

GAS LINES



Spring 2016



Bernie Rogier's last unofficial day with OVG was Thursday, May 27, 2016 as he started vacation the next day leading up to his official retirement in August.

Bernie was a very good welder, operator, and contract crew inspector, and he was a master problem solver. He could look at any mechanical situation be it pipeline components or equipment, and figure out how to make things work.

He could fabricate and repair anything with steel.

He also could have been a debate champion at any university. Man was he tough to argue with. He is very quick witted and loved to get Wayne and I stirred up (all in good fun of course).

My first example of Bernie's sense of humor is in regards to a meter painter we had. John was a good kid, but he and Bernie "sparred" with words a lot.

Bernie changed the words to the song "Big John" by Jimmy Dean and recited it to John the meter painter. Bernie's version went like this:

Big John, Big John,
Six foot six and wouldn't hit a lick,
Told me one time work made him sick
Big John.

My second example is a conversation that John and Bernie actually had:

John: "Bernie, if you were my dad, I think I would kill myself.

Bernie: "John, if you were my son, I would have shot you a long time ago.

These are just the tip of the iceberg, and there are several that probably should not be put in print....

We wish Bernie the best in his retirement, and sure hope he will stop by and see us. I think he will, just to stir things up.

Rob Gladish

2016 Construction Season

Portland Project

There is a large capital project in the Portland district. It is a project to replace the existing 6" line from our ANR/Transcanada purchase point to the town of Portland.

We will change the operating pressure from 395 psig in the existing line to 500 psig in the new line. This will increase the amount of gas available to the Portland District to satisfy future needs.

Miller Pipeline was awarded the construction contract for this project.

Melvin Lewis, Winchester District, is the Chief Inspector for the project. Jeff Snyder is the onsite inspector and representative for the Portland District. Scott Pine is an inspector from USDI working under contract for OVG. Design work was a collaboration between the OVG Engineering team and USDI, from Olney, IL.

The Engineering Team is using this project as the first step in our Smart Mapping Initiative. The location and physical characteristics of all facilities are being recorded with GPS units. This information will then be laid over an aerial image to create a real-world map. We will also have the ability to view the maps electronically and click on any item to see its characteristics-such as size, wall thickness, MAOP, Work Order, the location of welds, the welder who made the welds, etc. The possibilities are almost unlimited. Lisa Watson and Damon Breen have been working very hard on this project. Zach Bower has joined our team and is getting familiarized with the units and collecting data. This is an exciting initiative that will revolutionize our record keeping and mapping capabilities.



2016 Construction Season Cont'd..



New 8" steel is lowered into the trench by Miller Pipeline.



Another view of the large trencher.



The trench being cut for the new 8" steel pipeline.

The project consists of the following:

Approximately 29,000 ft. of new 8" steel gas main

Fabrication of a new Purchase Station

Fabrication of a new Town Border Station

Retirement of the existing 6" main, Purchase Station, and Town Border Station.

Operating Safely
Valuing Our Team, Customers,
Community, & Shareholders
Growing Our People To Grow Our
Business



Winchester District Office employees are giving weekly to support the community. Monthly they will be donating to various organizations in the community, Elementary Schools, Journey Home, Food Bank, Animal Shelter & many more. Here is Kevin Jones donating to the cause.

Perform our duties so Ohio Valley Gas is the natural gas industry example for excellence in safety, customer and community service, employee satisfaction and operating efficiency.



**Engineering Department hosted cookout/
campout themed lunch for the Accounting De-
partment recognizing them for all of their
hard work during the Pension Distribution.**



OVG 2016 Graduates

Class of 2016

Mary Steen



Mary Steen, daughter of Derek Steen, graduates from Tell City High School May 27th, 2016 and will be attending University of Southern Indiana to study diagnostic imaging.

Elizabeth Bailey



Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Greg Bailey, graduates from Richmond High School and will be attending Ball State majoring in physical therapy with a minor in Spanish.

Kyle Rader



Kyle Rader is the son of Tina Ellis. He will be graduating from Lincoln High School June 4th, 2016. His future plans are still undecided.

Samantha Snyder



Samantha Snyder, daughter of Tricia Hughes, will be attending Indiana University to study nursing. She was a member of key club, class council, and CHS today where she always was a cheerleader for several years.

Matthew Watkins



Matthew Watkins, son of Tom Watkins, will attend Manchester College and major in Business, after graduating from Connersville High School.

General Office

Welcome

Zach Bower



Zach worked in the Engineering Department as a summer intern while he was working to complete his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Trine University. Zach earned his Bachelor's on May 7, 2016 with a 3.99 GPA. Zach has been a



lifetime resident of Winchester and knows many residents within the community. He is an Assistant Scout Master with the local Boy Scout Troops and also a sousaphone/tuba player.



During January and February, 2016, Ohio Valley Gas employees from all five Districts represented the Company at seven Indiana Pipeline Awareness



Association (INPAA) meetings.



The Meetings are designed for first responders and excavators to speak with the employees in their district about concerns and future training.

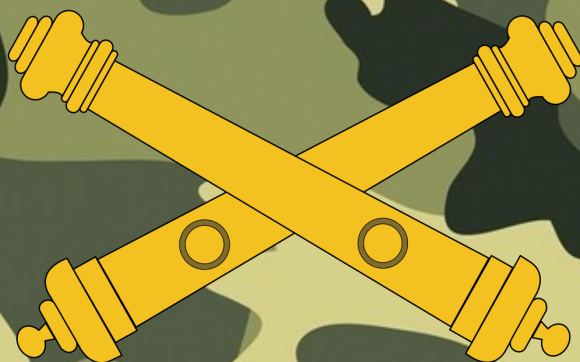
All attendees are provided with a

Congratulations!

Our last General Office Town Hall meeting, Kim Martin was presented her 15 years of service award. She wasn't able to attend the end of the year party.



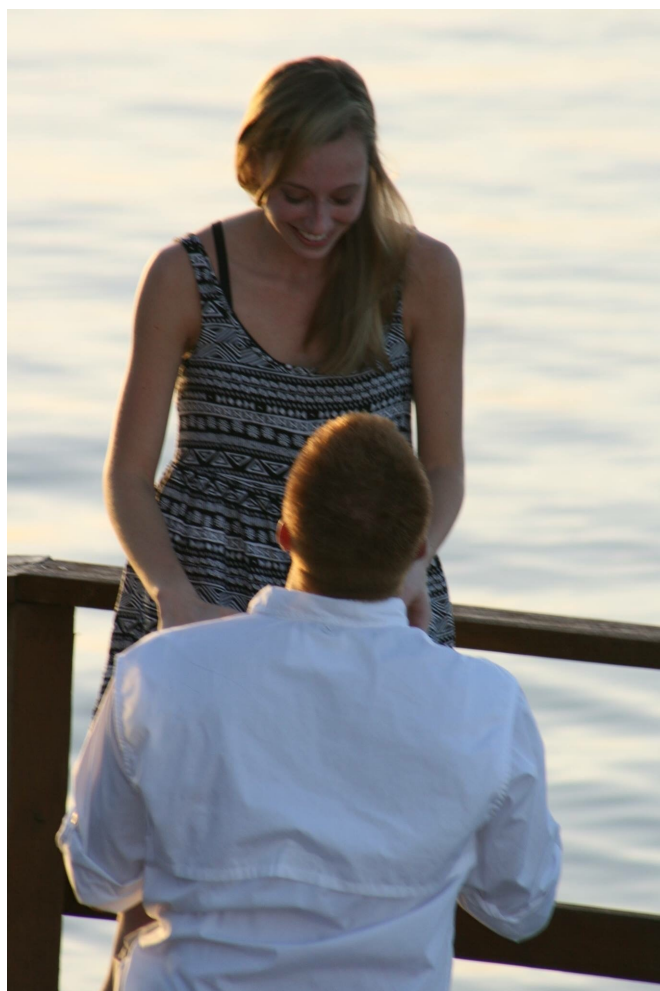
ALL ROADS
THAT LEAD TO
SUCCESS
HAVE TO PASS THROUGH
HARD WORK
BOULEVARD
AT SOME POINT



Brandon Martin, son of Chris and Kim Martin, graduated from ADT (Advanced Individual Training) with the Army National Guard March 11, 2015 as a 13B Cannon Crewmember with the 78th Field Artillery Unit of Fort Sill, Oklahoma. As a 13B Crewmember he will work the Howitzer Cannons that support infantry and tank units during combat.



Believe
in yourself
— & —
you will be
Unstoppable



Sharla Smith, daughter of Marion and Bobbie Smith, graduated in May 2016, Magna Cum Laude, from Anderson University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Sharla will continue graduate work this fall at Ball State University, concentrating in Counseling. Sharla also is engaged to be married in May 2017.



Claire Hummel

daughter of Mike and Tonya,
was recently crowned the 3rd grade
spelling bee champion at Willard
Elementary, finishing 7th overall,
out of 30 students.



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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

The meeting was being led by Damon Breen and Greg Bailey on the new Trimble GPS units on how the superintendents wanted to design the program to capture the information required for the Smartmapping Project OVG is creating.

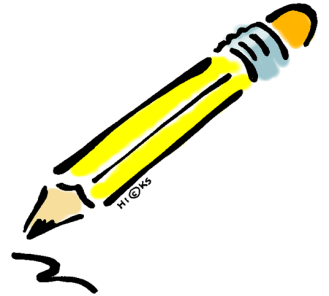
Smartmapping is a data collection project that will revolutionize OVG's mapping system. We will be collecting geospatial data (GPS locations) for all the items in our system. We will be assigning attributes, or characteristics, such as size, pressure, physical characteristics to each main, fitting, etc.

The finished product will allow us to view each District's system in its entirety, along with all of the collected information. For instance, when we collect information about a main and put it on the map, we will be able to click on that main and see operating pressure, year of installation, material grade (if known), test pressures, etc. All of the system maps will be laid over aerial images for a "birds eye" view of each system.



Portland

Abby Clamme



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Abby will be helping part-time as a Customer Service Representative and assisting the office team with their daily operations.

Abby is a lifetime resident of Jay County. She has been married to her husband David for 11 years. They have 3 "wonderful ornerly" boys, Lincoln 9, Parker 6, and Roman 5 which keeps her very busy. Three years ago, Abby and her husband bought Flamespray Machine & Fabrication, a machine shop located in Portland, which is where you will find Abby working with her husband when she is not at OVG.

Winchester

Melisa Patterson

Melisa will be joining the Winchester office as a Customer Service Representative and assisting the office team with their daily operations.



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Melisa is a lifetime resident of Winchester and knows many of the local residents. Her husband's name is Jeramiah and they have one child, Miah which is 14 years old. Melisa serves on the board for Fountain Park Cemetery and the Randolph County Historical Society. She has also volunteered on the Angel Tree Committee for several years.



WELCOME

Landon Gough

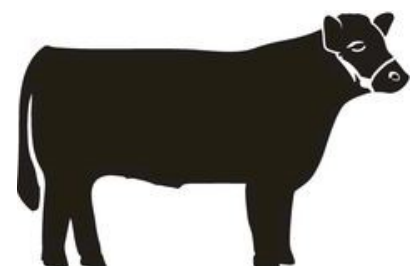


Landon Gough has joined our Winchester District Crew.

Landon will be assisting the crew with their daily operations.



Landon has lived in the Ridgeville area for years so he knows the area well. He joins us from Harvest Land Co-Op where he worked as an applicator. His hobbies include buying and restoring antique tractors and showing and raising show cattle.



Welcome John Jackson



John will be a Utility Worker and assisting the crew with their daily operations. John has recently joined us from Culy Construction where he worked since 2011 and has been a contract employee working with OVG. John is also a member of the Army National Guard and has served his country with a tour in Afghanistan.





James Keen

James Keen Freshman year at Tiffin University.

At the GLIAC Championships James placed 7th in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 50.8 seconds. He placed 4th in the 200 Backstroke with a time of 1:48.8 minutes also the 200 IM he placed 12th with a time of 1:54.4 minutes.

James earned a B CUT in both 100 & 200 Backstrokes.

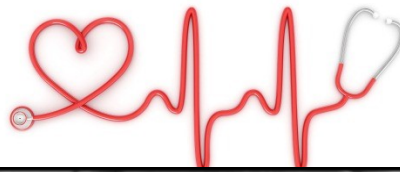
James had a bacterial infection that prevented him from getting in the water and practices for a month and a half.

James did a GREAT job with this minor setback.

But just wait till next year!!!!



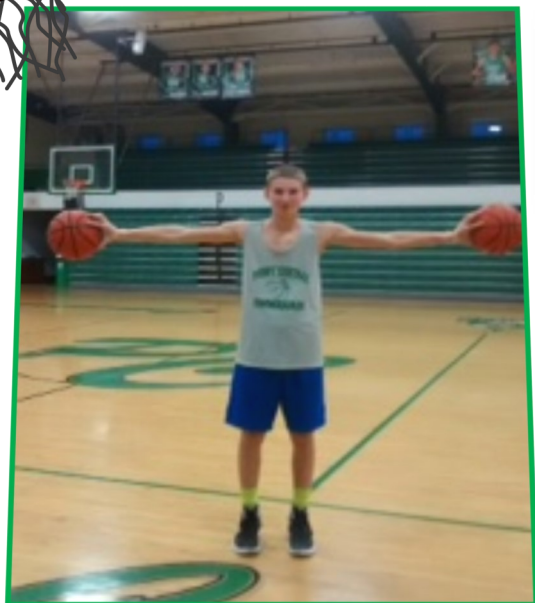
Connersville



KELSEY RADER THE DAUGHTER OF TINA ELLIS FINISHED HER SOPHOMORE YEAR AT BALL STATE AND FIRST YEAR OF NURSING SCHOOL WITH A 4.0 GPA STRAIGHT A'S . SHE HAS CARRIED A 4.0 OR HIGHER SINCE SHE WAS A FRESHMAN IN HIGH

stay humble
WORK HARD
be kind
♥

Tell City



Dylan Hubert, 8th grade, son of Denny Hubert.

Dylan's best game this year. 22 pts, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks in a win over Southridge.

Hard Work pays off



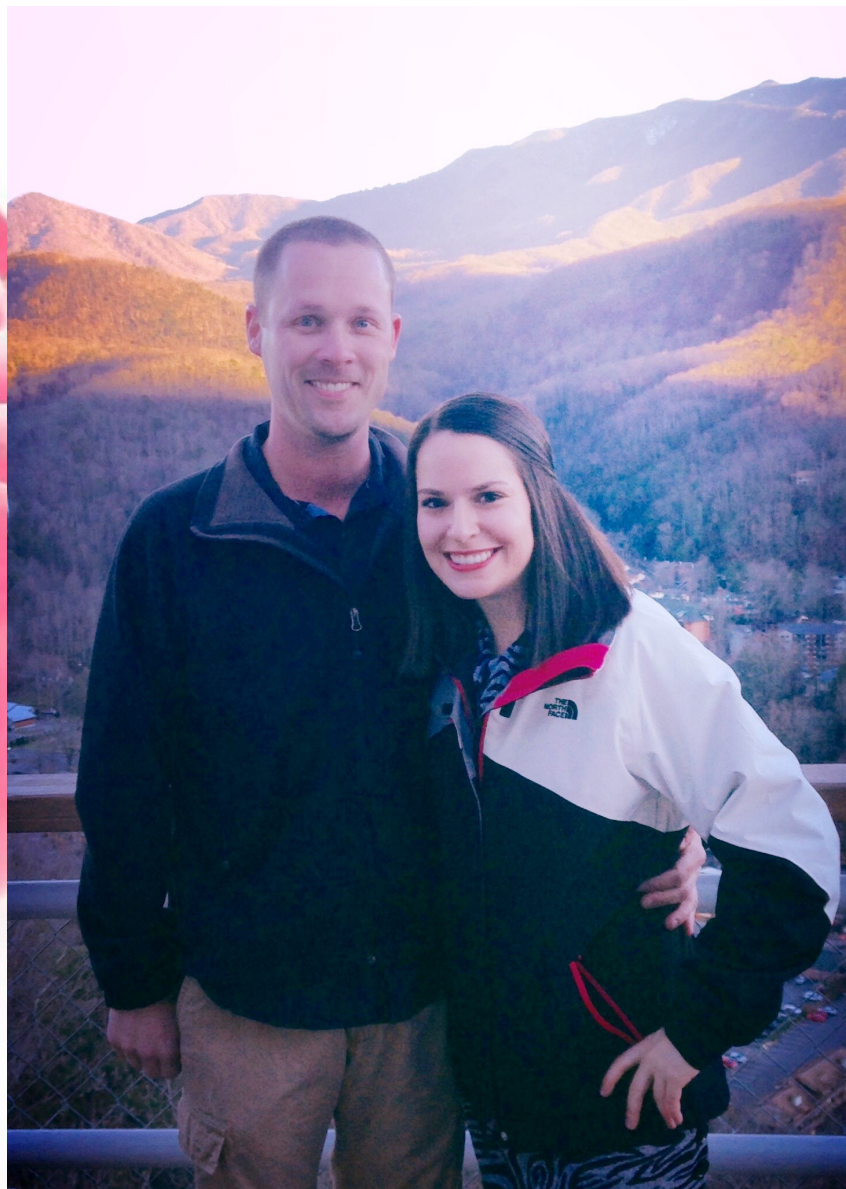
Luke Hubert, son of Denny Hubert, average 18 pts and 7 rebounds in the Hoosier hills Spring Basketball League. Luke will be a senior next year.



Dylan Hubert shown after winning in both Ag and Algebra at Academic Awards banquet. He also won the Conference in discus.



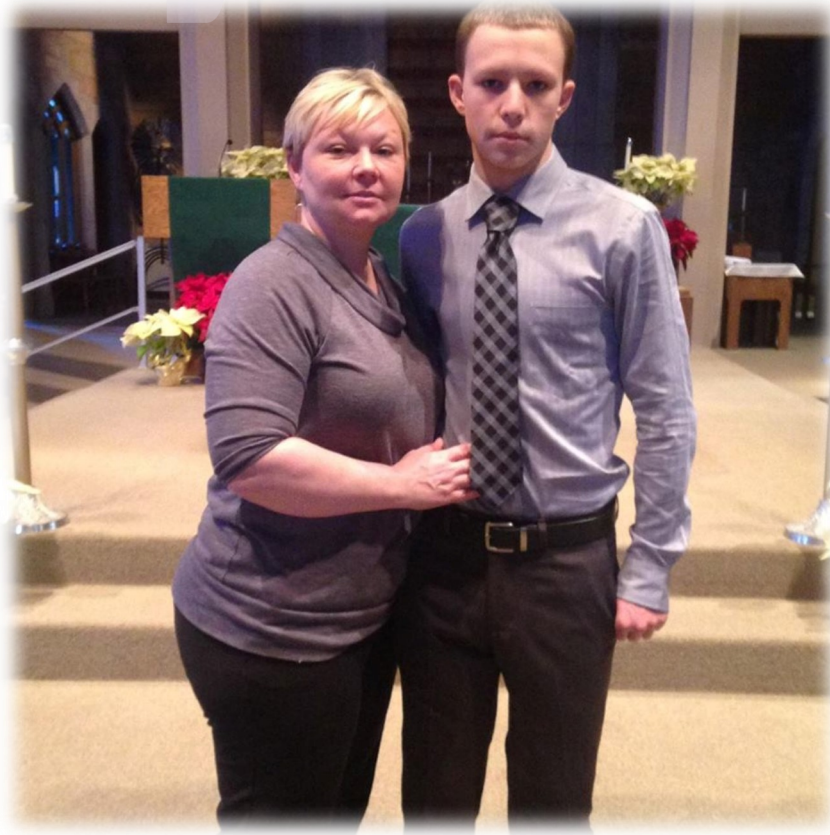
Dylan was crowned Prince at Perry Central Jr Highs Valentine's day dance.



Jeff Simpson and his girlfriend Karen Damin got engaged in Gatlinburg on January 29. Wedding is planned for September of 2017. Jeff started at OVG in 2009 and is the facility locator for Tell City. Karen is a Dental Assistant at Santa Claus Family Dentistry.

Miles Brown

Will 62 Blom



son of Heather Brown,
has started preparation for his Confirmation process
at St. Paul's Church in Tell City.

Your *Word*
is a lamp to
guide my feet
and a light for
my path.
Psalm 119:105

Mary Steen



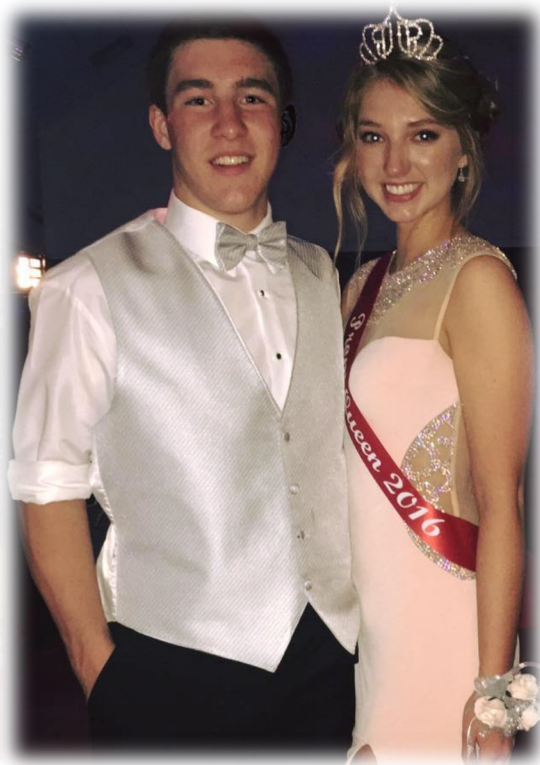
*2015
Christmas Dance*



*Celebrating Senior Night
at Tell City High School.*



*Mary
2nd from the right.*



2016 Prom Queen

Hayden Fortwendel

Son of Tasa and Steve Fortwendel
Hayden just completed his second season of wrestling in the PeeWee 40 lb category. He finished this season with 20 pins and 2 State pins. He also finished with 1 First Place, 2 Second Places, 2 Third places and 1 Sixth place.



Tell City Wrestling Club members who placed in the ISWA freestyle and Greco-Roman state tourneys May 7-8 are (front row, from left) Brady Hammack, Brody Ford, **Hayden Fortwendel**, Brody Dixon. Middle row: Camden Ames, Dakota Howell, Gavin Lock, Walter Hagedorn, M Fortwendel, Lucas Sheldon. Back row: Kelby Glenn, No Terry, Trent Cail, Tyce DuPont, Coy Hammack, Land Terry.

Three Tell Citians claim state titles

AVON—Three Tell City Wrestling Club members won state titles in the Indiana State Wrestling Association's freestyle and Greco-Roman tourneys May 7-8.

Brady Hammack in the pee-wee 45-pound weight class and Brody Ford in pee-wee 50 each went 3-0 with two pins to win freestyle championships.

Tyce DuPont went 3-0 in the novice 85 weight class to claim a Greco-Roman state title.

DuPont placed second in the freestyle tourney.

Two other Tell Citians, Hayden Fortwendel in pee-wee 45 and Brody Dixon in bantam 55, also placed second in the freestyle division.

Coy Hammack in novice 70 and Landon Terry in intermediate 80 placed third in freestyle.

Landon Terry also placed third in Greco-Roman.

Noah Terry in intermediate 75 and Kelby Glenn in novice 75 also took third in Greco-Roman.

Other Tell Citians placing in the top eight:

Freestyle
Fourth place: Camden Ames in bantam 50, Gavin Lock in intermediate 65, Trent Cail in novice 95

Greco-Roman
Fifth place: Walter Hagedorn in intermediate 60, Noah Terry in intermediate 75, Lucas Sheldon in novice 55 and Gavin Lock in intermediate 65
Sixth place: Kelby Glenn in novice 70
Seventh place: Dakota Howell in intermediate 60
Eighth place: Max Fortwendel in intermediate 60



Tell City Track won their PAC Conference and the Marksmen Invitational championship. Mike Hagan OVG employee is Tell City's Track and Field Throwing Coach. He is pictures first from left in row two. Also pictured in the front row first from right, Miles brown, Son of Heather DeSpain.



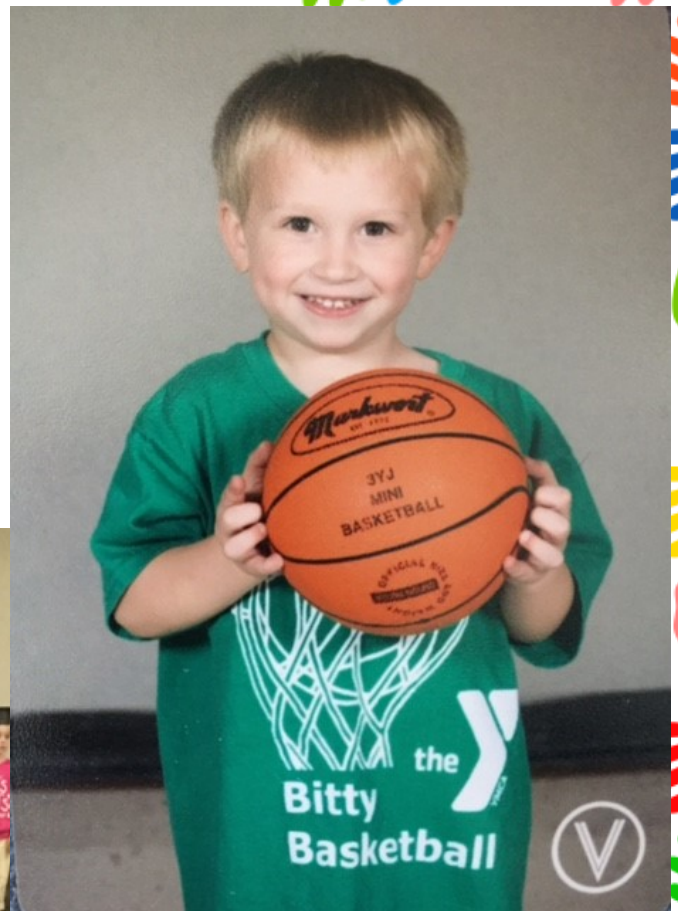
Miles Brown
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*The Boys Swim
Team finished the
season 7th at section-
als.*

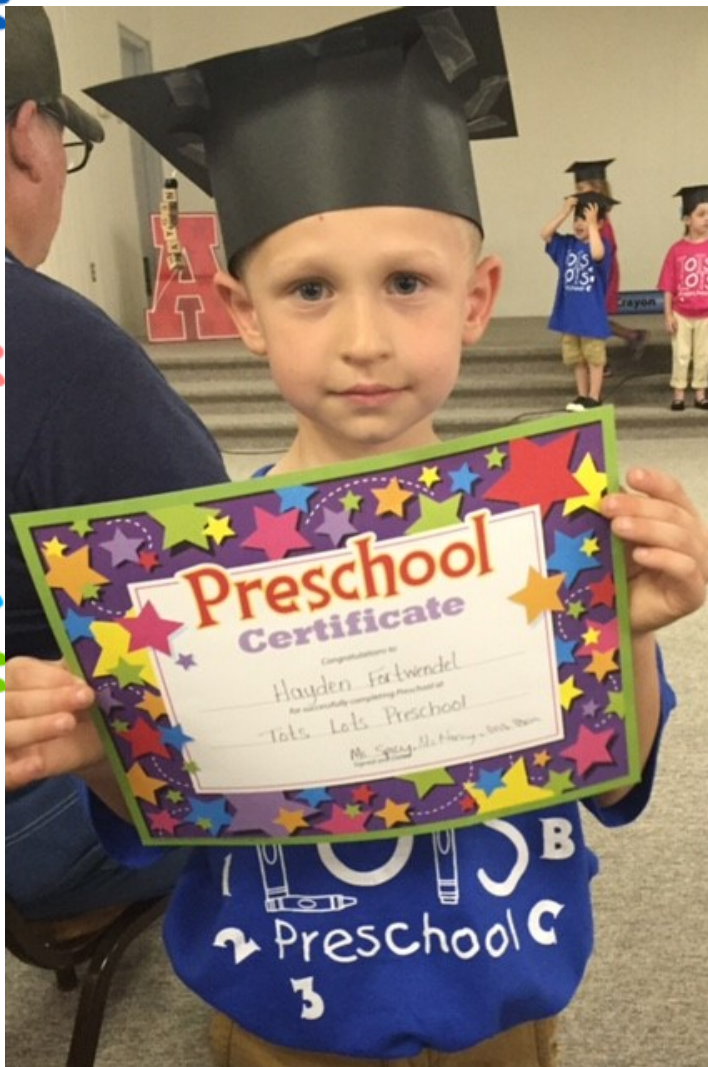
*Leading the varsity team were
Miles Brown, Stephen Houle,
Seth Vaquero and Elliot Reed,
6th place in the medley relay,*

*Josh Gaynor, 8th in diving,
Stephen, 6th in the 500 free,*

*8th place 200 free relay of
Miles, Zach Peter, Lucas Mont-
gomery, and Davin Tran,
7th place 400 free relay of Seth,*

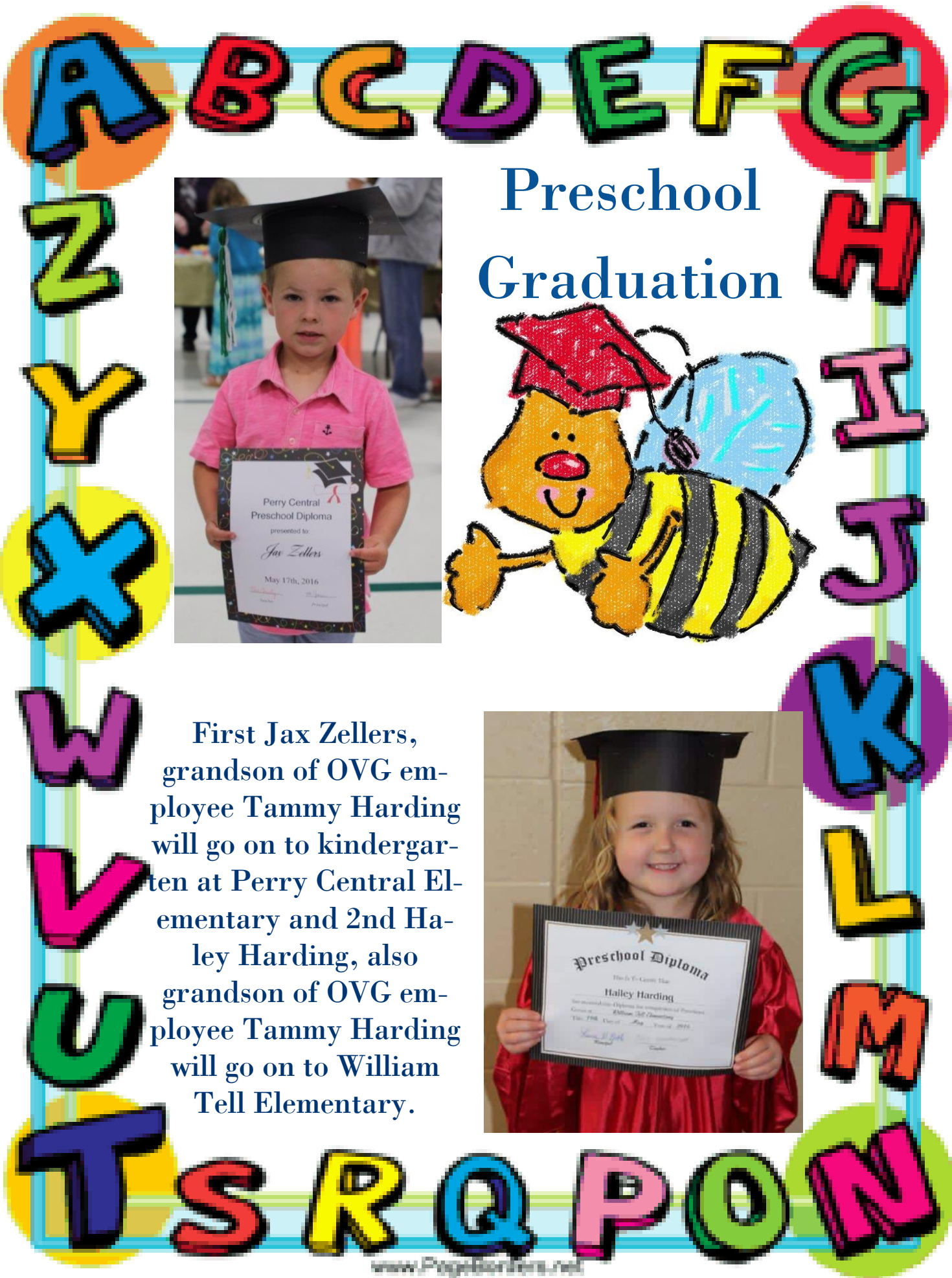


Mason Fortwendel, 4, son of Steve and Tasa Fortwendel Bitty Basketball through the YMCA.

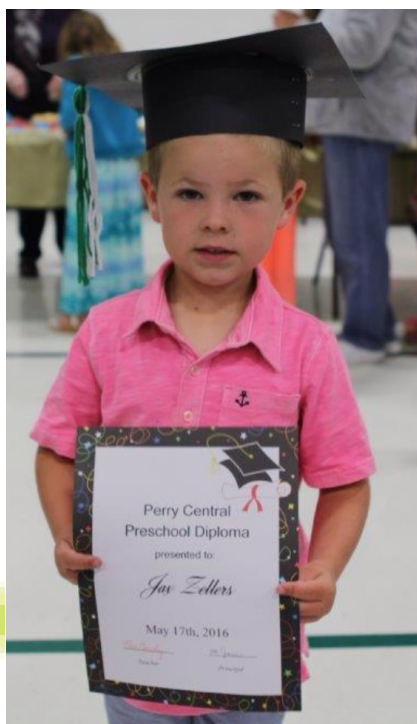


Hayden Fortwendel, son of Steve and Tasa Fortwendel, graduated from Tots Lots Preschool and will be heading to Kindergarten in the Fall.





Preschool Graduation



First Jax Zellers,
grandson of OVG em-
ployee Tammy Harding
will go on to kindergar-
ten at Perry Central El-
ementary and 2nd Ha-
ley Harding, also
grandson of OVG em-
ployee Tammy Harding
will go on to William
Tell Elementary.



Every **VOTE** Counts!

*Heather Despain's
Husband Zach and
son Jasper made the*



*Tell City News
this week.*

*Also in the paper
this week is Peggy
Coults' significant*



Sullivan



Shelby Drury, Susie Drury's granddaughter, standing by the OVG sponsored banner- her first year as a freshman on the varsity softball team.



Susie Drury's granddaughter, Madi Ann Drury at Bat during one of her games.

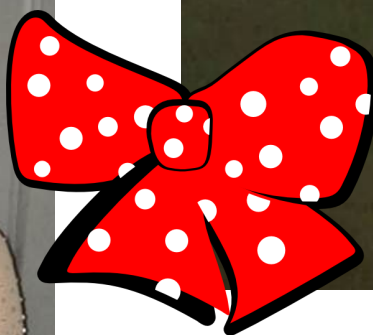
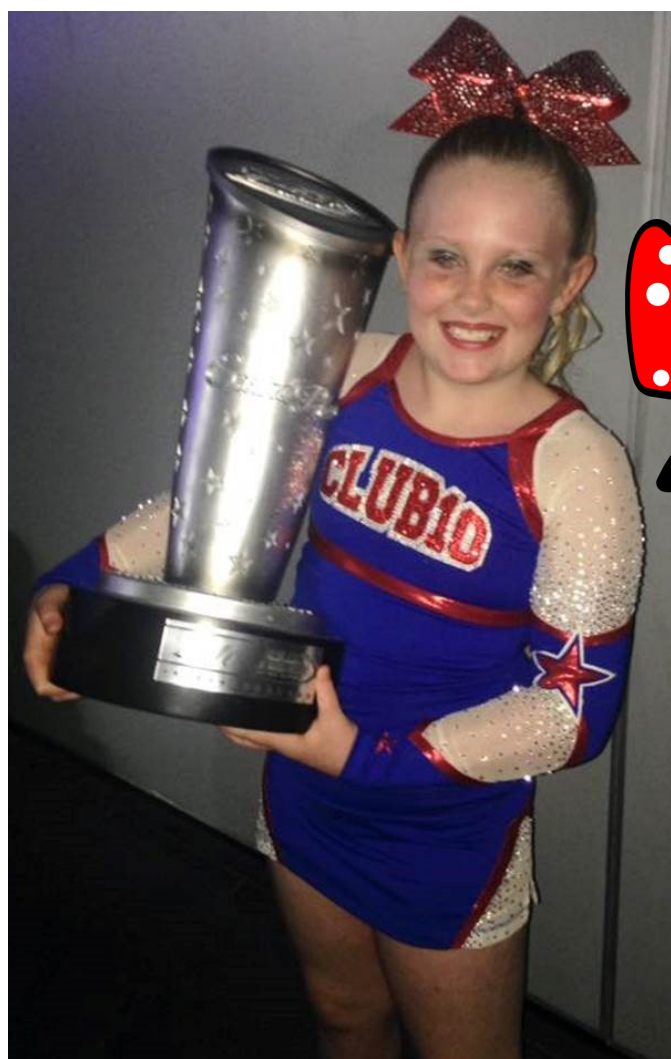




Brady Drury, grandson of Susie Drury, at Distinction Camp
with Luke Zellers.



Kennedy Boles, age 6, and Jayda Boyll, age 8, recently participated in the U.S. Finals Cheerleading Competition in Virginia Beach. Their group the “mini’s” placed 2nd place. They are the granddaughters of Deanna and John Nickless.



cheer



Linda's grand-daughter, Madison Boston, just completed her first year at Purdue University. She is studying Agronomy and Agribusiness. Madison recently went on a trip to Haiti with her Purdue class to study their agriculture Techniques.



Congratulations to Aidan Boston who is the grandson of Linda and Bill Smith of Sullivan. Aidan was elected Vice President of his FFA Chapter. He will be a junior at Sullivan High School next fall.



Gary Reed manning the OVG booth at our Annual Ag days Saturday March 12th.



Linda taking her turn at the OVG Ag Days booth. Deanne Nickless, Stacy and Jim Dean also took turns handling out pamphlets and flyers on all OVG has to offer.





it's
your
birthday!!

Ron Salkie, April 5
Larry Franks, April 7
Tasa Fortwendel, April 8
Tracy Bare, April 14
Tammy McLaughlin, April 15
Lora Ward, April 16
Jeff Horn, April 19
Kyle Page, April 20
Nathan Martin, April 20
Kathy DeBolt, April 22
Tom Watkins, April 24
Josh Sullivan, April 25
Teresa Mosier, April 26
Chris Braun, April 26
John White, April 27
Monty McKinley, April 28
Theo Wright, May 1
Carolyn Webster, May 11
Mark Kerney, May 11
Gary Reed, May 13
Barry Fischer, May 17
Theresa Miller, May 20
Damon Breen, May 21
Mark Haney, May 21
Tammy Harding, June 5
Tammy Smith, June 7
Bob Thurston, June 11
Trevor Abernathy, June 13
Rick Simmons, June 21
Carolyn Stiver, June 26
Todd Heck, June 28