

# New Students

**Chenaniah Langness**  
By HEATHER WILLIAMS  
Chenaniah Langness is a 16-year-old junior coming to a public school for the first time. He has always been home-schooled, but he decided to attend school at Decatur Community High School because he wanted to be active in sports and meet and be around friends.

For fun he likes to build models, listen to music, and play on the computer.

His parents are Richard and Kimberly Langness. His father is the pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, and his mother home schools his four siblings, Sarah, 14; Nehemiah, 12; RuthAnn, 7; and Esther, 5.

**Greg Shaw**

By ALI SAMSON  
The seventh-grade class has a new student.

Greg Shaw moved to Oberlin to live with his grandparents, Dan and Vickie Lippelmann. Vickie works for the school, and Dan is a farmer.

Greg says he enjoys reading, riding bikes, collecting model cars, listening to music, and watching TV. He also plays football for the

junior high Red Devils.

**Shane Hollars**

By ANDY LEITNER  
Shane Hollars is a new addition to the sophomore class at Decatur Community High School.

Shane, a sophomore, moved here with his parents and two younger sisters from Sacramento, Calif.

"This town is missing a lot of things that the city had. I had to leave all of my friends, too," said Shane. "But, I like how nice most of the people are. The weird thing is when I go for a jog at night, I don't hear sirens."

Shane's hobbies include listening to music, playing guitar, and playing video games.

**Jaci Pearce Kramer**

By NICHOLE WALTERS  
Jaci, a freshman, is another new student here at Decatur Community High. She moved here from Atwood and says she likes it here because everyone is really nice.

She likes art class and plans to go out for basketball.

Jaci works at the Frontier in Oberlin. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music.



Voice of Decatur Community High School

**Decatur Dictator**

By the DCMS Dictator Staff



**MISS MARLENE MOXTER**, left, graded papers for one of five subjects she teaches at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School. Seventh-grader Darian Bose gets some assistance from Miss Moxter, above, in folding paper to explain directions for geography class.

## Tournaments ton of fun

By MARCIMETCALF  
Kayettes are sponsoring Iron Man Volleyball and Powder Puff Football tournaments on Saturday, Oct. 7.

There will be six boys per volleyball team. The volleyball tournament will start at 1 p.m.

Powder Puff Football will be

made up of teams from each class, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The football games will begin following the volleyball tournament

Everyone is invited to attend the tournaments. Admission is canned food that will be donated to the food pantry.

## School Menus

**Oct. 2-6 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Hotpockets, cereal, pears. Lunch: barbecue sandwich, corn, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: muffin, cereal, mixed fruit. Lunch: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, pears, dinner roll. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: pancake, ham patty, cereal, pears. Lunch: chicken strips, French fries, mixed vegetables,

applesauce, dinner roll. **Thursday:** Breakfast: yogurt, cereal, applesauce. Lunch: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, dinner roll. **Friday:** Breakfast: muffin, pineapple, cereal. Lunch: chicken, refried beans, Mexican rice, peaches. Juice served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

## Teacher has been challenging minds for 31 years

By KAITLYN GILLESPIE  
"What are the qualifications of a good leader?" This is the kind of question you might hear Marlene Moxter ask in her life skills class.

Miss Moxter, who has been teaching at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School for 31 years, started out teaching family and consumer science. (Many adults may remember this as home economics). After about 11 years, Miss Moxter was assigned other classes including seventh grade geography, which she has taught for 20 years, and Kansas history, which she has taught for 10 years. She also teaches nutrition, parenting, and life skills. Miss Moxter also taught study skills, which is no longer offered.

When asked what her favorite class to teach is, she said, "I equally like everything I teach and truly enjoy the students I get to teach these subjects to."

Miss Moxter grew up in Cawker City. Her mother was a kindergarten teacher, and her father a farmer. During her high school years, she was involved in several activities including Y-teens, 4-H, track, and

volleyball. She was also a dedicated state officer in her church youth group.

After high school she attended Fort Hays State University and majored in family and consumer science. Since then, she has taken several classes from Emporia State, Kansas State and Friends Universities.

When asked what inspired her to be a teacher she said, "I never really wanted to be anything else. I started playing school with my little sister, and once I started school, I never really stopped."

Through her years at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High she has done numerous activities, including assisting with coaching volleyball for several years, officiating volleyball, sponsoring the junior class for 28 years, and coaching junior and senior high scholar bowl for 15 years. Her scholar bowl teams have qualified for state five times, and were state champions in 2003 and state runner-up in 2002.

Besides teaching and coaching scholar bowl, Miss Moxter likes baking, sewing, and knitting. She

also enjoys collecting Noah's Ark figurines and loves to learn new things every day.

"If I could give a student any advice, I would tell them to always respect themselves and others," she said. "Always have a positive outlook on things and everything will fall in line."

She added that one should take in to consideration, "What you do today can affect your tomorrows." She tells the story of a former student who used her as a reference when job hunting. As it turned out, the person who called Miss Moxter to check the reference was also a former student. "Students need to realize that the choices they make now can affect their future."

Miss Moxter says teaching is just something she really likes to do, and she always wants to do the best she can for all her students.

Miss Moxter has made many good friends in her 31 years in Oberlin, including fellow teachers Susan Nelson and Leigh Davis.

"After 25 years of teaching with Miss Moxter, I have been able to enjoy her sense of humor and abil-

ity to answer any trivia question that you have in the whole world," said Miss Davis. "She is also a very good friend as well as (a good) teacher."

Mrs. Nelson said, "After 28 years, I have realized that she is really involved with everything at this school and has always been a good friend to me."

"When you think about all that Miss Moxter has done for this school, it is really overwhelming," said Brenda Breth, English teacher. "She rarely misses a school activity, she works concessions all the time, she has helped organize and sponsor 28 junior-senior proms, she is the announcer at most basketball games and track meets, plus she has five different preparations a day. She is truly amazing."

We at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School would like to thank Miss Marlene Moxter for 31 years of dedicated teaching.



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# OCTOBER

## Decatur County Community Calendar

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

Call 785-475-3441

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Attend the Church of Your Choice  DCHS Vocal Trip "Lion King"	<b>2</b> Norcatour Rebekahs; Lions, Medical Arts Bldg.; JV Football at Atwood, 7 p.m.; Jostens meet w/ sophomores	<b>3</b> Dr. McGowan, cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gateway, noon; Masons, Masonic Temple, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin High School Volleyball at Atwood, 4:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; OBA, LandMark Inn, noon; Blood pressure clinic, Golden Age Center, 11-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.; Compassionate Butterflies, Medical Arts Bldg., 7 p.m.; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.; AA Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; .25 cent day Bargain Box Plus; College Planning night at Norton JH Gym, 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Ribbon Cuttings starting at 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour, Eagle Communications at Chamber office, 9 a.m.; Chamber Board meeting, Chamber office; Junior High Football, Goodland, here, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High Volleyball, Goodland, here, 4:30 p.m.; High School Cross Country at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Oberlin Business Alliance burger fry, 11-1 p.m., main street; High School Football at Colby, 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Mini Sapa Day at Museum; Antique Thresher Show, fairgrounds; 1/2 price day, Bargain Box Plus
<b>8</b> Attend the Church of Your Choice  Antique Thresher Show, fairgrounds  Antique Engine Club Potluck Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Dr. Curry, Urology, Decatur Health Systems; NO School - Teacher in-service; Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; High School JV Football, Colby, here, 5:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gateway, noon; High School Volleyball, Colby/Quinter, here, 4:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; DPW, Gateway, noon; Legion Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Norcatour Royal Neighbors; .25 cent day, Bargain Box Plus; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; PSAT Testing 11 gr.; Gifted Seminar, Gr. 6-8	<b>12</b> S.O.S., OES Library, 6 p.m.; Junior High Football at Colby, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Colby, 4:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age Center, 4 p.m.; High School football, Phillipsburg, here, 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Arts & Humanities On Golden Pond, gateway, 7:30 p.m.; NWKL Volleyball at Atwood, 10 a.m.; NWKL Cross Country at Oakley, 11 a.m.; Garage Sale at Good Samaritan Center
<b>15</b> Attend the Church of Your Choice  Garage Sale Good Samaritan Center	<b>16</b> Dr. McDonald, cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Norcatour Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Hospital Board Meeting, 7 p.m.; Junior High Scholar Bowl at Cheylin, 4:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Dr. Denny, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; High School Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; .25 cent day, Bargain Box Plus; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; PLAN Testing, 10th gr.; End of 1st Nine Weeks; Coffee Hour, The Dresser, 9-11 a.m.	<b>19</b> Parent Teacher conference, 5-9 p.m.; Junior High NWKL volleyball, 7th at Oakley, 2 p.m.; Junior High NWKL Volleyball, 8th gr at Atwood, 2 p.m.	<b>20</b> High School NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher conf., 8-Noon; High School Football at Beloit, 7 p.m.	<b>21</b> Sub-state Volleyball  Regional Cross Country
<b>22</b> Attend the Church of Your Choice	<b>23</b> Early Childhood Screening; Junior High Scholar Bowl at Atwood, 4 p.m.; Halloween Cleanup, 6:15 p.m.	<b>24</b> Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gateway, noon; OES Musical, 7:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; .25 cent day, Bargain Box Plus; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Explore testing, Gr. 8	<b>26</b> American Legion Meeting; High School Football, Norton, here, 7 p.m.	<b>27</b> State Volleyball	<b>28</b> Arts & Humanities Dinner Theatre, Eli Barsi Western Concert, Gateway, 7:30 p.m.; State Volleyball; State Cross Country; Drama Club Haunted House
<b>29</b> Attend the Church of Your Choice	<b>30</b> Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur Health Systems	<b>31</b> Spook Parade, down Main, 4 p.m., meet at Good Samaritan Center; Bi-District Football	<b>THE OBERLIN HERALD</b> NOW IN OUR 128th YEAR OF SERVICE			