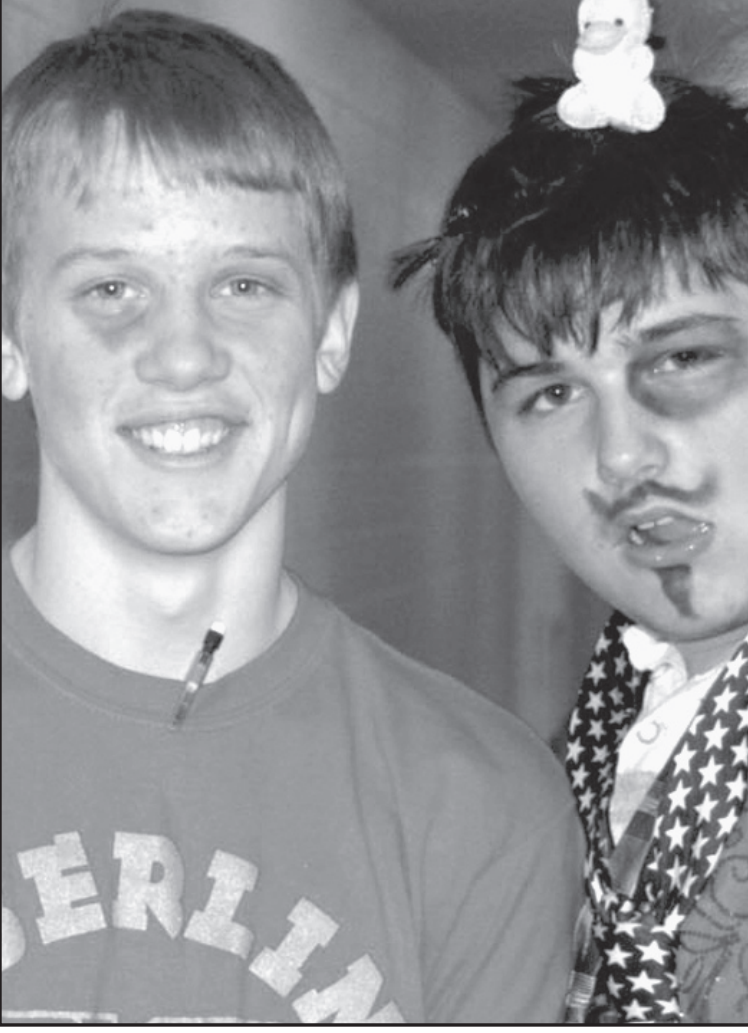


Senior Features



JACOB HELM AND JOE HIRSCH "dress up" for the National Honor Society initiation. The inductees had to dress in color, crazy clothes. — Photo by Kyle Huntley

Danyl Jeffrey
By FARRA MCCHESENEY
Danyl Jeffrey is the daughter of Gary and Jennifer Wolters. Danyl was born October 11, 1990. She has two sisters, Shelby, 20 years old, and Erin, 17. Danyl is currently working as a dietary aide at Cedar Living Center, and she is a cook/waitress at the ReLoad. She also used to work at A&W.

After she graduates, Danyl plans to take the summer off to spend with friends before moving to Denver where she will attend Johnson and Wales University to study culinary arts. After college she wants to work on a cruise ship for a year or two and then settle down and find a suitable job as a chef somewhere else.

In ten years Danyl hopes to be in New York with a great job. Her goals are to graduate from school, have a job she loves, get married, and hopefully have a few kids.

During her years at Decatur Community High School, Danyl has played volleyball and has been a member of FFA. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, and hanging out with friends.

Danyl's favorite movies are "Pretty Woman" and "Ghost." She loves books by Nora Roberts, and her favorite color is dark brown or light blue. Danyl's favorite song is "I'll Keep Your Memory Vague" by Finger Eleven.

Danyl said she will miss the most "being able to come to school and see the familiar faces."

"It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," is Danyl's favorite quote. Her final word of advice for underclassmen is, "to try your hardest at whatever you do. Don't be afraid because fear is what stops you from achieving."

Jacob Fortin
By DES SHIELDS

Jacob Fortin is the first of our featured seniors this week. Jacob is involved in D-club, Weight Club, Journalism, football, basketball, and track. He enjoys playing basketball, football, golf, weight lifting, and running in track.

During his high school career, he has worked at the Decatur County Feed Yard and at Hansen Mueller.

Jacob is the son of Shelli and Jay Fortin. He has an older brother, Josh. Jacob plans on majoring in physical education and wants to become a physical education teacher and coach.

When asked where he plans on being in ten years, he replied, "Hopefully in Florida where the

weather is nice." He also hopes to be making more than enough money by then to support a family.

When he leaves Oberlin, Jacob said he will miss friends and family. His favorite quote is "All you can do is handle it. The worst thing you can do is panic. Use it to your advantage. Avoid insanity, manage to conquer every obstacle, make impossible possible even when winning is illogical. Losing is still far from optional."

His advice for the underclassmen is "to give everything your all, do not slack, be nice to everyone, and make as many friends as you can."

Logan Fortin
By CINDY MURRAY

Logan Fortin was born October 10, 1990, and he is currently 18 years old. He is the son of Jamie and Lisa Fortin, and he has two sisters, Lindsay, who is 23, and Lauren, who is 20. He has a brother, Lance, who is 21.

Logan plans on attending Dodge City Community College after graduation in May. He wants to major in Agri Business. In ten years, Logan hopes to be married and a father with a couple of kids.

Logan's hobbies are working on cars and riding horses. While attending Decatur Community High School he has been involved in FFA, Weight Club, D-Club, football, basketball, track, and Student Council.

Logan's favorite movie is "Step Brothers," his favorite song is "Broken Sunday," and his favorite book is "Where the Red Fern Grows."

When asking Logan his short-term goal, he replied, "Graduate and get a scholarship to play football." His long-term goal is to play college sports and be an elite alumni from that college.

During school Logan has worked at the Decatur County Feedlot. Logan's favorite quote is "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Logan's advice for the underclassmen is to work your hardest and have absolutely no regrets.

"I will miss the great times with my friends and the sports," said Logan.

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Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

14 musicians play at K-State

By KYLE HUNTLEY
Fourteen Decatur Community High School band students were accepted for the Kansas State University band clinic on Jan. 23, 24, and 25 in Manhattan. Of those students, half were chosen for the top band, and four were chosen first chair.

To be chosen for the clinic is an honor in itself, as the students had to be selected based on their achievements in band and recommendations from their director.

The students representing DCHS were Chris Larson, Alyssa Rippe, Makenzie Nelson, Jacinta Carter, Nakita Bose, Samantha Anderson, Katie Glading, Lacy Misk, Amanda Marshall, Nolan Henningson, Joe Hirsch, Jaxen Alstrom, Kyle Huntley and Tim Larson.

Students across the state who at-

tended the clinic were divided into six bands — one top band and five other equal bands.

To earn a spot in the top band, the students had to sight read a piece and play a scale. Making the top band and seated as first chairs were Chris on clarinet; Alyssa, flute; Jacinta, tenor sax; and Samantha, French horn. Seated as second chairs were Katie, trombone; Nolan, trumpet; and Tim, drums.

All six bands practiced for two days, and then on Sunday they performed a concert. Thirteen scholarships were also awarded, and Chris Larson was awarded the Outstanding Musician Scholarship.

"Our kids did amazing," said band director Sarah Bricker. "We dominated on solos in the band."

Honor Society inducts 13 members

By ADRIENNE PAULS

The National Honor Society has added 13 new members to its club. The 13 inductees include Tiffany Anderson, Bret Ashley, Joe Hirsch, Rachelle Scott, Tim Larson, Jacob Larue, Nakita Bose, Rhiannon Davies, Sara Kyte, Jordan Dreher, Jacob Helm, Dakota Soderlund and Carissa Wentz.

The members had to do many things to be inducted. To even be considered for NHS, they have to have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and subject an application. The applications are then to be screened by a committee of teachers; and the students are selected according to their service, leadership, character, and scholarship.

The officers and current members organized the initiation for the inductees.

In school on Monday, they had to do the following: skip in the hallway, walk backwards up the stairs singing the circus tune, give

high fives to everyone going down the stairs, say "there you are" to all NHS members, crawl through the doorway to the cafeteria, bow to all their teachers and say "I'm grateful to be in your presence, say "look what I can do" through all doorways, sing the Barney song at the beginning of each class, and bring candy for NHS members

At the NHS banquet later that night at the Gateway, there was a lot of entertainment. First everyone ate and the inductees were introduced. Then the banquet moved to the Gateway auditorium where the DCHS Singers performed and Gary Walter gave an inspirational speech about the importance of NHS. His main message was that we will need to continue with community service our whole lives, no matter where we live, but especially in a small town like Oberlin.

Being in NHS is a real honor, so congratulations to the 13 new inductees.

School Menus

Feb. 9 - 13

MONDAY: Late start - no breakfast. Lunch: little smokies, scalloped potatoes
TUESDAY: Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: ham

combo, muffin. Lunch: pizza, green beans.
THURSDAY: Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: corn dog, tater tots.
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Estate of Grace Cook

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of) GRACE E. COOK, Deceased.) Case No. 2008-PR-24

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated 26 January 2009, has been filed in this court by Jeanette Miller, as a surviving daughter and heir of Grace E. Cook, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Jeanette Miller as administrator of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the administrator or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of Jeanette Miller as administrator of the estate on or before February 27, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Oberlin in Decatur County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and if their

months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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Estate of W. Jensen

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS (Magistrate - Probate) (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

In the Matter of the Estate of WALLACE JENSEN, Deceased Case No. 2009-PR-01

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of January, 2009, a petition was filed in said Court by Michael Jensen as Executor of Wallace Jensen, deceased, wherein he was appointed an Executor of said estate under the Kansas Simplified Estate Act.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the said estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and if their

demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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Estate of D. Shaw

PUBLIC NOTICE
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of) DONALD SHAW, Deceased.) Case No. 2008-PR-11

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Rick Shaw, executor of the estate of Donald Shaw, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 20th day

of February, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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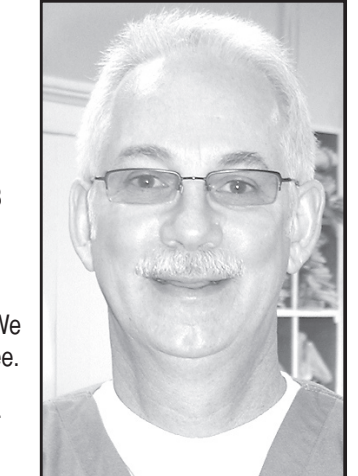
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