

Ten Oberlin students win woodwork, drafting ribbons


Ten Oberlin students won ribbons on their woodworking and drafting projects at the Western Kansas Technology Education Fair at Fort Hays State University. Juniors Jacob Fortin and Nathan Baker also won the coveted Rosette, which is an award given for the best project in each category and age group. Jacob won a blue and the rosette on his dry bar, and Nathan won a blue and a rosette on his potty training toilet. A blue ribbon stands for superior; a red means excellent. Andrew Richards won a blue on his bookcase, and a red on his kitchen cart. Sam Stapp won a blue on his gun

cabinet and a red on his billiards rack. Jamie Miller won a red on his clock and Ryan McEvoy won two reds on his doghouse and gun cabinet. Erin Jeffrey also won a red on her desk. In drafting, Jamie Miller won a blue on his arbor press (Computer-Aided Design). Winning reds were Chenaniah Langness on his arbor press (hand-drawn) and screw driver (hand-drawn), and Ethan Long on his depth gauge (Computer-Aided Design). The industrial arts students also participated in two events at the

fair: Problem Solving and Tech Challenge, which is like a quiz bowl with technical questions. Oberlin didn't place in problem solving. The team consisted of Lucas Juenemann, Nathan Baker, Ryan McEvoy, Sam Stapp and Jamie Miller. Oberlin entered two teams in the Tech Challenge. Team A included Everett Urban, Cole May, Andrew Richards, Jacob Fortin; and Team B included Jamie Miller, John Meitl, R.J. Phifer and Nathan Baker. The teams had to draw for seeding, and out of 16 teams, Oberlin A had to go against Oberlin B the first round. "The guys were pretty unaccus-

tomed to the Scholars Bowl-like competition," said Matt Micek, "and I think they were a little reluctant to buzz in." Oberlin B won over Oberlin A and went on to take second place overall, which earned them a plaque. "Overall, I was really pleased with how the day turned out and was excited to see a couple of our projects get the coveted Rosette," said Mr. Micek. "I would have liked to have seen the drafting projects score a little higher, as these guys really worked hard to get them done before the show. However, there were plenty of white ribbons given out, and we can hold our heads high that we didn't have any of those."

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Oberlin places third at state speech

by AMIE RITTER
Senior Jessica Bremer capped off her high school speech career by placing fourth in extemporaneous speaking at the State Speech Tournament. The team of Joe Hirsch and Ethan Merrill placed fifth in improvised duet acting. State Champs were hosted by Deerfield High School at the Clearwater High School on May 2. Thirty-four schools competed. Qualifying for the semi-final round were Amber Mason and Tim Larson; and Jacinta Carter and Chenny Langness in duet acting; Joe Hirsch in humorous solo acting; Annamarie Larue in informative speaking; and Farra McChesney in serious solo acting. At State Festival, four events earned I ratings: Jacob and Becky Helm in improvised duet acting;

Jacob Larue in prose interpretation; Becky Helm in original oration; and Laysha Medina in serious solo acting. Qualifying for state were Rory Wendelin and Jacinta Carter, humorous solo acting; Makenzie Nelson and Haley Barrett, informative speaking; Emma Merrill, poetry interpretation; Amber Mason, Ashley Horton, Ethan Merrill, prose interpretation; and Alyssa Rippe, serious solo acting. Qualifying for state festival were Hunter Nedland, extemporaneous speaking; Heather and Jenny Plousard, improvised duet acting; Jacob Helm, informative speaking; Jay Wessel, poetry; and Melissa Hasty, prose interpretation. Speech coaches are Leigh Davis and Robyn Wessel.

Senior Features

Amie Ritter
Amie Ritter is the daughter of Tammy and Rick Touslee and Rick and Lynette Ritter. Amie has attended Unified School District 294 for twelve years. She was a varsity cheerleader all four years of high school. When asked what she would miss most about high school, Amie said, "seeing my friends every day." It's not surprising that she said this because her favorite part of high school is making memories with her friends. Her favorite classes are journalism and vocal. Her favorite teacher is Brenda Breth. After she graduates, Amie plans to attend Hutchinson Community College and major in Radiology Technology. When she was younger, she wanted to be a veterinarian. Amie's advice for underclassmen is, "don't procrastinate and do as much as you can while you're here."

faster than you think. When Ali was little, she thought she wanted to be a nurse. She has changed her plans since then, and she is going to attend Colby Community College to study business management in market and retailing. **Cameron Weishapl** by ALI SAMSON
Cameron is the son of Kim and Tom Weishapl. He has been attending the Oberlin schools for nine years. His favorite part of high school is graduation, and his favorite teacher is Gina Witt. His favorite class is English. His advice for underclassmen is to do your homework. His favorite high school activity and favorite sport was basketball. When he was little, he wanted to be a truck driver. His future plan is to work at Cabela's in Kearney.

wanted to be a chef. He is going in a different direction though by choosing to attend the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb. Then, he would like to come back to Oberlin and farm. **Gage Reichert**
Gage Reichert is the son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert. He plans to attend Kansas State University to major in Biology. One of his favorite classes is Biology II, and his favorite teacher is Caleb Howland, who taught Biology II. Gage has been attending Unified School District 294 schools since kindergarten. He says that he is going to miss the people he met in high school the most. His favorite part of high school was looking forward to the end of it. He just wants to graduate. His high school activities included wrestling and cross-country. His favorite high school activity was playing pool in the senior room after lunch. When Gage was little, he wanted to be an animal rescuer. Gage's advice for the underclassmen is "Don't take others' advice; find out for yourself."

loween Clean-Up General and is the 2008 Prom Marshall. Her favorite class is in-house training, and Candy Dejmal is her favorite teacher. **Jebb Tally** by KAITLYN GILLESPIE
You can usually find him in the Vocational Agriculture building or Industrial Arts shop working on one of his projects. Jebb Tally, who has gone to the Oberlin schools since kindergarten, is the son of Jerry and Theresa Tally. His favorite part of high school has been being around his friends. Jebb is most going to miss hanging out with his friends at Decatur Community High School. Jebb's favorite teacher is Jason Ketterl, and his favorite classes are Vocational Agriculture and Industrial Arts. Also, Jebb is involved in FFA. His advice for the underclassmen is to "do your work on time."

Ali Samson
Senior Ali Samson is the daughter of Candi Ketterl and Chad Samson. Ali said her favorite part of high school was seeing her friends everyday. Her favorite class is journalism and her favorite teacher is Brenda Breth. She said she is going to miss seeing her friends everyday. She has attended Decatur Community High School for four years. Ali Samson's favorite school activity was going to games with her friends. Ali was out for volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading. Ali's advice for the underclassmen is to stay on top of things and enjoy everyday because it goes

David Urban by KAITLYN GILLESPIE
Whether it was pulling a good move in wrestling or playing the trumpet, David Urban as a 12-year member of Oberlin schools could do them both. David is another one of our 2008 graduates. David Urban is the son of Terry Urban and Leslie Plotts. He has most enjoyed wrestling throughout his high school years. When asked what he was going to miss about high school, he said, "Seeing my friends almost everyday and being able to have some fun with them." David's favorite teacher is Caleb Howland and his favorite classes are science, math, and band. When he was little, David always

Lacey Ream
Lacey is the daughter of Peggy and Terry Ream. Next year she plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has not decided on a major yet. Since kindergarten, Lacey has been attending the Oberlin schools. She is this year's National Honor Society president. She has also been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track. She was the 2008 Hal-

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