

Senior Features

Amber Gaede by Ashley Huntley

Amber Gaede is the daughter of Sheila Gaede. This is her first year at Decatur Community High School. Her favorite teacher is Mark Bricker, and her favorite class is choir.

She said her favorite part of high school is graduating. The only club she is involved in is FFA, but her favorite high school activity is watching football games.

Amber's plans for the future include attending college at either Colby or Hays. What she is going to miss most about high school are her friends.

Her advice for underclassmen is to "do your homework!"

When she was little, she wanted to be a doctor.

Kaitlyn Gillespie By Cherish Manning

Another year gone means another senior to graduate. As a member of Kayettes, Spanish Club, and Journalism, Kaitlyn Dawn Gillespie has been attending Unified School District 294 for five years. Kaitlyn started coming to school here in the 8th grade after the Jennings school closed.

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Sonya Gillespie and Ora Elton Gillespie.

She enjoys attending school football games and going to prom. Her favorite part of high school is being able to come to school and see all of her friends and be around them everyday.

When asked what she is going to miss the most about high school, Kaitlyn laughingly responded "Believe it, or not, I'm going to miss getting up at 7:30 a.m. to come see my friends and coming to journalism class."

Her favorite classes are government and journalism. Along with her favorite classes, come her favorite teachers, Brenda Breth and Dick Ahlberg.

"My advice for underclassmen is, no matter what the circumstances, when appropriate, laugh."

Kaitlyn said that when she was younger, she wanted to be an artist. Kaitlyn's future plans are to stay in Jennings, work on the family farm and continue on with her dad's meat business.

Heather Glodt by Andrew Dempewolf

Time. There seems to never be enough of it, and when we do have it, it just slips on by. Time management hasn't been a problem for Heather Glodt, who in her six years in our district, has been very active.

Heather's life has been full of education, including her home life. Her father, Kelly, was the superintendent for Unified School District 294 for five years, and her mother, Sue, is the kindergarten teacher at Hoxie Elementary School. Kyle, her brother, is going to Fort Hays State University to be a Physical Education teacher. Education is also in her future. She will be attending the

University of Nebraska-Kearney for Elementary Education.

Heather does well academically. She's constantly on the 3.4-4.0 honor roll. When asked who her favorite teacher is, she said, "Definitely Mrs. Dejmaj." Mrs. Dejmaj also teaches her two favorite classes, In-House Training and TV Communications.

It's not all books and notes for Heather though; she is also very active in athletics. She was co-captain of both volleyball and basketball teams this year. She's on the track team, in which she qualified for state last year. During the summer, she swam for the Oberlin Swim Club. In fact, she received a scholarship to swim at University of Nebraska-Kearney.

In clubs, she holds many leadership roles. She is the Student Council President, National Honor Society Vice President, and the Spanish Club Secretary. Other than those, she is in D-Club, Weight Club, TACT, Kayettes, and Scholars' Bowl. During Homecoming, which is her favorite high school activity, she was a Homecoming queen candidate.

Heather's advice for underclassmen is "Make the most of high school because it flies by faster than you think."

When she was little, she wanted to be a doctor or a hairdresser. With all of these activities, it's obvious that Heather has made the most of her time while in high school.

Cody Haas by LeAnna Sheaffer

Senior Cody Haas, 18, is the son of Troy Haas and Stormie Caldwell.

Cody has been at Unified School District 294 for 11 years. His activities in high school include cross country and basketball.

His plans for next year are to attend Ark City for two years and then transfer to K-State to major in pre-veterinary medicine. He plans on being a veterinarian.

When asked what he is going to miss most about high school, he said that he was going to miss being around all of his friends.

Cody's favorite high school activity is Homecoming with spirit week and the home football game. His advice for the underclassmen is to "Work hard, but also have fun, and don't take life for granted."

Rebecca Helm by Ashley Huntley

Rebecca Helm is the daughter of Mike and Deb Helm.

Becky has gone to the Oberlin schools since kindergarten.

Becky says her favorite teacher is Wendy Scott and her favorite class is chemistry. In fact, she plans to major in chemistry at Kansas State University next year.

"My favorite part of high school is Mrs. Scott's door," said Becky. Mrs. Scott's door is full of math cartoons and jokes.

Her favorite high school activity

Voice of Decatur Community High School



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

has been cross country. She's also involved in scholar bowl, Student Council, National Honor Society, speech, TACT, and Science Club.

Becky's advice for the underclassmen is to "walk on the right side of the hallway."

Ashley Huntley by LeAnna Sheaffer

Ashley Huntley is the daughter of Vicky and Gaylen Huntley. Her entire educational career has been with the Unified School District 294 schools.

She said that she is going to miss being able to see her classmates everyday. Her favorite part of high school was being able to get to know her classmates and becoming closer to them, and her favorite high school activity was Spirit Week.

Her favorite classes are arts and crafts with Terri Woolsey and journalism with Brenda Breth. Ashley's favorite teacher is Kathy Tacha.

When she was little, she wanted to be a pediatrician.

Her advice for underclassmen is "Nothing is what it seems in high school. Don't get fooled by the fake."

Ashley's future plans are undecided.

Kenzie Fisher by Danyel Jeffrey

Kenzie Fisher is the daughter of Kendel and Angela Fisher. She has been going to the Oberlin public schools since kindergarten.

The things she is going to miss most about high school are her friends and her teachers.

Her favorite parts of high school were being able to hang out with her friends and also participating in all the different school activities. She particularly enjoyed football, basketball and music.

Her favorite teachers are Brenda Breth, who teaches one of her favorite classes, journalism; Dick

Ahlberg and Susan Nelson who also teaches two of her other favorite classes, independent music theory and choir.

Kenzie's future plans include going to college in Kearney and getting a major in music performance. After college, she will go to Nashville to try to make it as a professional musician.

Kenzie is involved in many activities including Drama Club, TACT, Science Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, and Kayettes. She is also on the golf team and was in the musical.

Her advice for underclassmen is "Take advice from your teachers, and respect the upperclassmen."

When she was little, she wanted to be a teacher and a singer.

Royal Fisher by Kaitlyn Gillespie

Football, wrestling, D-club, Weight Club, and FFA; these are all things that senior Royal Fisher will be leaving behind next year.

Royal Fisher is the son of Jon Fisher and Shana Gillgannon. He has been in the Decatur Community High School district for 12 years.

"When I was little, I always wanted to become a vet," said Royal.

When asked what he was going to miss about school, he simply said, "The atmosphere."

Royal's favorite high school activity is football.

"My advice for underclassmen is to make sure they do their homework. It will help them out a lot. Also, just stick it out through school, and things will get better," said Royal.

Royal's favorite class is shop, and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Breth. "She is awesome," said Royal.

Royal says spending time with friends and playing sports were the best parts of high school and made it all worthwhile.

School Menus

April 28-May 2
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: pancake, ham pattie. Lunch: chicken strips, mixed veggies. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: tater tot/green bean casserole. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: french toast sticks.

Lunch: pizza, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast: scrambled eggs, muffin. Lunch: burrito, spanish rice. **Friday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: hamburger, french fries. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

Decatur Tomorrow

By Kem Bryan

Taking ownership and supporting this community is a great and noble venture. Do you think you are not capable of making a difference?

Edmund Burke's quote, "Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he can only do a little," would have us believe that ANYONE in this community is capable of making a difference. Our action team (Existing Buildings and Facilities) is inviting you, as a citizen of this community, to join the forces that are going to guarantee our descendants a town to call home for generations to come.

Decatur County has many people with a lot to give. This concept has been proven through the series of classes we have offered during this past year and a half which have been achieved working with a non-existent budget. Instructors have donated their time and talent.

A list of previous classes has included: Cooking with Doc Franklin; Pine Needle Basket Weaving taught by Mary Ewing; Bread Making taught with Denise Abbey; Reflexology and Meditation led by Trish Henningsen; Floral Arranging by Judy Davis; Knitting taught by Ann Gallentine; Locker Rug Hooking taught by Norma Carman.

The knitting class was so successful that a group of knitters now meet a couple of times a month. Feel free to join this group at any time. For more information call our Master Knitter, Ann Gallentine at (785) 693-4476.

We are currently looking for in-

structors for crochet, pottery, yoga, solar cooking, ham radio operation, leather tooling, and photography. If you have an interest in sharing your skill in any of these areas, or some other area of expertise, call Kem Bryan at (785) 475-3395.

When you let your light shine, you give other people permission to do the same. Watch for our new class schedule in *The Oberlin Herald's* Town Crier, Decatur Tomorrow flyers and KFNF's Community Calendar.

Classes utilize existing buildings and facilities available in the community. By doing so, we are able to both stimulate and educate our citizenry. The buildings used gain exposure. This includes such things as demonstrating a site's potential for future capital, generated through participants looking at a building's use in a new way. Several uses may be to rent it as a site for a family reunion, using the building as a meeting place, or the location for display of a particular idea, product or event. We wish to thank the owners of the above facilities for allowing us to use their space.

Decatur Tomorrow groups can always use new members. Ideas are welcome and will be shared with the steering committee members, Jesse Carter, Gary Anderson, Dr. Beth Sliter, Paul Shields, Stan McEvoy, Dr. Mark Olson, Dianne Bremer and Kem Bryan. In the following weeks and months *The Oberlin Herald* will have articles featuring projects and invitations to assist

Decatur County in becoming the best county in northwest Kansas. Please consider helping Decatur Tomorrow to make our place the cornerstone of this area.

Watch *The Oberlin Herald* for information about a Cinco de Mayo Community Forum to be held at the downtown Centennial Park gazebo across from the First National Bank on Monday, May 5, from 6-8 p.m. This serves a dual purpose to edu-

cate the public and generate funds for the Sappa Park restoration. Pack up your lawn chairs, come down and (for a freewill donation) have a variation of a walking taco, listen to lively music, and visit with friends. There will even be Piñata's for the kids at 7 p.m. The Decatur Tomorrow groups will have tables set up with information featuring our past accomplishments and goals for the future. Hope to see you there.

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