

# Senior Features

## Annamarie Larue

By CINDY MURRAY  
Annamarie Larue is the daughter of Marianne and Bruce Larue. She has one brother, Jacob, who is a sophomore.

When asking Anna what her plans are after graduation, she replied, "To enjoy my summer with friends and then go to Butler and participate in their vocal program." She is planning on studying elementary education.

Ten years from now, Anna hopes to be settled down and married, probably in a small town like Oberlin. "I don't know for sure if I will be teaching or not because I'll probably change my major a few times in college."

Anna's hobbies are reading, hanging out with friends, and surfing the net. Her favorite movies are "Sahara" and "The Holiday." Her favorite color is blue, and she doesn't have a favorite song because she likes pretty much any music. Her favorite books are the Twilight series.

Anna has been involved in basketball, DCHS Singers, Kayettes, TACT, National Honor Society, Drama Club, all-school play, forensics, musicals, cross country, and the senior play.

Anna's long-term goal is to find a major she will enjoy doing for the rest of her life. Her short-term goal is to make it into the show choir at Butler.

When asking Anna what she will miss the most about Decatur Community High School, she replied, "I will miss being able to see all my friends everyday and Singers."

Anna has had one job during school, and that was at A&W. Anna's favorite quote is "If you reach for the stars, you just get the stars. Reach for the moon, and you get the stars thrown in."

Anna's advice for the underclassmen is "to live your high school years to the fullest because it goes by fast. Also participate in as many activities as you can. You'll meet so many amazing people and make so many great memories. Don't procrastinate, too! It will make your life much less stressful."

## Farra McChesney

By TAMARA KETTERL  
Farra McChesney is the daughter of Julia and Donald Ray and Ed Hofheins. Farra has three brothers, Shay, 14, Jessup, 7, and Adric, 6.

After graduation Farra plans to leave May 20 to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for boot camp until August 4. Then she will go to Fort Lee, Virginia, for Advanced Individual Training until October 20.

Farra also plans to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan. She plans to major in graphic design and minor in dance/choreography and business of some kind.

In ten years Farra hopes to be getting ready to move to California after her brother Adric graduates. In California she wants to pursue her dream of becoming a producer and director.

Farra's hobbies include sports, especially football, friends and family, movies, "Left for Dead" on XBOX 360, dance, music, reading, and design.

Farra is the yearbook editor, the senior class Vice President and the boys' basketball manager. She has been involved in cross country, track, Drama Club, D-Club, Weight Club, forensics, the senior play, the all-school play, and TV Communications.

Her favorite types of movies are football, dance and horror movies. Some of her favorite songs are "Sober," by Pink, and "Burn this City," by Hollywood Undead. She likes to read any books by Sharilyn Kellyon. Her favorite colors are green and Texas burnt orange.

Farra's short-term goals are to remain on the honor roll the rest of her senior year. Her long-term goals are to make general in the Army and fulfill her dreams of becoming a producer and director.

Farra said that when it comes time to graduate, she will miss waking up every morning to see her family. She will miss being able to walk everywhere within five or ten minutes.

During Farra's high school years, she has worked at various jobs including Raye's Grocery, Reload, 2BCreative, babysitting, and cleaning houses.

Farra's Favorite quote is "If you want something you've never had, you have to be willing to do something you've never done." She would like to give all the underclassmen a little bit of advice — "Never give up! If you want something, go for it! Anything is truly possible! Have faith and believe in yourself. Always know that people CAN change! Also remember that high school is only the beginning!"



**Decatur Dictator**  
By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Nine Kayettes attend conference

Nine Kayette members attended the KAY Unit Conference in Logan with Linda Glaze as their sponsor. The theme was "Hooked On Leadership." The Logan KAY members wore bandanas on their heads, and the gym floor had a big X in the middle.

At registration each person got a name tag to write her name on, each one being a different color, and each one had a number on it. The icebreaker was to find the two or three other people that had the same number.

After the activity, all students filled into the auditorium where they were welcomed to the KAY unit conference. Each of the presidents, including our own Alyssa Rippe, introduced themselves, their school, grade, sponsor, and what their goals and plans are to finish the school year off with.

Next, the students broke off into their groups, according to the color of their name tag and went into the gym. Each group was assigned a leader, a KAY member from Logan, who was in charge of explaining what their next activity was. In their own groups, they split into two parts and had to do what the leader without talking. They were supposed to clap three times when they were done. The first group done was the winner.

Next, the groups went to different rooms to attend different sessions,

"Laugh, Love, and Lift." One session included three men from Valley Hope in Norton, who shared their experiences with the students. In another session the students watched a video and listened to John White of Stuttgart, tell about the Orphan Grain Train, and what they do to help those in need. There were two other sessions, Patriotic Leadership and Kansas Youth Leadership.

When the sessions were over, the students paired up and filled packets full of emergency supply kits, such as food, water, lighting, a first aid kit, and more survival things for the Orphan Grain Train, which is a Christian-volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid.

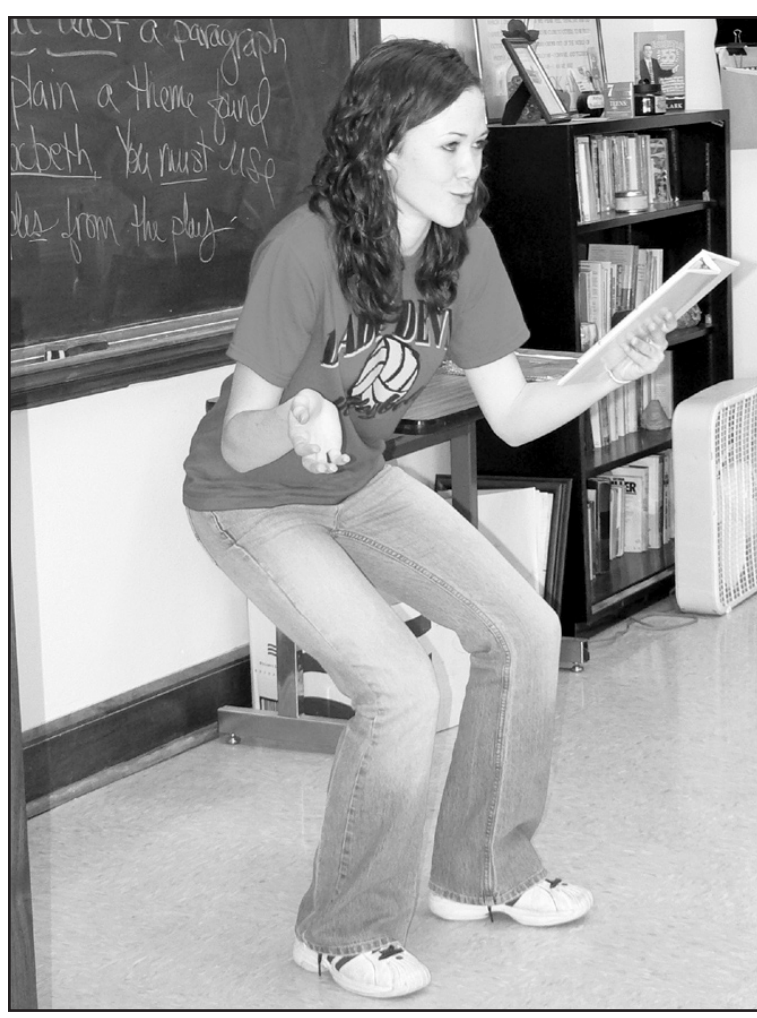
The students ended their day by filling back into the auditorium and watching a slide show of pictures from KAY camp last summer, and going over the things that were talked about that day.

The Oberlin Kayettes who went to the KAY Unit Conference were Ashley Horton, Sara Kyte, Amanda Edmiston, Emma Merrill, Heather Ploussard, Alyssa Rippe, Annamarie Larue, Elisha Jones, and Haley Barrett.

## Diploma classes considered

Due to an expressed interest, Decatur Community High School is considering bringing General Equivalency Diploma classes to Oberlin. To host a class, we must have a minimum number of students enrolled.

If you do not have your high school diploma and are not enrolled in a high school and would like to pursue your General Equivalency Diploma, please contact Charles Haag, Principal, or Brenda Breth, Counselor at (785) 475-2231.



ASHLEY HORTON PRACTICES her prose piece for speech in front of her English class. The juniors had just finished reading "Macbeth," and Ashley's prose included numerous allusions to Shakespeare's play.

— Dictator Staff Photo

## Six speech students qualify for state

By ASHLI SAMSON

The Oberlin Speech Team took first place in the Norton Invitational Speech Meet on Feb. 14. Six students qualified for state: Ethan Merrill took first place in Humorous Solo Acting, Joe Hirsch and Ashley Horton took first place in Duet Acting, followed by Nolan Henningson and Amanda Marshall in second place. Alyssa Rippe took first place in Original Oration.

Other placers at the meet were Annamarie Larue and Makenzie Nelson, who took third place in Duet Acting; Jay Wessel, who took fourth place in Serious Solo Acting; and

Annamarie Larue, who took fourth place in Informative.

Placing fifth were Jacinta Carter in Humorous Solo Acting, Amanda Marshall in Poetry Interpretation, and Joe Hirsch and Farra McChesney in Improvised Duet Acting. Ashley Horton took seventh place in Prose Interpretation.

Others competing at Norton were Emma Merrill in Humorous Solo Acting and Poetry Interpretation, Jaxen Alstrom and Daniel Jordan in Poetry Interpretation, Ethan Merrill and Amanda Edmiston in Duet Acting, and Jasmine Pearson and Chris Larson in Serious Solo Acting.

## Scholar Bowl team comes up short at Regional

By STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN

The Oberlin Scholar Bowl team made its way to Leoti for Regional Scholar Bowl on Feb. 5. The team consisted of Hunter Nedland, Nathan Simonson, Jacinta Carter, and Chris Larson. Alternates were Rhiannon Davis and Jacob Helm.

In preliminaries Oberlin won against Meade, Oakley, Wichita County, and Ellis. They came out of their pool in third place and made it to the championship rounds.

In the championship rounds they won against Syracuse and Kinsley, who took third place in the competition. Oberlin was defeated by Sublette, who won the meet, and Rawlins County, who came in second place, and Satanta.

Only one round during the entire tournament did Oberlin lose by more than one question. The top three teams went on to the state competition.

"I thought they did an overall

good job," said Coach Marlene Moxter. "It was a good season."

## School Menus

March 2 - 6

OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Fourth grade classes submitted lunch menus for March

**Monday:** Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: burrito, carrots. (Jillian Peters and Cerys Davies) **Tuesday:** Breakfast: waffle, sausage pattie. Lunch: lasagna, green beans, kiwi/peaches. (Taylor Corbett and Tylynn Peterson) **Wednesday:** Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: popcorn chicken, french fries, peas, dinner roll. (Tristen Davis and Jenna Long) **Friday:** Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich.

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



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