



The Growler

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OHS Performing Arts to Present *Rumors*

By William Johnson

OHS Performing Arts Department will present *Rumors* by Neil Simon at 7 p.m. November 20-22 in the OHS auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Sarah Renfrow, OHS Drama/Communication Arts teacher and director or from the OHS office. Seats are reserved.

Starring roles are played by the following: Ramey Buxton, senior; Alec Maple, junior; Samuel Haley, senior; Lauren Dowell, junior; Hannah Gurney, junior; Connor Marshall, junior; Jacob Pabst, junior; Shelby Wisdom, junior; Ryder Jiron, senior; Shania Janes, senior; Understudies: Daniel Hilderbrand, senior, and Hannahmaye Doster, sophomore.

With this upperclassman group, Renfrow expects few problems. The cast members should be able to focus more on their acting technique and comedic timing of the farce instead of the basics.

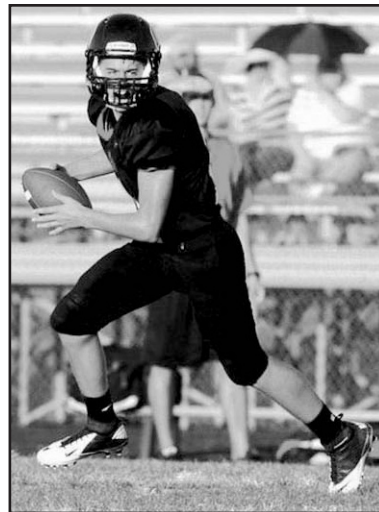
This farce is about a cocktail party gone terribly wrong. After the host shoots and wounds himself, his wife is found missing. The covers continue to get more ridiculous and funny. The language is appropriate for a PG audience, and the humor will be appreciated by those 13 and older.

Gurney said, "This play is very different from last year's large production. Our small cast number does not mean that it will be a small play. It is going along well, and I think it will be well-received."



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OHS C Team Football Records Five Straight Wins



Ty Wagner, junior C Team/JV quarterback, looks to make a pass.

By Abra Raybourn
OHS C Team football ended the season with a 6-2-1

record. The tie was at Harrisonville where the game was played in the rain and was not extended after a 0-0 tie at the end of the fourth quarter.

The team had wins against Carrollton, Grain Valley, Holden, Oak Grove, Excelsior Springs and Pleasant Hill. They fell to St. Pius and Clinton.

Ryan Robinson, coach and OHS history teacher, said that their toughest opponent of the season was Clinton. He said that they were a well-rounded older team. "After that game, you saw a major shift in our play," said Robinson.

Robinson said the strengths of the team were playing hard and playing strong defense. Their weakness was a lack of consistency.

Over the season, Robinson noted that the team became more aggressive after the third week resulting in five straight wins.

"I felt that the improvement of the guys was tremendous. From the first practice to the last game, the team got so much better," said Cooper Stiles, freshman. Stiles played quarterback, running back and safety.

OUE Students Participate in Diabetes Awareness

By Erika Cowan

Third, fourth and fifth grade students participated in *Dimes and Dancing For Diabetes*, a diabetes awareness activity, on September 12 at OUE. Valerie Pennington, OUE paraprofessional, sponsored the activity. Pennington has first-hand knowledge as she works hard to manage her own diabetes.

Because diabetes effects so many people, teachers at OUE

helped raise awareness for the cause, while raising money. Students raised \$705.61 to donate to the American Diabetes Association.

Students went on a walk around the school, put on a dance show in the parking lot and collected change inside their classrooms. Teachers at OUE like to encourage students to be active and healthy, and they incorporate movement both inside and outside the classroom when possible.

Pennington said, "Dancing and moving is a great way to stay active and be a healthy person; this fundraiser was a good way to reduce the risk of diabetes and to help the people that have diabetes." Walgreens is a big contributor to the American Diabetes Association, according to Pennington.

Becky Armstrong's fifth grade classroom raised the most change to donate during the event.

Twilligear Enjoys Spending Time With His Family

By Christina Hull
Allan Twilligear, OHS science teacher, enjoys spending time with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Christian and Seth. His wife teaches seventh grade math at OMS, and his sons attend OHS.

When he is not in the classroom, Twilligear enjoys watching his sons' competitions and performances. Seth, OHS sophomore, is involved in Band, Winter Drum Line and

Tennis. Christian, OHS senior, is in Band and Cross Country.

"Christian is a really talented guitar player, and Seth loves to grill," said Twilligear.

Twilligear also enjoys traveling to see his family members in Iowa and Wisconsin. When he gets down time, Twilligear enjoys reading mystery and espionage books as well as cooking and enjoying homemade desserts.

"One of my favorite desserts is Mock Baby Ruth Bars," said Twilligear. "It has frosted flakes, peanut butter and other good stuff."

Mock Baby Ruth Bars Ingredients

½ cup brown sugar

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1 cup corn syrup

1 cup peanut butter

6 cups frosted flakes

Directions;

Combine sugar, brown sugar and corn syrup in a large sauce pan. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Continue boiling for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter until smooth. Add frosted flakes and stir until mixed well. Pour into a 9x11 pan. Allow to cool. Cut in squares.



Allan Twilligear, OHS science teacher and coach, enjoys cooking and spending time with his family.

OMS Football Team Ends With Win Against Harrisonville

By Sydney Smith

OMS football team ended the season 4-2 after beating Harrisonville 8-0.

The team's strengths, according to Alex Smith, coach and OMS Special Education teacher, would be their effort, the way they help each other and the way they fight. Their biggest weakness is playing down to the competition.

Smith noted that the team's toughest opponent would have to be themselves. "The only team that could beat us, is us!"

The team as a whole,

according to Smith has greatly improved. "They've been working hard and putting in 100% effort," said Smith.

"We started playing as a family," said Will Fox.

The team won against Oak Grove, Excelsior Springs, Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville. They lost against Smith Cotton and Grain Valley.

"My favorite part of the season was getting to smash heads. I believe that I have improved my endurance. I can run faster and practice for a lot longer without getting tired," said Colten Johnston.

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OHS Winter Choir

Concert

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Back to School

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Sports

OMS Volleyball Improve Skills

By Luke Norman

OMS volleyball A team ended the season 4-6, winning against Knob Noster, Richmond, Higginsville and Excelsior Springs, and the B team ended 3-7 winning against Knob Noster, Richmond and Higginsville.

Chris Doering, A team coach, just finished his ninth year coaching the OMS volleyball team.

Nicole Search, assistant coach, coached the B team and finished her first year of coaching. Doering teaches OMS math and is the OMS Activities Director, and Search teaches kindergarten at McQuerry.

Doering said, "The team's biggest strength was how much the team improved."

Both coaches agreed that their toughest opponent was Grain Valley because they had players who had played for years, and they were fundamentally stronger.

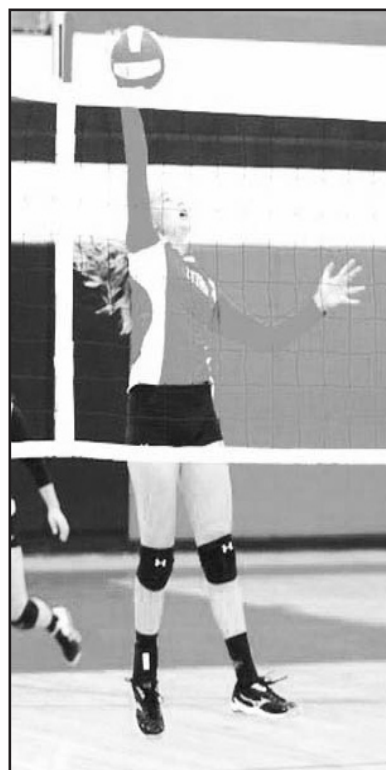
The most improved player, according to Search, was Abby Banes because her serve was the most improved during the season.

Doering said that the girls need to have a good attitude and "play for the girl next to them on the court." Both coaches noted that the players were all high character young ladies.

Search said, "They became a team that worked together and communicated. The girls need to work hard, but also have fun."

Natalie Gwodz, A team captain, said, "It was a great season--best team. I could rely on them no matter what."

Alyzabeth Munsterman, B team captain, said, "We definitely improved."



Laura Empson, freshmen, JV volleyball player, jumps for a spike

OHS JV Girls Golf Team Ends Season With Record Wins

By Maddie Estes

OHS JV girls golf team ended the season 11-3 recording the best season so far in OHS JV golf history.

Chad Meyer, OHS business teacher, has coached the golf team for eight years. The team's biggest competitor, according to Meyer, was Richmond. Their JV team is known to be just as good as the varsity team, making them hard to beat. Sylvia Gwodz, most improved player according to Meyer, improved her average score by ten strokes throughout the season.

"Staying relaxed and

focused are the two major things that I try to do when I play," said Gwodz. "I find this helps the quality of how I play." Gwodz also said that she plays often in the off-season to improve as well.

One of the team's biggest weaknesses, according to Meyer, was their lack of freshman players. Meyer said one of his goals for next year includes recruiting more underclassmen to play and make up for the lost senior golfers.

Gwodz's advice for the upcoming freshmen is to keep an open mind because golf can be a frustrating sport. She

said, "Even if you have a really bad day on the course, it only takes that one perfect shot to make it all worthwhile."

If there are any upcoming freshmen interested in playing golf, there is a two day clinic at UCM at the end of May that Meyer recommends. For more information contact Meyer at cmeyer@odessa.k12.mo.us.

Team members are: Aubrey Banhart, Britney Schamberger, Crystal Schamberger, juniors, Lucy Clark, Gwodz, Brittany Leap, and Hannah Scott, sophomores.

OHS JV Volleyball Team Overcomes Injuries

By Savanna Middleton

OHS JV volleyball ended the season 17-7-1 under the direction of Annie Austin, JV coach and OHS math teacher.

Austin said, "The girls worked hard throughout the season to improve both individually on skills and together playing as a team."

One highlight of the season was taking second place in the Summit Christian Tournament where they lost to Grain Valley in the championship

game. Grain Valley was probably the team's toughest and most faced opponent this season with Odessa only winning one out of their five games.

Austin considers the team's greatest strength to be having a great group of girls who work hard together as a team. The team was able to work through many obstacles including injuries where players were moved between the three teams.

A goal for next season, Austin said, is "to have a great group of girls who will work hard to be ready for the next level."

Team members are: Vanessa Culpepper, Natalie Dyer, juniors, Ellie Port, Emma Shutt, Abby White, Olivia Wildschuetz, Kamryn Williams, sophomores, Laura Empson, Alexa Gust, Kaydon Iman, and Corryn Steinbeck, freshmen.



R-7 Sports & More

JV Cross Country Team Has Record Number of Participants

By Garrett Peek

JV Cross Country team is seeing larger numbers than ever before with 26 runners, 25 boys and one girl.

Zach Meler, OHS science teacher, coaches the team with the help of Heather Meler, also an OHS science teacher, and Zach's wife. "I did not expect to have as many runners as we do. I expected to have much less, but I'm always welcome to having more," said Z. Meler.

According to the coaches, there are many JV runners who are close to varsity spots which keeps it competitive. H. Meler

said that Brad Coffey and Trevor Gann are a couple of standout JV runners.

Gann said, "Catching runners in front of you or passing runners beside you is an important part of running that the coaches focus on in practice. I was surprised by how many runners came out this season, and I believe that I became a better runner overall this season."

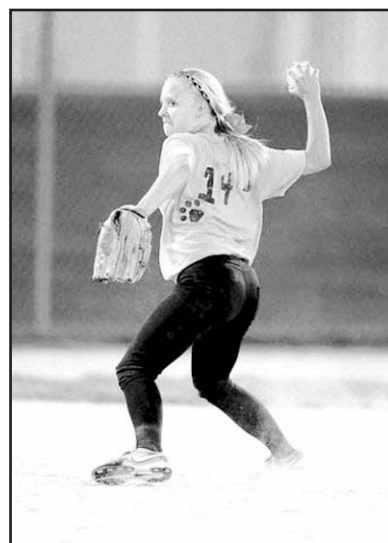
JV teams are not scored like varsity, but some of the season's best times are: Andrew Cooksey, 20.01; Coffey, 21.07; Gann, 21.39; and Dallas Martin, 21.52.

players," said Smith.

According to Smith, Olivia Wildschuetz is the best passer, and Aubrey Beard is the best hitter and blocker. "Aubrey has a lot of kills and blocks. The team all together has a great defense and is good at hitting," said Smith.

Smith said, "The team is pretty scrappy and gets a good third hit on the ball." Pleasant Hill was the team's biggest opponent this season. "They are very aggressive hitters and don't let many balls touch the ground. Those girls are just as scrappy as ours," said Smith.

Team members are: Wildschuetz, sophomore, Journey Baldwin, Beard, Black, Engen, Alexa Gust, Kaydon Iman, and Molly Manczuk, freshmen.



Tabby Lyons, sophomore, JV short stop, throws the ball home for an out.

JV Softball Ends Season 3-10

By Emily Woods

OHS JV softball ended the season 3-10. Highlights of the season included a disappointing loss to their toughest opponent, Pleasant Hill, and an exciting 10-8 victory against Harrisonville in the last game of the season.

Tia Saxon, coach, said that the season went well. She also said that Hanna Huston, Kaylee Jensen and Tabatha Lyons were strong team leaders, and Katie Monroe was the most improved player.

As the season went along, the girls grew closer. Huston said, "We are all like family;

yes, there is conflict, but we all seem to work it out. By game time, we all come together and win!"

Huston said, "We have improved a ton. In the beginning, it was a mess, but we all got adjusted. Plus, with the help of our freshmen this year, we improved a lot."

Saxon hopes a good number of girls come out to play next season, so there can be both JV and C teams.

Huston said, "I think next season will be another successful season. We have a talented group of girls coming up."

OHS JV Tennis Team Ends 9-5

By Tyler Atkerson

OHS JV tennis team finished 9-5 after a final victory over Harrisonville.

As individuals, the team won 68 matches while losing 62 matches. They captured 34 wins and had 30 losses in conference matches. Winning more than they lost, Allan Twilliger, coach, said, "It has been a successful season."

Twilliger noted that Alexia Hutton fulfilled an important role on the team.

"Alexia sometimes had to fill in for varsity, and there were days where she didn't know if she was playing JV or varsity. It was hard for her to not know and then only find out the night of the match."

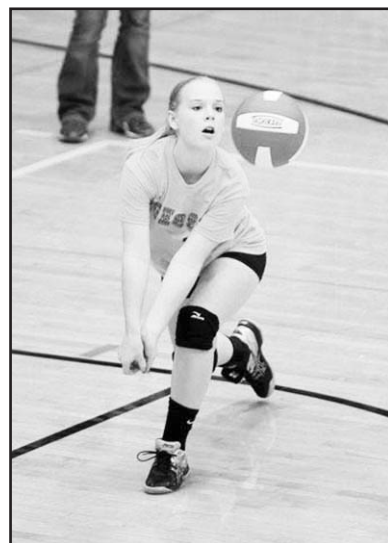
According to Twilliger, the girls have played some tough competition and came out with some wins. They started lacking experience, but throughout the season, they gained experience and have grown as a team.

Grain Valley was the toughest team the bulldogs faced, but Knob Noster provided the best competition, according to Twilliger, because the

teams were closely matched in skill level.

"Six years of coaching tennis, and I love it. The kids and parents are amazing. We just go out there and have a good time, play a little tennis and have some fun," said Twilliger.

The 14 team members are: Gabby Clark, Alexia Hutton, Nicole Hutton, juniors, Devon Davis, Maddie Estes, Jordan Guinn, Abra Raybourn, Kamryn Slusher, Emily Woods, sophomores, Lauryn Adams, Rylan Buxton, Katelyn Geary, Taushena Hurley and Shelby Tate, freshmen.



Olivia Wildschuetz, sophomore, C Team volleyball player, goes in for a bump.

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