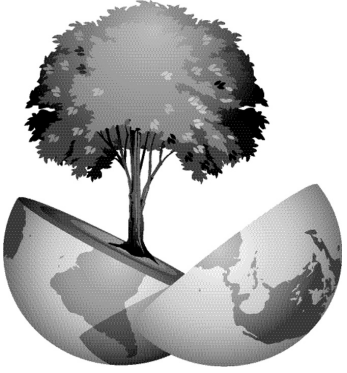


# Youth plant trees at Sappa Park

**By ADRIENNE PAULS**  
 Hundreds of trees now have a new home. Pheasants Forever received 600 new trees and called on the Oberlin youth to help get them in the ground at Sappa Park. Around twenty-five Decatur Community High School students answered the call and volunteered their

time and energy last Monday to help plant the trees. The students who helped Pheasants Forever were Garrett Berry, Matthew Wittman, Conner McHugh, Shay McChesney, Adrienne Pauls, Keithen Fortin, Nolan Peters, Kolton Paul, Dalton Dolan, Jessica Fredrickson, Baron Green, Dakota Soderlund, Josh Ritter, Ryan May, Killian Dellere, Rachelle Scott, Stephanie Bruggeman, Tyler Bruggeman, Sara Kyte, Jacob Larue, Ashley Horton, Brent Juenemann and Zach May. The students helped plant 300 cedar trees, 150 Fragrant Sumac trees, and 150 American Plum trees. The trees will go to use for a windbreak north of the dam and also a home for habitat. The Pheasant Forever chapter rewarded the students with pizza and pop.



**HELPING THE PHEASANTS FOREVER** chapter, Rachelle Scott helped plant some 600 trees at Sappa Park. — Dictator Photo by Adrienne Pauls

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Students win top awards in art show

Amanda Marshall won Best of Show in the high school division with her three-piece clay set. McKenna O'Hare won the top award in the grades 1-8 division for her mixed media.

Also winning blue ribbons were Serena Reichert with a watercolor, Gatlin James with his acrylic self-portrait, Kira Meitl on a clay vase, and Ray O'Boyle with a clay piece.

The judge said that Amanda used a "nice hand-built technique," and that McKenna made "great color choices, excellent use of batik technique, and very high craftsmanship."

In the elementary and junior high division, Molly Jansonius earned two blue ribbons on a clay piece and a mixed media piece. James Ohlert also won two blues on a watercolor and a mixed media.

In addition to her Best of Show, Amanda also won four blue ribbons on a clay holder, a charcoal painting, a mixed board, and a watercolor.

Other students winning blues on their watercolors were Kariah Castle, Kelden Breth, Alissa Sporn, and Cassidy Gillespie.

Bret Ashley won five blue ribbons on a clay tree, an acrylic of a tiger, two pencil drawing of dogs, and a pencil drawing of a snake.

Also winning blue ribbons were Winter Polivka, acrylic; Celianna Shobe, construction paper; Alexandra Waterman, crayon; Regent Erickson, media; Emma Green, clay; Morgan Jansonius, mixed media; Tylynn Peterson, pencil.

Laysha Medina earned two blue ribbons on her ink and mixed media pieces.

## Senior Features

### Hunter Nedland

**By JESSICA FREDRICKSON**  
 Hunter Theodore May Nedland is a 17-year-old senior. He was born on June 4, 1992, to Rhonda and Dan Nedland. Hunter has two siblings: Cameron, who is currently a junior at Kansas State, and Elizabeth, who is a freshman at Decatur Community High School.

awesome people I met here," said Hunter.

Hunter's hobbies and interests include friends, Facebook, video games, his girlfriend Rhiannon Davies, writing, school and music. Hunter also likes any type of science, people, and communication. Hunter has been involved in many things at DCHS, some of which include DCHS Singers, speech, and drama club. His favorite color is green.

### Toby Peters

**By GATLIN REICHERT**  
 Toby James Peters is the son of Randy and Lynda Peters. His birth date was June 28, 1991, which makes him 18. He has four brothers and a sister: C.J., Caleb, Garrit, Nolan and Jillian.

His interests include sports, video games, hanging with his friends, fishing, watching movies, and quoting movies. His activities consist of football, basketball, Weight Club President, D-Club Favorite, and Student Council. His favorite color is baby blue, his favorite book is his play book, his favorite songs are most of Tool's songs, and his favorite quote is from the movie Inglorious Basterds, "You've got a gun and if I come down there you will shoot me. They've got grenades up here that they will throw down and kill you ... that is a Mexican Standoff." — Brad Pitt.

He plans to attend college at Garden City on a football scholarship. He has not decided a major as of yet.

His advice to underclassmen is to "stay on top of your work; it's hard to get out of a hole."

What he will miss most about

high school is being able to get up, get ready, and be at school in five minutes.

### Gatlin Reichert

**By TOBY PETERS**  
 Gatlin James Reichert is the son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert and was born on Sept. 30, 1991. He has four older brothers: Garrick, Grant, Gannon and Gage.

Gatlin's hobbies and interests include playing video games, reading, blowing things up, eating, and petting kittens and puppies. He was involved in wrestling, cross-country, D-Club, Chemistry Club, Scholar Bowl, Student Council, yearbook staff, and Weight Club. He is also the Student Council President.

His favorite color is beige. His favorite book is the Bible, and his favorite songs are anything by Maylene and the Sons of Disaster. His favorite quote is "I am the devourer of worlds ... and trinkets."

Gatlin plans to attend Baker University in Baldwin City and major in Creative Writing. His advice to underclassmen is "Don't listen to any other seniors advice ... ever."

What he will miss about high school is "How the heater is broken in the winter and the air conditioner is broken when it's hot."

### Ashli Samson

**By ADRIENNE PAULS**  
 "If your success is not on your own terms, it looks good to the world but doesn't feel good in your heart, it is not success at all." Ashli's favorite quote is from Anna Quindlen.

Ashli Samson was born on June 11, 1991, and is now eighteen years old. Her parents are Chad Samson, and Candice and Keith Ketterl. Ali, 20, and Jonathan, 17, are her siblings.

Ashli loves to hang out with her friends and family and watch TV. She also enjoys working at the Good Samaritan Center. Some activities she's involved in are volleyball, Kayettes, Spanish Club, Chemistry/Physics Club, and yearbook staff. Her favorite things are the color purple, "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult, and the song "I Never Told You," by Colbie Caillat.

Ashli's future plans are to go to college at Baker University in Baldwin City to study nursing. In ten years, Ashli said, "I plan on having a job and family." Something she will miss about Decatur Community High School is to see all the students, teachers, and high school friends. Her advice to underclassmen is, "don't procrastinate and hand work in on time."

## Student qualifies for State Speech tourney

### By JESSICA FREDRICKSON

Jacob Larue qualified for state speech in informative speaking by placing first at the Phillipsburg Speech Tournament.

gan Huntley and Cassidy Shields. The team scored a total of 76 points.

Jacob Helm placed fourth in extemporaneous speaking, Channing placed fifth in prose. Jacob also placed sixth in improvised duet acting with Channing.

Others competing were Tiffany Anderson, 5 points in Prose Interpretation; Lizzie Nedland, 2

points in Poetry Interpretation; Jacob Helm, 4 points in Informative Speaking; Tim Larson, 2 points in Original Oration; Hunter Nedland, 2 points in Original Oration; Lizzie Nedland, 5 points in Extemporaneous; Sarah Campbell and Rhiannon Davies, 6 points in Duet Acting; Rhiannon and Hunter, 5 points in Improvised Duet; Megan Huntley and Tim Larson, 3 points in Improvised Duet.

## School Menus

**April 26 - 30 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Hot dog, baked beans. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Baked chicken legs, mashed potatoes. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: Ham combo, muffin. Lunch: hamburger, tater tots. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Waffle, cheese stick. Lunch: sliced ham, macaroni and cheese. **Friday:** Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: chicken nuggets, green beans.

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



## Stuco sponsoring self-defense class

Fredrickson Insurance Agency and the Decatur Community High School Student Council are co-sponsoring a self-defense class on Monday, April 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the high school gym and is free to the public. The instructor will be Kansas State Trooper Hileman.

Students and adults, male and female, are welcome. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Interested people can sign up at the high school or at Fredrickson Insurance.

## The Decatur County Landfill

Will offer one free dump per family during regular hours from April 26 through May 1. Weekdays are open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. - Noon. The free dump can be used for business or residence, but not both.

**Limited to five (5) passenger tires**

Refrigerated appliances must have certificate of evacuation or will be charged a \$10 fee.

**For more information call: 785-475-8111.**

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