# FFA takes first

The Oberlin FFA Chapter took first place as a time in the annual Career Development Event last Wednesday at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

Oberlin students attending were Sammy Meitl, Rex Diederich, Chris Anderson, Jon Rorick, and Baron Green.

The first competition of the day was welding. In this contest students had 20 minutes to take a written exam and then 20 minutes to work as a team to complete a small project using welding, cutting, and grinding skills. Plus they had to be able to read blueprints to assemble the projects.

On the written exam Jon scored the highest on the written exam of 59 contestants by 10 points. Sammy, Rex, and Chris followed with the next highest written scores in second, third, and fourth places.

"This shows the knowledge these kids have of the subject matter," said Oberlin FFA sponsor Jason Ketterl.

The Goodland Welding Instructor



JON RORICK WORKED on a project during the annual Career Development Event at Northwest Kansas Technical College last Wednesday.

do, and were the only ones to know a 20-minute lab time score. The in 12th place overall with the 8thall welding positions."

On the lab score for the team project, the Oberlin students did very well.

"It was a total team effort so they all had to work together to build the tasks. project," said Mr. Ketterl. "They made a few minor errors on the build, but they finished in third place overall in the welding contest."

The next contest was the diesel commented, "These students had mechanics contest. It too consisted score of any student in this contest their stuff together, knew what to of a 20-minute written exam and and placed 11th overall. Chris came

lab score was based on a student's ability to set the timing of an engine, set valve lash, differentiate between different engine lubricants, identify tools and parts, and perform other

Baron Green had the highest lab score of the 61 contestants and placed third over all. Rex came in fifth place overall.

Jon had the highest written exam

best written score.

As a team, Decatur Community High School won first place.

"These students are very smart and have worked hard to compete at such a high level," said Mr. Ketterl.

will head to Manhattan and compete at the state event in April.



Voice of Decatur Community High School

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## **All-school play** to feature comedy

**By CASSIDY SHIELDS** director Deedre Frasier chose "Dr. Archuduchess Arsenica (Alex-Evil and the Basket of Kittens." The andra Waterman), Prince Vladi play is about a scientist named Dr. Evil (played by Caleb Koerperich) who is trying to get the Council of Evil to fund his latest sinister plot.

Things, however, are thrown awry when a basket of kittens mysteriously shows up on his doorstep. When Dr. Evil tries to destroy the kittens in an attempt to salvage his evil reputation, mayhem ensues.

The entire play is narrated by author Mary Shelly (Lizzy Nedland) and Frankenstein (Regent Erickson).

Other cast members include, The Welding and Diesel teams Frank Jr. (Konnor Witt), Shirley (Morgan Jansonius), Inferna (Miki Dorshorst), Margo (Ara Marine), Unna (Ganon Henningson), Sylva Saturday, April 13, and show again

Macki), Annie (Brittany Urban). For this year's annual school play, Lord Warhammer (Garrett Scott), (Zach Macki), Bomb (voiceover-Adam Macki), Momma Cher Were (KeAnn Jacobs), Papa Tuppa Were (Jude Walinder), Child (Daniel Lerew), and Mother (Ara Marine).

Miss Frasier said she chose this play because it is funny, and she could see some of the students fitting certain characters very well. For example, Morgan Jansonius is hysterical as Shirley, the hunchback who has a tick.

According to Miss Frasier, they have only had a few practices due to snow days and school activities, but the cast is dedicated and optimistic.

The play will debut at 7:30 p.m. at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 14. This is



#### Zach May **By JAMIE SÖDERLUND**

Zach May's parents are Roland and Pam May. He has one sister, Hannah. Zach's

future plans are to attend Kansas State University and major in computer engineering and to eventually work in the technology field. He hopes to one day come back to the family farm and

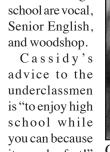
instill technology into every aspect of the operation.

Zach May

Zach's hobbies and interests are sports, hunting, video games, woodworking and technology.

Zach's favorite classes in school have been computer tech, industrial arts, and Physical Education. The advice he has for the underclassmen

are reading, hanging out with friends, singing, watching movies, and playing sports. Her favorite



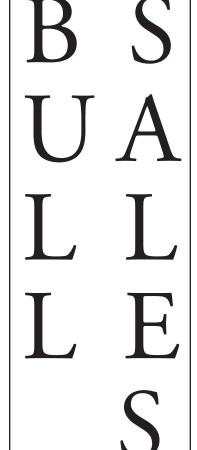
classes in high



C. Shields it goes by fast!" She also said her

biggest influences throughout high school have been her parents.

The things that she will miss about high school will be homecoming, playing volleyball, running track, and seeing all of her friends everyday. Cassidy's favorite memory about high school was every single volleyball practice





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Growth

is to always be involved, try new things, and respect your teachers.

He said the biggest influences he has had throughout high school are his dad, Mrs. Breth. Mr. Bricker, Mr. Williby, Mrs. Scott, Ron Jansonius, and Coach Dreher.

He said the things that he will miss most about high school are the wonderful teachers and supportive administration.

#### Rvan May **By JAMIE SÖDERLUND**

Susan and Roger May are the parents of Ryan May. He has one

sibling, Erin. Afterhighschool Ryan is planning to attend Kansas State University. His hobbies and interests are sports.

Ryan said his favorite class while in high

school was

Computer Technology, and his advice for the underclassmen is "to never get behind in Senior English."

Rvan also said that the biggest influences throughout his high school career have been his grandparents and parents. Ryan's favorite memory was a junior high basketball game. The other team scored the first two points of the game, but at half time Oberlin was ahead 50-2.

He said the thing he will miss the most is seeing his friends everyday.

### **Cassidy Shields By JAMIE SODERLUND**

Cassidy Shields is the daughter of Paul and Kelly Shields. She has two siblings, Tyler and Caitie. Cassidy's future plans are to attend Kansas State University and major in elementary education.

Her favorite hobbies and interests

and game

#### **Cassandra** Canto **By JAMIE SODERLUND**

Cassandra Canto is the daughter of Tommy and Mayda Canto. She has two sisters, Rebeka and Erika. Cassandra's future plans are to go to Fort Hays State and eventually become a successful music teacher. Her hobbies and interests are

singing, writing, helping people, and staring at the

Cassandra said her favorite high school classes are chemistry, band, and Biology

C. Canto would like to tell

the underclassmen that "they should calm down, breathe, and be excited that life is coming at you because life gets better as you continue."

Who has been her biggest influence throughout high school? She said, "Too many people to name, but it is mostly almost everyone I have come into contact with."

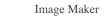
What will she miss about high school? "Creating more memories with people -- and Caitie Shields and Jonathon Howland."

Her favorite memory was when she first moved here to DCHS.

"I was scared and alone. When I went to school on the first day, there was a spider in my hair. I threw it on the ground and when everyone wanted to kill it I yelled 'STOP! Don't kill it!'So I grabbed the spider and ran outside to save it. People looked at me like I was crazy. Best school day ever!"







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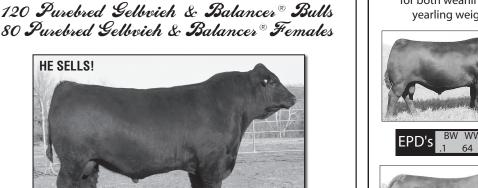
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