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WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for our next great feature article, and we want to know what YOU would actually like to read about. We asked last time, but apparently everyone is keeping their story ideas top secret. So, we're asking again!

What is happening around Oakes that deserves a little more attention? Who should we interview next? Is there a student, staff member, or community member with a story worth sharing? Maybe you have a question you've always wanted answered or something about our school or community that you think people should know more about. No idea is too big, too small, or too random! If you would read it, chances are someone else would, too.

We are also still looking for guest authors! So far this year, we have featured writing from Garret Meehl, Mrs. Dobitz, and Easton McHarry. We know there are more great stories, opinions, and ideas out there, and we would love to give them a place in The Storm Report. You do not have to be a professional writer to contribute. If you have something to say, we would love to help you share it

Ideas Here!

THE FINAL PLAY: WRAPPING UP FALL SPORTS

BY:DANNA QUEZADA

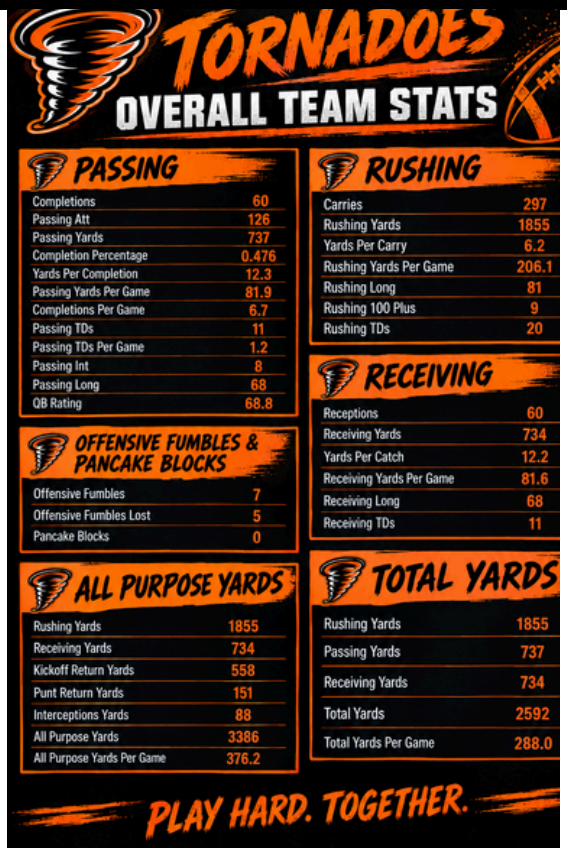
As the end of fall sports is near, athletes and coaches are making sure to give it their all for these last games. The Oakes Tornadoes football team went 5-9 this season. I have asked Coach Dobitz a few questions about the season. He responded with, "I think the season has gone well; I am proud of the players and coaches success this year. We made changes to how we practice, coach, and develop the skills our kids need to become better. Our biggest improvement was our defensive side of the football. We made huge changes that changed how we teach and practice. The biggest challenge we faced was finding consistency on offense. We have had to adjust along the way, and that has not always been easy. But I think we have done a good job continuing to work through the challenges."

Now, for the Oakes volleyball team, they are still playing, but they have gone 4-11 this season. I have asked Coach Miller some questions about the season. She answered, "The season went well. I'm most proud of how we've been able to compete with every team we've faced. The record doesn't fully show all the work the girls have put in. My favorite memory from this season was taking Linton to 5 sets; even if we came up short, the girls played with heart and worked together. Our biggest challenge is consistency; we're continuing to learn how to take care of our individual responsibilities while playing for each other. When we do that, we will be able to play at a higher level."

Overall, both teams had a good season. They had a great time being on the court/field together and playing together and making memories. But that is not the end for Oakes sports because basketball and wrestling are coming up.

So, make sure to go and support the Oakes tornadoes during their games and matches.

BY:DANNA QUEZADA











THINGS TO DO DURING HALLOWEEN

BY: MATVEI DIMITROV



Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year. From crazy costumes to yummy treats, there are plenty of ways to celebrate with friends and family. So, I asked Mr. Dobitz for his recommendations on fun Halloween activities and local attractions to check out this year.

Mr. Dobitz recommends carving jack-o-lanterns, costumes, decorating, and watching scary movies. These classic activities are amazing to get into that Halloween spirit. If you're looking for something else that is fun for people around town, Mr. Dobitz also recommends attending the Halloween parade on Main Street and checking out Trunk or Treat. Speaking of Trunk or Treat, you may be wondering what Trunk or Treat is, it takes what we love from trick or treating and then compacts it into the trunk of your car. Some trunks end up spooky, others may give you a good laugh! These events are great opportunities to enjoy the holiday and spend time with others in the community.

Halloween is even better when you celebrate with others. Mr. Dobitz suggests getting a group of friends together and dressing up in costumes. He also shared that one of his favorite memories was taking his children to the pumpkin patch, where there were many fun things to see and do. When asked what people should absolutely not miss, Mr. Dobitz emphasized trick-or-treating. He hopes everyone gets the chance to collect plenty of candy to enjoy through the long winter months.

Whether you're carving pumpkins, visiting a pumpkin patch, attending the Halloween parade, or trick/trunk-or-treating, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the season. So, you might as well grab your spooky costume, hangout with some friends, attend special events, and make this Halloween one to remember.





THE BEST HALLOWEEN CANDY DEBATE

BY: DANI LEE



Halloween is right around the corner, which means costumes, trick-or-treating, and of course ...candy! Everyone has their own favorite treat to look forward to each October. From chocolate bars to fruity and sour bites, Oakes's students have different opinions on which candy deserves the top spot.

For some students, the best candy depends on what they are craving. One of the students I interviewed, Aliyah Friedt, shared three candies with me: Toxic Waste, Swedish Fish, and KitKats. She explained that sometimes she want's chocolate, other times she wants something sweet or sour. Aliyah says how a variety of favorites depending on your mood makes Halloween more fun and enjoyable!

Other students prefer candy that reminds them of the Halloween season. For Jaida Arrowood, she favors caramel apple suckers. She loves the caramel flavor and how they give her the feeling of Halloween. Seasonal treats like these can make Halloween feel even more festive.

Chocolate lovers have favorites too. Jillian Miller chose Butterfingers as the best Halloween candy. Jillian likes the flavor and crunches they have. Butterfingers are a popular choice for people who enjoy a combination of chocolate and a crispy texture.

Although Oakes students may not agree on one perfect Halloween candy, that is part of what makes the holiday fun. People prefer chocolate, others enjoy sour treats, and some look forward to seasonal flavors. No matter which candy is your favorite, there is something sweet about getting a bag full of treats on Halloween night.

So, what is in your trick-or-treat bag? (Click here to vote on your favorite candy!)

TOO EARLY FOR TINSEL?

BY: ALIYAH FRIEDT

Every year, people have different opinions about when Christmas decorations should go up. Some people like decorating early to get into the holiday spirit, while others think it's better to wait until December. I wanted to know what you all think, so I had a poll sent out. Out of our 69 responses, 50.7% said decorating for them starts at the beginning of December. 24.6% chose the start of October. 4.3% said last minute, and another 20.3% had other answers.

The result showed that starting Christmas decorating is different for everyone. I think people who decorate early believe there is no such thing as too much Christmas spirit. (me included) On the other hand, some people believe Halloween and Thanksgiving deserve their time to shine. So, when is it the right time to decorate for Christmas? The poll says December, but we may never have an answer.

Whether your team December, October, or "I'll do it later," decorate whenever you want, just prepare for the controversy. After all, the Christmas decorating debate will probably never be settled!



PETERSON ADVENTURES

BY: BODE ANDERSEN

Some time last fall. Briggs logged onto his dad's YouTube channel that he used to make notes videos for his students. Since he is a social studies teacher at Oakes high school. Briggs had made a few videos that were "less than great videos" that involved him fishing on the Oakes golf course and that's how Peterson's adventures started. His dad told Briggs after that if they were going to make a YouTube channel. they were going to do it right. So Briggs and his dad bought a used go-pro. and they started filming their hunting and fishing trips and more. His dad said Briggs enjoys watching all the other YouTubers. such as outdoor boys. and Briggs uses them as inspiration and Briggs and his dad would like to recreate some of the things that they do on their channel and other channels. "I like the channel because it helps Briggs get more comfortable talking to people.

A couple of Briggs' favorite videos are the Medora trip. and the video where Briggs got his first goose on video. Briggs' dad's favorite video was when he went duck hunting with Briggs and Emery. Also. Peterson Adventures has merch listed on their Facebook page selling hats. beanies and tumblers there waiting for T-shirts and hoodies. They also have stickers left saying "stickers are free." So if your interested in any Peterson Adventure merch. check out their Facebook page.

Also. Briggs is a big fisherman. He enjoys catching anything and everything. His dad says he is more of a hunter. One of his favorite things is waterfowl hunting. Looking forward to the future. Briggs and his dad have some waterfowl hunts already filmed that need to be edited. There are also a couple videos planned with both Briggs and his dad and their new shotguns.

PETERSON ADVENTURES CONT...

The Peterson family plans to keep using the channel. They all love doing it. One big positive thing about the channel is that now Briggs, Emery, and Nolan go out and go on more hunting and fishing trips due to the channel. They have all made it out more than they thought they would have in the summer and now going into the fall. The channel gets them all together, going out, making memories, and having fun.
Some of the inspiration for the channel came from outdoor boys where Luke and his sons went hunting, fishing and more. Briggs has the ambition to reach 1 million subscribers.

Mr. Peterson would love to earn some money from the hunting videos to buy more hunting and fishing gear. Peterson Adventures isn't sure if they want to do any survival hunting videos because Briggs and I like the comfort of our house at the end of the day." They are maybe going to do a camping video this fall or this next spring.



PETERSON ADVENTURES SOCIAL MEDIA

Peterson Adventures TikTok

Peterson Adventures Facebook

Peterson Adventures YouTube

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
BY: MRS. HAAFKE

Jaxon, Jax, or Gebby, depending on who you ask, has made his mark at Oakes High School through golf, baseball, bowling, and band. Being involved in all of these activities has helped him grow as a person and become more vocal than he used to be.

When Jaxon looks back on his high school years, one thing he will miss most is seeing his friends every day. He will also miss getting to pick on the younger kids and, of course, occasionally ignoring his mom in the halls.

One of the teachers who made an impact on Jaxon was Mrs. Neer, who showed him that English does not always have to be boring. She even helped him discover that he somewhat likes writing, which is probably one of the greatest compliments an English teacher can receive.

If Jaxon could relive one moment from high school, he would go back to a certain baseball game where one of his teammates got hit in what he describes as "the funniest way possible." We may not know exactly what happened, but apparently it was funny enough to make the senior spotlight.

Looking toward the future, Jaxon has some pretty ambitious plans. He would love to visit somewhere with incredible views or head to Dubai to see a bunch of super-rich people driving around. If he could have dinner with anyone, he would choose Charlie Kirk because he agrees with many of his views and thinks he is a smart person who listens to what others have to say.

SENIOR. SPOTLIGHT. CONTINUED...

Jaxon also has his sights set on financial freedom. If he could instantly become an expert at something, he would choose investing because, according to him, "you could get rich by basically doing nothing and you would never have to work again." It is hard to argue with the ambition.

If he could switch places with anyone for a day, Jaxon would choose Elon Musk. His plan would be simple: donate a billion dollars to himself and then switch back. No complicated five-year plan. Just become ridiculously rich and return to normal life.

As Jaxon heads toward graduation, he hopes the Class of 2027 is remembered as a class that was smart but also knew how to have fun. Most importantly, he hopes they are remembered as good kids.

Although Jaxon's plans for the future may involve investing, Dubai, and becoming a billionaire, he will leave Oakes High School with plenty of memories, good friends, and stories that will probably get better every time he tells them.