

# 18 Superior ratings at State Music

Oberlin musicians and vocalists came home from State Music with 18 superior ratings (I's) and 8 excellent ratings (II's).

To compete at state, the students first had to earn a I at Regional Music.

Earning I's on their vocal solos were Kenzie Fisher, Mary Olson, Rory Wendelin, Jaxen Alstrom, Amber Mason, Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Larue, and Daniel Jording.

Instrumentalists earning I's were Katie Glading, trombone; Alyssa Rippe, flute; and Joe Hirsch, saxophone.

Chante, the DCHS Singers, the 4 J's, the Women's Ensemble, and the Mixed Ensemble also earned I's.

Kortnie Fisher, Haley Barrett, Ethan Merrill and Katie Glading received II's on their vocal solos. Becky Helm on her flute solo and

Chris Larson on his clarinet solo also received II's.

The sax quintet, the flute quartet, and brass quintet also received II's.

The mixed ensemble includes Chenny Langness, Amie Ritter, Kassia Bryan, Jaxen Alstrom, Alyssa Montgomery, Daniel Jordan, Kenzie Fisher, Jenny Ploussard, Ali Samson, Hunter Nedland, Jessica Bremer, Rory Wendelin, Joe Hirsch, Dalton Dolan, and Kyle Huntley.

The DCHS Singers include Jessica Bremer, Kenzie Fisher, Annamarie Larue, Amber Mason, Kira Meitl, Mary Olson, Haley Barrett, Ashley Horton, Makenzie Nelson, Jenny Ploussard, Rory Wendelin, Daniel Jordan, Chenny Langness, Jared Marcuson, Ethan Merrill, Jordan Tally, and Jay Wessel.

Chante includes Katie Glading, Emma Merrill, Rhiannon Davies,

Carissa Wentz, Jacinta Carter, Sara Kyte, Stephanie Stone, Laysha Medina, Kortnie Fisher and Sydney Grafel.

The 4J's are Jordan Tally, Joe Hirsch, Jacob Larue, and Ethan Jack Merrill.

The women's ensemble includes Kira Meitl, Stephanie Stone, Kortnie Fisher, Ariel Coon, Tiffany Anderson, Emma Merrill, Erin Jones, Jordan McHugh, Rhiannon Davies, Mary Olson, Laysha Medina, Alex Ortiz, Haley Barrett, Ashley Horton, Tamara Ketterl, Annamarie Larue, Makenzie Nelson, Jacinta Carter, Carissa Wentz, Sara Kyte, and Sydney Grafel.

The sax quintet, the flute quartet, and the brass ensemble also all got I's. The sax quintet includes Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch, Jacinta Carter, Daniel Jordan, and Makenzie Nelson.

The flute quartet includes: Becky Helm, Alyssa Rippe, Nakita Bose, and Laysha Medina.

The brass ensemble includes Rhiannon Davies, Amber Mason, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley and Jaxen Alstrom.

The clarinet trio, the trumpet trio, and the B percussion trio all got II's. The A percussion trio received a III.

The clarinet trio includes Jacob Helm, Chris Larson and Lakin Brown. The trumpet trio members are Chenny Langness, Royal Fisher, and David Urban.

A Percussion trio includes Dakota Soderlund, Chad Williams and Everett Urban. B percussion trio members are Rory Wendelin, Tim Larson and Kyle Huntley.

The music instructors at Decatur Community High School are Sarah Bricker and Susan Nelson.

## Senior Features

**Ace Manning**  
By **ANDREW DEMPEWOLF**

It's hard to believe that Ace Manning has made it to his senior year. What's even harder to believe is that he shares something in common with George Thorogood. That is their advice to youth and the underclassmen of Decatur Community High School; "Get a haircut and get a real job."

It's not all about listening to music for Ace though, since he's been pretty busy in high school. He has lettered in a sport all but one year. Sports Ace has participated in are football for four years (lettered three years), basketball for two (lettered one year), track for two years (lettered one year), wrestling for one year (lettered one year.)

It's not surprising Ace has been successful in athletics though; he's been around them his whole life. When he was little, he wanted to be a professional football player. Also, Ace is in D-Club, Weight Club, and Student Council. His favorite high school activities are football and wrestling.

Ace's future plans include going to Fort Hays State University for accounting. He says he'll miss his friends when he goes off to college though.

During high school, his favorite teacher was Joe Dreher, who teaches his favorite class, Physical Education.

Ace is the son of Rhonda and the late Tom Manning.

**Alyssa Montgomery**  
By **DANYEL JEFFREY**

Funny, smart, and hardworking are just a few ways to describe senior Alyssa Montgomery. Whether taking basketball stats, playing volleyball, cheerleading, or doing an activity for FFA, Alyssa gives

it her all and still makes time to do her homework and keep up with her job at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcatuur.

Alyssa has been going to the Oberlin public schools for twelve years. She is the daughter of Ron and Gina Montgomery.

Alyssa is currently the president of the local FFA chapter, and held the office of sentinel during her sophomore year.

Alyssa's favorite classes include tutor, Physical Education, agribusiness, and government. Her two favorite teachers are Oberlin Elementary School teacher Kathy Tacha and Decatur Community High School teacher Brenda Breth.

Alyssa's favorite high school activity has been FFA. "Go FFA," she said. "We're not just farm kids. We're more!"

Friends and socializing are a few things that Alyssa is going to miss.

Alyssa's advice for underclassmen is, "Turn in your homework, even if it's only half done. That's so much better than getting a zero."

Alyssa's future plans include going to Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis to study livestock management and agribusiness, and then come home to work on the farm.

When asked what she wanted to be when she was little, Alyssa said, "I wanted to be a singer/actress and a farmer/cowgirl." Well Alyssa has achieved both of these. She has been in the DCHS choir, been in the musical and all school play, and she also helps out regularly on their family farm.

**Jordan Macfee**

"Do all your work on time and don't put things off until the last minute." That is the advice Jordan Macfee has for Decatur Community High School underclassmen.

Jordan Macfee is the son of Don and Deb Macfee.

Jordan has been attending Oberlin schools for 12 years. His favorite teacher is Matt Micek, and his favorite class is shop. Jordan said his favorite part of high school is being around all the people and having fun. He is going to miss his friends and other people in the school after he graduates.

Jordan's favorite high school activity is FFA. He is an FFA officer.

When Jordan was little, he wanted to be a veterinarian. He plans on going to Northwest Kansas Technical College.

**Jared Marcuson**  
By **KENZIE FISHER**

A clinical cytogeneticist is what Jared Marcuson wanted to be when he was little. Now he is about to leave his high school years behind him and continue his education at Barton County Community College where he will be majoring in Political Science.

Activities that Jared was involved in include football, wrestling, track, TACT, weight club, D-club, and DCHS Singers.

The proud parents of this senior are Elaine and Brad Marcuson.

His favorite class is office aide, and the things that he is going to miss the most about high school are the monkey roll Mondays in wrestling, and Melissa and Judy in the office.

Jared's favorite high school activities were Homecoming week and Prom. His advice for the underclassmen is "Don't ever bug the office aides. It's a hard enough job anyway."

**Jamie Miller**

Jamie is the son of Leon and Connie Miller. He's been attending

Oberlin schools since kindergarten.

Jamie says his favorite classes are shop and drafting, and his favorite teacher is Matt Micek. He is going to miss shop class most when he graduates.

While in high school, Jamie has been involved in FFA; and drafting and industrial arts are his favorite high school activities.

When he was a little boy, Jamie wanted to be a truck driver and a diesel mechanic. He has held fast to his dream and plans to attend Beloit Technical College to become a diesel mechanic.

His advice for underclassmen is to take as many shop classes as possible.

**Jenny Ploussard**  
By **KENZIE FISHER**

Jenny Ploussard has been attending Oberlin schools since kindergarten. The parents of this senior are Sandy and Terry Rush, and the late Kevan Ploussard.

Jenny's favorite teachers are Brenda Breth and Terri Woolsey, who also teaches her favorite class, art.


The thing that Jenny is going to miss the most is her little sister, Heather Ploussard, and her favorite thing about high school was homecoming because it was a week with almost no homework and comfy clothes.

Her favorite activity is DCHS Singers. The activities that Jenny was involved in were volleyball, wrestling stats, Singers, all school play, forensics, and track manager.

When she was little, she wanted to be a babysitter, and now she plans on continuing her love for children by majoring in elementary education to become an art teacher.

Jenny's advice for underclassmen is "Don't sweat the small stuff!"

Voice of Decatur Community High School



**Decatur**  
**dictator**

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



ACE MANNING, LACEY REAM AND HEATHER GLODT help tear down an old shed at Sappa Park.

— Photo by Gary Shike

## Seniors spend day completing projects

by **ANDREW DEMPEWOLF**

This year's senior class has been working hard to finish the year with a bang, both in school and out of school. The seniors just finished a community service project, which was Wednesday, April 30. They went to a number of places: the Decatur County Museum, the Gateway, Oberlin Country Club, and Sappa Park.

The students took a day from their normal school activities to do some good in the community. The idea came from Leigh Davis' senior English class, when she challenged the Senior Class to make a difference and leave their mark.

Desiree Vilar's idea was to do something worthwhile in the community. From there, Marcia Lo-

hoefener organized the seniors to help clean up at Sappa Park. Dick Ahlberg also took a few seniors to the golf course.

Along with city employees, the seniors raked leaves, cleaned out the shelter house, and took down an old shed at Sappa Park. At the golf course, seniors cleared out some weeds, picked dandelions, and picked up branches through out the course.

After helping to clean at the museum, it was time to play!

At the museum, a few seniors helped dust and clean up a few things and at the Gateway, a few more seniors picked up trash in the ditches.

Amie Ritter said, "It was fun, and I'm glad that I could help out."

## Prom is Saturday

by **FARRA MCCCHESNEY**

The Decatur Community Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

The theme is "Diamonds are Forever." The Junior Class will spend Friday at the Gateway decorating for the big event. The public may view the prom decorations at the Gateway from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00

p.m. Saturday.

The promenade down Penn Avenue will begin at 7:00 p.m., led by the 2008 Prom Marshall Lacey Ream. Juniors, seniors, and their guests should meet at the Sunflower Cinema at 6:45 p.m.


The Oberlin Rotary is sponsoring the after-prom activities from 12:00 to 4:00 a.m.


## Junior High elects council president

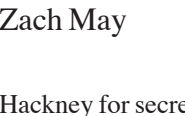
by **CHERISH MANNING**

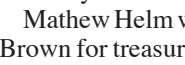
Zach May has been elected as the Junior High Student Council President for 2008-2009.

Junior High Stuco elections were on Friday, April 25. Sixth grade orientation was also held that day, and the sixth graders took part in the voting of their new officers.

 Channing Farran against Zach for president.

 Cassidy Shields and Cody Wurm ran for vice president. Cassidy won.

 Mikaela Dorshorst won against Mika Hackney for secretary.

 Mathew Helm won against Kade Brown for treasurer.

### School Menus

**May 12-May 16**  
**OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza Lunch: chicken nuggets, french fries, roll **Tuesday:** Breakfast: cinnamon roll Lunch: tacos, refried beans, rice **Wednesday:** Breakfast: french toast sticks Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll **Thursday:** Breakfast: cook's choice Lunch: (seniors last day) cook's choice **Friday:** Breakfast: cook's choice Lunch: cook's choice. Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

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