and Wes Dickson, viola; Jennifer Hart, cello; Curt Bastian, bass; and Wes Dickson and Diane Steinhoff, piano.

CCMS students participating in ensembles include those listed above, as well as: Tina Brown, Michelle Goodman, Katie Holmgren, Amber Jurgens, Nichole Lupei and Brittany Sytar, violin; Jennifer Tagle and Brian Page, viola; Greg Barrette, Chris Bastian, Alicia Cool and Ben Draper, cello; and Kristin Hejtmanek, bass. Missy Lupei and Valerie Moring will play a violin-flute duet, and Diane Steinhoff and Sarah Engelhardt will perform a piano duet.

The YHS Orchestra participated in the YHS Music Department's Tour of Schools Tuesday, February 9, 1993. The orchestra was joined by trumpeter Nathan Leaf for a performance of the Hovhanness Prayer of St. Gregory. The orchestra generated enthusiasm for the string instruments as well as (hopefully!) a desire among younger students to join orchestra when reaching the fifth grade.

The high school Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held at Kaneland High School on Saturday, March 6. YHS Orchestra students participating include: Amanda Bastian (cello and piano); Greg Johnson (violin and viola); Nicole Krips (violin); and Matt Pavesich (bass).

The YHS Orchestra will number between 30-32 members next fall, and Mr. Babich has approved my request to create an overlapping class of three half-periods. This new format will enable the large group to rehearse every day, yet also enable some extra technique work for some students as well as advanced repertoire for those students ready for an extra challenge. The overall time commitment and credit amount will remain the same as at present. I am excited about the potential of this new schedule; I believe that more of the students will discover improvements in their playing because of the more individualized class.

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Circle Center Middle School Symphonic Orchestra members are: (left to right) back - Dr. Henrikson, Tina Brown, Jennifer Tagle, Rob Landers, Jennifer Hart, Leslie Scott, Curt Bastian, Ben Draper; middle row - Greg Barrette (standing), Angie Marr, Alissa Corrington, Ben Schmitz, Colleen Hogan; front row - Brittany Sytar, Katie Holmgren, Jessica Morris, Michelle Goodman, Erin Neubaum.

# Ice Cream Social to Provide Showcase for Annual Art Expo

*By Carolyn Freese  
Teacher, Visual Arts Department*

Wonderful! Another opportunity to tell you about the small but mighty Art Department of Yorkville. As second semester gets underway, high school students continue their study of design, drawing, and painting skills. Meanwhile, a new group rotates into their first semester of art at the middle school. Sixth graders will be introduced to fundamental Principles and Elements on which all future art study is based. Seventh graders will work to create the illusion of three-dimensional space on a plan and eighth graders will be learning how art is the visual timetable of all the world's history and culture.

At the high school, Jenny Elkerton, Stacy Danduran, Aaron Danker, and Kevin Sommers are several students working on college portfolios. Without question, these students represent one of Y.H.S.' largest and most talented groups planning to continue and develop their visual arts expression.

Aaron Danker, Rachel Engelhardt, Carrie Johnson, Jason Kocher, Danielle Lippard, Kevin Sommers, Tyler Thomas, and Matt Wulf were all recently nominated to receive the United States National Art Awards. Award selection is based on academic excellence, citizenship, dependability, leadership, responsibility, dedication to self-improvement and of course, artistic ability. Congratulations to all!

You will have the opportunity to see their work and that of all the up-and-coming artists at Y.H.S. at the annual Art Expo at the Beecher Center on May 8 and 9.

This year sees the fulfillment of a long-hoped for fine arts presentation to the community of Yorkville. This year our annual Expo will be held jointly with the Music Department and the Music Boosters' Ice Cream Social to create a true 'Show Case of the Arts Weekend' in Yorkville. Be watching for more details on this extensive and exciting activity in future months.

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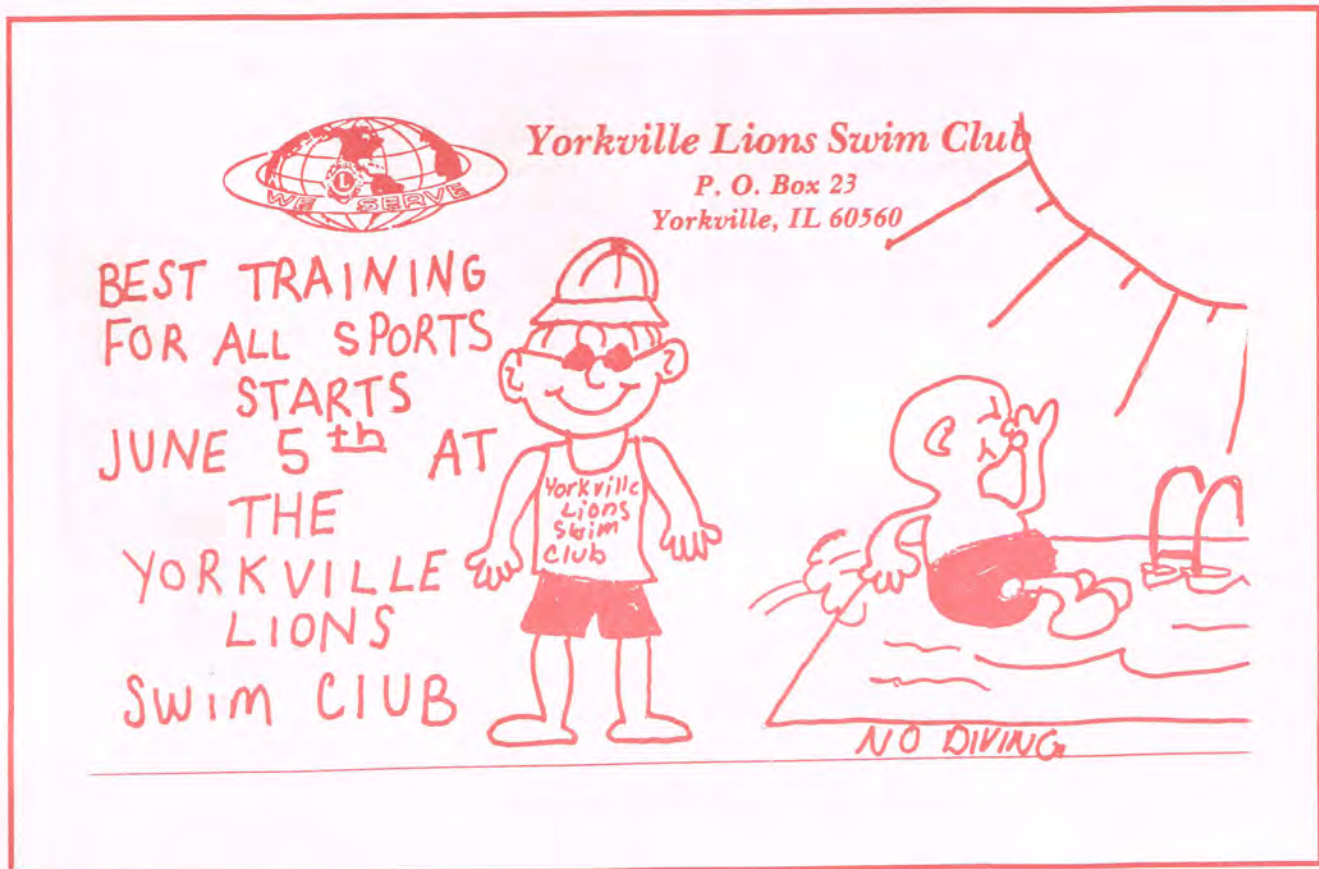
By Wanda Krentz  
Bristol Grade General Music


Teaching music to young children is rewarding because their progress is dramatic and they enjoy it so much. A primary goal is to develop a sense of STEADY BEAT. We move to music in various ways, using large and small muscles. Games, dances, of Orff Xylophones use these muscles. From the steady beat, we develop rhythm patterns. Simple ostinato accompaniments are fun to do and provide a pitched beat that is pleasant sounding. Many children become proficient at "clapping the caterpillar" (a row of cardboard pizza circles), with progressively more difficult rhythm patterns.

As much time as is possible is spent on working with children to MATCH TONES. They learn to use the singing voice instead of the speaking voice. Some children naturally sing a pitch they hear. Others need work to develop their singing/hearing. At Bristol we have a "snake" (vacuum hose) which we listen through and sing into to check for matching tones. Singing into a "snake" is less hreatening than singing by oneself!

LISTENING SKILLS are essential in all learning (and living!). Music students have many opportunities to develop these skills. Many MUSIC STYLES are explored. Any one style is not the only "good" one. Music is everywhere in our world. The more we know about it, the more enjoyable and helpful it can be. It is important for children to develop alternate means of expression and emotional outlets. We listen to different musical instruments and learn to identify them by sight and sound. Cultural and ethnic differences are explored through folk songs and songs using a language other than English. We can count to ten in Spanish, know a few French words (cat is "chat"), and especially enjoy some of the African rhythms in song. Geography, particularly of our country, and patriotic songs are interesting for the children. It surprising how many "old" songs they know.

General Music attempts to give a broad background in the subject to all students. It is not designed especially for the naturally talented music students. We do see many children gifted in music, and encourage them to participate in the district's music program.





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# Chorus

## Music Boosters Provide Robes for Varsity Singers

By Mark French  
Director of Choirs, YHS

The spring semester has many exciting things in store for the Yorkville High School Choirs. Concerts, contests, and a trip to Great America are all fast approaching.

A special congratulations to Carlyn Bartles - the first Yorkville student to be selected for the All-State Music Conference in the 1990's - Super job Carlyn!

New choir robes are on the way for the Varsity Singers. Special thanks goes to the Music Boosters for their financial support of this venture. The robes should arrive in time for the March 11 Choral/Orchestral Concert.

Speaking of that late winter concert, it will feature all the YHS choral groups. The Concert Choir will perform, among other fine literature, Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven." Varsity Singers will close the concert with a stirring number entitled "Love in Any Language." The four unique extra-curricular groups, Encore!, Stardust, Womens' Select Ensemble, and Varsity Mens' Quartet, will also be featured. Come out and join us for an evening of music you will not want to miss!

Solo and ensemble contest is coming up on Saturday, March 6 at Kaneland High School. Parents, if you are interested in chaperoning on that day, please call Mr. French at 553-4380 between 3 and 3:30 Monday through Friday. Come support Yorkville's finest soloists and small ensembles as they strive for perfection.

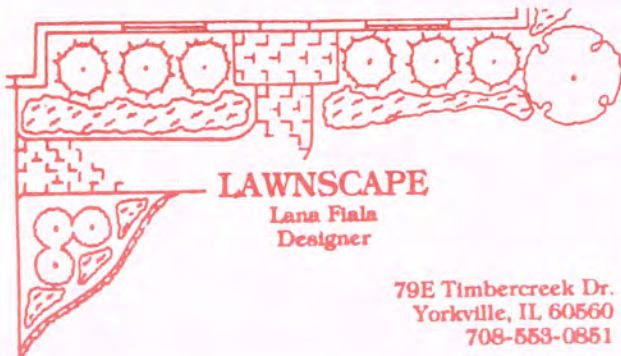
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## Contests, Concerts Top Practice Agenda for CCMS Choirs

*By Angela Radtke  
Director of Choirs, CCMS*

The choral program at Circle Center Middle School is once again active after the Holiday break. Choral students are currently preparing for solo/ensemble contest. This year we have 14 entries incorporating over 45 students. The students are working during recess time and after school. In addition, they practice together on their own time.

Some of the entries this year are listed below.

Brook Blasen (solo), Nichole Hernandez, Beth Turner, Nicole Moore, Yaritza Amador, Lisa Ashley, and Tess Pierce (ensemble), Niki Ratos, Myra Machacek, Coryn Commare, Kara DeFelice, Brianna Hall and Jackie Borneman (ensemble), Gina Basinger, Jessica Mayton, Cyndy Stamm, Lesley Britt, Marcy Morales, and Heather

Bradstreet (ensemble), Christen Cosma and Christy Adams (duet), Linda Ashley (solo), Valerie Milam (solo) and many more sixth and seventh grade entries. Good luck to all involved!

The choirs are also busy preparing for their March concert and organizational contest. There are several new members and many many others looking to join next year. The choirs are also growing in ability and sound.

It is a privilege to work with such excellent groups!

## Student Sees Benefits In Music Camp Experience

*By Teal Hutton  
Eighth-grade CCMS*

Last summer I attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan. It was a very worthwhile experience for me. This camp was a twelve-day program consisting of intense rehearsals each day. A regular day included two hours of full rehearsals, a half-hour of sectionals, and another half-hour of technique class.

I benefited greatly in my musical ability from the hours of rehearsal. Students also had a couple of hours of free time every day and a program each night to enjoy. I probably speak for others when I say I made many friends, improved musically, and enjoyed Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp very much!

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Yorkville High School Speech Team members are, back, left to right, Rommy Muller, Jason Benesh, Dave Malohn, Nathan Leaf, Rod Thanepohn, Christa Batka; middle, Brenda Moring, Christa Klingsick, Dan Grote, Jen Corrington, Danielle Lippard, Samantha Tippy; and front, Jackie Vick, Mary Sanders, Carlyn Bartles, Mel Hard and Michelle McCormick.

## Speech Team Builds A Winning Tradition

*By Colleen Konop  
Teacher, English and Speech, YHS*

What do the initials I.D., H.I., and S.O.S. mean to you? Does 6/10, Tough Round hold any relevance? If you follow YHS Speech Team then these phrases would be "common knowledge." After three years of rebuilding, the YHS Speech Team is back to its winning traditions.

Led by a strong nucleus of experienced veterans, the team has been "bringing home the hardware" in terms of both team and individual trophies and awards. The trophy case boasts of the '92-'93 accomplishments, which range from a solid 4th place finish at the Little 7 Conference meet to a 2nd spot at the Sandwich Invitational and the Reed-Custer Invitational.

As the team finishes its regular season and looks toward the State series, several individuals look to be successful in post-season action. Included in this elite group are Melissa Hard and Michelle McCormick in Humorous Duet Acting, Jen Corrington and Carlyn Bartles in Dramatic Duet Acting, Jason Benesh in Verse and Declamation, Christa Batka in Extemporaneous Speaking and Prose, Hard and Corrington in Interpretive Events, Mary Sanders in Special Occasion Speaking, Christa Klingsick in Radio, Dan Grote in Comedy, and Dave Malohn in Original Oratory. These students will represent YHS at Regionals, Sectionals, and with a touch of luck, at State. Go Foxes!

# Calendar

Friday, February 26	YHS Second Annual Variety Show	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 27	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest	Plainfield HS	
Saturday, March 6	IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest	Kaneland HS	
Tuesday, March 9	YHS Band Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 11	YHS Choral/Orchestra Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16	CCIS/CCMS Band Concert	CCMS	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 18	CCMS Choral/Orchestra Concert	CCMS	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 20	IGSMA Choral Contest	Troy-Shorewood	
Saturday, March 20	IGSMA Band Contest	Joliet-Hufford	
Thursday, April 1	CCIS Musical, "Assignment Earth"	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17	IHSA Choral and Orchestra Contest		TBA
Friday, April 23 & Saturday, April 24	Spring play "Our Town"	YHS	8 p.m.
Saturday, May 8	Show of Arts/Ice Cream Social	Beecher	3:30-8 p.m.
Friday, May 14	YHS Fine Arts Assembly	YHS	afternoon (TBA)
Saturday, May 15	Great America Competition-V. Singers, Orch.		Evanston
Monday, May 24	District Orchestra Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25	District Choir Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26	District Band Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27	District Jazz Concert	YHS	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9	Music Boosters Market Days pickup	YGS	afternoon

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