

Senior Features

Kyra Smith

Kyra Smith is a first-year student at Decatur Community High School. She is the daughter of Donald Smith and Wendy Kaiser. Kyra's favorite part of high school is going to the Senior Room. Her favorite teacher is Tina Williams, and her favorite classes are Applied Math and Television Communications. Kyra enjoys going to Decatur Community High School football games.

Kyra said that she is going to miss her friends after she graduates. Her advice for underclassmen is to pass senior English.

Kyra plans on going to McCook Community College and studying Applied Business. When she was little, Kyra wanted to be a vet.

LeAnna Sheaffer

LeAnna Sheaffer has been attending Unified School District 294 for 12 years. She is the daughter of Steven and Dawn Sheaffer. Her favorite teacher is Kathy Tacha, and she loves journalism and economic class.

Her favorite high school activity is Homecoming and Spirit Week. Her favorite part of high school is being an upperclassman. Her future plans are to attend Colby Community College to play volleyball.

What LeAnna is going to miss most is knowing about the security of home. Her activities include volleyball and track for four years, and basketball for three years.

Her advice for underclassmen is, "Take the time to figure out who your real friends are."

When she was a little girl, she wanted to be a travel agent.

Nikki Wessel

Nikki Wessel is the daughter of Bill and Carol Wessel. She has been attending Decatur Community High School since her freshman year.

Nikki has been involved in volleyball, basketball, track, the play, National Honor Society, Science Club, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Kayettes, and TACT.

Her favorite high school activity was Homecoming, and her favorite parts of high school were her friends and all the activities going on. She will miss her friends the most after she graduates.

Brenda Breth and Wendy Scott

are her favorite teachers. Accounting and calculus are her favorite classes.

Nikki's plans include starting her major in accounting at Colby Community College and then transfer to a university.

"Get over yourself and don't fight over the small things" are her advice for the underclassmen.

When she was a little girl, she wanted to be tall like her dad and to be a math teacher.

Shanna Pearce

Although she has only been here for two years, Shanna Pearce has made a good name for herself in the Decatur Community High School halls. Shanna is involved in numerous activities including FFA, Livestock Judging, Kayettes, and Spanish Club.

Shanna is the daughter of Angie Pearce. Her favorite part of high school has been prom. Shanna is mostly going to miss her friends. Also, her favorite school activity has been watching football games.

"Due dates are closer than they appear" is what Shanna would like underclassmen to know.

Shanna's favorite teachers are Tina Williams and Carol Brown. Also, her favorite class is Spanish I.

When she was little, Shanna wanted to be a veterinarian. She now carries on that dream as she will be attending Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb. this fall to obtain her vet-tech degree.

Rory Wendelin

by ASHLEY HUNTLEY

Rory Wendelin is the daughter of Norman and Joanne Wendelin. She has attended Unified School District 294 for all 12 years.

"My favorite part of high school was the musical because I was doing something I love and I got to be with friends."

Her favorite teachers are Wendy Scott and Dick Ahlberg. Her favorite classes are vocal and office aid. Her favorite high school activity is DCHS Singers.

The activities and sports she's involved in are track, cross-country, speech, the play, the musical, basketball, Student Council, Scholar Bowl, Drama Club, D-Club and

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By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Weight Club.

Her future plans include going to Concordia University to major in Music/Performing Arts. What she's going to miss most are all her friends.

When she was little, she said, "I wanted to be an animal researcher, like what they do on Animal Planet and The Discovery Channel."

Her advice for underclassmen is to, "Get your work done ahead of time and you won't have problems."

Sean Ybarra

By KAITLYN GILLESPIE

FBIendly, outgoing, and ambitious-- these are all words to describe Sean Ybarra.

Sean is the son of Tammy Hawkins. He has been attending Decatur Community High School for three and a half years. In those years, Sean

has made several friends, which is something he will miss the most about high school.

Sean's favorite class is Physical Education, and his favorite teacher is Brenda Breth because "she is down to earth and has rules."

"Stay on top of your senior year because it goes by fast." That is Sean's advice to underclassmen and the upcoming seniors.

Sean has been involved in wrestling and football. His favorite high school activity is hanging out after school.

Sean's future plans are to go to Tulsa Welding School to earn his master's degree in pipe welding.

"I have no idea what I wanted to be when I was little. I didn't really start making plans for my future until last year. I had no idea I would end up wanting to be a welder though."

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

The Herndon 89th Annual Alumni Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the families of Gregory Pennington, who died on Sunday.

Ann Martin attended the graduation of her great-granddaughter, Johanna Wiens, in Colby with Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb. They also attended a reception

afterwards at the home of her granddaughter, Jackie and Mike Wiens.

Brad and Deanna Williams and Voni Sattler attended the spring concert performed by the Rawlins County Junior-Senior High School in Atwood on May 13.

LaVerne and Sharon Frick visited Frank and Jean Huff of Ludell on Sunday evening. Other visitors were Charles and Wilda Walker, and Ernie and Betty Wicke.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Rock and Roll Up Your Sleeves Oberlin Blood Drive will take place from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at The Gateway. Please call 1-800-GIVE-Life to schedule your appointment to donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, appointments are given priority. Presenting donors will receive a limited edition Rock & Roll T-shirt and a chance to win a platinum re-

cord donated by Lynyrd Skynyrd. Please bring a photo identification with you.

The Community Walk at Sappa Park was well attended with over 80 community members of all ages coming out to enjoy the mild weather and walking for their health. Refreshments were served to those who participated.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Dolores Benda will be honored on her 80th birthday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Prairie Development Center community room in Atwood. She lives at 906 Logan, apartment 108, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Olive Bergling, Atwood; Jeri McPheeters, Colby, and Dave and Sherry Bergling attended commencement exercises at Fort Hays State University in Hays on Saturday. Among graduates were Megan Bergling and Sarah Wasinger, who earned degrees in biology, and Matt Wasinger, who received a degree in business administration. Megan is the daughter of Richard and Susan Bergling, and Matt and Sarah are nephews of Sherry Bergling. A pizza party followed at the home of Leila Wasinger.

Among others attending were Richard and Susan Bergling, Amy and Sophia, Herington; Sarah and Cassidy Bergling, and J.J. Gade, Hays; and Chuck Britton and Bernetta Leikan, Denver. Chuck and Bernetta were weekend guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling.

Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary attended the graduation of Sarah Olson on Saturday at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. She received a Master of Accountancy from Kansas State University. Among others attending were her fiancé, Brandon White, Leawood, and his parents, Ron and Cindy White, Leavenworth.

Among other graduates at Kansas State University was Karl Noren, a nephew of Esther Noren. He is the son of Paul and Sheryl Noren of the Republic of Cameroon, Africa,

and a grandson of Edwin and Ruth Noren of Cadillac, Mich. He earned a Bachelor of Science in biology. He and his wife, Mary, live in Manhattan and she is a teacher. He plans to return to K-State and earn a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology before they return to the Congo as missionaries.

Mike Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., returned home on Saturday and is recuperating satisfactorily from injuries received in a recent motorcycle accident. He is a son-in-law of Edla Olson.

Congratulations to Ken and Michelle Moses of Atwood on the arrival of a daughter, Ainsley Mae, on May 6, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She has a sister, Avery, 2 1/2. Grandparents are the late Elliott and Sue Glad; Leta Moses, Colby and the late Emery Moses. Great-grandmother is Arlene Glad of Atwood, but formerly of this community.

Steve and Dave O'Neill of Brighton, Colo., were houseguests from Thursday to Saturday of Dave and Sherry Bergling and were successful turkey hunters.

Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark, Barbara, Kurt and Mary Olson were among relatives who attended the high school graduation of Paul Messerly, son of Mitch and Bev Messerly, at Sublette on Saturday.

The summer schedule for the Herndon Covenant Church will begin on Sunday, June 1. Morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

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