



Internship helps Davidson plan career

By Ashley Boyle
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Senior Jonathon Davidson is currently working at F.J. Manchik and Son Trucking. He obtained the internship his senior year and loves it more than anything. "I have been around trucks since I started walking," said Davidson. F.J.

Manchik and Son Trucking is located next door from his grandma's house in Richmond. He would wander over there as a child and mingle with the mechanics. He gained a strong interest in trucks at a young age and when he was 12 his Uncle Greg, who owns the company, allowed him to start washing the trucks. Jonathon looks up to his

uncle very much. "He has taught me almost everything I know," Davidson said. Watching the workers closely, Davidson picked up the knowledge on his own and began helping out when an extra hand was needed. Soon his senior year had approached so he decided to apply for an internship there and do what he loves

to do which is working on trucks. Davidson loves to spend his time working. "It's much different from being at school; you don't have to read books or sit in a class. It's all hands on, which makes it go by much faster," Davidson said. Davidson's internship is helping him learn a lot. He spends most of his time fix-

ing gravel trains. Davidson says he does it all! He performs maintenance and is a mechanic. Some tasks Davidson performs daily are servicing trucks and trailers, greasing and changing brakes, oil, hydraulic pumps, and tires. "The work experience is preparing me for college and is a great reference," Davidson said.

After high school, Davidson plans on applying to Owens Community College in Ohio. This two-year program will require him to work at Michigan CAT, and afterwards it will allow him to work full time at Michigan CAT. Davidson is excited to start college next year and is ready to have an exciting job in this field.



Jonathon Davidson

For Schweiger, the bigger the dream the better

By Alexa Schweiger
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As Sam Schweiger, a Richmond High School student, cuts and dyes clients hair, she gets excited about her future plans.

Schweiger is currently working to get her cosmetology license through the Marysville BWCC, which stands for Blue Water College of Cosmetology. In less than six months, she will be able to work in a salon cutting, styling, and waxing.

For Schweiger, cosmetology school has always been her dream. In the summer of 2007, Schweiger started going to cosmetology school as a Dual Enrollment Program. She had only a three-day summer vacation before she had to start school there.

"I was kind of mad that I could not have a summer vacation, but I was excited to start school there. It was a lot different then I thought it would be. It is more diverse then high school and it is not just teenagers working here," Schweiger said.

Schweiger goes to high school for three hours a day and then drives to Marysville to work in the salon for five more hours. Schweiger explains that she just wants to graduate so she can move on with her career in cosmetology.

At the Marysville BWCC, the teachers not only teach the basics of cosmetology, but also how to manage the salon and book clients. "They teach us how to run a salon as if we owned it," Sam said.

Schweiger plans to complete the BWCC School in early September and then go to Romeo's Massage Therapy School her senior year. This is also a Dual Enrollment class.

"I am glad that I started it while I was still in high school because the school pays for about two-thirds of the college bills for me. It really jump-started my career for me," Schweiger explains.

Schweiger has her future already planned out. After all her schooling, she plans to save up money and move to a bigger salon in New York.



Sam Schweiger

Richmond school store helps prepare students for the future

By Tonia Gott
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As Mr. Brown browses through a catalogue of inventory for the school store, he discovers that there are many new items he would like to buy and sell at the Devil's Den.

Mr. Brown has been teaching marketing and business classes at Richmond High School for five years. Marketing focuses on satisfaction of the customer's needs, wants and requirements. Students learn to run a business from the customer's point of view.

"I recommend students to take marketing in the future. It will better prepare them for college and help them learn many skills about managing a business," Mr. Brown said.

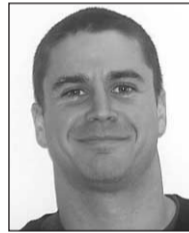
At the beginning of this school year, Marketing II was added to the curriculum. Marketing II was created for students to further their knowledge in business. Students that are in this class will learn management skills and run the school store.



Joe D'Haene shows his school spirit by purchasing a Richmond t-shirt from marketing student Kevin Misteravich at the Devil's Den.

The Devil's Den, Richmond High School's store, is mainly run by the students. They learn to work the cash register, satisfy customers and restock the apparel in the store. T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat-pants and candy can all be found in the store in addition to many other items. Mr. Brown has decided this year to order new designs of zip-

up hoodies, hats and shirts. The students in marketing are also in charge of advertising the apparel in the Devil's Den. Students set up a table at the basketball game to sell blue devil attire to the fans. Also, at the games they encourage people to come down, during half time, and take a half court shot. It is only a dollar and if they



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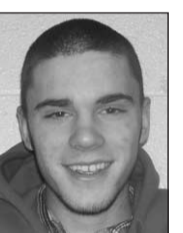
make it, they win a free certificate for a pizza.

As part of its promotions for new products, the store offered flavored slushies to students who want to buy one for their crush during Valentine's Day. It is a way for the store to get some advertisements and also to test the products in the store. This year was the best year so far for selling slushes on Valentine's Day.

In addition to running the store, the students in Marketing I have to sell beads during spirit week. They are each given beads and by the end of the week all of them must be sold.

In terms of future lessons, Brown plans on taking his marketing students on a field trip to the mall. He hopes that they will use the information they learn in class and apply it to the stores in the mall.

"I think that this will be a good opportunity for students to learn first hand what is really going on in the business world," Mr. Brown said.



Brandon Evans

AIS program brings bright future for young Richmond farmer

By Bobbi Berchel
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It's 11 a.m. and Brandon Evans walks through the hallways of Richmond High School ready to learn something completely different than what he does only hours before, heavy equipment at AIS. Starting at 7:45 a.m. every Monday through Friday, Evans goes to AIS to learn how to operate and maintain heavy equipment. He gets out at 10:00 a.m. and heads over to high school to learn the basics of education. There are many different machines he works with such as bulldozers, excavators and back-hoes.

Evans is a farmer and has grown to love the mechanics of tractors and other equipment. His family has been farming for 174 years, and Evans doesn't plan to break the chain. They farm around 1,100 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. Everyday they are out there on the tractors harvesting their crops. He said that it is something he really enjoys doing.

When the weather gets warm enough, the students will be able to get outside and actually operate the equipment, but for now, they are indoors learning safety rules and basics.

"I like how AIS is hands on," Evans said. "I have never been too crazy about school, so I really enjoy going to AIS everyday."

Gary Porrett is the head instructor at AIS. Evans said he is a really intelligent man and knows a lot about heavy equipment, so far he has learned a lot.

Many of Evans friends are in his class with him. "A lot of the guys I hang out with take the class with me," Evans said. "We have a lot of fun because it is something that we all have in common."

Older and former students have encouraged Evans to go to AIS. They told him that he would like it because it is very interesting to learn about. Evans likes how it is different from other classes in school because it is like a job with a lot of responsibility.

"It is really important to be there everyday and have on steel toe shoes and safety glasses," Evans said. "It can be dangerous because we work with heavy equipment, therefore, we need to protect our eyes and feet."

Evans plans to continue farming all of his life and is also thinking about being a heavy equipment mechanic or operator. AIS has been such a fantastic experience for Brandon. He has learned a lot that will help him in the future.

For Hambaum, hands on is the way to go

Olivia Rygwelski
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As the bell rings to signal third hour ending, many students either go to lunch to their fourth hour class, but for Richmond High School senior Kelly Hambaum heads off to the parking lot to drive to her next course.

For the remainder of the day, Hambaum attends a health occupation (Health Occ) class that is at the Fredrick V. Pankow Center in Clinton Township.

The Health Occ class is not like the ordinary health classes. In regular health classes, there are the discussions of the body and how it works, and also there is the basic nutrition and wellness information. In the health occupations class, it isn't quite the same. First, except for the tests, it is all hands on. In the first part of the class, Health Occupations I, the student learns the basics and key terms that are neces-

sary for development in the medical field. In the first year of the class, there is also job shadowing which is where students observe

beside a nurse or doctor to see how they work, but students are not allowed to actually have interaction with the patient.

In the second year, Health Occ II, it includes all of the things that were learned in the first year but takes it to a whole new level.

"In the second year, it is all hands on," Hambaum said. "We learn how to dress the beds for patients and record the data on the patient charts. Basically, we learn how to do all of the stuff that certified nurses do."

In the Health Occ II class, Hambaum is putting the

skills and terms that she learned last year to the test. In the earlier part of the school year, she interned at the Whadams Medical clinic for four months. At the clinic she interacted with the patients and received a great deal of information and insight from this experience.

"I love this class; it is so much fun," Hambaum said. "It isn't just a regular class."

Last year, as a junior, she took the first Health Occ class just to try it out, not knowing if she would like it. About two months in, she found that she really enjoyed it.

"At the end of my sophomore year when I was scheduling for classes, I was speaking with some of my friends that were taking the class. They explained it to me, and I thought that it sounded interesting so I signed up for it. Two months after the semester had started, I decided that this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life,"



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