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FFA and 4-H find success at state convention and county ag fair



In the Dairy Show, eighth-grader **Sara Huerta** took first place for 4-H in Junior Showmanship and Market Steer judging.

June activities on the farm are always anticipated throughout the year by our farm kids, and this year was no exception! Summer school began on June 7. **Rick Griebnow** taught the second annual two-week summer Ag Intensive Class. Eight students enrolled.

On June 8-10 **Kimberly Withrow** and **Jessica Vires** represented OBI at the state FFA convention in Lexington. The pair accepted a platinum level donor plaque and certificate from Kentucky National Guard Major General **Ed Tonini** on behalf of our FFA chapter for ranking first in the state-wide "Support Our Troops" fund raiser last

fall. Kimberly won first place in the state with her Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency and advanced to the national FFA Proficiency Competition, earning a Silver rating. Kimberly and Jessica were the first Oneida FFA members to earn their FFA state degrees since 2004.

Our FFA and 4-H took 21 students to the Laurel County Ag Fair June 14-18. This was the second biggest year as far as the total number of students attending the fair from OBI. In the Dairy Show **Sara Huerta** won first place in the Junior Showmanship class and **Lauren Nichols** won first place in the Market Dairy class.

Students who were enrolled in the summer Ag Intensive Class competed in the Skill-a-thon and Livestock Judging Competition. **Taylor TerBurgh** won first place overall in the Junior Division Skill-a-thon with the highest individual score. The Skill-a-thon requires identifying livestock equipment, cuts of meat, breeds of livestock and types of grain. **Olivia Bevil** was the overall winner in Livestock Judging, leading by 30 points. She also won first place in the Market Hog and Goat judging contests in the Junior Division. **David TerBurgh** earned first place in the Breeding Ewes judging contest. Sara took first place in Market Steer judging, just three points from a perfect score. **Lily Wynn** won first place in Dairy Heifer judging.

This was the second year OBI students competed in the District Goat Show. Olivia placed second in the District Showmanship Class for ages 12-13.

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Salimatu Kanu wins Brad Dorough Friendship Award



Salimatu Kanu was the winner of our 2010 Brad Dorough Friendship Award, the only major honor awarded to a student that is voted on by the student body. The award was established in 1990 by the family of former student **Brad Dorough** and provides a full room/board scholarship to the recipient for the following year. The winner should be someone sensitive to the needs of his/her peers, particularly those of new students.

"Sali" is a senior from Sierra Leone who has been at OBI since the eighth grade. When asked why she thought others voted for her, she said, "I try my best to always help all the new people I can. They come to me for advice and I tell them what to do. I explain the rules, those kinds of things."

Senior **Julia Harmon** agreed: "Sali's willing to accept the new students. She's friendly to them."

Salimatu recalled being "almost about to cry" when her name was called in chapel as the award winner. "My dad doesn't have much money," she said. "If I hadn't gotten this scholarship I couldn't have come back to Oneida this year." ■

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Our students competed very well in the Hog Show. In Showmanship, Taylor, Lauren, **Meagan Stilwell-Schultz**, Olivia and **Trenton Nichols** all earned first place in their classes. Olivia was named Junior Showmanship Champion. In the Market Hog contest, **Trent Parkhouse**, **Nathan Partin** and Olivia won first place in their respective classes. Olivia's hog earned the Grand Champion Market Hog title, weighing 252 pounds and selling for \$0.70 per pound.

In the Beef Steer/Heifer Show, Lily was Junior Division Showman Champion. Nathan's calf won the average daily gain competition with a gain of 3.9 pounds per day. Sara earned first place in the Junior Division with her Market Beef Project and Record Book, an individual record of a show calf's weight gain, feed conversion and the cost of producing the animal.

The highest award bestowed at the fair was the Charles M. Cornett Youth Livestock Showman Award, based on participation and individual ranking throughout the week's events. In the competition for this award Olivia, Sara, Taylor, Lily and Trent took second, third, fifth, eighth and ninth places.

As OBI farm staff, we are encouraged by the number of students who show interest in this area of our agriculture program and we count it as one of our many blessings. Congratulations to all of our FFA and 4-H students for a job well done! ■

*Written by Jennifer Griebenow (OBI '02)
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Our happy group posed to show off their ribbons and plaques.

OBI founder honored at Homecoming



At our June 26 Homecoming we unveiled a portrait of OBI's founder and first president, **James Anderson Burns**. President **W.F. Underwood** (OBI '63) invited Burns' descendants to the stage. **Richard Burns**, a great, great nephew of "Professor" Burns (second from right) and his son, **Andy** (far right) unveiled the portrait.

James Anderson Burns was born in 1865. As a young man he was highly involved in the Clay County feuds until God changed his heart and life. Burns later realized his vision of bringing warring clans together to start a school that would "teach our children the story of our Savior's love." OBI was founded in 1899 and opened its doors January 1, 1900.



Fall is a wonderful time to visit Oneida!

Come and bring a friend. Or make it a trip for your missions group or Sunday school class. Call ext. 248 to plan your visit.

Bits and tidbits

DOUBLE VALUE right now for Campbell's "Labels for Education"™

For a limited time only, all Campbell's labels have **double value!** Send us your labels by December 1 for OBI to get the extra points. Campbell's still accepts all UPCs from participating products regardless of points or logo featured. Give us the entire label and we'll clip it to the program's specifications. Ask your friends to save labels, too!

OBI is also still participating in two other special promotions:

- Tyson's "Project A+"™
Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products, worth 24¢ each.
- General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™
Specially marked General Mills box tops are worth 10¢.

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Meet some of our Most Improved

Each spring our faculty and houseparents choose the recipients of our Most Improved awards. They may be students who have made progress in attitude, character, study habits, academics or self esteem, or those who have worked hard to overcome personal difficulties. These are two of our Most Improved students from 2009-10.



Aaron said he was “very surprised” when his name was called in chapel as Most Improved seventh grade boy. “I did not know I had changed that much,” he stated. Aaron did recall getting into one fight last year, and admitted that he did not respect his peers as much as he should have. “I wasn’t used to being around so many people,” he explained. If someone verbally challenged him, “I thought I had to say something back,” he said. “All I cared about was getting even.”

When Aaron went to his home in central Kentucky on a break, his father spoke with him about his school behavior. “He talked to me about living for God,” Aaron said. “He gave me a What-Would-Jesus-Do? bracelet and told me to look at it before I decided to do anything.” Aaron did look often at the bracelet and his behavior began to improve. “It was kind of hard to change at first,” he confessed.

Sid Bennett, boys’ houseparent, commented on Aaron. “He’s matured a lot in the past year. He’s quick to help people and he’s concerned about his fellow man,” Bennet stated. “Aaron was pretty self-centered at first, but he’s made a lot of improvement.”

Aaron is happy about the progress he has made. “I still look at that bracelet every day,” he said. He now wants to make the OBI honor roll for the first time. “I want to show people who don’t normally make honor roll that they have a chance,” he said. “I want to be an example so they won’t give up, but will keep trying.” ■



Ashley was named Most Improved sixth grade girl for 2009-10. She came to OBI in the fall of last year from Arizona. At first, “I didn’t like it here,” she confessed.

That led to behavior problems both in the dorm and at school. Ashley was suspended several times for earning excessive disciplinary hours. Principal **Dan Stockton** said Ashley was “extremely slow in adjusting to dorm life.” Dormitory “granny” **Kathy Spall** recalled going with a houseparent to take Ashley and some other girls off campus. “We asked them what they wanted to eat and Ashley said, ‘I want a chicken sandwich from the OBI grill!’ She had been campused [grounded] so much that she never got to go to the campus grill!”

Ashley gradually got used to life at Oneida, however. At the awards presentation in chapel Stockton said the faculty and staff had noted her improvements in study habits and social interaction. “She’s friendly now,” he stated. “She has increased confidence and she takes pride in her work.”

The summer gave Ashley more time to think about her OBI performance. “Over the summer I decided to make use of my clean slate,” she explained. Ashley said once she put her mind to it, it hasn’t really been that difficult to stay out of trouble.

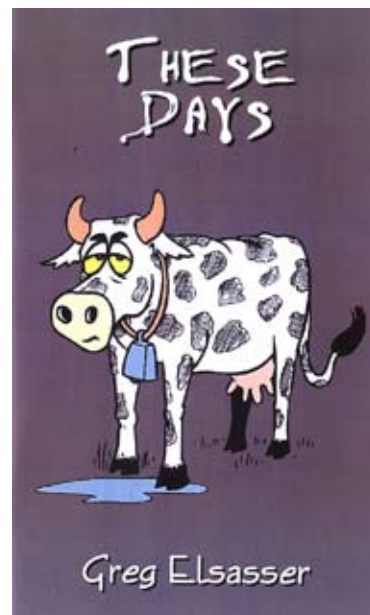
Spall said, “Ashley has matured quite a bit since she first came. I can get her to do things that she needs to get done. And her room is cleaner than it was.” She added a word of caution: “Of course there’s still room for improvement. I’m hoping her grades will go up.”

That is one of Ashley’s goals for this year, too. “I’m going to try to make the honor roll,” she said. “And I’m going to join the basketball team.” ■



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Summer snapshots



Above: Despite the heat, these guys were still smiling after a day of weed trimming in our summer work program.

Below: Summer wasn't all work. There was also time for fellowship and fun -- at our Memorial Day picnic, for example.



Fall 2010 OBI choir schedule

Our school choir will soon begin traveling to Kentucky Baptist churches. Are any of these locations near you? Come and hear them sing!



10-10-10

Paint Lick Christian Church
143 Short Street
Paint Lick, KY 40461
Service: 10:45 a.m. EST

10-17-10

Weaver Baptist Church
1305 Tom Cat Trail
London, KY 40741
Service: 11:00 a.m. EST

10-24-10

Irvine First Baptist Church
351 Broadway Street
Irvine, KY 40336-1205
Service: 11:00 a.m. EST

10-31-10

Freedom Baptist Church
1806 Freedom School Road
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
11:00 a.m. EST

To schedule the choir in your church, call **Kay Underwood** at ext. 203. The choir stays booked approximately one year in advance, so reserve your date early!

11-7-10

Madisonville First Baptist
246 N. Main Street
Madisonville, KY 42431
Service: 10:15 a.m. CST

11-14-10

Tompkinsville First Baptist
302 N. Magnolia Street
Tompkinsville, KY 42167
Service: 11:00 a.m. CST

11-21-10

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
309 East Shelby Street
Falmouth, KY 41040-1240
Service: 10:45 a.m. EST

12-5-10

Bethlehem Baptist Church
2101 Dreyfus Road
Waco, KY 40385
Service: 11:00 A.M. EST

12-12-10

Dione Baptist Church
96 Warren Road
Cumberland, KY 40823
Service: 11:00 A.M. EST



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