

## Okaw Valley Nexus Volume XV



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## the field

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balltobeputinmotion,
 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 46-2l. the team played 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 very successful.

# OV BAND 

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 Guzrie, 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.

## Marching to the beat of theur own drums



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


Belows:Madison Foxjumps send the ball backover the net.

## VOLLEYDILL

QUEEITS OF THE COUTIT
Aboves The OVHS Varsity Volleyball Team.Front - Elaina Craw ford, Brianna Creviston and Kailyn Boyer. Middle-Sadie Zimmerman, Madison Fox-and Nicole Miller., Back-Kailynn Bobbett, Megan Dash, Kristy Burford andMadison Vogel. Not picturedCharli Uhlrich and Kaylee Thomas.


## Golf

There's No Time Like Tee Time


The OVHS Goff Team did more than Just putter around during the2015 season With fourteen dedicated members, the golfers managed to swing aregular season record of6 and 9. Lightiohts of the year for theboys included a3rdPlaceffinish at the Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament, a 3 ra Placeffinishat Red Tail Run matehand a 2nd Placefinish at the Quadran gular hostedat Hickony Point Their seasonlow scorewas against Windsor witha win of IVZ to 2O4s In postseason play, the boys team finished lot th at the ${ }^{[1}$-Paso Sectional and Grace Marlin shotalo and placed 3Oth at the gits Sectional Tournaments
"My favoritematch was RedTail Rum, it was somuch fun! GGace Harlin


Aboves The2015@VHS Golf fieam, Fronto Natalie Jeffers, Austin:Harshman and Grace Harlin, Middle=Case Crawford, Hayden Francisco, Connor,Sheehan, Cameron Nickersonandftrey Yarnell. Back-Tyson Brown, Jan Fiarks, Connorcloyd, DrewFFuchtl,EthanMacklinandFTannerColeman,
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Above: The First Place Sophomore Team. Front - Kelly Mccill, Destiny Underwood and Grace Harlin. Back - Drew Frucht, Hannah Landreth, Jessica Stiner, Danielle Lochbaum, Paige Robinson, Natalie Jeffers, Amna 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.


Above: The Fourth Place Freshman Team. FrontMadison Vogel, Gracie Weybright, Sadie Zimmerman, Jalymn Johnson and Riley Kesterson. Back- Brandon Poper, Kaylee Taylor, Anna Wooters, Bella Benning, Danielle Fill, Danielle Dick, Molly Phillips and Kailynn Bobbett.
"Powder puff is fun to watch safely from the bleachers hidden under a blanket."- Sydney Hagerman


Hannah Landreth



Becky West and Anna Wooters


Far left: Kailyn Boyer tries to fight off Kelly McGill so Brianna Creviston can make a run for the goal.
Left: Anna Wooters carries the ball while Chloe Weybright stays by her side.

Left: The Third Place Senior Team. Front - Bimily Walker, Charli Uhlrich, Ribbie Stiner and Haley Caulfield. Back - Skyler Birch, Gretchen Mack lin, Madison Fox, Hannah Dicken, Devan Nave, Megan Dash, Nicole Miller and Connor Cloyd.
Left: The Second
Place Junior
Team. Front-Maci
Younger, Chloe
Weybright, Brianna
Creviston, Bri-
anne Knowles and
Moranda Matheson.
Back - Dylan Park,
Jessie Robison,
Kailyn Boyer,
Maddie Perrine,
Kayla Wheeler,
Madison Uhlrich,
Kristy Burford and
Keith
Bone.

## Homecoming Week 2015 Under the Big ${ }^{\text {TOp! }}$



3rd Place Sophomore Float

2nd Place Junior Float


Above: Brianna Creviston decorates a sign to be placed on the Junior float.


4th Place Junior Window

As Okaw Valley returned for another school year. they 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 filed with Float building. pep ralley. homecoming parade and the SOV football game at Sullivan. Saturday was the much anticipated formal Dance where Eretchen Macklin and Nick Tipsword were crowned as the Queen and King.


2nd Place Sophomore Window
"Wild. Fun. Fantastic! The best circus!"

- Haley Caulfield



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.

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Right: Garret Tippit and Talon Russell grab a drink between songs.
Middle right: Olivia Buxton and Hayley Brown wait for coronation to begin.
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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.

Imm. right:
Queen Gretchen Macklin and King Nick Tipsword share in a royal 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 Carsor Bush enjoy dancing "Under the Big Top".

Right: Sydney Hagerman, Madison Uhlrich, Mrs. Scott and Natalie Jeffers dance in the lobby.

Right: Ayden Matheson, Blijah
Robinson and Robinson and
Comnor Powers spend the evening on the dance floor.


Left: Kristy Burford, Evan Blakey and Brendon Lane make memories at Homecoming.

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


Above: Maci Younger enthusiastically smiles for the camera.


Above: Elizabeth Herbord heads to the dance floor.

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

Above: Chloe Weybright photobombs Veronica Woods and Jasmine Guwrie.

Right: Kaylee Thomas and Grace Brown party


Above: Cheyenne Walker sits out a dance.


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


Above: JT Bland does homecoming the JT Bland way!



# Captrion THis:  



Andi Dicken...........
a. shows everyone she the Queen of OV. b. plays with the props in the art room. c. shows off her classic fashion sense.


## Gretchen Macklin........

a. practices for her senior pictures.
b! tries to iñ inimidate the Freshmen.
c. showsoff her flirting skills.


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

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Garrett Tippet........
a. walks Sadiē 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’rejectst the advances of his "classmate" 3
C.friendzones Drew Fruchtl.


Hope Ruppert.
a. getscarried away with the knives in art class.
b. claims Justin Norris pushed her over. c. tried to Nija kick a chair.


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


Dylan Holt......
a. pick on freshman Sam Hagerman.
b. lifts $S$ Hagerman to show his strength. c.carries $S \overline{\mathrm{~m}}$ 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 Hagerma
Window: 1st Place
Float: 1st Place
Powder Puff: 4th Place
Battle of the Classes: 1st Place
Banner: 1st Place
Powder Tuff: 4th Place

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Ayden Matheson


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Sadie Zimmerman


Parker Perrine


Kaylee Taylor


Sidney Zimmerman


Molly Phillips


Garrett Tippit


Sophie Zimmerman


Connor Powers


Jeremiah Varner


Brayden Primmer


Madison Vogel
*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.


Anthony Weekly


Haley Rogers


Gracie Weybright


Talon Russell


Chloe Wirey


Jewel Smith


Anna Wooters


Baylee Suarez


Hank Yowell

Not Pictured: Carson Bush. Kailey George and Haley Rogers


## Art Living the Colorful Life


 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 Jéfers, Hannah Landreth, Brianna Creviston and Sydney Hangerman. Bäck Kyra Jackson, Justin Norris, Mädison Uhlrich, Charli Uhlrich and Nick Tipsword,

Right: ${ }^{\text {The }}$
2015-2016 OVHS Art Club. Front (ground)- Sydney Hagerman,


Madison Uhlrich and Natalie Jeffers. Middle (on steer) Brianna Creviston and Chārliē Uhlrich.- Bäck'(standing) $=$ Kaytlyn Hintōn, Kyra Jackson, Justin Norris, Nick Tipsword and Hannah Landreth. Not pictured- Hope Ruppert.


Right:Charli Uhlrichand Nick' Tipsword sell baked goods̄ ${ }^{\text {during }}$ lunch.
Below: Kyra Jackson paints bricks on the set for the spring musical.

## Right: Madison Uhlrich and Justin Norris put up the birthday bulletin board.

## Below: Brianna Creviston

 helps. out āt thè elementary art dāy.


Right:) Natalie Jeffers puts together the flats for the spring play.
Below right: Hannah Landreth paints the art room window well mural.

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The OVHS National Honor Society was busy performing serviceactivites in 2015-2016. In November, the group inducted I8 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 gitts 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 wonderfull job serving our school and community with kind and caringheartss
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Aboves BeforetheSenior Citzien, Dinner, Nick-Tipswordand Charli Whilrich sortsilverware.

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Aboves SydneyHagermangivesa speechon Induction Night.


Aboves:Hayden FranciscoandQuinn Brookswashdishesduring the Senior Citizendinners

 Aboves EthanMacklin, Jared Bunfill, Trey Yarnell,Quinn Brooksand!Hayden -Franciscopausetosmilefor the camera at the staffithanksgivingetuncheon. $-1$
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"I loved getting to do something nice for our teachers by having the Thanksgiving Luncheon!"

- Garrett-Fritz

Aboves GretchenMacklinand Brianna Crevistontakeabreatk during staff Thankgiving tuin: cheon.


Aboves Grace Harlinmakesa funny faceat the Senior Cititizen Dimner!
 E 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 (t wo 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. <br>  




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Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Front - Brianna Cre and Gretchen Grace Harlin and Chloe Weybright. Middle - Hamnah Landreth, Faige Robinson, Hope Rup-

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


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


Right: Paige Robinson rushes toward the OV basket.


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

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.

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 Fill 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.



Above: The 2016,OVHS Varsity Basketball Team. Front $=$ Wesley Bone, Brandon Poper, Pierce Brädford and Garrett Fritz. Middle Taylor Colenan, Justin'Johnson, Austiñ Hill, "Alex Martinand Cody Drake. Back $=$ Coach Inman, Ian Tiarks,'Connor 'Cloyd, Dylan Park and Drew Fruchtlls

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 10 and 16 record, while the Junior Varsity went 8 and 8 .

bove: The 2016 OVHS Junior, Varisty, Team. Front $=$ Talon Russell, TJ illiams, Austin Harshman and Sam Hagerman. Middle Parker Perrine,



# OKaw Valley Chearleader Cheer Bows and Nike Pros 



The ©kaw Valley Cheerfeadershelpediventhecrowds and spreadT-WOVve spititim the oviSschool - and community during the2015-2@6schoolyean. Not oniydid the ©V Cheerleaders support the Bous Backetbali Team, but theyalsocheered at the Homecoming bonfireand Peppraly and at acouple - of volleyball and girs baskettall games gamesaswell The rquad also hosted a Kidie Camp for orade
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©Workingwith thekids wasagreat experiencee


 Ad Grace Weybright Third"Coach Kathy, Doty, Brycelynn Durbin, Danielle Hill, Lexie Roe, Bellä Benning, Kailynn Bobbett, aytlyn Hinton, Jasmine Guzzie, and coach" Robin Perrys



## whatifim

"You had all the knowledge in the world?
Ilwould use it to cure cancer and world peace.?
"You could travel anywhere?
Mlwould travel to Belize" Trey Varnell *You could be a celebrity?

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"You had one thing on a deserted island? Mwould have food" Anothony Jones "You could time travel?
 "You had to eat only one food for the rest of your life?

Mwould eat McDonalds" $\underset{\text { rated Bunfill }}{\text { INat }}$



Grace Brown


Hayden Fransico


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James Burns


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## Sophomores

"You could invent something?
"Ilwould invent atoaster with legs" - Hannah Landreth
"You woke up with superpowers?

## "I would want to fly"

rAndi Dicken
You could change one rule of the school?
Ilwould allow bags"
LHope Ruppert
You won the lottery?
Ilwould save it
rJared Bunfill


## Class of 2018



Paige Robinson


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Fireasurer Hannahian
Macklin


Alexia Roe


Ethan Macklin


Kameron Roley


Cheyenne Waker


## Bonk Elult



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. 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.

## Meals on Wherls



Above: The 2015-2016 OVHS Meals on Wheels deliverers include Sydney

Domations for Destimey



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.


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 sicills to take with them to their future carcers. Bach ste dent 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.


Above: The 2015-2016 Fusion Group. Bront - 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 

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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 Toumament over Christmas break.

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




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Above: Cody Drake gets a good lea off first and prepares to steal secor 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.



# H 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.



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Right:The OVHS Lady
Timberwolves celebrate
a Regional win.



Below:Y Kailyn Boyer makes her way
totseond base atter hitting a ball to the fence.


Below: Bella Benning prepares to


Below: Grace Harlin fields a
grounderand throws to first toget
the oudt.



Bovestatalilie Jeffers is met by the Lady Timberwolvesafter hitting a home rins


Above Jeser Robinan catches a pop fly and takes the
batter out.)

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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.


Ibove: 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


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.

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 Iake.





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## Class of <br> 2017




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You had to eat only one food for the rest of your lute?
"Steak." - Jon Gentry
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"I would disappear and no one would know," Thus Brooks
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"Id rants super speed." Ty Nichols
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"I would end school for the year." -Seth Yeakel
You had all the knowledge in the world
1 would become king: - Madison Uhlich
You could travel anywhere?
"Austria or London." - Lane Crawford
You were stranded on a deserted island who would you rant with your
"Lauren London. She's hot:" -Ploce Bradford
You could time travel?
"I would devise a plan to got rich." -Corey Clark
You could be a celcobrtup?
"Taylor Siruft. She is life," -Briana Creviston
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"ATV show that by Just watching it you d lose Fought." -Kalyn Boyer

Class of 2017 Stats:
President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Homecoming Attendants:

Window:
Float:
Powder Puff:
Battle of the Classes:
Banner:
Powder Tuff:
Class Sponsors:

Activities: Junior/Senior Prom Fund-raisers:

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



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.


Above - Emily Walker sings the
National Anthem for the Veteran's
Day assembly.
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Below: The 2015-2016 OVHS Chorus. First - Kaylee Taylor. Second - Bella Benning and Moranda Matheson. Third Gretchen Macklin, Sydney Hagerman and Devan Nave. Fou - Sam Degenhardt, Emily Walker and Niek Tipsword.


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 OV'S FCCL A Organization set out to make a positive impact in the sctool and conmurity during the 2015-2016 shtool year. L October, several members attended their D stinct FCOL A Convention at EU and came away inspired ad ready to chare their knowledge with the rest of the ctib. I December. the groupl decorated the tables for the Annul OVMS Senior Citizens Luncheon and also sold hot ct ocolate mixes and beked coodies at the Clistmas on Man" Holicay Paraar in downtown Bethany The ho cflocote went over so well at the bake sele. FCOLA members $\$$ sold hot chocolate and other treats during the
hes in February. Towards the end of the year, the group


Above: Kristy Burford and Matition Pox take a break while waiting for


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

Above: Mms. Scott and Leri Roe get Above: Hannah Dicken and Lei ice cream during the State Convention.

Above: Hannah Dicken and Teai
Roe celebrate the end of a successfil year.
 attended the FCCLA Convention in Springfield. For their last event of the year. FCCLA held a pizza and movie party in Mrs. Scott's room.

Belowr Jasmine Baumbarger enjoys the end of the year pima party.


Below: The 2015-2016 OVIIS FCCIA: Orgenimation include Andi Dicken, Mrs. Scott, Hope Ruppert, Hannah Jandreth, Natalie Jeffers, Hannah Dicken, Mratison Fox, Lexi Roe, 5 mine Raumbarger and Jasmine Guwxie.


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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, Charil Uhlrich and Madison Fox.


The OVHS Drama Club imersed themselves in the world of theatre during the 2OI5-2016 school year From attending area shows to putting on their own performances. club members found themselves spending quality time together. I 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 "Averue Q." As always, the OV Drama Club remained busy and fully engulfed in drama all year long.


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Brianna Creviston and Devon Meredith wait for the go signal so the can begin cho


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.







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

Hayley Brown

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

"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 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.

Chatli Uhlrich -

"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



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## OVHS GRADUATION

The Fiteenth Conmencement Exercise of the Okaw Valley Community District $\$ 302$ was held on Sunday. May 24. 2016 at 2:0O PM in the OKaw Valley High School Gymnasium.

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Aboves Hannah Dicken and Wesley Boneenter thegymand head to the graduatechatrs.


Hayley Brown



Aboves The Class off2016 posesfor onelastpicture together before thegraduationceremonybegins,


# cllass of <br> 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 $m e$ 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.


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




Below: Elizabeth Herbord smiles sweetlyat the


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- Wesley Bone
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Mrs. Macklin?s never-ending knowledge.

> Mr. Inman's school spirit.

> Mrs. Bone's dry sense of humor.


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


WeloveMr. Shoafflbecausehe loves The Valley。


# Reasons Why 

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Mrs. ©olclasure's genuine demeanor.




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Above:; The 2015-20160VHS Publications Staff includes Hannah Dicken, Chärli Uhlrich', Nicole Miller, Kailyn Boyer, Robbiē Stiner, Emily Walker, Källee Siereand Sam Degenhardt.


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


Above The Publicition Classposes fortheir annual Prom photo.

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Above: Hannah Dicken laughs at Above: Mrs. Yantis and Jostens Rep. some of the pictures she managed Conor O'Brian play with the Selfiéstick tö take for the monthly assign- given to the class by Jostens. ment.


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## TOP 10 GOOGLE SEARCHES OF 2015

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



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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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