



Thank you for coming to
tonight's production!



Friday, March 27 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 28 - 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 29 - 1:30 PM

**PLEASE SHUT OFF OR SILENCE
ANY DEVICES
PRIOR TO THE SHOW!**

**Please be courteous and help make an
enjoyable environment for all audience
members viewing the show!**

**Oakwood High School is a
Smoking/Vape-Free School!**

**I know Stage Manager says otherwise—
No, that does not undo this policy.**

The Oakwood Drama Club would like to thank...

Mr. Steele and Mr. Vetter, OHS Admin

For their generosity and support throughout the production process.

OHS Office Staff - Mrs. LuAnn McMasters and Mrs. Tiffany Bruens

For tracking packages, papers, posters, finances, and more.

OHS Custodial Staff - Mr. Jeff Green,

Mr. Ferrell Stroh, and Mr. Michael Andrews

For every tool or ladder and help on every odd favor or hare-brained scheme as show progressed and patience during late-night practices.

Ms. Amanda Nichols and OHS Art Club

For overseeing the organization of tech week practices and for lending needed space and a listening ear.

Mrs. Amy Brant and Business Concepts Class

For the excellent T-shirts that will make memories for our cast and crew.

Mr. Bob and Nancy Linn, and other anonymous donors

For your generous financial support of our productions and providing the funding necessary for the expansion and improvement of our club.

**And all students, staff, family, alumni, and community members
here in support of the OHS Drama Club!**

Meet the Cast and Crew

Clára Rose

This is Clára's second production with the OHS Drama Club. She is a sophomore who worked with the crew last year, but is acting on stage for the first time this year. Clára is involved in the OHS Band and the Art Club. She would like to show appreciation to her friends and family.

Lilliana Smith

Lilliana is in her sophomore year at OHS and this is her second production on crew for the Drama Club.

Swisher

Swisher is a sophomore with the Drama Club, and was last on crew but is now acting on stage for the second run. Swisher is involved in the OHS Band, Art Club, and enjoys playing guitar when not at school. Swisher wants to show appreciation to friends, Mr. P, and also Ozzy Osbourne (because he's cool - RIP).

Johnee Watson

Johnee is in her second production with the OHS Drama Club. As a sophomore, she is also a member of the OHS Comettes Dance Team and Softball Team.

Bella Wiley

Bella is joining the OHS Drama Club for the first time in her sophomore year, working with the backstage crew. Beyond the Drama Club, Bella is also a member of the OHS Golf Team, Student Council, and Scholastic Bowl Team. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for always pushing Bella to leave her comfort zone and be the best she can be!

Aubree Wilder

Aubree is a sophomore working on crew for her second OHS Drama Club production. Aubree is also involved in the Comettes Dance Team, Art Club, and Student Council.

Synopsis

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" invites you to view three episodes in a life in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Your mind and the theater itself build the scenes, as the Stage Manager guides you through the moments, relationships, and challenges of small town life in changing times.

As Thornton Wilder put it: "Our Town" is not a picture of life in a New Hampshire village or as a speculation about life after death ... It is an attempt to find a value above all price for the smallest events in our life."

A Note From The Director, Mr. Tyler Petersen

"Our Town" is such a complex, nuanced look at life in a small town, which made it an ideal choice for the OHS Drama Club. From the beginning, students have been exploring and making connections to the various characters and relationships that build this play. Though it is relatable to our own community, it also asks big questions: what are the small moments of mundane magic that we overlook in our day-to-day? In an effort to take a lesson from the play, I am thankful for the moments I have with the cast and crew, as I watch them build this show from the ground up. They give a lot to make this club function that I'd be remiss to overlook. Thanks for the little times and choices that make it all worthwhile!

Meet the Cast and Crew

Madelyn Lapenas

Madelyn is in her second production with the OHS Drama Club, and in her first as an actress. As a sophomore, she is also involved with the OHS Comettes Dance Team and Art Club. She also participates in studio dance outside school. Madelyn would like to thank her mom, dad, Lilliana Smith, and Johnee Watson.

Ezra McClurg

Ezra is helping out with his third show for the OHS Drama Club. Though he is no longer a student with us, his expertise and willingness to help brought him back. Ezra would like to thank Mr. Petersen for allowing him to still do what he loves despite leaving Oakwood.

Addison McFadden

This is Addison's third year with the Drama Club as a junior. Addison is also involved with the Tabletop Game Club and FCCLA. Outside of school, Addison enjoys reading and weightlifting. Addison wants to share her appreciation for her family, friends, and especially her best friend Ezra for helping her constantly behind the scenes.

Phillips

Phillips is a freshman with our club, debuting on stage for the first time. Phillips wants to say thanks to Mama.

Braedon Roberts

Braedon is a sophomore participating in the Drama Club, working crew for the first time. He is a member of the Tabletop Game Club and Art Club at OHS.

Ella Ronk

Ella is in her first year with the Drama Club as a freshman. She is also a part of the OHS Art Club and really loves studying and drawing bats in her free time. Ella would like to thank her mom, dad, and Tad.



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WE'RE MORE THAN JUST ACTORS

ACTING – DESIGN – TECHNOLOGY – CREATIVITY
CONSTRUCTION – TEAMWORK – COMMITMENT

Meet the Cast and Crew

Kelby Boen

Kelby is a freshman with the OHS Drama Club, but brings 2 years of experience to the stage. Kelby keeps busy as a member of the Track and Volleyball teams, a part of FCA and Creative Writing, and playing in the Band. She would like to thank Mr. Petersen for helping her practice lines and create a fun show overall.

Alison Cunningham

This is Alison's second production with the OHS Drama Club (first on stage), and has also done a local theater program. Alison is a sophomore and is also involved in OHS Choir, Speech Team, and Student Council. Alison would like to thank Ceci for always being there to support her, and Bell for being there to make her laugh .

Jasper Gritten

Jasper is a junior working in his third production with the OHS Drama Club, and is taking to the stage for the first time. Jasper is also involved with the Tabletop Game Club, Creative Writing Club, and Art Club at OHS. Outside of school, he likes to make music and do original voice acting. Jasper gives thanks to his Mom, Dad. sister, brothers, grandparents, and Aunt Carrie.

Bell Johnson

Bell is a sophomore at OHS and is participating in her first production with the Drama Club. Bell is also a part of the Student Council and Speech Team at OHS. She would like to thank her family and friends.

Lucy Landis

Lucy is acting in her third production with the OHS Drama Club as a junior. Besides acting, Lucy is also a member of the Tabletop Game Club, Art Club, Choir, and Creative Writing Club. Lucy wants to show appreciation to her parents and friends for always being supportive.

Scene List

ACT I: Daily Life

May 7, 1901 - a day, afternoon, and night in Grover's Corners

10-Minute Intermission

ACT II: Love & Marriage

Three years later, in Grover's Corners

10-Minute Intermission

ACT III: Death & Eternity

Nine years later, in a cemetery outside of Grover's Corners

Cast Of Characters

Stage Manager **Lucy Landis**

The narrator and commentator, who guides the audience through Grover's Corners.

Emily Webb..... **Ceci R. Liggett**

A life we follow from a precocious young schoolgirl, to her wedding day, to her eventual death.

George Gibbs **Johnee Watson**

The kind, irresponsible boy next door whom we see mature over time into a responsible adult, farmer, and husband.

Dr. Frank Gibbs **Macie J. Kinney**

George's father; the respected town doctor.

Mrs. Julia (Hershey) Gibbs **Riley Block**

George's mother; hard-working, meticulous, and direct.

Mr. Charles Webb **Addison McFadden**

Emily's father; Editor of the *Grover's Corners Sentinel*.

Mrs. Myrtle Webb **Kelby Boen**

Emily's mother; loving, humorous, and traditional.

Howie Newsome **Isabella Quick**

The town milkman; a local fixture.

Joe and Si Crowell **Ella Ronk**

Two brothers and the town newspaper boys.

Rebecca Gibbs **Madelyn Lapenas**

George's younger sister.

Wallace "Wally" Webb **Brecklin Callahan**

Emily's younger brother.

Simon Stimson **Jasper Gritten**

The town choir director and organist.

Senior Spotlight

Coulby Nichols

This is Coulby's first year with the OHS Drama Club as a senior. Beyond the Drama Club, Coulby is also involved in the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Art Club, and Band here at OHS. After he graduates, Coulby plans to go on to study psychology, then he plans to get a master's degree in experimental psychology. Coulby would like to give his appreciation to many people:

To Mom, For being my support system day in and out, and the best mom someone could ask for.

To Granny - For facilitating my formative years, helping me be able to get to where I am today.

To Vlyden - for being my mischievous built in companion forever.

To Juju, - for being there since day one and staying even through my worst.

To my teachers for the incredible education they give, and our drama coach of course for being so understanding, patient, and respectful in coaching us.

Coulby has a special message for OHS students:

"Change is terrifying but necessary, and we must adapt for survival. Don't let your free will be overthrown by the ease of consumption by habit, and critical thought be overtaken by the convenience of assimilation."

Isabella Quick

Isabella is a senior in her third year with the OHS Drama Club, her second on the stage acting. Outside of school, Isabella babysits for my family and friends and also enjoys reading books. Isabella wants to take some time off from education to travel after she graduates, then she wants to study criminal justice with the goal of becoming a police officer. Bella would like to say "thank you" to her parents (and she means ALL of them) for encouraging her to do what she loves, and also her sisters and brothers for listening to her read my script over and over again.

Isabella would like to leave this message for the Drama Club:

"Being part of OHS Drama Club has brought me happiness, friends, and connections that made my life happier. As I leave I want you all to know that you shouldn't give up when your scared, keep living your dreams and I will be cheering you on from the bleachers."

Senior Spotlight

Macie J. Kinney

Macie is stepping up from crew to the stage in her senior year with the OHS Drama Club. This is her second year with the club. Macie is also a part of FFA and NHS at OHS. After graduating, Macie plans to go to Indiana State University to study criminal justice. She intends to go on to law school in Indianapolis to become a criminal defense or international affairs lawyer. Macie would like to give thanks to her parents for their support on late nights, to her fellow cast-mates for making the time worth it even on the rough nights, Rocky for the time he put forward to help her through studying my lines and getting everything just right and Mr. Petersen for always pushing her to be the best she can be.

Macie has this message for the people important people in her life:

"Thanks to everybody in my life for their endless support and love throughout my entire high school career. To the current (and future) students of OHS, always strive to be the best you can be, even when nobody is watching.. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and it will pay off in the long run."

Ceci R. Liggett

Ceci is a senior in the OHS Drama Club and has been with the club since it started again in 2023. Ceci has been acting with the club for 3 years. Ceci is also part of the choir at OHS. Outside of OHS, Ceci enjoys singing, playing piano (occasionally), cooking, going on walks and drawing and painting. After graduating, Ceci plans to go on to a career in music and theater. She wants to begin creating original music, join local theater groups, and build experience before moving to NYC to pursue a career in the arts. Ceci would like to give thanks to all the people in her life who have stood by her and supported her: friends, family, teachers, and pets. She would like to give a special shout-out to Mr. Petersen, Ms. McQueen, and her dear sister Ramona.

Ceci has this special message for the students of OHS:

"Don't give up on yourself, don't reflect on the past.. 'The times arrow neither stands still nor reverses; it merely marches forward.' Spending time dwelling on the past will only hold you back from being the best version of you. Keep your eyes on what's ahead and strive for goodness!"

Cast Of Characters Continued

Mrs. Louella Soames **Alison Cunningham**
The local gossip and member of the choir.

Constable Bill Warren **Coulby Nichols**
The town policeman.

Professor Willard **Phillips**
A long-winded lecturer on local history and more.

Joe Stoddard **Swisher**
The town undertaker.

Sam Craig **Clára Rose**
A nephew of Mrs. Gibbs; a businessman in Buffalo, NY.

Ensemble

People in the Audience
Bell Johnson, Clára Rose, Swisher

Baseball Players
Brecklin Callahan, Bell Johnson, Ella Ronk

People among the Dead
Bell Johnson, Phillips

People around Town
Bell Johnson, Phillips, Ella Ronk, Clára Rose, Swisher, Bella Quick

Production Crew

Stage Lighting

Lightboard Lilliana Smith

Spotlight Braedon Roberts, Ezra McClurg

Sound

Audio Manager Will Irick

Sound Effects

Rycelyn Cunningham, Will Irick

Stage and Production Crew

Prop/Set Management

Rycelyn Cunningham, Will Irick, Lilliana Smith,

Aubree Wilder, Bella Wiley

Set DesignRycelyn Cunningham, Aubree Wilder

Costume Design

Madelyn Lapenas, Lilliana Smith, Aubree Wilder

Advertising Design Lucy Landis

Merchandise Design Madelyn Lapenas

with art from Lucy Landis

Senior Spotlight

Riley Block

Riley is participating in her third production with the OHS Drama Club, her second on the stage - Riley has been involved with each production since the club was reformed. Off the stage Riley is also a member of the OHS Scholastic Bowl team and the OHS Art Club. After graduation, Riley plans to go on to college to study fields in the arts.

Riley wants to pass on her love for her “munchkins” and wishes them the best as she gets ready to head off into the world.

Brecklin Callahan

Brecklin is in his first year with the OHS Drama Club as a senior. He is also a member of the Tabletop Game Club and the Art Club.

Rycelyn Cunningham

Rycelyn is a senior with the OHS Drama club, working on the production crew for the second time. Besides the Drama Club, Rycelyn is also involved with the FFA at OHS. After graduation, Rycelyn plans to continue on a DACC for courses in culinary arts and business.

Will Irick

Will is a first-time senior, joining our production this year to work with the crew. Will is also involved with many other groups at OHS, including Track and Field, Cross Country, Creative Writing Club, Tabletop Games Club, Student Council, and NHS. Will plans to go to trade school after finishing at OHS. Will would like to give his appreciation to his Mom and Dad, and Mr. Petersen.

Will would like to offer special thanks:

“I would like to thank all the cast and crew for all being such wonderful people, and to thank Mr. Petersen for being such an amazing coach and teacher to me all these years.”