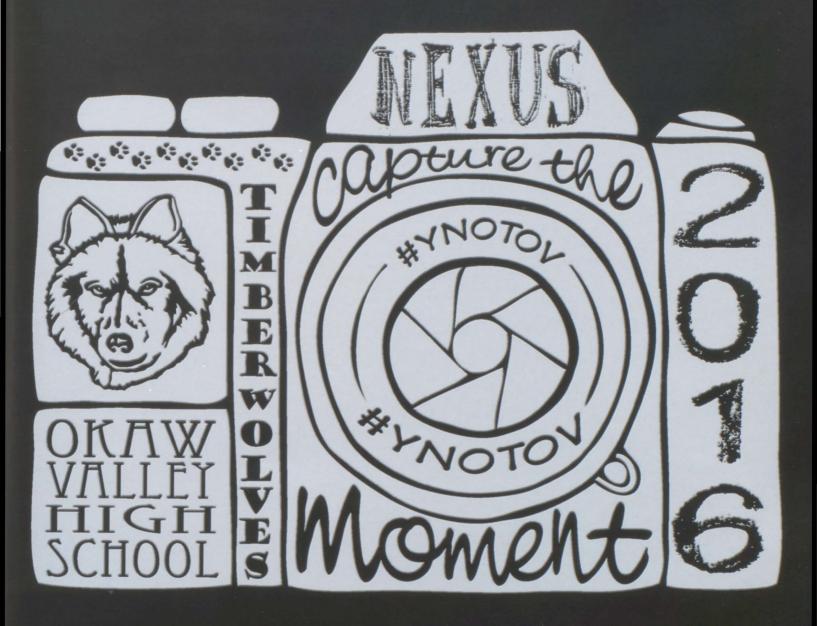


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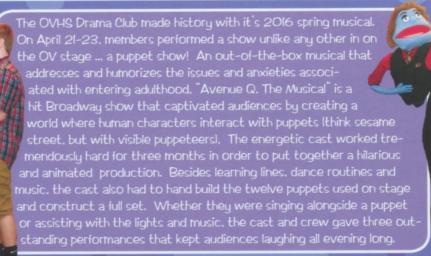
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Right: Princton (Nick Tipsword) contemplates what he will do with his newly earned BA in English.



Left: The cast and crew of "Avenue Q. The Musical" includes (front) Madison Uhlrich, Hannah Dicken, Natalie Jeffers, Skyler Birch, Nick Tipsword, Charli Uhlrich, Sydney Herman, (back Nicole Miller, Brianna Creviston, and Hannah Landreth.





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Above: Gary Coleman (Sydney Hagerman) performs the wedding ceremony between Christmas Eve (Natalie Jeffers) and Brian (Skyler Birch).

Right: Princeton (Nick Tipsword) contemplates his propose and relationship with Kate Monster in a

Far right: Brian (Skyler Birch) and Kate Monster (Brianna Creviston) discuss the controversial topic of racism.

Right: Nicky (Hannah Landreth) and Gary Coleman (Sydney Hagerman) prepare to embrace Schadenfreude.

Far right: The Bad Idea Bears (Charli Uhlrich and Hannah Landreth) barge in on Kate Monster (Brianna Creviston) and Princeton's (Nick Tipsword) date.













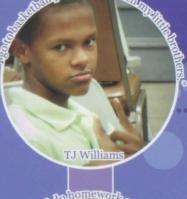


























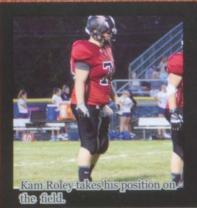


## SOV Frostball



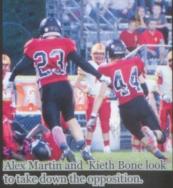
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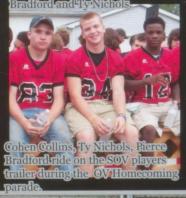


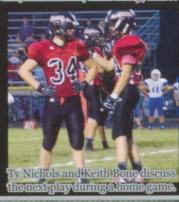


The OV player on the SOV Football Team include (front) HankYowell, Aiden Matheson, Haley Caulifeld, Matthew Buxton, Elijah Robinson, (back) Coach Ackers, Austin Hill Dylan Holt, Meth Bone, Alex Martin, Ram Roley, Pierce Bradford and Ty Nichols.















Above: The 2015 SOV, Football Team. 1st - Evan Barker, Ross Metzger, Brandon Fleshner Brett Tuttle, Gavin Sullivan, Ethan Nevil, Pierce Bradford and Blake Eller. 2nd - Keith Bone, Preston Wagner, Quienton Britton, Drew Hubbard, Kolton Rose, Tanner Tarr and Seth Bricker. 3rd - Cody Heykoop, Austin Hill, Cohen Collins, Dylan Holt, Kyler Houser, Alex Martin, Bryce Farris and Ty Nichols. 4th - Dalace Ray, Jarod Merryman, Jalon Warren, Kam Roley, Tate Fults, Blake Stewart, Max Todd and Luke Bowman. 5th - Allison Miller, Makenzie Ruppert, Ty Molzen, Josh Davis, Alec Ballinger, Zane Upoff, Jake Eaton and Bailee Pratt.

Friday night football dominated the early months of the 2015-2016 school year. SOV came into the season with the goal of making it to the playoff for a second year in a row. They battled for dominance in every game, but fell short of the "W" in a few heartbreaking match ups and ended regular season play with a record of 5-4. The Redskins squeaked their way into the first round of play offs and faced off against the Newton Eagles. Although they lost 46-21, the team plaued hard and made the Redskin community proud. Assistant football Coach Brad Ackers commented on the season. "Our goal was to reach the Play-offs again this year, which we accomplished and I think the season was veru successful.

### OV BAND

#### Marching to the beat of their own drums

The 2015 OVHS Marching Timberwolves. Front-Riley Kester-Below: The 2015 OVHS Marching Himberwolves. Front-Riley Kesterson, Robbie Stiner, Sydney Hagerman, Kaylee Taylor, Mackenzie Ingram, Jasmine Baumbarger, Jasmine Guzzie and Haley Caulfield. Middle - Bella Benning, Shelby Hagerman, Bryce Durbin, TJ Williams, Elizabeth Herbord, Alyssa Nihizer and Shelby Harding. Back -Connor Powers, Addison Webner, Emily Walker, Nick Tipsword, Sam Dagenhardt, Gretchen Macklin, Seth Bartamus, Justin Norris and Hudson Dickens. Percussion - Ethan Maxklin, Justin Oathout, Tyson Brown, Corey Clark and Hayden Carlson.

Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS Band. Front - Hudson Dickens, Sam Dagenhardt, TJ Williams, Elizabeth Herbord, Haley Caulfield, Shelby Harding and Nick Tipsword. Middle - Connor Powers, Jasmine Guzzie, Justin Norris, Gretchen Macklin, Seth Bartimus, Shelby Hagerman, Bella Benning, Emily Walker and Bryce Durbin. Back - Justin Oathout, Tyson Brown, Ethan Macklin and Corey Clark.





Below: Emily Walker, Bryce Durbin, TJ Williams and Bella Benning play during the marching band field show.







Above: The color guard members Mackenzie Ingram, Kaylee Taylor Riley Kesterson and Robbie Stines surround Nick Tipsword while he plays a solo during the Homecoming

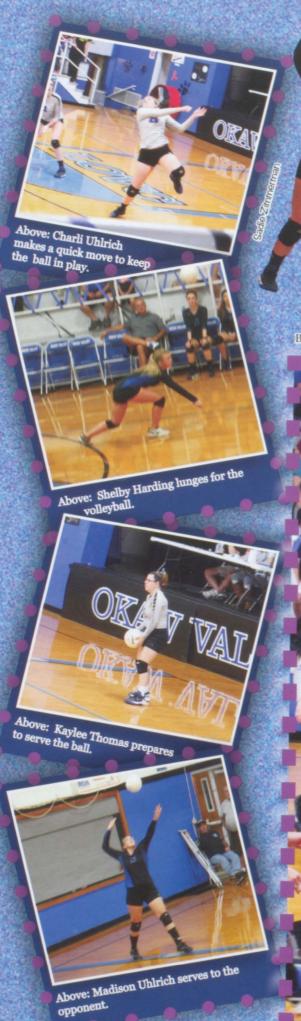


Above: Hutson Dickens and Sam Degenhardt play at the spring concert.



2015 Marching band par-ticipate in a parade in Mt. Zion. to put on numerous excellent performances at a variety of events. The marching band season began at camp the week before school began and ran through to the end of October. The talented musicians brought home numerous trophies during their season and treated the audiences to amazing field shows. In November. pep-band took over to perform for home basketball games and began rehearsing concert band music. Over the winter months, the band gave a concert for the community and started on music for solo and ensemble contests. Several members also had the opportunity to participate in the Millikin Concert Band and Eastern Concert, while Nick Tipword had the honor of being selected to participate in All State Band. In the spring, OV hosted the LOVC band festival and ended the year with their second concert for the community and the OV 2016 Graduation Ceremony.

Led by Drum Major, Gretchen Macklin and Director, Mrs. Colclasure, Okaw Valleu continually worked hard all year



The Okaw Valley Lady Timberwolves Volleyball Team
started the 2015 season with a renewed spirit
brought in by new coaches, Jay Potter and
Dana Gingerich. The change in leadership also
sparked a new winning attitude, which gave the
T-Wolves an advantage over the competition. Two
major pivotal games included defeating Sullivan in just two
sets and beating Cerro Gordo on Senior Night. The goal set
by the team at the beginning of the season was to win ten
games. By getting their heads in the game and putting
quality time in during practices, the girls met their goal
by ending the season with a record with IO wins and I5
losses. The JV squad also did exceedingly well and had
a season record of I2 and 5.

Below: Madison Fox jumps send the ball back over the net.



## VOLLEYBALL.

QUEENS OF THE COURT



"I had so much fun this year. It really felt like I was a part of a family." - Sadie Zimmerman

Kailynn Bobbett gets lo

Above: The OVHS Varsity Volleyball Team. Front - Elaina Crawford, Brianna Creviston and Kailyn Boyer. Middle - Sadie Zimmerman, Madison Fox and Nicole Miller. Back - Kailynn Bobbett, Megan Dash, Kristy Burford and Madison Vogel. Not pictured - Charli Uhlrich and Kaylee Thomas.

#### TEAM ON THREE!!

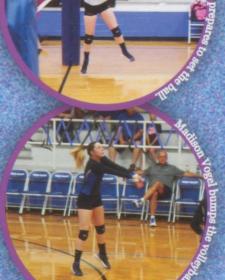


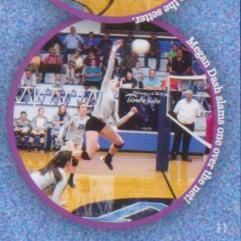
Above: The 2015 OVHS Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. Front-Sophic Zimmerman, Sadie Zimmerman and Sidney Zimmerman. Middle – Danielle Dick, Isabella Benning, Danielle Hill and Shelby Harding, Back – Madison Uhlrich, Madison Vogel and Kailynn Bobbett. Not pictured – Kaylee Thomas.

"I'm so glad we were able to meet our goal of ten wins this year!"

- Madison Fox

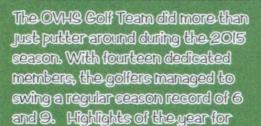






## Golf

There's No Time Like Tee Time



the boys included a Srd Place finish at the Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament, a Srd Place finish at Red Tail Run match and a 2nd Place finish at the Quadrangular hosted at

Hickory Point. Their ceason low score was against Windsor with a win of 171 to 204. In post ceason play, the boys team finished 10th at the 9-Paso Sectional and Crace Harlin shot a 107 and placed 80th at the cirk Sectional Tournament.

"My favorite match was Red Tail Run, ft was so much fun?" -Grace Harilin



Above The 2015 OVHS Colffeen. Front-Natelle-Jeffers, Austin Harshman and Grace Harlin. Middle-Gase Grayford, Hayden Francisco, Connor Sheehan, Cameron Niderson and Trey Yaunell. Back-Tiyson Brown, Jan Tiarks, Connor Cloyd, Drew Friedd, Ethan Maddin and Tanner Coleman.



"I had a ton of fun, and I'm really glad I played."

-Case Crawford

Left Afteragreat swing Tanner Coleman watches to see where his ball landed.

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Above Gree Harlinwaits for her turn to tee oil

Below Comor Cloydshows of this excellent putting stills







Above Drew Ruchtlprepares to hit his second short of norder to get closer to the green.

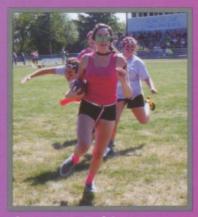
Above: The First Place Sophomore Team. Front - Kelly McGill, Destiny Underwood and Grace Harlin. Back - Drew Fruchtl, Hannah Landreth, Jessica Stiner, Danielle Lochbaum, Paige Robinson, Natalie Jeffers, Anna Wooters, Becky West and Alex Martin.

One of the most anticipated events of Homecoming Week is always the annual Powder Puff football game. For the second year in a row, the games were played during school hours and the entire student body was treated to a wonderful afternoon of highly creative and entertaining football. Each class was represented by a squad from eight to twelve girls eager to compete for the glory of Powder Puff supremacy. After four long, but hard fought games, the Sophomore team remained undefeated and took first place. The Juniors ended in second with Seniors in third and Freshmen took fourth. At the end of the day everyone walked off the field with a smile and celebrated another successful OV tradition.

"Powder Puff is competitive, but fun."- Haley Caufield



Above: Danielle Lochbaum runs for the goal while Dani Dick and Kailynn Bobbet try to catch her flag.



Above: Megan Dash just gets out of the reach of Jessie Robinson and Kayla Wheeler.

## POWDER PUFF Girls of the Gridiron





off Kelly McGill so Brianna Creviston can make a run for the goal. Left: Anna Woot-ers carries the ball while Chloe Weybright stays by



Left: The Third Place Senior Team. Front - Emily Walker, Charli Uhl-rich, Ribbie Stiner and Haley Caulfield. Back - Skyler Birch, Gretchen Macklin, Madison Fox, Hannah Dicken, Devan Nave, Mega Dash, Nicole Mille and Connor Cloyd.



Left: The Second **Place Junior** Younger, Chloe Weybright, Brianna Creviston, Brianne Knowles and Moranda Matheson. Back - Dylan Park, Jessie Robison, Kailyn Boyer, Maddie Perrine, Kayla Wheeler, Madison Uhlrich Kristy Burford and



Above: The Fourth Place Freshman Team. Front -Madison Vogel, Gracie Weybright, Sadie Zimmerman, Jalynn Johnson and Riley Kesterson. Back - Brandon Poper, Kaylee Taylor, Anna Wooters, Bella Benning, Danielle Hill, Danielle Dick, Molly Phillips and Kailynn

Powder puff is fun to watch safely from the bleachers hidden under a blanket."- Sydney Hagerman



Hannah Landreth



Paige Robinson





**Grace Harlin** 



**Becky West and Anna** 



**Emily Walker** 



Hannah Dicken and Jalynn Johnson

#### Homecoming Under the Big Top!

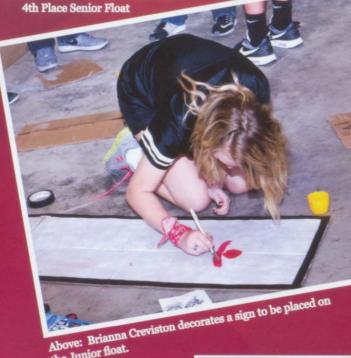












the Junior float.



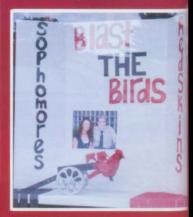
4th Place Junior Window

immediately jumped right in with their "Under the Big Top" homecoming preparations. Celebrated the week of September 14-19. Student Council switched up float building and made it an all class activity on Friday morning and scheduled Powder Puff during the day on Wednesday, giving the entire school the opportunity to watch the exciting evet. Dress up days for the week included Side Show Monday. Pajama Day Tuesday, Class Colors Wednesday, Clown Day Thursday and SOV Spirit Friday. Classes had the annual window coemption completed by Monday, Powder Puff was held on Wednesday, the Bonfire was Thursday after the home volleyball game and Friday was filled with Float building, pep ralley, homecoming parade and the SOV football game at Sullivan. Saturday was the much anticipated formal Dance where Gretchen Macklin and Nick Tipsword were crowned as the Queen and King.



2nd Place Sophomore Window

"Wild. Fun. Fantastic! The best circus!" - Haley Caulfield



1st Place Freshman Window

3rd Place Senior Window



## OVHS Homecoming Dance September 19, 2015

Below: The 2015 OVHS
Homecoming Court. Front
- King Nick Tipsword and
Queen Gretchen Macklin.
Middle - Senior Candidates
Alex Martin, Charli Uhlrich,
Justin Johnson, Hannah
Dicken, Race Underwood
and Nicole Miller. Back Freshman Attendants Sam
Hagerman and Gracie Weybright, Junior Attendants
Jon Gentry and Sydney
Hagerman and Sophomore
Attendants James Burns
and Grace Harlin.

Right: Garret Tippit and Talon Russell grab a drink between songs.

Middle right: Olivia Buxton and Hayley Brown wait for coronation to begin.



Right: Anna Wooters and Brianna Creviston enjoy the homecoming dance they helped plan.

Middle right: Cheyenne Lucas and Savannah Gibbons hang out in the lobby while grabbing a few refreshments.

Below right: Pierce Bradford and Ty Nichols prepare to show OV how to get down.





dance.







Abovet: Connor Cloyd and Dylan Park hydrate before heading back out to the dance floor.



Above: Kyra Jackson and Jon Gentry celebrate another great homecoming at OV.



Above: Harle McCausland and Brianna Casias head to the dance floor.



Above: Riley Kesterson and Carson Bush enjoy dancing "Under the Big Top".

Right: Sydney Hagerman, Madison Uhlrich, Mrs. Scott and

Right: Ayden Matheson, Elijah Robinson and Connor Powers spend the evening on the dance floor.

Below: Moranda Matheson, Maddie Perrine and Makayle Rozanski dance the night away.







Above: Chloe Weybright photobombs Veronica Woods and Jasmine Guzzie.

Right: Kaylee Thomas and Grace Brown party in the lobby.

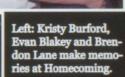












Left: Alex Martin and Charli Uhlrich share a slow dance.

Above middle left: Kailynn Bobbett, Madison Vogel and Cody Drake show their moves on the dance floor.



Above: Cheyenne Walker sits out a dance.



Above: Maci Younger enthusiastically smiles for the camera.



Above: Elizabeth Her-bord heads to the dance floor.

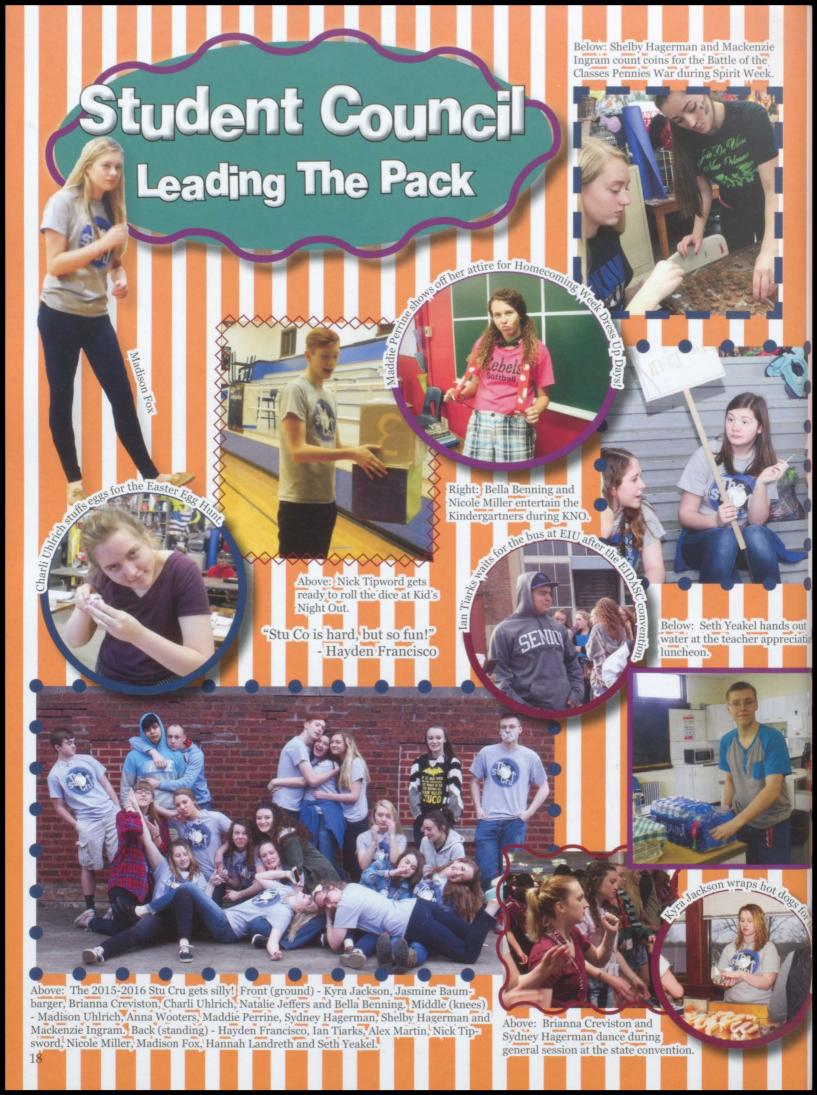


Above: Evan Tipsword grabs a drink during a dance break.



Above: JT Bland does homecoming the JT Bland way!







The 2016 Student Council stayed busy leading OVHS during the 2015-2016 school year! They started right away with a Circus themed Homecoming Celebration from September 14-19. During October, student council organized the girls' volleyball team and golf team Senior Night. In November, they served as hosts at the annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and also took the entire council to Eastern Illinois University to attend the Eastern Illinois District Association of Student Council Convention. Spirit Week came next and was held from November 30- December 5. In January, the council held their first blood drive while in February they organized two more Senior Nights that honored the girls' and bous' basketball teams and the band and color guard members. In March the group held their annual Kids Night Out for the grade school and also put on their annual Easter Egg Hunt for the high school. April brought around another blood drive and elections for 2016-2017 executive officers. To finish the year May, the counsel organized senior nights for baseball and softball, honored the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and also sent eight council members to the state convention in Springfield. Stu Co leadermake 2015-2016 a fabulous year for everyone!

Uhlrich donate

Below: Maddie Perrine, Hannah Landreth, Madison Uhlrich, Brianna Creviston and Natalie Jeffers hide eggs for the Easter Egg hunt before spring break.





Above: Bella Bennin, Hannah Landreth, Anna Wooters, Nick Tipsword, Sydney Hagerman, Shelby Hagerman, Natalie Jeffers and Brianna Creviston prepare to attend the banquet at the Stu Co State Convention.



helps set up for K

Above. The 2016 OVHS Student Council pose for a photo at the 2016 Eastern Illinois District Association of Student Councils Convention at EIU in November, Front - Mackenzie Ingram, Kaytlyn Hinton, Sam Hagerman, Bella Benning, Sydney Hagerman, Natalie Jeffers, Hannah Landreth, Brianna Creviston, Charli Uhlrich and Nicole Miller. Back - Ian Tiarks, Gretchen Macklin, Seth Yeakel, Alex Martin, Anna Wooters, Shelby Hagerman, Madison Fox, Madison Uhlrich, Haden Francisco, Maddie Perrine, Jasmine Baumbarger and Kyra Jackson.

## CAPTION THIS! WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...?





Gretchen Macklin.......
a. practices for her senior pictures.
b. tries to intimidate the Freshmen.
c. shows off her flirting skills.



Mrs. Scott......
a. phones home.
b. receives a call from the White House.
c. places an online order for shoes.

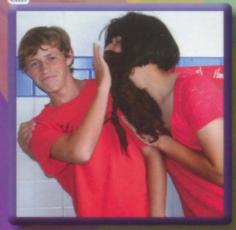


Garrett Tippet.......

a. walks Sadie Zimmerman and Bella Benning to class in style.
b. photobombs two innocent freshmen girls.
c. makes scene in the Senior Hallway.



Sam Degenhardt and Brianna Creviston.....
a. rejoice that stats class is finished.
b. raise the roof.
c. reenact a scene from High School Musical



Brandon Poper.......
a. realizes this is not what he signed up for b. rejects the advances of his "classmate".
c. friendzones Drew Fruchtl.



Hope Ruppert......

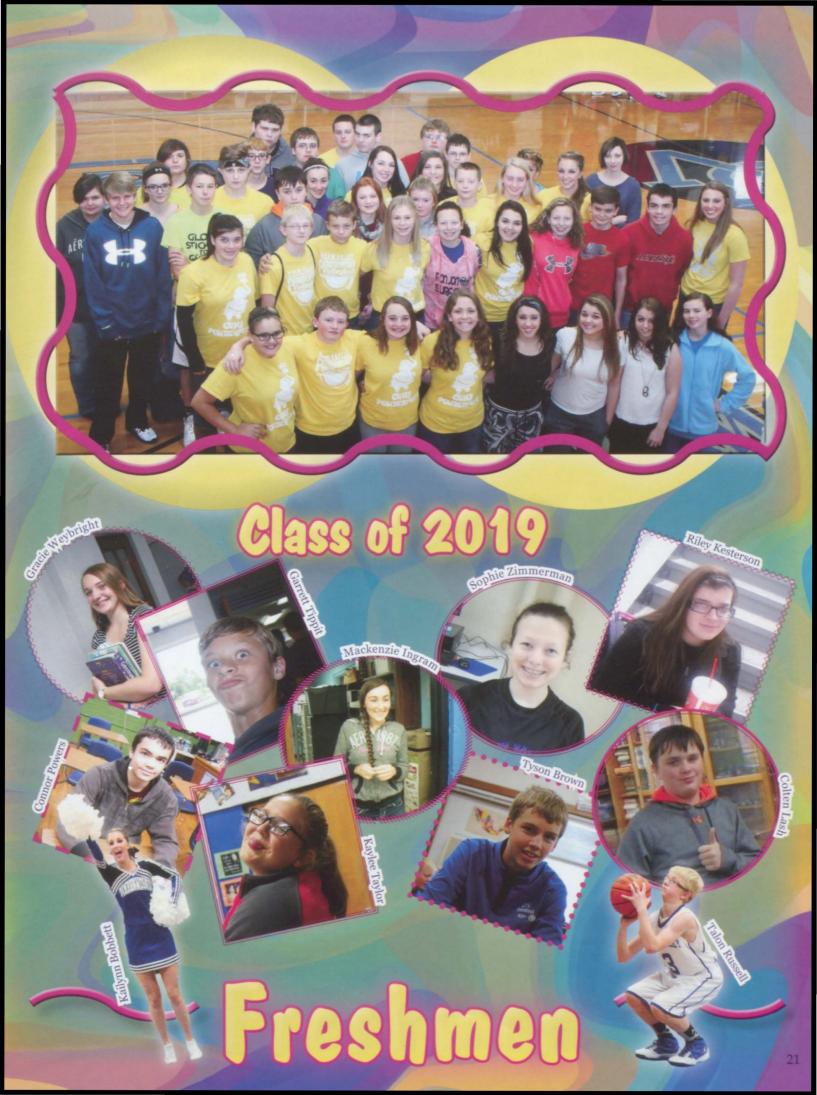
a. gets carried away with the knives in art class.
b. claims Justin Norris pushed her over.



Charli Uhlrich, Nicole Miller and Madison Fox.....
a. hang outside the girls rest room as guys.
b. show off their goofy side.
c. participate in spirit week dress up days.



Dylan Holt......
a. picks on freshman Sam Hagerman.
b. lifts Sam Hagerman to show his strength.
c. carries Sam Hagerman to class.



\*You could change one rule of the school? Sadie Zimmerman: I would change that PE is a required class.

\*You woke up one morning with superpowers?

Molly Phillips: I would like to be able to freeze people and read people's minds.

\*You were the principal for the day?

Anna Wooters: I would cancel school and have a concert in the gym with G-Easy and Luke Bryan.

\*You had all the knowledge in the world?

Sadie Zimmerman: I would cure cancer and find the key to world peace.

\*You could time travel?

Sadie Zimmerman: I travel back to 1455

\*You could could be a celebrity?

Sadie Zimmerman: I would want to be Beyonce

Class of 2019 Stats:

President: Sadie Zimmerman Vice President: Parker Perrine Secretary: Bella Benning Treasurer: Kailynn Bobbett

Homecoming Attendants: Gracie Weybright and Sam Hagerman

Window: 1st Place Float: 1st Place Powder Puff: 4th Place

Battle of the Classes: 1st Place

Banner: 1st Place Powder Tuff: 4th Place

Class Sponsors: Mr. Guthrie & Mrs. C Scott Fund-raisers: Girl's Sports Concessions



Above: Chloe Wirey works on a drawing for art class.



Above: Talon Russell waits for his English class to begin.

Right: The Class of 2019 Officers include Treasure Kailynn Bobbett, President Sadie Zimmerman, Secretary: Bella Benning and Vice President Parker







Above: Shelby Hagerman makes the most of her library time.



Powers, Anthony Weekley and Parker Perrine chat before their English class

begins.





Above: Brayden Primer waits for the bell to ring in Mr. Elmore's



Above: Matthew Buxton diligently works on homework in the library.

Freshmen

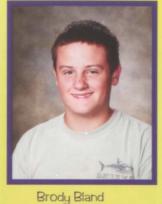




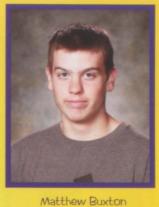


































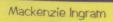












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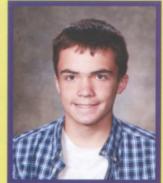
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Parker Perrine



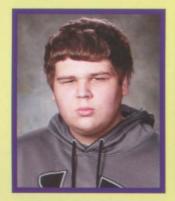
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Connor Powers



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Clayton Tadlock



Kaylee Taylor



Garrett Tippit



Jeremiah Varner



Madison Vogel

Class of



Sadie Zimmerman



Sidney Zimmerman



Sophie Zimmerman





What

\*You could rewind to any time in the past?

Anna Wooters: I would want to go back to Homecoming when we all got jiggy with it.

\*You had to eat only one food for the rest of your life?

Bella Benning: PIZZA!

Anna Wooters: Mashed potatos

\*You won the lottery?

Molly Phillips, Anna Wooters, Bella Benning: We would buy Clothes, Dogs and Shoes.

\*You could travel anywhere?

Sadie Zimmerman: I would go to Europe?

\*You could have one item on a deserted island?

Gavin Hargrove: I would bring Wilson! Sadie Zimmerman: I would bring Morgan Freeman and listen to him talk.

\*You could invent something?

Danielle Hill: I would invent Long lasting cheez-its. Sadie Zimmerman: I would invent a machine to make it Summer.





Elijah Robinson



Haley Rogers



Talon Russell



Jewel Smith



Baylee Suarez



Anthony Weekly



Gracie Weybright



Chloe Wirey



Anna Wooters



Hank Yowell

Not Pictured: Carson Bush, Kailey George and Haley Rogers



Case Crawford, Quintin Gibbons, Brody Bland, Talon Russell, Parker Perrine and Garrett Tippit play around in the hallway on Powder Tuff game day.





Colten Lash is left in charge of the PVC pipe for the freshman class float.



Matthew Buxton, Gracie Weybright and Kaylee Taylor attach balloons to the freshman class homecoming float.

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## Art Club Living the Colorful Life

The Okaw Valley Art Club proudly colored their way through the 2015-2016 school year. The first assignment the art club accepted was committing to creating a birthday bulletin board every month for the guidance department outside the high school office. The second major task for the group was completing the art room window well murals on parent/teacher conference day. In October, members held their annual Ghostly Gathering and Pumpkin Carving Contest in art room. Several times during the year, art club members had the opportunity to go to the grade school to help with the always fun and entertaining art days. As a fund-raiser, the Art Club held a series of bake sales during lunches. In the spring, members were asked to lend

their talents and help paint the set for the spring musical "Avenue Q. On the last day of school. the group celebrated art in the most colorful way by taking the train to Chicago to visit the amazing city and it's wonderful art.

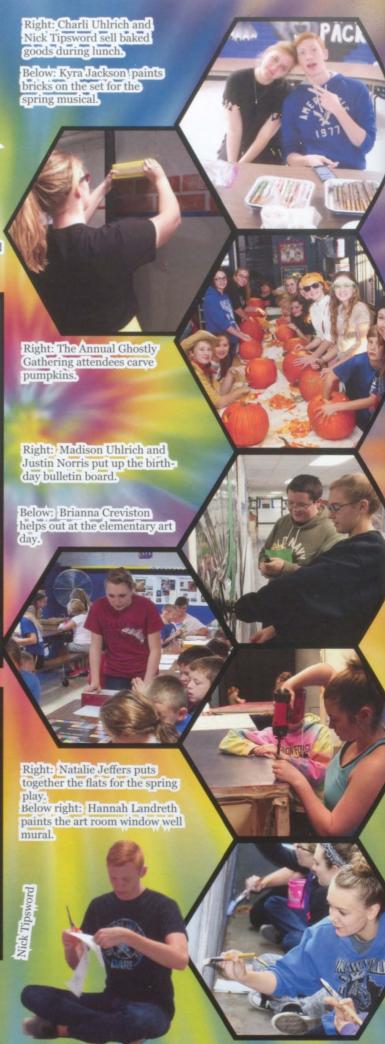
Right: Art Club members pose for a picture next to the Lions in front of the Art Instiute of Chicago. Front: Mrs. Yantis, Kaytlyn Hinton, Natalie Jeffers, Hannah Landreth, Brianna Creviston and Sydney Hangerman. Back - Kyra Jackson, Justin Norris, Madison Uhlrich. Charli Uhlrich and Nick Tipsword,

Right: The 2015-2016 OVHS Art Club, Front (ground)- Sydney Hagerman,

Madison Uhlrich and Natalie Jeffers. Middle (on steer) Brianna Creviston and Charlie Uhlrich. Back(standing) - Kaytlyn Hinton, Kyra Jackson, Justin Norris, Nick Tipsword and Hannah Landreth. Not pictured - Hope Ruppert.







The OVHS National Honor Society was busy performing service activites in 2015-2016. In November, the group inducted 18 new members which caused them to almost double in size. With such a large group, they were able to reach out and help more people. Some of the service projects they completed throughout the year included trick-or-treating for canned goods on Halloween, and putting on a Thanksgiving Luncheon for the OVHS Staff. Members also served as hosts for the annual Senior Citizen's Dinner, purchased special and individual gifts for all the OVHS teachers, and prepared candy goodie bags for the 2017 OV Seniors during their last week of school. National Honor Society is an organization who's sole purpose is to serve others. The OV chapter did a

wonderful job serving our school and community with kind and



Above: The 2015-2016 National Honor Society. Front - Mayllyn Hinton, Haley Caulifeld, Maddie Parrine, Moranda Matheson, Grace Harlin, Brianna Creviston, Gretchen Macklin, Natalie Jeffers, Hannah Landreth, Pafge Robinson and Devan Neve. Middle—Sam Degenhardt, Skyler Birdh, Quinn Brooks, Charli Whirdh, Sydney Hagerman, Nicole Miller, Hayden Francisco, Race Underwoo and Trey Yarnell.
Back—Kyra Jackson, Nick Tipsword, Alex Martin, Tyus Brooks, Carrett Fritz, Seth Yeakel, Jared Bunfill and Ethan Macklin.



caring hearts.

Above: At the Senior Citizen Dinner, Nicole Miller carries a tray of food to



Above: Sydney Hagerman gives a speech on Induction Night.



Above: Kaytlyn.Hinton.prepares candy goodle bags for the seniors lockers.



Above: Hayden Francisco and Outim Brookswash dishes during the Senior Citizen dinner.



Above: Before the Senior Citzien Dinner, Nick Tipsword and Charli Uhlrich sort silverware.



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#### National Honor Society Lending a Helping Hand

# Powder Tuff Battle on the Count

Okaw Valley High School's 3rd Annual Powder Tuff game was one for the books. The boys all fought with pride and passion for their respective classes. Each grade brought different strengths onto the court. 2015 not only brought new players and attitudes, but it also was the first year the competition was played during school hours instead of the evening. The Sophomores made history when they dethroned the Seniors (two year winners) in a no nonsense, smack down championship game. The Juniors and Freshmen both put up a fair fight, but ultimately fell. With the Sophomores taking first place the Seniors were pushed down to second place, followed by the Juniors in third and the Freshman were fourth.



Above: The 2015 Ist Place Sophomore Team. Bront-TJ. Williams, Middle-Generon Nickerson, Austin Harshman and Coach Mistry Burford. Back-James Burns, Hayden Bransisco, Jared Burfill, Garrett Britz, Mam. Roley and Austin 1811.



Above: The 2015 Rowder Huff Perficipants - Front - Taylor Colemen, Styler Birth, Innily Welker, Deven Nave, Sam Hagerman, Garrett Tippit, Austin Harshman, Quintin Gibbons, Tallon Russelland T.J. Williams. Middle - Byan Elakey, Madison Fox, Wesley Bone, Alex Mariin, Jarantich Varner, Hayden Branstero, Afden Matheson, Parker Perfine, Brody Eland and Brianna Creviston. Back - J.H. Eland, Draw Bruchtl, Brandon Roper, Nie Brown, Megan Dash, Justin Johnson, Case Crewford, Jared Bunfill, Garrett Britz, Austin Hill, Kam Roley, and James Burns.



Above: Wesley Bono comes in hot to keep the ball implay.



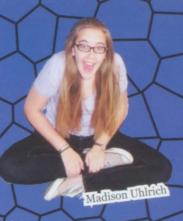
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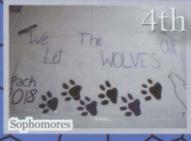
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Left: Natalie Jeffers, Kayla Wheeler Chloe Weybright, Kristy Burford, and Jessie Robinson watch the Powder Tuff game.







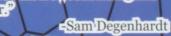
HS Pep Band







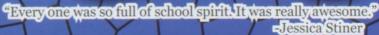
"It was really fun! Ii enjoyed being able to see the Poweder Tuff game this year."





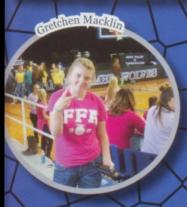


Spirit Week was held from November 30th through December 4th Events for the week included dress up days, penny wars, class banner competition, Powder Tuff games, battle of the classes, teacher door contest and a peprally. The highlight of the week was the Powder Tuffgames being heldduring school hours on Wednesday afternoon so, the whole school could participate. In the end the cophomores upset the previous two year winning senior team. The Battle of the Classes competition ended with Freshmen taking first place, the centors a close second, the sophomores ended in third and the junior class took fourth. By the end of the busy week, the Timberwolf spirit was howling and the basketball teams went into their seasons with pride and student support











Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Front - Brianna Creviston,
Grace Harlin and Chloe Weybright. Middle - Hannah Landreth, Natalie Jeffers and Gretchen
Macklin. Back - Coach Ackres, Danielle Lochbaum, Devan Nave, Paige Robinson, Hope Ruppert and Madison Uhlirch.

Right: Hannah Landreth keeps the ball moving down the court.











Above: Gretchen Macklin tries to see which team mate is open.



Above: Devan Nave runs a play to set a shot.



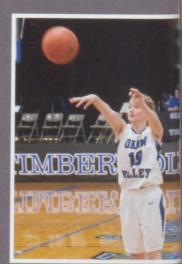
Above: Hope Ruppert saves the bal from going out of bounds.



Right: Paige Robinson rushes toward the OV basket.



Above: Brianna Creviston makes her way around the defensive palyer.



Above: Chloe Weybright passes the ball closer to the basket.

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Above: Grace Harlin fights to get past ner opponent.



Above: Danielle Lockbaum looks to see where she can assist from under the



Above: Bella Benning going for a lay-up.



Above: Natalie Jeffers moves the ball down the court.



Above: Paige Robinson easily puts another two in the basket for OV.

The Okaw Valley Girls Basketball Team was "in it to win it" during the 2015-2016 season. The young team demonstrated quality team work and dedication both on and off the court all season long. Coach Ackers brought a renewed hunger for the 'W' and the girls stepped on the court with a desire to show everyone they could out play the competition. The Varsity team made it all the way to the regional final, but fell short in a heartbreaking, hard played game. They finished the season with a record of 19 wins 8 losses and JV ended with 5 wins 9 losses.



Above: The 2015-2016 Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Front - Hannah Landreth, Gracie Weighbright, Grace Harlin, Danielle Hill and Gretchen Macklin. Back - Madison Uhlrich, Dannielle Lockbaum, Madison Vogel, Hope Rupert and Bella Benning.



Above: Madison Vogel goes for a jump shot.



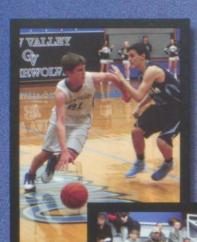
Above: Jessie Robinson waits for her team to set up the play before putting the ball in motion.



Above: Danielle Hill passes to a team mate.



Above: Gracie Weybright looks for an open team mate.

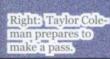


Left: Austin Hill makes a run for the basket.

Below: Hutson Dickens throws the ball to a teammate.

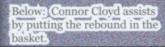


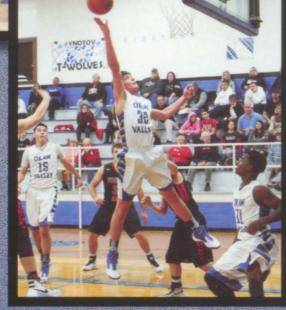
Left: Brandon Poper gets into the defensive position.





Left: Dre to move the ball in clo









VALLE Left: Dylan Park looks for an open teammate.

"I had such a great last season playing with my boys!" = Ian Tiarks





Above: Cody Drake shoots for two on a break



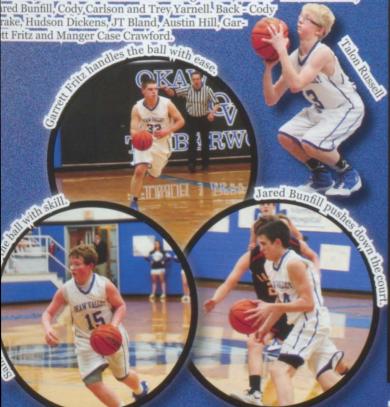
Right: Austin Harshman takes charge of the court.



Above: The 2016 OVHS Varsity Basketball Team. Front - Wesley Bone, Brandon Poper, Pierce Bradford and Garrett Fritz. Middle - Taylor Coleman, Justin Johnson, Austin Hill, Alex Martin and Cody Drake, Back - Coach Inman, Ian Tiarks, Connor Cloyd, Dylan Park and Drew Fruchtl.



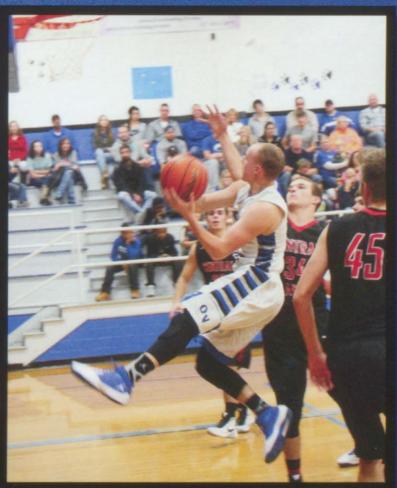
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The 2016 Okaw Valley High School Boys Basketball Team started out the 2015-2016 season with a new coaching staff and new vision. Athletic Director Brooks Inman took over as head coach with Jordan Coleman assisting. Conditioning and attitude became key as the team learned to play together while facing difficult and talented teams. Some of the season highlights included defeating two of Okaw Vaklley's top rivals. Shelbyville and Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond. Throughout the winter season. both teams worked extremely hard and many of the games lost were within five points. The Varsity team celebrated several great wins and ended the season with a IO and I6 record, while the Junior Varsity went 8 and 8.

## Boys Basketball

Hoop, there it is!



Above: Alex Martin shoots for two

# Okaw Valley Cheerleader Cheer Bows and Nike Pros



The Okaw Valley Cheerleaders helped liven the crowds and spread T-Wolve spirit in the OVHS school and community during the 2015-2016 school year. Not only did the OV Cheerleaders support the Boys Basketball Team, but they also cheered at the Homecoming bon fire and pep rally and at a couple of volley ball and girls basketball games, games as well. The squad also hosted a Kiddie Camp for grade schoolers and held theme nights at every boys basketball game. Members of the cheerleading team were also responsible for helping decorate the gym and hallways for senior nights and to help encourage school pride. With such a large, loud and talented group, the squad was able to perform a maxing cheers and stunts to wow the crowd and help raise the T-Wolve Spirit all season long.

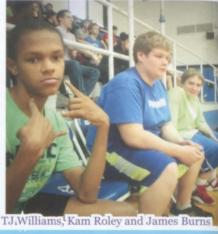


Chloe Weybright

bove: The 2015-2016 OVHS Cheerleading Squad. First: Destiny Underwood, Haley Caulfield, and Makayle Rozanski Seconds olly Phillips, Jessica Ellis, Jalynn Johnson, Chloe Weybright, Sadie Zimmerman, Kayla Wheeler, Kelly McGill, Jessica Stiner id Gracie Weybright Third: Coach Kathy Doty, Brycelynn Durbin, Danielle Hill, Lexie Roe, Bella Benning, Kailynn Bobbett, aytlyn Hinton, Jasmine Guzzie, and Coach Robin Perry.







### In the Moment













































Class of 2018



Sophomores



## Sophomores what it....

\*You had all the knowledge in the world?

"I would use it to cure cancer and world peace."

Natalie Jeffers

\*You could travel anywhere?

"I would travel to Belize"

-Trey Yarnell

\*You could be a celebrity?

"I would be Melissa McCarthy"

-Paige Robinson

\*You had one thing on a deserted island?

"I would have food"

-Anothony Jones

\*You could time travel?

"I would go to the future"

-James Burns

\*You had to eat only one food for the rest of your life?

"I would eat McDonalds"

"Jared Bunfill







### Class of 2018



Grace Brown



Tyson Brown



Jared Bunfill



James Burns



Sebastian Carron



Hayden Fransico



**Garrett Fritz** 



Savannah Gibbons



Grace Harlin



Austin Harshman















Evan Baumbarger

Jacob Brewer

Quinn Brooks

Darien Brown







Cohen Collins



Andrea Dicken



**Hutson Dickens** 



Cody Drake



Austin Hill



Kaytlyn Hinton



Dylan Holt



Kyra Jackson



Natalie Jeffers

### Sophomores

\*You could invent something? "I would invent a toaster with legs" Hannah Landreth

\*You woke up with superpowers?

"I would want to fly" - Andi Dicken

You could change one rule of the school?

"I would allow bags" Hope Ruppert

You won the lottery?

"I would save it" -Jared Bunfill



Above: The Sophomore Class Officers include Vice Resident James Burns, Secretary Natalie Jeffers, Teasurer Hannah Landreth and Bresident Ethan



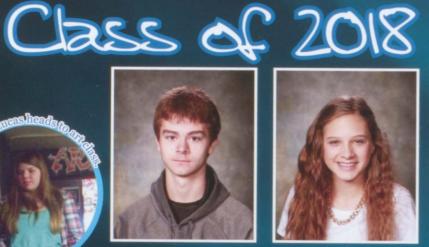
Ethan Macklin



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Paige Robinson



Alexia Roe



Kameron Roley







**Destiny Underwood** 



Cheyenne Walker









Class of 2018 States









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**Presidents** Ethan Maddin Vites Presidents James Burns Searcharys Natalie Jeffers Tireasurer: Hannah Landreth

Anthony Jones

Hannah Landreth

Danielle Lochbaum



Homecoming Attendants Greece Harlin and





Kelly McGill



Cameron Nickerson **Justin Norris** 

James Burns Windows **and Place** Floats Strol Place







Evan Tipsword

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Powder Pufft 1st Place

Battle of the Classess

Banners 1st Place

**3rd Place** 

Fruit sales

Hope Ruppert

Connor Sheehan

Jessica Stiner





Rebecca West

Adam Wheeler

T.J. Williams

Trey Yarnell

### **Book Club**

### Donations for Destiney



Above: The Okaw Valley Book Club includes Sydney Hagerman, Bryce Durbin, Jasmine Baumbarger, Madison Uhlrich, Bella Benning and Shelby Hagerman. The Okaw Valley Book Club is a group of students who meet once a month in the school library to discuss their favorite books throughout the year. The Book Club participates in the annual Abe Lincoln Book program that is hosted statewide and gives Illinois Students the chance to vote on their favorite book of the year.





Above: Co-Founders of Donations for Destiney group Devan Nave and Emily Walker. Above: The 2015-2016 Okaw Valley Donations for Destiney Service Club members include Kaytlyn Hinton, Kyra Jackson, Nicole Miller, Robbie Stiner, Hannah Dicken and Sam Degenhardt. Not pictured Charli Uhlrich. Donations For Destiney is a service club that was made to serve any Okaw Valley student in need.

### Meals on Wheels



Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS Meals on Wheels deliverers include Sydney Hagerman, Brianna Crevistan, Paige Robinson, Chloe Weybright, Macey Younger, Kristy Burford, Sam Degenahrdt and Hannah Dicken. Meals on Wheels is a group of student volunteers who deliver lunch meals to elderly members of the community during homeroom and flex hour.

### **Job Shadow**



Above: The 2015 - 2016 Job Shadow Class. Front - Hannah Dicken, Devan Nave and Nicole Miller. Middle - Charli Uhlrich, Madison Fox and Gretchen Macklin. Back - Sam Degenhardt and Robbie Stiner. The Job Shadow class spent the year learning skills to take with them to their future careers. Each student picked a career field they would like to shadow and learn more about and spent most of second semester on site learning about their chosen job.

#### **FUSION**

#### HEARTLAND TECH



Above: The 2015-2016 Fusion Group. Front - Jaylynn Johnson, Bella Benning, Gretchen Macklin and Madison Uhlrich, Middle - Natalie Jeffers, Gracie Weybright, Molly Phillips, Anna Wooters, Nicole Miller, Emily Walker and Charli Uhlrich. Back - Kaylee Taylor, Ethan Macklin and Colten Lash. Fusion is a student run Faith group who meet every Wednesday morning to discuss the Bible and issues they may be facing in their daily lives.



Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS Heartland Tech Students. Front - Derek Herzog, Cole Thompson, Moranda Matheson, Makayle Rozanski and Hayley Brown. Back - Cory Walker, Brandon Wyatt, Connor Dotson, Wes Bone, Cody Carlson, Devon Meredith and Brianna Clardy. Heartland Tech students travel everyday to Richland Community College in Decatur to take specialized classes that are not offered at OVHS.

## OV Clubs and Groups

### **GIRLS VARSITY**

#### BUSINESS CONTEST



Above: The 2015-2016 Girls Varsity Club. Front - Paige Robinson, Bella Benning, Hannah Landreth, Maddie Perrine, Moranda Matheson, Brianna Creviston, Natalie Jeffers, Kaytlyn Hinton, Kyra Jackson and Gracie Weybright. Back - Devan Nave, Kailyn Boyer, Danielle Lochbaum, Grace Harlin, Jessica Robinson, Nicole Miller, Chloe Weybright, Kayla Wheeler, Kristy Burford, Madison Fox, Hope Ruppert and Gretchen Macklin. The girls varsity club is comprised of OV female athletes who have earned a varsity letting in any OV/SOV sport during the year. The girls run the OV Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament over Christmas break.



Above: The 2015-2016 Lakeland Business Contest participants include Mr. Elmore, Natalie Jeffers, Trey Yarnell, Quinn Brooks, Garrett Fritz and Tyus Brooks. Mr. Elmore takes talent business student to a contest at Lakeland College to test their expertise in various computer programs.



Above: J.T. Bland And Mr. Wise enjoy a break at the Maddie and Tae Concert during the FFA National Convention.

Below: Sam Degenhardt, Gretchen Macklin and Kaylee Siere receive FFA Alumni Schol arships during the FFA Banquet.



Above: Mr. Wise and Tyus Brooks prepare pork burger meals for the farmers during

Below: Sophie Zimmerman shows off her miniature pony at the FFA petting zoo.





Right: Drew Fruchtl, Je Robinson, Anna Wooters and Maddie Perrine dress as tourists for FFA week.

Left: Gretchen Macklin tests the soil at the Section Soil Judging.

Below: Jessica Robinson, Olivia Buxton, Kristy Burford and Maci Younger enjoy the long ride to National Convention.



LINE REPRESENTATION OF THE PROPERTY OF MEMORY Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS FFA Chapter. Front - Elizabeth Herbord, Grace Harlin, Natalie Jeffers, Sadie Zimmerman, Sophie Zimmerman, Sidney Zimmerman, Garrett Tippitt, Conner Sheehan and T.J. Williams. Middle - Kyzer Lash, Kaylee Siere, Hannah Landreth, Maci Younger, Sam Degenhardt, Gretchen Macklin, Olivia Buxton, Kailynn Bobbett, Stuart Morgan and Case Crawford. Back - Jessica Robinson, Laine Crawford, Tyus Brooks, J.T. Bland, Kristy Burford, Mathew Buxton, Brody Bland and Mr Wise.



Its not all cows and plows for th Okaw Valley FFA Chapter. The first priority for FFA members during the 2015-2016 school year was to welcome former Bethany Alumn, Mr. Wes Wilse, as their new teacher and sponso The group started fund-raising in June by selling sweet corn in Bethany and Findlay and also sol Little Caesars pizza kits in the fa During harvest, the officers gave away pork burger lunches to far ers at the Bethany Grain Elevator for donations. On October 28-30th, 12 Members attended the National FFA Convention he in Louisville, Kentucky. The group competed in many judging even

> during the year including Soil Judging, Dairy Foods, Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging and the Greenhand Quiz Bowl. Individual competitions included Krist Burford in Job Intervie and Sam Degenhardt a Kuzer Lash in Extempo raneous speaking, Krist Burford in prepared put





### S.A.D.D.

### making smart decisions



Above: Bella Benning hands out prizes to promote safe driving.



Above: Devan Nave, Kyra Jackson and Kayllyn Hinton hangout with the elementary students during the DARE pienie.

Left: Charli Whitch sports a cool blue cap for Hat Week.



Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS S.A.D.D. Chapter. Front: Shelby Hagerman, Bella Benning, Maddie Perrine, Brianna Creviston, Hannah Landreth, Natalie Jeffers and Madison Fox. Middle: Kyra Jackson, Kaytlyn Hinton, Madison Uhlrich, Hannah Dicken, Sydney Hagerman and Nicole Miller. Back: Devan Nave, Justin Norris, Sam Degenhardt and Jasmine Baumbarger. Not pictured: Charli Uhlrich.



HAT WEEK

Tip your hats, not your cups!

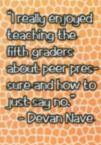


Help support SADD by bringing in \$1 every day to wear your favorite hat all day!

GIVE YOUR \$1 TO MRS. BONE



Left During Hat Week Madison Fox supports SADD by donating \$1 to wear a hat.





Rights Raydyn Hinton and Justin Novis attend the DARE graduation.

Mate Nicole Miller poses for a picture during hat week.



Above: The 2015-2016 S.A.D.D. D.A.R.E. Role Medicle Include Kyra Jackson, Kayllyn Hinton, Deyan Nave and Justin Norris.

The 2015-2016 OVHS S.A.D.D. Chapter completed several activities during the year to help spread their message of making smart decisions the student body and community. The club sent four leaders to the grade school to serve as D.A.R.E. role models. They aided the fifth grade teachers in making sure the children learned about drug awareness and responsibility. The role models also helped with the D.A.R.E. graduation and picnic. During Senior Week, SADD members helped say farewell to OV's Senior Class with a special "Hat Week" fund-raiser. Sponsor Mrs. Bone also took several students to the annual "Ride to Drive" event in Springfield and brought back trinkets to give to the student body to help promote safe driving. The OV Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions values the OV student body and hopes their message of smart decision making lives in the hearts and minds of everyone.



Above: AlexMarithmalessitessialy to

#### Balow Catcher Carrett Fifty checks to make sure the sunner farity of new advance.



Below Dylan Barkmakes fiterfely backto first base.





Above: Cody Drake gets a good lead off first and prepares to steal second base

The OVHS Boys Baseball Team entered the 2016 season looking to make a push for post season play for the second year in a row. Coach Hagerman once again set realistic goals for his team that would give the Timberwolves the best chance to make the playoff games a reality. Twenty plus wins, conference title and regional title were just a few of the benchmarks the boys had to meet. On the mound Drew Fruchtl and Dylan Park pitched impressively all season and kept the runs to a minimum. At plate, the T-Wovles were able to turn the pitches into hits and make the runs count. Garrett Fritz's bat was on fire throughout the season and helped the team secure the LOVC Northwest Conference Title and Regional Title. The Timberwolves battled the weather during the sectional games and ended up playing the sectional semi final and final on the same day with in a matter of hours of each other. The boys played tough, but couldn't hold off the talented team from Salt Fork. The Wolves ended their season with an impressive 25-4 record.



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Above: Austin Sutton prepares for the pitch.



Left: Hayden Fransico dives safely back to first base.

Left: Trey Yarnell makes a run for first base.













Above: Drew Fruchtl pitches to the plate during the section semiffinal game against Crete Illinois Lutheran.





Above: Austin Hill makes contact with the ball and gets ready to head to first base.

Above top: The Timberwolves celebrate winning the Regional Title.

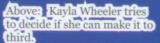


# Diamonds in the Rough

The OVHS Lady Timberwolves set out to make a statement on the diamond during the 2015-2016 season. In their first game against Central A & M Raiders, the T-Wolves set the tone for the year and easily walked away with an 8-2 victory. With Maddie Perrine on the mound and Natalie Jeffers. Jesse Robinson, Paige Robinson and Grace Harlin hitting hard every game, the girls remained tough to beat the entire season. The T-Wolves played Edinburg/South Fork for the Regional Title and come out on top, winning the coveted plaque. Their 17-II record season came to a close in the first round of sectional play, where the girls fought hard, but fell short to a strong Casey-Westfield team.

Right: Danielle Lochbaum fields a grounder.











Above: Kaylee Thomas stands on first base and watches the batter.



Above: Gracie Weybright rounds second and heads to third.



Above: The 2016 OVHS Softball Team. Front - Grace Harlin, Kaylee Thomas and Chlo Weybright. Kaley George, Jesse Robinson, Nataile Jeffers, Bella Benning and Gracie Weybright, Back - Danielle Lochbaum, Kyra Jackson, Paige Robinson, Madison Vogel Maddie Perrrine, Kailyn Boyer, Not pictured Kayla Wheeler.





low: Madison Vogel rushes to statter a hard hit.



Below: Kailyn Boyer makes her way to second base after hitting a ball to the fence.



Below: Bella Benning prepares to release the ball.



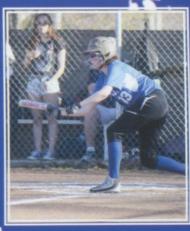
Below: Grace Harlin fields a grounder and throws to first to get the out.



Above: Natalie Jeffers is met by the Lady Timberwolves after hitting a home



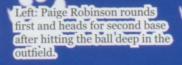
Above: Chloe Weybright tosses the ball back to the pitcher after catching a pop fly.



Above: Maddie Perrine prepares to bunt in hopes of advancing the base runner.



Above: Jesse Robinson catches a pop fly and takes the batter out.





Above: Kyra Jackson makes contact and send the ball to the outfield.

## HUSTLE AND HEART SET US APART

Kailyn Boyer 100 M 200 M

**Anna Wooters** IOO M

200 M

4xl Relay 4x2 Relay

4x4 Relau

Danielle Hill

Long Jump

200 M

4xl Relay 4x2 Relay

Evan Blakey Injured

JT Bland

2 Mile

I Mile

4x8 Relay

800 M

200 M

Cross Country

Cody Calrson IOO M

200M

Long Jump

Parker Perrine

2 mile

I Mile

Cross

Country

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800 M

Kuzer Lash Cross Country



Above: The OV members of the 2016 SOV Track Team. Front - Cameron Nickerson, Cody Carlson and Parker Perrine. Back - Danielle Hill, Kailyn Boyer, Anna Wooters and Evan Blakey. Not pictured: JT Bland



Above: Parker Perrine paces himself during a cross country race.

Above middle: Kyzer Lash runs his way to the finish line at a cross country meet.



Above: JT Bland runs the

clean up leg in the 4x8 relay



Above: Kailyn Boyer runs ir her first ever track race at th EIU Indoor meet.



Above: Cody Carlson takes off quickly in the 100 m dash

Left: Anna Wooters and Kailyn Boyer enjoy a break after their races at the EIU Indoor Track meet.



Above: The 2015-2016 Bass Fishing Team. Front - Moranda Matheson, Garrett Tippit, Chloe Wirey and Aiden Matheson. Middle - Coach Dave Doty, Quinn Brooks, Seth Bartimus and Jeremiah Varner. Back - Tyus Brooks and Corey Clark.

The Ov Bass Fishing Team spent a great deal of time casting their lines in the water during the 2015-2016 season. The Bass Team participated in numerous tournaments during the year including the Champaign Central Tournament in September, the Sangamon Valley Fall Classic in October, the Argenta-Orena Invitational and the 2016 Sectional Tournament at the end of the season. In February, the team had their annual fish fry fund-raiser at the Findlay Legion. They served tones of fish and brought in substantial funds to help offset the cost of bait, gas and fishing gear. The Team also completed several hours of community service by participating in the Habitat Work Day at Lake Shelbyville with the US Army Corp of Engineers. The Bass Fishing Team reeled in the good times during the 2015-2016 season.





Left: Aiden Matheson and Corey Clark cast out a line and patiently wait for a bite.

Below: Tyus Brooks and Corey Clark proudly display their catch for the day.

Above: Moranda Matheson and Seth Bartimus prepare plates for the annual fish fry.

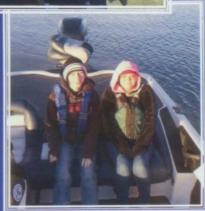
Right: Quinn Brooks, Tyus Brooks, Garrett Tippit and Corey Clark get ready to push off the dock and head to the perfect ishing spot.





Left: Coach Dave Doty, Tyus Brooks, Corey Clark, Garrett Tippit, Quinn Brooks and Coach Dave Wirey show off their catche during the 2016 sectional tournament.

Right: Chloe Wirey and Moranda Matheson Freeze during the first tournament of the season on Clinton Lake.



### BASS FISHING Hook, Line and Sinker



### Science Club

\*Nothing judgemental about being elemental\*

"We do science n' stuff." - Sam Degenhardt



Above: Nicole Willer, Gretchen Macklin and Charli Whilrich create a bit of funduring a sciencomeeting.

The OVHS Science Club completed a couple of tasks durting the 2015-2016 school year. In the fall, they held a "Kid's Science Night where they performed experitements and played science games with elementary kids. During the spring, the group celebrated Earth Week with the entire school and held dress up days.

Left The 2015-2016 OWHS Science Olub. Front-Grass Harila, Anna Wooters, Brianna Creviston, Moranda Matheson, Skyler
Birchand Chlos
Weybright, Middle
- Dewan Nave,
Madison Whilrich, Hannah Landreth, Natalie Jeffers,
Kayla Wheeler and
Gracie Waybright
Back - Sam Degenhardt, Hannah Dicken, Nicole Miller, Madison Fox and Bella Benning.

Grace Harlin paintsthe



Left: Natalie JeffersandAmna Wootershelp OWHS celebrate Barth Weekby paintingthe sciencehallway



Hydrogen

Balow: Hope: Ruppert blows up balloons during

Beryllium

Below Moranda Mathe sonperforms an experimentduring KSN.



Lefts Mr. Chistner anxiously waits for the first

Science Club meeting of the

Rights Quinn Brooks, Madison Whileich, Brianna Creviston, and Tyus Brooks competed at the ECO meet for OVHS.

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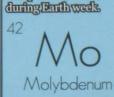


Above: Devan Nave and Gretchen Macklin takea breakduring a meeting.

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Aboves Madison Uhlrich paints windows during Earth week



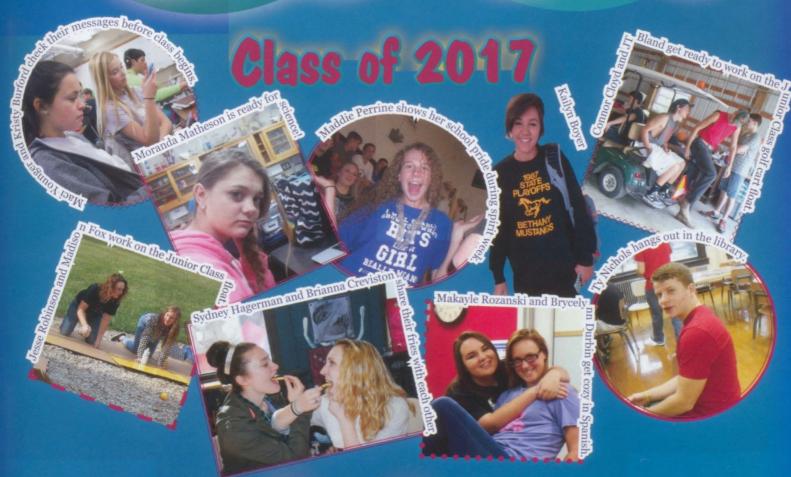
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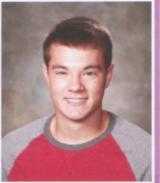
Juniors



Jasmine Baumbarger



Skyler Birch



Evan Blakey



J.T. Bland



Keith Bone



Olivia Buxton



Cody Carlson



Brianna Clardy



Corey Clark



Connor Cloyd



Brycelynn Durbin



Ryan Foor

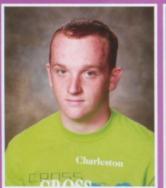




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Jasmine Guzzie

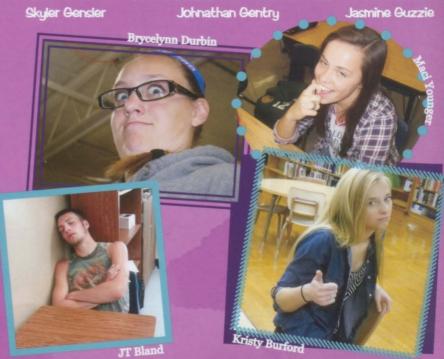


Kyzer Lash



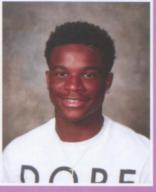
Moranda Matheson







Kailyn Boyer



Pierce Bradford



Tyus Brooks



Kristy Burford



Taylor Coleman



Elaina Crawford



Brianna Creviston



Connor Dotson



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Brendon Lane



Tyus Brooks

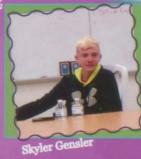




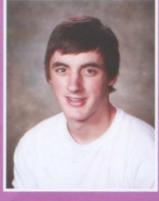












**Eric Mercer** 



Stuart Morgan



Ty Nichols



Maddie Perrine



Jessica Robinson



Makayle Rozanski



Cole Thompson



Madison Uhlrich



Chloe Weybright

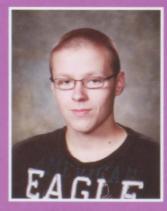


Kayla Wheeler



Blake Wyatt





Seth Yeakel



Maci Younger







Right: JT Bland, Jon Gentry, Corey Clark, Ty Nichols, and Ryan Foor work on an assingment in math class.

### what if?

You could change one rule of the school?

"I would let us out at 1:00 everyday." - Maddie Perrine

You could rewind to any time in the past?

"I would go to 1855." - JT Bland

You had to eat only one food for the rest of your life?

"Steak." - Jon Gentry

You won the lottery?

"I would disappear and no one would know." Tyus Brooks

You woke up one morning and had a superpower?

"Id want super speed." Ty Nichols

You were the principal for the day?
"I would end school for the year." - Seth Yeakel

You had all the knowledge in the world?
I would become king. -Madison Uhlrich

You could travel anywhere?

"Austria or London." -Laine Crawford

You were stranded on a deserted island: who would you want with you?

"Lauren London. She's hot." - Pierce Bradford

You could time travel?

"I would devise a plan to get rich." -Corey Clark

"You could be a celebrity?

"Taylor Swift. She is life." - Brianna Creviston

"You could invent something? What would it be?
"ATV show that by just watching it you'd lose weight." -Kaulyn Boyer

Class of 2017 Stats:

President: Brianna Creviston Vice President: Madison Uhlrich Secretary: Sydney Hagerman Treasurer: Kristy Burford

Homecoming Attendants: Sydney Hagerman and Jon Gentry

Window: 4th Place Float: 2nd Place

Powder Puff: 2nd Place

Battle of the Classes: 4th Place

Powder Tuff: 3rd Place

Class Sponsors:

Mrs Bruyn & Mrs. Camareno

Activities: Junior/Senior Prom Fund-raisers: License Plat

Below: Pierce Bradford gets a little attached to the clown wig while float building

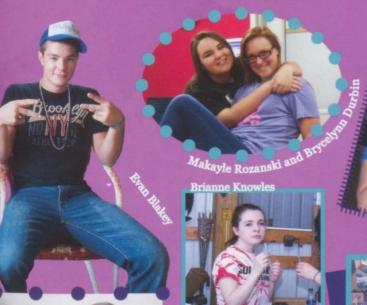




Above: Taylor Coleman gets distracted while float building.



Above: Skyler Gensler and Elaina Crawford hang out in the golf cart while building the class float.



Above: Conor Dotson contemplates the meaning of life while in English Class.



Above: Connor Cloyd builds a project with cardboard in sculpture class.

### Chorus Sing Your Reart Out

Below: Gretchen Macklin, Sydney Hagerman, Nick Tipsword, Bella Benning, Kaylee Taylor, Devan Nave and Emily Walker sing at the Senior Citizens Luncheon.

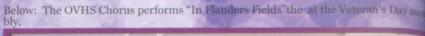


Far right: Kaylee Taylor, Bella Benning and Sydney Hagerman hang out in the band room.

Right: Emily Walker receives the National Choral Award, Nick Tipsword receives the Arion Award and Gretchen Macklin receives the John Phillip Sousa Award.

Below right: Cheyenne Lucas, Savannah Gibbons, Gretchen Macklin, Sam Degenhardt, Sydney Hagerman, Nick Tipsword, Bella Benning, Kaylee Taylor, Devan Nave and Emily Walker perform at the Christmas Concert.

The Okaw Valley High School Chorus performed for numerous events through out the 2015-2016 school year. The main events for the group included the District Veterans Day Program at OVHS, the Winter Music Concert held at the Okaw Valley Middle School, the Senior Citizens Luncheon in the High School cafeteria and the Spring Music Concert at OVHS. Other performances for individual members of the Choir included IMEA District Festival. Solo and Ensemble Contest. Several members also volunteered to sing the National Anthem at boys basketball games as well as a mother and daughter banquet and OVHS's Baccalaureate.











Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS Chorus. First - Kaylee Taylor. Second - Bella Benning and Moranda Matheson. Third - Gretchen Macklin, Sydney Hagerman and Devan Nave. Four - Sam Degenhardt, Emily Walker and Nick Tipsword.



Above - Emily Walker sings the National Anthem for the Veteran's Day assembly.



Above: Sam Degenhardt, Sydney Hagerman, Gretchen Macklin, Kaylee Taylor, Nick Tipsword, Bella Benning, Devan Nave, Moranda Matheson and Emily Walker perform"Farmer Tan" at the Spring Music Concert.



The OVHS FCCLA Organization set out to make a positive impact in the school and community during the 2015-2016 school year. In October, several members attended their Distinct FCCLA Convention at EIU and came away inspired y to share their knowledge with the rest of the club. In December, the group[ decorated the tables for the Annual OVHS Senior Citizens Luncheon and also sold hot chocolate mixes and baked goodies at the "Christmas on Main" Holiday Bazaar in downtown Bethany. The hot chocolate went over so well at the bake sale, FCCLA members lunches in February. Towards the end of the year, the group so sold hot chocolate and other treats during the si



Hope Ruppert and Natalie Jeffers decorate the in the cafeteria for the Senior Citizens Luncheon.



Above: Mrs. Scott and Lexi Roe ice cream during the State



Above: Hannah Dicken and Le Roe celebrate the end of a successful year

attended the FCCLA Convention in Springfield. For the last event of the year, FCCLA held a pizza and movie party in Mrs. Scott's room.

Below: Jasmine Baum-barger enjoys the end of the year pizza party.

Below: Mrs. Scott shows Andi Dicken and Lexi Roe how to decorate the



Above: Kristy Burford and Madison
Fox take a break while waiting for the silverware for the Senior Citize Luncheon.

Convention





Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS FCCLA. Organization include Andi Dicken, Mrs. Scott, Hope Ruppert, Hannah Landreth, Natalie Jeffers, Hannah Dicken, Madison Fox, Lexi Roe, Jasmine Baumbarger and Jasmine Guzzie.



Above: OV FCCLA members attend the State Convention in Springfield. Front -Madison Fox, Kristy Burford, Hannah Dicken and Hope Ruppert. Back - Jasmine Guzzie, Natalie Jeffers, Lexi Roe, Hannah Landreth and Jasmine Baumbarger.



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Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS Drama Club. Front - Kaylee Taylor, Hannah Landreth and Natalie Jeffers. Middle- Skyler Birch and Sydney Hagerman. Back - Madison Uhlrich, Gavon Hargrove, Nicole Miller, Brianna Creviston and Nick Tipsword. Not Pictured - Hannah Dicken, Charli Uhlrich and Madison Fox.

## Lights, Camera, Action

The OVHS Drama Club imersed themselves in the world of theatre during the 2015-2016 school year From attending area shows to putting on their own performances, club members found themselves spending quality time together. In the November, the group put on their fall show in the cafeteria called "Superhero Ultraferno." The comedy spoofed some of the most beloved comic book Superheros. As a reward for the success of the fall show, drama club members traveld to Millikin University to see a musical production of "The Addams Family." As a fund-raiser, the club held a Baked Potato Bar and Bake Sale before a boys basketball game in February. The second performance the group had the opportunity to see was "Beehive" at the The Little Theatre on the Square. Drama members were also invited to see a rehearsal a few days before attending the actual perfromance. Auditions for the spring musical "Avenue Q" were held at the end of January with the puppet building, set construction and rehearsals running until the performance in April. Before their own actual "Avenue Q" performance, the cast was able to go to Richland to see Theatre 7's performance of "Avenue Q." As always, the OV Drama Club remained busy and fully engulfed in drama all year long.









Sydeney Hagerman and Natalie Jeffers

Bar and Bake Sale

Superhero Utraferno intermission games



and El Corral





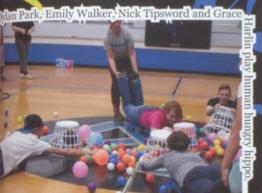
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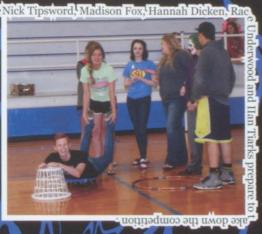
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### POST Prom Unmasking the Fun





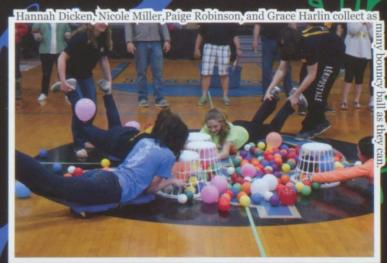












The fundid not end after the music at the 2016 prom quit playing. The 2016 Post Prom was held at the high school with many students participating in the various activities including a scavenger hunt, human hungry, hungry hippo, doughnut eating contests and the always anticipated prizes and raffles. After the games were finished, the group was shuttled the Strand Theatre in Mt. Zion to watch Superman vs. Batman: Dawn of Justice.

## From 2016 "Old Hollywood" April 30, 2016 - Lions Benter, Mt. Lion



Charli Uhlrich and Madison Uhlrich make the most of their last high school dance together.



Kyzer Lash reluctantly shares a dance with Mr. Wise.



The 2016 OVHS Prom Court. Front-2016 Prom Queen Sam Degenhardt, 2016 Prom King Race Underwood and Thiago Williams. Back - 2015 King and Queen Representative Junior Class President Brianna Creviston, Hannah Dicken, Brandon Poper, Charli Uhlrich, Nic Brown, Nicole Miller and Justin Johnson.



Ian Tiarks and Connor Cloyd hear a great song and head to the dance floor.

the helium balloons at the end of the



Tyus Brooks and J.T. Bland play with evening long.

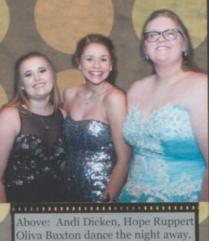


Drew Fruchtl and Brandon Poper leave the dance floor to get refresh

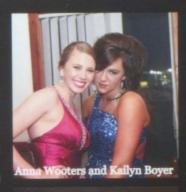




Above: The 2016 OVHS Prom Queen Samantha Degenhardt and King Race Underwood. ..........



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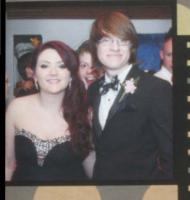


Kristy Burford and Dylan P

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Left: Jessica Menard and Adam Bricker pause for a photo.

Right: Skyler Gensler and Bryce Durbin dance to a slow song.









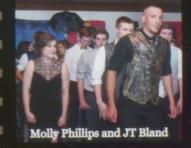
Natalie Jeffers and Ty Nichols

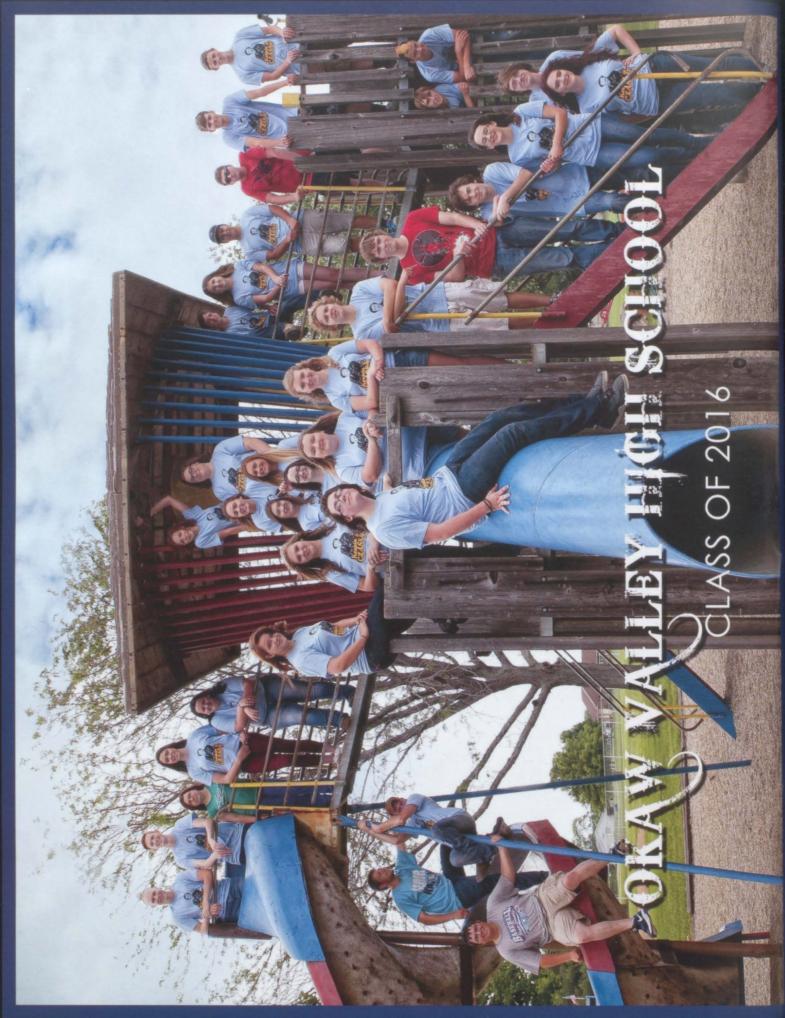


Left: Devon Merrdith and Devan Nave dance together during their last prom.

Right: Chole Weybright enjoys the candy bar.







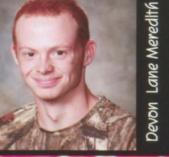




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Andrew Fruchtl Andrew Douglas Fruchtl



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Kaylee Carol Siere





Charli Jeanine Unirich





Kyle Thomas Burford



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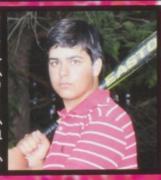
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# Senior Wills

"We, the Senior Class of 2016, being of sound mind and body do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament..."



"I will the secrets of the force to Race Underwood."

- Brandon Poper





"I will Andi Dicken the right to stay lit fam. I also will Mrs. Bon Bon Scott to become the next Ann Wilson."

Madison Fox

- Hannah Dicken



"I will Sydney Hagerman the will to carry on."

- Sam Degenhardt

"I will pass down my 'by the end of the year, crappy backpack' to my brother, Darien Brown."

- Hayley Brown



"I will Justin Norris to stay funny and to make you always put your car in park. Sadie Zimmerman to be the best cheerleader ever. Jasmine Guzzie, Jasmine Baumbarger, and Sydney Hagerman to keep the color guard in-line."

-Haley Caulfield





"I will everyone in Mrs. Bryun's class to understand what's going on and to refrain from shedding tears."

- Alex Martin





Above: Haley Caulfield, Devan Nave, Gretchen Macklin, Sam Degenhardt, Robbie Stiner and Kaylee Thomas bond during lunch.



Above: Jessica Menard and Adam Bricker take a break in science class.



"I will Sadie Zimmerman and Bella Benning to become the best varsity setters OV volleyball has ever seen and Bonnie Scott (a.k.a Mrs. America) the right to put the smack down on all the hooligan children have yet to graduate."

- Nicole Miller

"I will Madison Uhlrich to keep wearing our grandfather's clothes with pride and Kailyn Boyer to drink some soda. And Bon Bon Scott to become a flight attendant/ Mrs. America. AND, Michael Stroyack to keep reporting to the bus garage."

Charli Uhlrich



"I will pass down the title of Varsity Boy's Basketball Manager to Sebastian Carron." - Race Underwood





"I will all lower classmen and future generations the power to disconnect from technology and reconnect with people. Also, i will them respect for themselves and others linkdness, generosity, and to take advantage of the knowledge and opportunities before them."

Emily Walker



"I will my sister Jessica Stiner to enjoy the rest of her high school years even though I won't be here. Also, for Jessica and Kelly McGill to buy their own McDonalds."

- Robbie Stiner

"I will my babies, Kristy Burford, Maci Younger, and Jessica Robinson, to harass Mr. Wise and take no crap. Mr, Wise to live life miserably without me. And Mr. Shoaff to have a great day in the Valley."

- Kaylee Siere



"I will Jessica Robinson to work around every post player for a basket and Kyra Jackson to enjoy the next few years."

- Devan Nave





"I will nothing. It's all mine. Get your own Stuff."

- Nic Brown

#### Worst Driver





Mannah Dicken and Race Underwood



Adam Bricker and Gretchen Macklin

## Class of 2016

Most Athletic



Megan Dash and Justin Johnson

Class Klutz





Charli Uhlrich and Dyaln Park



Madison Fox and Drew Fruchtl

#### class Clown



Nie Brown and Charli Uhlrich

#### Biggest Rebel



lan Tiarks and Kaylee Thomas

## **Personality Polls**



Best Smile



Grechen Macklin and Justin Johnson

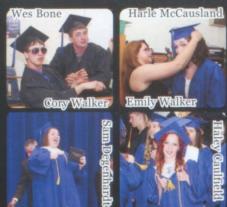
#### Prettiest Eyes



Nick Tipsword and Jessica Menard



Kaylee Stere and Robble Stiner

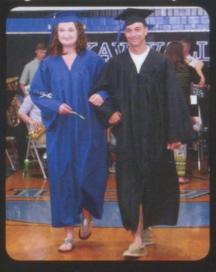






# 2016

Below: Harle McGausland and Draw Fruchtl walk down the isle at the beginning of the Graduation Ceremony.





Above: The OVHS Graduating Class of 2017. Front - Jessica Elise Menard, Hayley Elizabeth Brown, Robbie Sue Stiner, Devan Terraleigh Nave, Morgan May Dash, Samantha Dawne Degenhardt, Harle Renee McCausland, Kaylee Carol Siere, Haley Marie Caulfield and Kaylee Morgan Thomas. Middle - Wesley Joe Bone, Blaine Morgan Carey, Brandon Tyler Poper, Madison Taylor Fox, Nicole Lynn Miller, Alexander James Martin, Charlli Jeanine Uhlrich, Gretchen Michal Macklin, Emily Samantha Rosemarie Walker, Hannah Madge Elizabeth Dicken and Race Aaron Underwood. Back - Nicholas Glenn Tipsword, Justin VictorJohnson, Andrew Douglas Fruchtl, Nicholas Matthew Brown, Devon Lane Meredith, Tommy Joseph McKinney, Adam Zachary Bricker, Austin Alan Sutton, Preston Owen Underwood, Dylan James Park, Kyle Thomas Burford, Ian Isaiah-Joseph Tiarks and Cory Andrew Walker.







































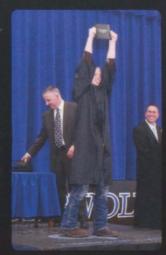


# OVHS GRADUATION

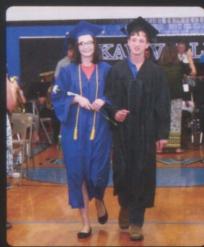
The Fifteenth Commencement Exercise of the Okaw Valley Community District #302 was held on Sunday, May 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the OKaw Valley High School Gymnasium.

Valedictorian Alex Martin. Nicole Miller, Charli Uhlrich .......... Gretchen Macklin Salutatorian. Class advisors... .... Mr. Call Class Colors.. Teal and Greu Class Flower... Carnations ..."Live Like No One Else" Class Motto ......" Hello Goodbye" by the Beatles" "You're Gonna Miss This" by Trace Adkins Class Songs Class officers

President... .. Gretchen Macklin Vice President. Nicole Miller Charli Uhlrich Secretary. Treasure. Justin Johnson



Above DevonMeredith celebrates after receiving he diploma during the OVIS Graduation Ceremony.



Above Hamah Didkan and Wesley Bone enter the gym and head to the graduate chairs.







Above: The Class of 2016 posses for one last pfoture together before the graduation ceremony begins.

# Baby Ads

Congratulations Dylan!

We're so proud of you. We love you and wish you the best!

Love.

Mom. Dad. Devin & Karson





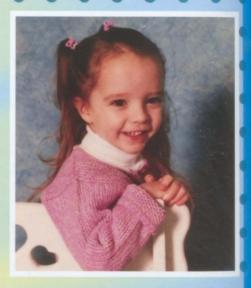
Our Dearest Hannah aka "Bug"

You lit up our lives from the second you were born. You were everything we had dreamed of and more. I'm really not sure where the time has gone, it seems like yesterday it was your first day of kindergarten and now it's your senior year. From the time you were born to the present there are no words that could express how very much we love you. And how very much you mean to me.

We hope you will experience as much joy in life as it is to us to have you as our daughter.

All our love always.

Mom & Dad





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Nicole Lynn Miller

We are proud of you and all you have accomplished.

Love. Mom & Dad

# Class of 2016



Haley

It seems like yesterday, I brought you home from the hospital. A tiny bundle of joy, I close my eyes just for a second and when I open them standing in front of me is a beautiful, confident and intelligent young woman. Your gifts of being strong willed, kindhearted and having an open mind will get far in life. Just remember while caring for others to take time for yourself to enjoy the little things. You are amazing and I am so proud. I love you kiddo.

Love. Mom



Gretchen. Our Queen

Hold your head up high, its your time to shine from the inside out it shows you're worth more than gold Gold.

- Britt Nicole

From.
Mom. Dad & Ethan



Race.

No matter how old you are, my "Racer Pooh" you will always be! We are very proud of you and love you. Good Luck!

> Love. Mom & Dad

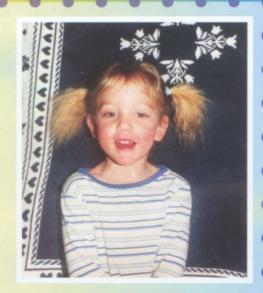


# Baby Ads

Charli.

Trying to keep up with you in high school required sprinter shoes. College will certainly require roller skates.

All Our Love Always, Mom & Dad

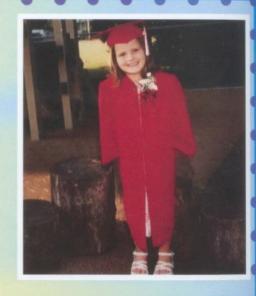




Kaylee.

Our beautiful baby girl from one graduation to another. We are so proud of you and we love you tons!

Love. Grandma & Paw Paw



Kaylee.

The time seems to have flown by. It seems like just yesterday you were this little girl, but now you are grown up and ready to graduate. Always remember one thing: no matter how big you get or how far away you are, you will always be my little girl. I am proud of you! I love you!

Love, Dad



# Class of 2016

#### Kaylee.

I am proud of the young woman you are growing up to be. Keep following your dreams and never give up.

Love. Mom



#### Alex.

The greatest job we've ever had has been the job of raising you. We wouldn't trade a minute of the time we've spent caring for you, cheering for you, and watching you grow. We've laughed with you and celebrated your victories. We've worried about you and shared your hurts. Through it all you've filled our hearts with love beyond compare. You will always be our greatest accomplishment. You are an amazing young man who can bring a smile to anyone he meets. Continue to reach for the bar no matter how high it's set.

Love Mom & Dad

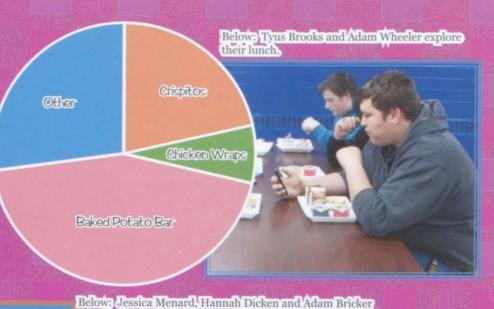




#### Robbie Sue.

You are an amazing, beautiful, intelligent daughter. We were so blessed when you came into our lives. I wish you the best in the future and most success. We love you!

Love. Mom & Jessica



Below: Elizabeth Herbord smiles sweetly at the Homcoming Dance.

Right:

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share their

talent

world.



Taylor Swift

Kanye **Beyonce** Other West

"My favorite place to shop is Scheels." - Wesley Bone

"My favorite restaurant to eat at is Texas Roadhouse." -Cory Walker



attentively take in their new math lesson.

The Big Bang Theory

**Greus** Anatomy

The Walking Dead

Other



What is your favorite professional athlete?

1st-Derrick Rose 2nd-Derek Jeter 3rd-Serena Williams

Below: Chloe Weybright makes a dash for the basket.



Who is your favorite teacher? 1st - Mrs. Bruyn 2nd-Mr. Ackers 3rd - Mrs. Yantis



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Other

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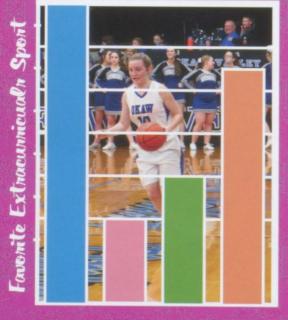
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What is your favorite color?

Ist - Blue 2nd - Red 3rd - Green Favorites

Math

The Inside Scoop on What's HOT on NOT



# Job Shadow Legal World Experience









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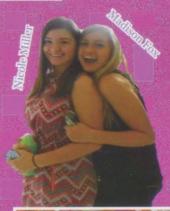


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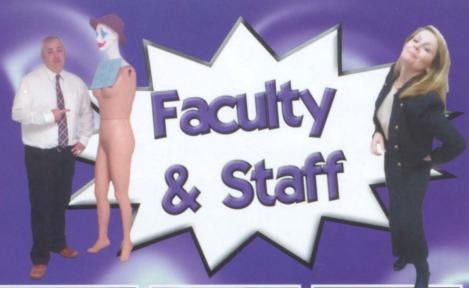






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Martin Call
English & Journalism



Maria Camareno Spanish



Jacob Christner Biological Science



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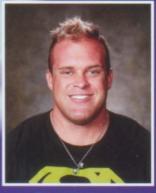
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Brent Swansen
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Joel Trussel Maintenance



Jody Askins HS Secretary



Jena Atchison Guidance



Renee Bone Mathematics



Shari Bruyn Mathematics



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Jody Davis Cook



Kathy Doty Service Learning



Doug Elmore Business



Shelli Foster AD Secretary



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Sean Kirksey English



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Mr. Christner's child-like enthusiasm.



Mr. Inman's school spirit.



Mrs. Macklints never-ending knowledge.



Mrs. Camareno's cooking.



Mr. Wise's

friendly

sarcasm.

Mrs. Kirksey's attitude.



Mr. Call's

wit.

Mrs. Crowder's perfect handwriting.





Mrs. Bone's dry sense of

humor.



Ms. Scott's andness and patience.



Mr. Ackers' amazing energy.



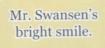
Mrs. Bruvn's famous



Mrs. Yantis one-of-a-kind laugh.



Mr. Elmore's bright red glasses.





Mr. Guthrie's exciting stories.

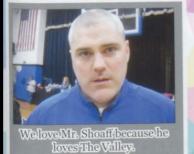


### Reasons Why We LOVE

Our Teachers



Mrs. Coldasure's genuine demeanor



We love Mr. Stauter because he always gives a warm greeting.

















# Making Every Moment Count



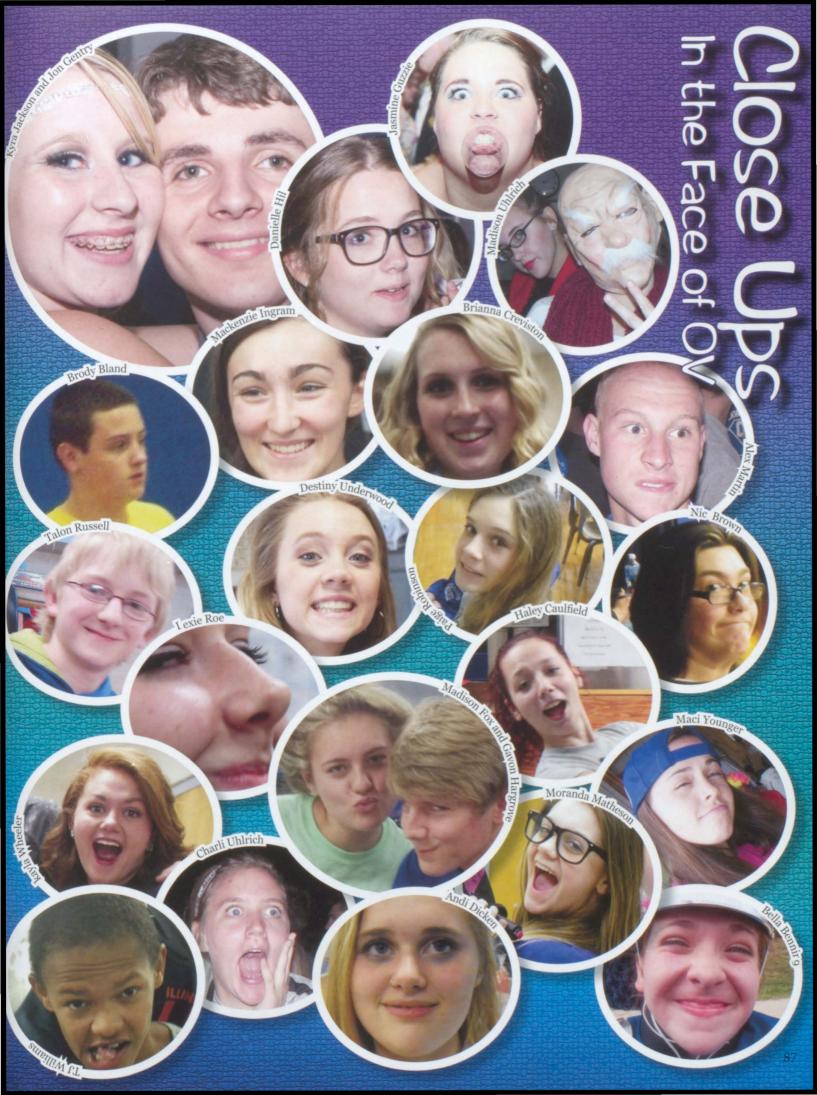












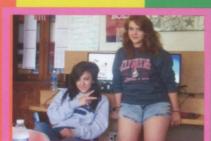
# Seliend the Camera



Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS Publications Staff includes Hannah Dicken, Charli Uhlrich, Nicole Miller, Kailyn Boyer, Robbie Stiner, Emily Walker, Kaylee Siere and Sam Degenhardt.



Above: Nicole Miller is anxious to start Publication's class.



Above: Kailyn Boyer and Emily Walker get ready for a great day of publicating.



Above: The Publication Class poses for their annual Prom photo.

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OVHS's Publications team of eight students worked incredibly hard during the year capturing OV's most memorable moments. Their job of keeping track and documenting of all events and activities put on by the school proved to be harder than some of the staff members originally thought. The task of putting together the book was trying at times, but extremely rewarding. The class spent a great deal of time sharing ideas. laughs, attitudes, stories and life concerns during their 4th hour period. Mrs. Yantis dreamed this staff her most entertaining and creative group of all time. Hopefully the yearbook staff was able to "Capture the Moment" and tell the story of the 2015-2016 OVHS school year.



Above: Hannah Dicken laughs at Above: Mrs. Yantis and Jostens Rep to take for the monthly assignment.



some of the pictures she managed Conor O'Brian play with the selfie stick to take for the monthly assign- given to the class by Jostens.



Above: Robbie Stiner and Sam Degenhardt take pictures at a basketball game.



Above: Kaylee Siere expresses her daily Publications struggles.



Above: Charli Uhlrich brain storm a theme idea.

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#### **MUSIC**

#### 1. NOT BAD

Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood" video, with an all-star cast of actresses and models, wins the VMA Music Video of the Year award.

#### 2. A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

One Direction releases its sixth album, *Made In The A.M.*, and announces an extended break.

#### 3. TRUE PURPOSE

Justin Bieber releases his fourth studio album, *Purpose*, which impresses even non-Beliebers.

#### 4. FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

The Weeknd's *Beauty Behind the Madness* album features duets with Ed Sheeran and Lana Del Rey.

#### 5. NOT TOO LATE

Drake delights fans and critics with his acclaimed album If You're Reading This It's Too Late.

#### 6. WOMEN ON TOP

Katy Perry and Taylor Swift top the Forbes list of top-earning women in music.

#### 7. CRUSHED IT

Little Big Town's "Girl Crush" wins Single of the Year and Song of the Year at the Country Music Awards.

#### 8. WISTFUL HELLO

Adele releases "Hello," the first hit single from her much-awaited album 25.



















#### **© SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### 1. MINECRAFT

Minecraft: Pocket Edition, enabling users to build their own imaginative worlds, comes in on top for most downloaded game app.

#### 2. LIFE IS A STREAM

Users broadcast their videos in real time with Periscope, the popular new live streaming app. Apple names it the iPhone® app of the year.

#### 3. BOY BAND BEEF

One Direction fans are even more heartbroken when Zayn Malik launches a Twitter feud with his former band mates.

#### **4. SELFIES 2.0**

Snapchat launches Lenses, a suite of zany, animated special effects you can layer over your face.

#### 5. CASH FOR CLANS

The small cost for exponentially increasing your ability to defend and combat opposing bases wins out over the wallet in the mobile app game, Clash of Clans. This top grossing app raked in an incredible \$1.56 million per day from users dolling out real cash to develop virtual troops.

#### **6. SILENT PROTEST**

Taylor Swift refuses to put her 1989 album on Spotify and removes her older releases from the streaming service.

#### 7. SNAPCHAT SURGES

Evan Spiegel, then-23-year-old CEO of Snapchat, turned down a multi-billion dollar offer from Facebook. Now, usage reports hoist Snapchat second at 6 billion views per day to Facebook's 8 billion.

#### 8. THE BILLION VIEW CLUB

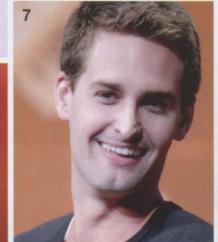
One billion YouTube views, once rare, are becoming increasingly common. Wiz Khalifa's "See You Again" is the tenth and latest member of the club.

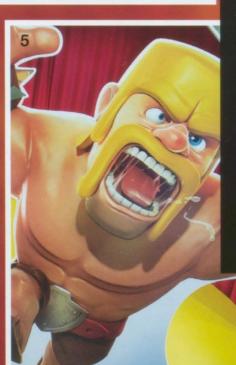
#### 9. #THEDRESS

Is it blue and black or white and gold? Variations in human color perception go viral as a photo of a dress on Tumblr prompts heated debate. A BuzzFeed article about the dress attracts 37 million hits.

















#### SPORTS

#### 1. ABBY HANGS UP HER CLEATS

The world's leading scorer and captain of USA women's soccer team, Abby Wambach, announced her retirement following Team USA's triumphant win against Japan (5-2) in the World Cup championship.

#### 2. LITTLE LEAGUE, BIG WIN

Japan wins 2015 Little League Baseball World Series by defeating Mid-Atlantic in an astounding six innings. Shingo Tomita hit two opportune homers in the second and third innings that boosted his team toward their 18-11 run win.

#### 3. DAYTONA SURPRISE

With his surprise Daytona 500 victory, Joey Logano of Team Penske grabs a spot in the chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup.

#### 4. DIVISION ONE DOMINANCE

University of Alabama Crimson Tide defeats Clemson University Tigers 45 to 40 in the NCAA FBS National Championship game.

#### 5. UFC UPSET

The #RouseyRevolution of MMA superstar Ronda Rousey takes an unexpected detour with a knockout from Holly Holm.

#### 6. SERENA THE GREAT

After winning 3 of 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2015, Serena Williams was named as the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the fourth time.

#### 7. SUPER SHOWDOWN

Football fans sat captivated as the Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers 24 to 10 in the NFL Championship game at Levi's Stadium in San Francisco.

#### 8. WARRIORS WIN

The Golden State Warriors end their 40-year championship drought by defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers to win the NBA Championship.

#### 9. THE CUP COMES BACK

The Chicago Blackhawks defeat the Tampa Bay Lightning to win their sixth Stanley Cup Championship.

#### 10. ROYALS REIGN

Kansas City fans go wild when the Royals defeat the New York Mets four games to one to win the MLB World Series.

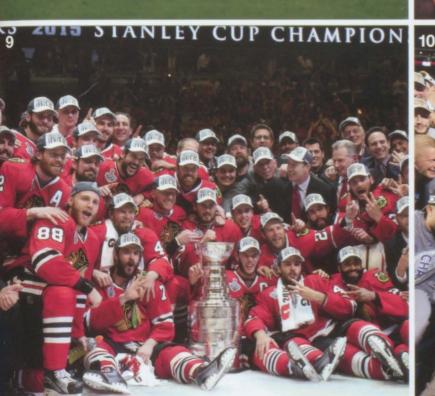
















#### 2015 GOLD GLOVE AWARD WINNERS

POSITION	AL WINNER	TEAM	POSITION	NL WINNER	TEAM
P	Dallas Keuchel	HOU	P	Zack Greinke	LAD
C	Salvador Pérez	KCR	C	Yadier Molina	STL
1B	Eric Hosmer	KCR	1B	Paul Goldschmidt	ARI
2B	Jose Altuve	HOU	2B	Dee Gordon	MIA
3B	Manny Machado	BAL	3B	Nolan Arenado	COL
SS	Alcides Escobar	KCR	SS	<b>Brandon Crawford</b>	SF
LF	Yoenis Cespedes	DET	LF	Starling Marte	PIT
CF	Kevin Kiermaier	ТВ	CF	AJ Pollock	ARI
RF	Kole Calhoun	LAA	RF	Jason Heyward	STL

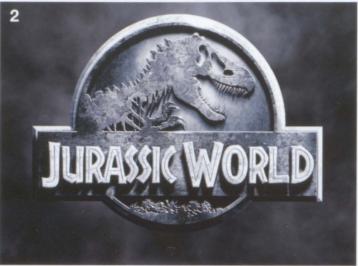
#### TOP 5

#### HIGHEST PAID ATHLETES OF 2015

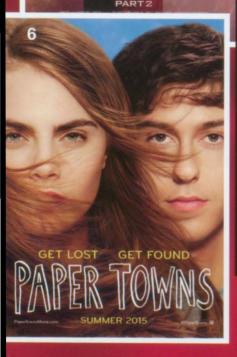
- 1. Floyd Mayweather, Jr.
- 2. Manny Pacquiao
- 3. Cristiano Ronaldo
- 4. Lionel Messi
- 5. Roger Federer

http://www.cheatsheet.com/sports/the-7highest-paid-athletes-in-2015.html/?a=viewall









#### MOVIES

#### 1. BEYOND THE WALL

Shailene Woodley returns as Tris Prior in the film adaptation of *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*.

#### 2. A MONSTER HIT

Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard star in *Jurassic World*, the fourth movie in the Jurassic Park film series.

#### 3. PRIDE AND JOY

The biopic *Joy* wins a Golden Globe, and so does Jennifer Lawrence for her portrayal of a divorced mom turned millionaire entrepreneur.

#### 4. THE LIBERATION OF PANEM

Katniss Everdeen and her allies return to theaters for their final mission in *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2.* 

#### 5. WINS IN THE WILDERNESS

The Revenant, a dark frontier drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio, wins numerous awards and a positive approval rating of 81% on Rotten Tomatoes.

#### 6. LOST AND FOUND

When Margo goes missing, Quentin skips school to find her in Paper Towns, the film adaptation of John Green's young adult novel.

#### 7. THE BREAKING POINT

Adventurers attempt to complete eight extreme ordeals in Point Break; the drama fails to win over critics but performs well at the box office.

#### 8. INSIDE OUT

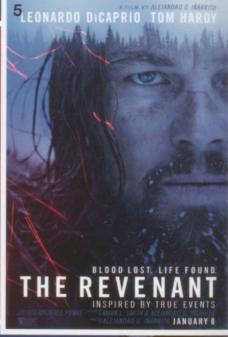
Riley's emotions are personified in the newest Disney Pixar box office hit. Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness guide Riley through adjusting to her new life in San Francisco.

#### 9. STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

The new Star Wars film topped *Avatar* to claim the all-time No. 1 spot in North American box offices.











TOP 10

AT THE BOX OFFICE IN 2015

http://www.boxofficemojo.com/yearly/chart/?yr=2015

- 1. Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- 2. Jurassic World
- 3. Avengers: Age of Ultron
- 4. Inside Out
- 5. Furious 7

- 6. Minions
- 7. The Hunger Games Part 2
- 8. The Martian
- 9. Cinderella (2015)
- 10. Spectre (James Bond)







#### **POP CULTURE**

#### 1. 3D PRINTING EVOLVES

Demand for 3D printers climbs as the technology advances to accommodate metals, electronics, pharmaceuticals and biological materials.

#### 2. BLOGGERS MAKE BANK

The most successful fashion and beauty bloggers and vloggers on Instagram can make up to \$500,000 per year by offering affiliate links and sponsored content.

#### 3. CAITLYN'S COURAGE

Newly transitioned transgender celebrity Caitlyn Jenner accepts the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPY Awards.

#### 4. MOST LIKED INSTAGRAM EVER

With more than 2.5 million likes, the image of model and reality TV star Kendall Jenner, with her hair arranged in heart shapes, is the most-liked Instagram photo ever.

#### 5. HEALTHY BUSINESS MODEL

With juice bar sales approaching \$100 million a year, the cold-pressed juicing cleanse trend continues as busy, health-conscious consumers seek a shortcut to wellness.

#### 6. THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WOMAN

Time magazine names Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel its Person of the Year and describes her as "Chancellor of the Free World."

#### 7. KANYE ON THE RUNWAY

Following the success of Kanye West's Yeezy fashion label seasons 1 and 2, he recently debuted his third season at New York Fashion Week.

#### 8. WASTE NOT

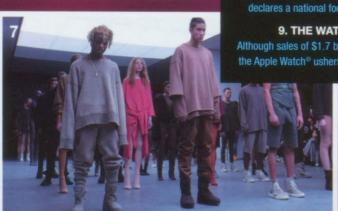
A Manhattan chef creates fine dining from "garbage" ingredients to demonstrate how to prevent food waste. The Federal government declares a national food waste reduction goal of 50% by 2030.

#### 9. THE WATCHWORLD IS WEARABLE

Although sales of \$1.7 billion are modest compared to the iPhone®, the Apple Watch® ushers wearable tech into the consumer market.











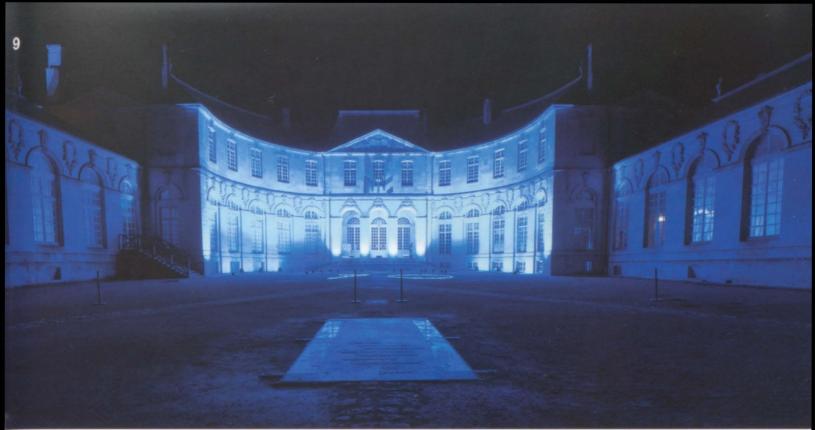
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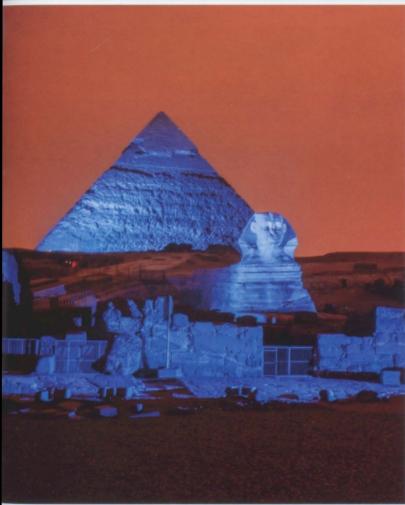
- 1. Paris Under Attack
- 2. Adele's Year
- 3. Oscars 2015
- 4. Caitlyn Jenner
- 5. Election of 2016

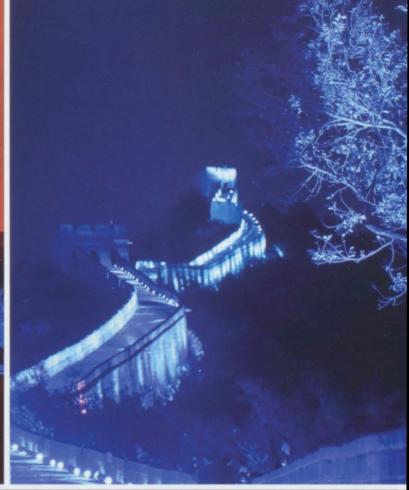
- 6. Mayweather vs. Pacquiao
- 7. Black Lives Matter
- 8. Guns in America
- 9. Royals Win World Series
- 10. A New Era in Late Night TV

https://www.google.com/trends/story/2015\_US









#### MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE

**ACCORDING TO FORBES IN 2015** 

http://www.forbes.com/powerful-people/list/#tab:overall

- 1. Vladimir Putin, 63
- 2. Angela Merkel, 61
- 3. Barack Obama, 54
- 4. Pope Francis, 79
- 5. Xi Jingping, 62
- 6. Bill Gates, 60
- 7. Janet Yellen, 69
- 8. David Cameron, 49
- 9. Narendra Modi, 65
- 10. Larry Page, 42







A serial killer called the Red Devil menaces the sorority sisters of Kappa Kappa Tau in the debut season of the Fox network's horror comedy.

#### 2. PRETTY LITTLE LIARS

The Liars escape the dollhouse and secret identities are revealed in Season 6 of the ABC Family network drama.

#### 3. AMERICAN HORROR STORY: HOTEL

Lady Gaga stars as The Countess in Season 5 of the FX horror series, set in a haunted Los Angeles hotel.

#### 4. ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

Netflix commits to a fourth season of the binge-worthy drama series, set in a women's prison.

#### 5. AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL: GUYS & GIRLS

The judges choose Nyle DiMarco and Mamé Adjei as winners in Cycle 22 of the final season of the CW reality show.

#### 6. TOP-RANKED YOUTUBE GAMERS

With more than 10 billion video views, Swedish gamer PewDiePie tops the leaderboard of most popular YouTube channels.

#### 7. NEW GAME, NEW STAR

Rory Mcllroy succeeds Tiger Woods as the new face of EA Sports' PGA Tour golf game.

#### 8. eSPORTS ARE BRINGING IN BILLIONS

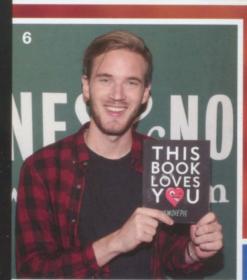
With larger audiences and bigger prize pools, eGaming tournaments rival traditional sports events.

#### 9. ESPN LEADS IN ALL-TIME CABLE RATINGS

ESPN is the most-watched cable network, even during presidential debates and news stories; the network holds the record for the top 20 most-viewed programs in cable TV history.

#### 10. CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS III

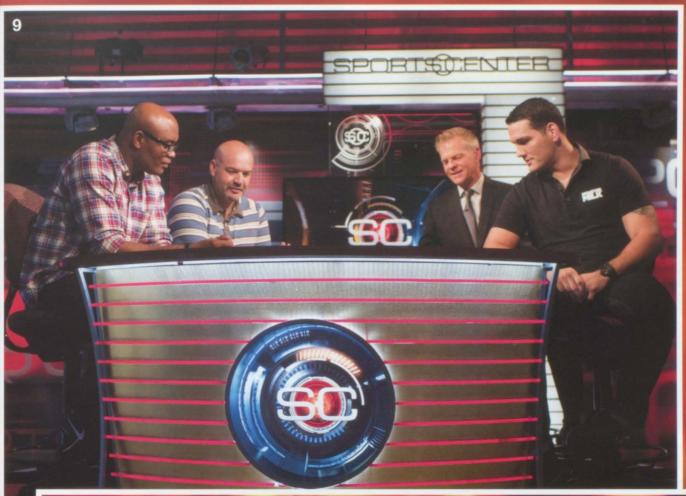
The first-person shooter is set in the year 2065 and features zombie storylines, robotic drones and a team of soldiers with cybernetic enhancements.















Life Lego was named Forbes Most Powerful Brand of 2015 after debuting their new Lego Marvel's Avengers and Lego Jurassic World toys.

1. LEGO IS LIFE

#### **TOP 10**

#### MOST VALUABLE **BRANDS IN 2015**



- 1. Apple, \$145.3 billion
- 2. Microsoft, \$69.3 billion
- 3. Google, \$65.6 billion
- 4. Coca-Cola, \$56 billion
- 5. IBM, \$49.8 billion
- 6. McDonald's, \$39.5 billion
- 7. Samsung, \$37.9 billion
- 8. Toyota, \$37.8 billion
- 9. General Electric (GE), \$37.5 billion
- 10. Facebook, \$36.5 billion

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#### HOW TEENS SPEND MONEY http://www.businessinsider.com/how-teens-are-spending-money-2015-4

23% FOOD

20% CLOTHING

**16% REMAINING MUSIC, MOVIES, EVENTS** 

**10% ACCESSORIES** 

8% VIDEO GAMES

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