

Senior Features

Des Shields

By CINDY MURRAY
Desirae Shields turned 18 on March 22. She has three siblings Trina, 23; Shelby, 30; and Ryan, 24.

After she graduates in May, she plans to work at the Good Samaritan Center, and then in July she plans to move to Colby to attend the Colby Community College and major in massage therapy.

She knows where she wants to be in 10 years.

"I hope to be in Colorado with my associate's degree in massage therapy," she said. "I also hope to be married with a couple of kids."

Desirae's hobbies are going to the lake, shopping, taking pictures and hanging out with friends. In high school Des has been involved in volleyball, basketball manager, Kayettes, and part of the television and journalism staffs.

Her favorite movie is "Wanted" and her favorite colors are pink and lime green.

Desirae's short-term goal is to graduate from high school, and her long-term goal is to get her certificate in massage therapy.

After leaving high school she said he would miss her friends and family.

She has worked as a waitress, dietary aide, and is now a certified nurse aide at the Good Samaritan Center.

Her advice for the underclassman is to have fun and try your hardest

and Sandy Rush. She has three siblings: Wade, Trista, and Jenny Ploussard.

She is involved in many activities at Decatur Community High School including volleyball, wrestling stats, golf, forensics, Kayettes, TACT, Drama Club, D-Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and student council. She also works as a certified nurse aide at the Good Samaritan Center.

After graduation in May, Heather plans to work and head off to college. She said she will miss her family and friends. She plans on attending Washburn University to study criminal justice.

In 10 years, she hopes to have a family and a good job, and to just be happy.

Heather enjoys playing cards, going to the lake, being with family, and running. Her favorite movies are "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," "The Incredibles" and "Iron Man."

Her favorite quote is "To the world you may just be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Nathan Simonsson

By JACOB FORTIN
Nathan Simonsson is the son of the Brian and Pam Simonsson and the youngest of four children.

Nathan has participated in many activities while in high school, including football, wrestling, golf, Scholar Bowl, Student Council, National Honor Society, D-Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and TACT.

Nathan also has many different hobbies, which include hunting, playing sports, being outside, and hanging out with his friends. Nathan has worked at the school during the summers.

Nathan plans on attending Kansas State University with the intent to study political science. He also plans to be in the Army ROTC. His short-term goal is to survive calculus and senior English. His long-term goal is to be successful in whatever he does and have a wife and a couple of gorgeous kids. In ten years Nathan plans to be an officer in the United States Army.

Nathan said the thing he will miss most about Decatur Community High School and Oberlin is the small town security and the teacher/student ratio. His favorite quote is "If you come to a fork in the road, take it," by Yogi Berra.

Nathan's advice for the underclassman is "Don't take calculus if you don't need it."

Everett Urban

By DES SHIELDS
Everett Urban is the son of Terry Urban and Leslie Plotts. Everett has two older brothers, Terry and David. He also has one younger sister, Brittany.

In high school Everett has been involved in football, wrestling, track, D-club and weight club. In his free time Everett enjoys hunting, working, wrestling, running track, and playing football. He has also been busy with farming.

After high school Everett plans to attend Colby Community College and study law enforcement. He also plans to wrestle in college and set a goal of winning a national wrestling title. Ten years from now he wants to be starting a family and be a respected law enforcement officer.

When asked what he would miss most about Oberlin, he said "I will miss being with my friends all the time."

Heather Ploussard

By CHERISH MANNING
Heather is the daughter of Terry



STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN DRAWS BLOOD (actually Kool-aid) as part of Career Discovery Days.

Juniors participate in Discovery Days

By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN

Juniors Ashli Samson and I attended the 2009 Career Days at McCook Community Hospital on March 26.

When we applied, we were asked to choose six out of 12 sessions.

Ashli chose laboratory, nursing, radiology, respiratory, physician assistant and emergency medical technician.

I chose message/occupational therapy, nursing, emergency medical technician, physician assistant, radiology and laboratory.

In the laboratory session, we practiced drawing blood out of a mechanical arm. While in the radiology session, they showed us the MRI, CAT-scan, X-ray, and sonogram rooms.

During the nursing session, we practiced drawing up medication and giving shots. The emergency medical session was when we had to get a victim, who had been in a car accident and couldn't be moved, on a backboard.

In the physician assistants' session, we learned how to stitch using pigs feet. At respiratory, Ashli learned how to put a breathing tube in. At message/occupational therapy, I learned how disabled people do many things in their daily lives.

Over all it was a very good day, and we both had a lot of fun. Our favorite session was the physician assistant.

"I had a lot of fun learning how to do stitches, Ashli said. "It was cool practicing on pigs' feet."

old school and friends. Her hobbies include playing all kinds of sports and drawing in her free time. She has two siblings Jacob, 14, and Latisha, 20.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

Spanish students learn to dance

By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN

The Salsa and Merengue aren't the normal dances you see at homecoming or prom, but you just might see them at the next high school dance.

Many of Carol Brown's Spanish students loaded a bus at 7:45 a.m. on April 8 and headed to Hays for dance lessons. Yes, dance lessons.

While in Hays, they and other students from Hays, Plainville, Hoisington and other schools learned three different kinds of dances. They first learned the Salsa and the Mambo, which may have originated in the Caribbean.

In between sessions they ate at a Mexican restaurant. After lunch the Oberlin students were in their own group to learn how to Merengue. Everyone had tons of fun

and learned a lot. The students that went were Erin Jeffery, Dalton Jones, Brianna Klima, Sara Kyte, Brooklyn O'Hare, Carissa Wentz, Bret Ashley, Nakita Bose, Danyel Jeffery, Shay McChesney, Evan Walker, Tim Larson, Emma Merrill, Ray Zodrow, Miranda Shelton, Derek Chambers, Katie Glading, Ashley Horton, Cody Kane, Kira Meitl, and Alex Ortiz.

Kira Meitl said, "I'm really glad we were given the opportunity to learn dances from a different culture. It was lots of fun."

Cody Kane said, "Although I'm not a very good dancer, it was a good learning experience."

The trip was made possible through grant money provided by the Decatur Community Foundation.

Art show held in Oakley

Last week the NWKL Art Show was held in Oakley, and many students from Decatur Community Schools entered their artwork.

Amanda Marshall and Kaitlynn Fisher both received Best of Show gold awards, Amanda for the high school division and Kaitlynn for the elementary division.

At the high school level, Amanda Marshall and Jordan McHugh each earned four blue ribbons on their work. Wade Juenemann, Tamara Ketterl and Jaci Pearce all received two blue ribbons, and Emma Merrill

received one.

From the junior high, Dayton Dreher and Sierra Lohoeferner both earned two blue ribbons. Kennedy Fortin, Mercedese Geihlsler, Ben Glading, Hannah May, Haley Schiessler and Ashley Witt all earned one blue ribbon.

In the grade school Rex Diederich, Winter Polivka, Myles Sheaffer, Alexandra Waterman, Kole Breth and Jack Mumm all earned a blue ribbon.

The students' art teacher is Terri Woolsey.

New Student

By LAKIN BROWN
We'd like to welcome Emily Blunt to the sophomore class at Decatur Community High School. Emily moved here from Kensington. Emily arrived in Oberlin on April 1. She says she really misses her

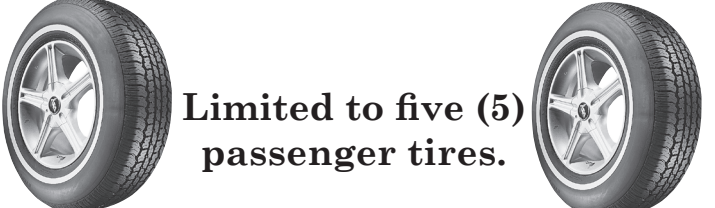
School Menus

April 27 - May 1 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: pancakes, sausage pattie. Lunch: chicken sandwich, tater tots. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: poor man's steak, mashed potatoes. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: tacos, refried

beans. Thursday: Breakfast: french toast sticks. Lunch: popcorn chicken, scalloped potatoes. **Friday:** Breakfast: muffin, ham patty. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

The Decatur County Landfill Will Offer One Free Dump per family during regular hours from April 27 through May 2. Weekdays are open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd, from 8 a.m. to Noon. The free dump can be used for business or residence but not both.



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