



MIKI DORSHORST, LIZZY NEDLAND, AND DARCI ROUSE contemplated the answer to one of the scholar bowl questions during the Oberlin Invitational. The eighth grade

team won second at the Oberlin contest and won the Northwest Kansas League Championship the following week.
— Dictator photo by Susan May

Eighth graders win scholar bowl

Undeclared at the tournament, the eighth grader scholar bowl team are Northwest Kansas League Champions. The league scholar bowl was held Monday, March 9, at Oakley. Competing for Oberlin were

Kade Brown, Miki Dorshorst, Zach May, Darbi Rouse, Cassidy Shields, Matthew Helm, and Elizabeth Nedland.

Oberlin began the tournament by defeating Quinter 80 to 40. Round

2, they defeated Hoxie 100 to 20. Rawlins County was the next to go down 80 to 20. Round 4, they had a bye.

Oberlin then defeated Goodland 90 to 45 and Colby 95 to 40.

For the final round, Oberlin won over Oakley 90 to 20.

The team is coached by Marlene Moxter.

Student qualifies for state contest

By **STEPHANIE BRUGGEMAN**

All junior high students had a geography bee last month, very similar to a spelling bee — only with geography questions. After the final round, only one student was left — Matthew Helm.

After winning the local Geography Bee, Matthew took a written test. He was recently notified that his test score has qualified him for the state competition.

The State Bee will be held Friday, April 3 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower

Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition May 19 and 20 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington D.C.

Matthew is the third one in his family to qualify for the state bee. His brothers Aaron and Jacob also qualified when they were eighth graders.

Jacob is the son of Mike and Deb Helm. Marlene Moxter is his geography teacher.

School Menus

March 23 - 27 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Fourth grade classes submitted lunch menus for March

Monday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick. Lunch: burrito, corn, oranges. (Thomas Cody and Austin Brown)

Tuesday: Breakfast: ham combo, muffin. Lunch: chicken nuggets, rice, sliced apples. (Kelsey May and Jakobi Blau)

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: sliced ham, macaroni and

cheese, dinner roll. (Sierra Hendrickson and Tabor Erickson)

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll. (Quinton Cook and Adrian Chambers)

Friday: Breakfast: breakfast bites. Lunch: fish sticks, tater tots, dinner roll.

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

Senior Features

John Meitl

By **FARRA MCCHESENEY**

John Meitl is the son of Mark and Leta Meitl. He lives near Dresden with his parents and his two sisters, Sammy, 14, and Katie, 5.

After John graduates from high school, he plans to attend Northwest Technical College in Goodland to study welding and electricity.

In ten years, John's goal is to own a welding shop around the Oberlin area.

John is very involved with FFA, and his hobbies include hunting, trapping, and riding horses. John says that when he graduates, he will miss FFA the most.

John's favorite movie is "Open Range," and his favorite song is "A Country Boy Can Survive." His favorite colors are red and blue.

John would like to tell underclassmen to "work hard!" His favorite quote is, "live life to the fullest."

and has two brothers, Conner, 14, and Tyler, 8.

Jordan enjoys riding horses, drawing, reading and writing. Her favorite movies include "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken," and the "Bourne" Series.

While attending high school she was involved in volleyball and speech. She also worked at the Frontier Motel as a housekeeper.

When asked what she would miss the most about high school, she said she would miss her family and friends. Her favorite quote is, "You can't find a solution if you can't see the problem." Jordan's advice for underclassmen is, "Enjoy your time and spend it wisely."

After high school Jordan is hoping to go to cosmetology school in the fall, and in ten years she hopes to own her own salon.

Ethan Merrill

By **CHERISH MANNING**

Ethan Merrill is the son of Jody and Kenneth Merrill. Ethan has seven siblings including his twin sister Emma, Candice, Janet, Mar-net, Jerome, Keith, and Butch.

Ethan has been involved in basketball, golf, forensics, DCHS

Singers, the 4 J's, and Drama Club. He has been involved in numerous plays and musicals at Decatur Community High School.

Ethan's hobbies are singing and dancing. His favorite movie is "Step Brothers," and his favorite song is "Living on a Prayer."

Ethan says he will miss not seeing all the familiar faces in the halls of DCHS. He plans on attending Colby Community College and studying drama, music, or movie making.

In ten years he hopes to be in Hollywood being one of the greatest actors ever known.

His short-term goal is to find his first job and his long-term goal is to become a famous actor who is generous and not cruel to those who are less fortunate.

Ethan's favorite quote is "good things DO happen in time."

His advice to the underclassmen is, "Follow your dreams....They will take you above and beyond what's expected."

Cole May

By **JACOB FORTIN**

Cole May will be 18 years old next month. He is the son of Robert and Sally May and lives just a few

miles west of Oberlin. Cole still milks dairy cows.

He has three siblings, B.J. Fox, K.D. Sowers, and Carie Nichols. Cole plans on going to Kansas State University to study engineering.

Cole has many different hobbies, including hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He is involved in Science Club, FFA, cross-country and D-Club.

Cole's favorite movies are "300," "21" and "Jumper." His favorite song is "Chicken Fried." He has two favorite colors, red and blue. His favorite book is "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe."

Cole's short-term goals are finishing his pick-up and graduating from Decatur Community High School. His long-term goal is getting a good job after college.

Cole says he will miss Mrs. Scott's cheesecake and the small-town environment of Oberlin.

His favorite quote is "I do what I can because I'm a common man; that's who I am and who I care about."

Cole's advice for the underclassmen is just to work hard at everything you do.



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