



BEFORE THEY RECEIVED their diplomas, Tyler Witt and Bethany Weishapl listened to the salutatorian and valedictorian speak. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* Seniors given diplomas at ceremony on Sunday

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 Marshall said he would leave his class with his favorite quote. "To dream is to live, and to live is to be free."
 Before Valedictorian Kelly Olson had a chance to speak, the lights dimmed for the senior slide show by Justine Miller. Then Marci Matchett performed "Air" by Francois Couperin on her flute.
 "It seems like only yesterday," said Miss Olson, "that I was a junior high student looking up to the seniors."
 Remember, she said, who you are and where you are from.
 "We will always be the class of 2005 and Decatur Community High School graduates," she said.
 The class may be small, but it is

mighty, said Miss Olson. Over the year, the seniors have received several honors and participated in musicals, plays, rodeo and student council, just to name a few.
 "No matter what happens, we will always have the memories and the people who care for us," she said.
 Members of the class presented teacher Maria Sanden, who has taught Spanish at the high school for 20 years, with a gift and plant.
 "Thanks for the many, many years of service," said Mr. Marshall, adding that they all wished her luck in her retirement.
 Before presenting the class, Karyn Jordan played "April Morning," by C. Deemer on her clarinet.
 Principal Charles Haag touched on the long list of accomplishments

by the class, and honored their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
 The DCHS Choir performed "Love Can Never Say Good Bye," by Gilpin and then the seniors left the gym to "Break Away," by Kelly Clarkson.
 Graduates include Andrew Anderson, Megan Barrett, David Barth, Canaan Bishop, Elizabeth Boyd, Molly Coleman, Jamie Elwood, Lance Fortin, Kelsey Gallentine, Diana Hashenberger, Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Ketterl, Mr. Marshall, Rodney Marshall, Miss Miller, David Morris, Miss Olson, Jacob Padgett, Zane Pauls, Gannon Reichert, Trina Shields, Adam Steinmetz, Ashley Stragey, Bethany Weishapl and Tyler Witt.

Students receive awards, scholarships at assembly

The Decatur Community High School Awards Assembly was held Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium.
 Student council President Molly Coleman welcomed everyone, and Principal Charles Haag talked about the Hill and Lippelmann Scholarships, which will be awarded this month.
 Scholarships and awards included:
Dane G. Hansen: Kelly Olson, Megan Barrett.
Kansas State High School Activities Association Citizenship Award: Kelly Olson, David Morris.
Dale Dennis Excellence in Education Award: David Barth.
Kansas Department of Education Exceptional Academic Performance: Zane Pauls.
Kansas Scholars: Gannon Reichert, Zane Pauls.
Regents Recommended Curriculum: Megan Barrett, David Barth, Molly Coleman, David Morris, Zane Pauls, Gannon Reichert.
KU Love Scholarship: Megan Barrett.
Col. Delbert Townsend K-State Scholarships: Kelly Olson, Anthony Marshall.
Howard and Irene Benton Scholarship Award: Trina Shields.
J.R. and Loretta Betts Community Scholarship: David Barth.
Jody Fredrickson Nursing Scholarship: Amy McDougal.
Rotary Scholarships: Kim Ketterl, David Morris.
President's Awards for Educational Excellence: Andy Anderson, Molly Coleman, Kelly Olson, Zane Pauls, Gannon Reichert.
I Dare You Leadership Awards: Danica May, Drew Martin.

Shobe Art Scholarships: Rebekah Hasty, Anthony Marshall.
Decatur Co-op: Jamie Elwood, Andy Anderson.
Lions Club: Anthony Marshall, Molly Coleman, David Morris.
P.E.O.: Justine Miller, Kelly Olson.
Glenn L. Mott Memorial: Kim Ketterl.
American Legion: Andy Anderson, David Morris, Tyler Witt.
Sons of American Legion: David Barth.
American Legion Auxiliary: Justine Miller, Megan Barrett.
Alif Be Khe: Kim Ketterl.
Decatur Professional Women: Jamie Elwood, Kim Ketterl, Justine Miller.
Archie and Lola Hamilton Science: Kelly Olson, Molly Coleman.
Outstanding Student in Math and Science: Kelly Olson.
Ralph A. and Mildred Pavlicek Memorial: Andy Anderson.
Teachers Association Educational: Justine Miller.
Goldie and Clara Scott: Kim Ketterl, David Barth.
Clarence M. Kelly Youth Services: Megan Barrett.
Railsback Scholarship: Justine Miller.
John Bearley Education: Justine Miller.
Pepsi: Kelsey Gallentine.
Hoehner/Miller: Andy Anderson.
Monty Mockry Memorial Award: Lora Marietta, Gannon Reichert.
Oberlin Jaycees: Jamie Elwood, Gannon Reichert.
Elsie Robinson 4-H: Gannon Reichert.
Farm Bureau: Megan Barrett.
Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete

Awards: Jamie Elwood, David Barth.
Masonic Lodge: Molly Coleman, Gannon Reichert.
Perfect Attendance: Tricia Dorshorst, Jesse Juenemann, Lacey Ream, Brent Stallman.
Stuco Scholarship Pins:
Freshmen: Heather Glodt, Melissa Hasty, Rebecca Helm, Malenda Johnson, Lacey Ream, Gage Reichert, Nichole Wessel.
Sophomores: Whitney Ashley, Riley Cochran, Tricia Dorshorst, Lauren Fortin, Karli Fredrickson, Andy Gilliam, Kyle Glodt, Aaron Helm, Jenny Hirsch, Nolan May, Marci Metcalf, Sarah Murray, Kurt Olson, Emmie Pauls, Seth Ritter, Breck Simonsson, Jessica Soderlund, Katrina Wentz, Heather Williams.
Juniors: Denton Bailey, Kellen Doeden, Detry Jackson, Karyn Jordan, Lydia Karnopp, Nicki Lincoln, Lora Marietta, Drew Martin, Jeremy Tally.
Seniors: Andy Anderson, Molly Coleman, Justin Miller, David Morris.
Principal's Award (straight A's all three nine weeks): Jessica Bremer, freshman; Danica May, junior; Anthony Marshall, Kelly Olson, seniors.
National Honor Society Medals: Andy Anderson, Megan Barrett, Kelly Olson, Gannon Reichert, David Morris, Anthony Marshall, Jamie Elwood.
 Molly Coleman recognized student council officers for the coming year: Scott Miller, president; Jason Thomas, vice president; Denton Bailey, secretary; and Danica May, treasurer.

County buys weed chemicals

Decatur County commissioners authorized the noxious weed control director to order over \$500 worth of a new chemical called Override.
 Director Gaylen Huntley said the chemical is supposed to be more effective in killing weeds than Tordon and 2-4-D, which the county uses now.
 The initial purchase will be pricey, he said, but in the long run it will be worth it because it won't

have to be reapplied as often as other chemicals.
 The musk thistle is up and budding, said Mr. Huntley, and he wants to get it sprayed with Override.
 He said he hopes it is more effective on bindweed, too.
 Mr. Huntley didn't have any prices.
 The commissioners agreed he could purchase of the chemical for more than \$500.

Mr. Huntley asked about custom spraying for musk thistle. The equipment, he said, is really taking a beating.
 He asked if the county could rig up a tank to an old pickup and rent it out for landowners to use.
 Commissioners suggested he call the Kansas Counties Association Multi-Lined Pool, the county's insurance carrier, to see if he could do that.

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