



The Growler

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JV Boys Golf Team Finishes With Winning Record

By Emily Reynolds

OHS JV boys golf team finished this season 9-6. This is the first time in the JV team's history that they have finished with a winning record.

Chad Meyer, coach, said that the team's excitement and positive attitude about golf is what led them to their success. "There was never a day that they didn't want to play," said Meyer.

The team's toughest opponent this year was Pleasant Hill because their JV team shot close to their varsity team. "It's like they have two varsity teams," Meyer noted.

High scorers for the season were **Taylor Airrington**, sophomore, with an average of 55 and **Alex Dickey**, sophomore, with an average of 57.

Meyer said that the JV team showed great improvement throughout the season. The team worked hard to achieve their winning record. Meyer is confident about next season, saying that the team will only lose three of the thirteen members.

JV golfers included: **Lucas Blacketer**, **Dawson Dowell** and **Derek Rambo**, freshmen; **Dickey** and **Airrington**, sophomores; **Ian Scott**, junior; and **Dillon Williams**, senior.



Dillon Williams, senior, lines up for a shot.

Odessa High School Alumni Continue Their Golf Careers

By Alison Brown

Five OHS alumni continue their golf careers at the college level after getting their starts and learning the game from their high school coach, **Chad Meyer**, OHS business teacher.

Lori Addington, Central Methodist University freshman, has played golf for five years. She lettered three years JV and lettered Varsity her senior year. She signed to play for CMU on March 20, 2013. She was unable to play during her first college season due to a shoulder surgery in October. She looks forward to playing once she recovers.

"I'm excited to get back out on the course and play alongside my CMU team," said Addington.

Mallory Kleoppel, an Ottawa University junior, is playing on the Women's Golf team in Ottawa, Kansas. In high school, she earned around twenty medals. She went to state her junior and senior years. **Mallory** and **Taylor Waibel**, William Jewell University senior, were the first girls to make state in Odessa's golf history. She then ranked in the Top 10 and qualified to go to Conference. Her best score to date was 87 on an 18-hole course.

"Golf challenges you mentally and physically, and persevering through golf prepares you for mental challenges in life," said Kleoppel.

Nathan Kleoppel, Letourneau University

freshman, plays golf in Longview, Texas. He has earned one Varsity letter. His best score to date is 79.

"Golf is a really relaxing game; I like being outdoors," said Kleoppel.

Clara Scott, William Woods sophomore, started playing golf as a junior. She earned 20 medals for her letter jacket as well as the Bulldog Award her senior year of high school. Her best score so far is 94.

"Golf is a great sport, and it's a great way to meet new people in college," said Scott.

Waibel earned ten medals and the state qualifier patch for her letter jacket in high school. She signed with William Jewell in April of 2010. Her best score to date is 83. She has won Most Improved all four years in college.

"I play golf because I enjoy the constant improvement. It's really exciting to end my college career on my best tournament yet. I want to thank Coach Meyer. I don't know what would have happened without him," said Waibel.

"Our golf program is fortunate to have support from the school board and community, so our students have the opportunity to learn the game of golf and carry it on to the college level. I am so proud of each of these players because it is not an easy game to start, and they have excelled in a short period of time," said Meyer.

OHS Prom was a Night in Atlantis

By Haley Dye

OHS Prom was held from 8 p.m. to midnight on April 12 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Blue Springs. **Heather Meler**, junior class sponsor, was in charge of organizing Prom.

"Mrs. Meler put on a great Prom. I loved the party favors and souvenirs..." Kandis Dyer, senior

The theme was *Atlantis* with under the sea decorations including balloons to look like bubbles, glitter fabric, special lighting and chocolate coins. **Meler** and the Prom Committee were inspired by Prom catalogs and song lyrics.

"I'm so happy the way everything turned out. The Prom Committee was wonderful, the

venue was so helpful, and I think the kids all had a great time," said Meler.

"It was a very fancy night. I liked the strawberries and the chocolate fountain the best. Mrs. Meler put on a great Prom. I loved the party favors and souvenirs," said **Kandis Dyer**, senior.

Justin Durham and **Morgan Beard**, seniors, were crowned Prom King and Queen. Senior Personality Awards were also handed out during Prom.

Beard said that she felt amazing when her name was called for Prom Queen. "I was excited and shocked. I had a lot of fun dancing, and the food was great!" said Beard.



Cory Smith, senior, and **Austin Cox**, junior, have a super time at prom.

OHS Boys Baseball C-Team Members Step Up

By Kylin Grubb

OHS boys baseball C-Team is currently 3-9 after a loss against Harrisonville on May 9. The team finished the season May 14 against Oak Grove. The team is coached by **Ryan Robinson**, OHS history teacher.

Robinson commented that several players showed good potential this season. In fact, **Trey Braswell**, **Colton Hughes**, **Trent Llewellyn** and **Logan Windsor**, former C-Team players, were all moved up to JV towards the end of the season.

"There were quite a few players who stepped up and took advantage of the opportunity to fill those vacant spots," said Robinson.

The C-Team hosted a tournament May 3-4 at the Odessa Athletic Complex. They faced Marshall and Archbishop O'Hara in the team's last home competition. They lost to Marshall 14-3, and came back to defeat O'Hara 8-3.

Robinson said that the team's goal is to keep improving every day. "Their key to success will be to just continue improving and to keep growing," said Robinson.



Trenton Llewellyn, sophomore C Team baseball player, takes a swing.

OHS Track Team Works Together

By Morgan Williams

Billy Cobb, OMS head track coach, has been coaching the team for five years and says that he enjoys the group of kids everyday at practice.

The girl's team has done well all year long. Cobb noted that at each meet they continue to get personal records in relays and individual events. The boys' team, according to Cobb, has also grown a lot since the beginning of the season. There were many new faces for the boys team this year who stepped up and looked like they have competed for years.

Overall, the athletes have improved in team work and leadership. They have grown together and have become great leaders and team members. Before the meets, everyone warms up together, and at the end of the meets, they are picking up trash together.

"This is a great group of kids. They will work as hard as you push them," said Cobb. He said that he enjoys this group of athletes for several reasons: they will do whatever it takes to become a good track athlete, and they will give their best effort every time.

Odessa Boys Tennis Players Look for Wins

By Hannah Williams

Odessa boys tennis team is 1-10 under the direction of **Bud Nelson**, coach. Nelson also coaches girls varsity basketball and is the ISS teacher at OHS.

Tyrel Wagner, sophomore, has played tennis for the past two years of high school. He looks forward to having fun during the rest of the tennis season.

"Tennis is enjoyable. I just like to hit the ball as hard as I can," said Wagner. Wagner also said that Excelsior Springs was a

tough opponent. "They are good and have won conference for a while," continued Wagner.

When asked about some weaknesses the team members have, Nelson said, "We don't have very much tennis experience."

Although the team may lack experience, Nelson said, "The players have grown a lot. They have just grown all around, as a team and as students."

With just a few matches left, the team is working to finish the season strong.

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Winter Soldier Delivers on Action

By Ben Holbert

The Winter Soldier is the sequel to *Captain America*, taking place sometime after the first movie and *The Avengers*. At the beginning of the movie, we see Captain America jogging laps around another man. Almost immediately after that, we get plunged straight into the action.

Being a movie of the action genre, *The Winter Soldier* certainly delivered on what it advertised. Sitting in the theatre, whenever an action scene came up, I could feel

myself getting excited to see what was going to happen next. The most intense action scenes were the ones when Captain America fought with the Winter Soldier, his advisory in the movie.

The cast of the movie did well in their roles, and just seeing the movie itself was an enjoyable experience. The cast included Chris Evans, who played Steve Rogers/Captain America; Samuel L. Jackson in the role of Colonel Nick Fury; and Scarlett Johansson as the Natasha Romanoff/ the Black Widow.



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Chad Meyer Enjoys 'Delish' Home Cooking

By Aubrey Banhart

Chad Meyer, OHS business teacher, has taught and coached at OHS for 15 years. Meyer and his wife, **Kristin**, have three children. **Harrison** is three, and has a set of twin siblings: his brother, **Brady**, and his sister, **Avery**, who are seven-months-old.

Meyer grew up in Blackburn, Missouri, and then attended the University of Missouri. He graduated in 1997 with degrees in Business Education with a technology emphasis and later earned a masters

degree in administration.

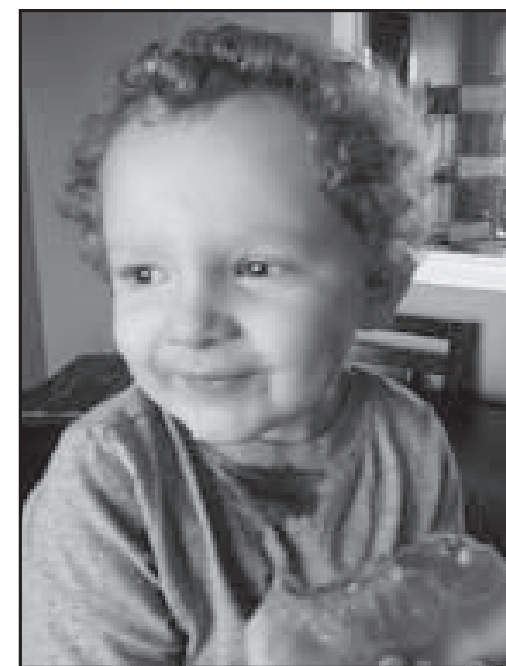
Meyer said that one of his family's favorite meals is roast with potatoes and carrots which he describes as "delish!"

With three small children, the Meyers are always busy; however, with Kristin's love of trying and making new meals, she makes time to cook delicious food.

In addition to eating good food, Meyer enjoys golfing, running, bike riding and playing with his children.



Brady and Avery Meyer, seven-month-old twins, enjoy the sunshine.



Harrison Meyer, three, enjoys eating a watermelon.

R-7 Students Save 300 Lives

By Zach Smith

Students across the Odessa R-VII School District took some real "shots" at heart disease and stroke by participating in Hoops for Heart this year.

Donations raised from Hoops for Heart help fund research for heart disease and stroke prevention and support the American Heart Association. This year, the students helped save more than three hundred lives.

Through Hoops for Heart, students and their families are educated about heart health and heart disease prevention while contributing to saving the lives of others. Students are learning that living heart healthy by eating the right foods

and exercising daily not only helps prevent heart disease but also contributes to preventing other diseases.

In response to the students' hard work and determination to reach the goal of helping to save 300 lives, the physical education teachers want to show their appreciation. As a big shout-out to the students and their families, the P.E. teachers have camped out overnight May 21 in front of McQuerry Elementary.

"We want to thank the students, their families and the community for all of the wonderful support," stated **Kristi Bieri**, P.E. teacher at Upper Elementary.

Zucchini Potato Jambot

From "Mad Hungry" with Lucinda Scala Quinn

- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbs butter
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 2 zucchini, cubed (slightly smaller than potato cubes)
- 2 Potatoes, peeled and cubed
- Coarse black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry Italian seasoning (or a combination of oregano and thyme)
- Chopped parsley (optional)

Directions

1. Heat a 12 inch straight skillet. Add oil, onion and butter. Add potatoes and cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add Zucchini, salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning and sauté 8 to 10 minutes more, until zucchini are just tender.

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Have a wonderful
summer everyone!

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JV Track Team Members Work Hard to Improve

By **Angela Boutross**
OHS JV track team has worked hard to compete this season despite two of their five track meets being cancelled. The Invitationals at Carrollton and Harrisonville were both rained out.

Allan Twilligear, head coach and OHS science teacher, commented that having so many track meets cancelled was frustrating, but the good effort, hard work and determination of the athletes was evident at the practices.

According to Twilligear, **Brittany Walquist** and **Brendon French**, freshmen, worked incredibly hard throughout the season.

Twilligear noted that foot speed and endurance are two things that the team could improve upon, but in his opinion, all his athletes have done a great job on improving their times and learning how to compete. **Isaiah Asher**, freshman, and **Natalie Dyer**,

sophomore, have improved their times the most.

Emma Shutt and **Hanna Huston**, freshmen, have both placed at the meets. Shutt has placed in discus, and Huston has placed in shot put. As far as leadership goes, Twilligear said that **Spencer Boutross**, sophomore, has set a good example because he is always willing to step up and do what is needed without complaint.

"This year's JV team has a lot of potential," said Twilligear. "I'm excited about what will happen two or three years from now when they are our varsity team. It's looking good for us."

Heather Meler, distance coach, said, "I really like the JV kids, though I don't like to call them JV, because they are such a good group of kids and really hard workers. I prefer to call them second-string. They make me really excited for next year."

McQuerry Book Fair Raises \$1,800

By **Marley Shackles**
McQuerry Elementary held a Scholastic Book Fair Fiesta from April 10 through 17 to help raise money to purchase needed books.

The book fair raised \$1,800 to purchase books for classrooms and for children who do not have sufficient access to resources. McQuerry also collected a little over \$100 in the "All for Books" program which helps schools receive more books and then Scholastic matches that amount to give to children in need.

Beth Wagner, McQuerry Literacy Interventionist, said, "We need to bring the books to the children."

A pep rally was held on April

17 to help build excitement for the book fair. Activities included a salsa dancing contest, a piñata contest and a nacho eating contest. Teachers enjoyed participating in the salsa dancing contest! Juli Weber, music teacher, won the salsa contest. Melissa Hall, second grade teacher, won the piñata contest. Larry Hol, principal, and Daniel Armstrong, assistant principal, participated in the nacho eating contest. Tacos were voted as the favorite Mexican food as well.

"The kids had a great time throughout the entire book fair process and enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to all those who made it all happen," said Wagner.

Cookie Dough Dip Recipe

Prep time: 10 min
Serves 12

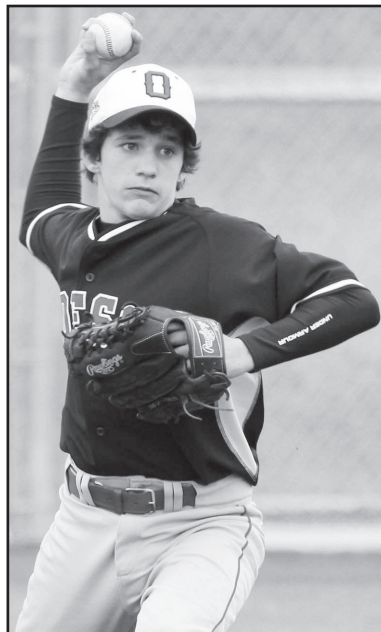
Ingredients:

8-ounce package of cream cheese*
½ cup of butter
1 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 ½ teaspoons of vanilla
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup of toffee bits

Directions:

1. Cream together cream cheese and butter
2. Add all remaining ingredients and mix until well-combined
3. Serve with graham crackers or apple wedges

*Do NOT use reduced fat cream cheese as it may cause dip to have a poor consistency.



Logan Windsor, freshman JV baseball player, throws a pitch.



Schambers Enjoys Cooking and Baking

By **Kylin Grubb**

Lindsay Schambers, OHS Communication Arts teacher, enjoys cooking and baking new recipes. Schambers has been teaching at OHS for five years.

Her classes this year include College Prep. English Language Arts I and IV and Language Arts IV. She has been married to her husband, **Patrick**, for eight years. The couple lives in Odessa with their dog Oreo, a unique mix of Pit-bull and Dalmatian.

Schambers grew up in Lexington with her parents and two sisters, **Kelli** and **Danielle**. According to Schambers, her mom and grandma were great cooks, so she was always around delicious home-cooked food.

"However, I only started cooking after I got married, so we wouldn't starve," Schambers joked.

In addition to cooking,

Schambers said that she also enjoys flowers and working outside in her yard. Schambers said she particularly likes spring because of the warm weather.

"Everything comes back to life in the spring," said Schambers.



Lindsay Schambers, OHS Communication Arts teacher, enjoys cooking for her husband.

JV Baseball Team Strives for Consistency

By **Hannah Gurney**

JV baseball team is currently 6-8 under the direction of **Brad Mayfield**, **Tim Wilson**, **Mat Vleisides**, **Jared Pinkerton** and **Ryan Robinson**, coaches. Vleisides is the OHS Activities Director, and Robinson is an OHS history teacher.

Vleisides said that the team has improved its pitching and its defense. He also noted that the team continues to show improvement and understanding of the game of baseball. According to the coaches, the team's only weakness is consistency.

According to **Alec Maple**, sophomore, their toughest opponent this season was Oak Grove where they lost 4-1. Maple also said that the team has improved on hitting and leadership. Maple said that he enjoyed making new friends throughout the season.

Team members included: **Colton Hughes**, **Trey Braswell**, **Logan Windsor**, freshmen; **Austin Wilson**, **Zach Pulliam**, **Jeremiah Hill** and **Maple**, sophomores; **Sean Shakeshaft**, **Thomas Hardin**, **Colton Sousley**, **Seth Smith**, **Tukker Riess** and **Garrett Stebbins**, juniors.