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## *Bessmer takes on State CC*

KEARNEY—Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> was the annual running of the Nebraska Class D State Cross Country meet in Kearney at the Kearney Country Club.

The temperature was in the 60 but rather breezy as the 148 Class D boys toed the starting line.

Osmond's sophomore Jared Bessmer was among the mass of runners heading down the hill to the first turn.

Jared hit the first mile in the middle of the pack with a time of 5:45.

He was thirty seconds behind the leader. The young Tiger had never started with this many runners or had a large group around in the middle of the 5K run.

"This was completely different than any race Jared had ever run in," noted Coach Ortmeier. "Usually after a short distance, the pack thinned out to five or six runners but not at State."

At the finish, Jared placed 88th place in a time of 19:14.2.

"Jared was pretty disappointed in his race, but it

...accomplishment to qualify," Ortmeier said. "We can build on this for next year."



(Jared Bessmer runs hard at the state cross country meet.)

## *Third graders experience Fire Prevention Week*

The Osmond elementary school third graders studied fire safety during Fire Prevention Week through the week of Monday, October 10.

The third graders celebrated the week by studying fire prevention in the classroom. The group also participated in a poster coloring contest sponsored by New Frontier Insurance.

The first place winner was...(CONTINUED.....PG. 2)

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....Peyton Brunkhorst.

Winning second place was Ava Reikofski. There was a two-way tie for third place between Jack Berg and Erin Aschoff.

The students went to the Osmond Fire Station on Wednesday. They rode the fire truck to the station. The firemen gave the students a tour of the station. Each student received a fire helmet.

The students also got to try on the actual equipment. This included the tanks, the jackets, and the helmets.

The students wore their helmets for the rest of the school day.



(Mrs. Schultze's third grade class gets a ride from the Osmond Fire Department.)

## ***OHS recognizes high-achieving students***

Osmond High School celebrated its students' academic successes with the First Quarter Academic Breakfast.

In total 68 students had no grades below...

...an 85% in each of their classes. Twenty of these students earned mention on the Superior Honor Roll.

These twenty students included a variety from the different classes. The seniors were Shelby Aschoff, Hannah Gutz, Kendyl Koehler, Curtis Kralicek, and Tucker Timmerman.

Three juniors made it on Superior Honor Roll. These were Drew Krienert, Aleia Kumm, and Erin Schultz.

Sophomores Brandi Gansebom and Nick Reikofski earned their way on the list.

Freshmen Zachary Alderson, Grace Broekemeier, Kennedy Johnson, and Landon Stelling also made it on the list.

There were six junior high school students who earned Superior Honor Roll.

The three eighth graders who were named to the list include Connor Gutz, Zachary Huwaldt, and Connor von Rentzell. The seventh graders were Grace Gansebom, Kiera Moes, and Bailey Schmit

There were nine seniors earning passage on the Honor Roll list. These were Bailee Gillespie, Paul Gubbels, Brock Johnson, Hailey Johnson, Preston Koehler, Diane Kruse, Bryan Manzer, Tyler Reikofski, and Tyler von Rentzell

The junior class had eleven students make the list. These were Alexander Alderson, Colton Beacom,

Makayla Boyle, Brenden Hille, Jessica Jensen, Leslie Jensen, Alexander Kumm, Ethan Pfanstiel, Andrea Schmit, Kelly Schuettler, and Shelby Stelling.

The five sophomores on Honor Roll were Jared Bessmer, Adriona Buchanan, Haven Schultze, Mariah Stech, and Kayla Wingert.

Making the list for the freshmen were Alex Brestel, Aaron Chishiba, Hannah Ferry, Joshua Gansebom, Madeline Huwaldt, Mary Kahny, Alexis Solorzano, Logan Stelling, Keaton Timmerman, and Ashley Wingert.

Five eighth graders earned their way on the Honor Roll. These were Allison Aschoff, Johnson Chishiba, Aleynah Gray, Hayle Krienert, and Graysen Schultze

Seven seventh graders debuted on the Honor Roll. These were Macy Aschoff, Matthew Christensen, Lillie Gansebom, Mason Gansebom, Kenzie von Rentzell, Riley Wagner, and Keaton Wattier.



(Brandi Gansebom shakes Mr. Brown's hand at the First Quarter Honor Roll)

## *Freshmen get rare Supreme Court experience*

NORFOLK—On Friday, October 7th, Osmond High School's ninth grade civics students had the opportunity to view the Nebraska Supreme Court convening at Norfolk High School.

The Supreme Court Justices heard two different appellate oral arguments in the Johnny Carson Theatre as part of the Nebraska Supreme Court High School Outreach Program.

This was the first time the court was in session outside of the Lincoln and Omaha area.

According to Mrs. Janet Brown, 7th-12th history instructor, "This was a fantastic educational opportunity for our students and allowed the students to see first-hand how our Nebraska judicial system works at the highest level."

Landon Stelling a ninth grade civics student stated, "I thought it was a good experience for us because (we) never knew how much work, effort, and research (a person) had to put into these kinds of jobs, like being on the Supreme Court."

Another ninth grade civics student, Ashley Wingert, had this to say about

the morning, "I think getting to go to the Supreme court hearing was a great opportunity. It allowed students to know what it is like to be in a court hearing. It also allowed us to get an idea too, if we want to get a job in law".

The session came to a close as the students were allowed to ask questions of the Supreme Court justices about their careers, day-to-day activities, and the different types of cases they hear.

## *Lower elementary students visit Poppy's Pumpkin Patch*

NORFOLK—The Osmond Community Schools lower elementary students (kindergarten through third grade) went to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch near Norfolk on Friday, October 14, 2016.

The elementary students enjoyed several attractions including a zip line, Tire Mountain, a slide, lookout tower, a petting barn, a ferry boat, and the pumpkin patch.

Each student was given a small pumpkin to take home.



(Above: Mrs. Stelling's second graders stand together with pumpkins in hand. Below: The third graders sit on Tire Mountain at Poppy's Pumpkin Patch.)



## *FBLA stops for seatbelt checks*

BY SHELBY STELLING

One of the chapter projects for the Future Business Leaders of America this year deals with seatbelt safety, so the Osmond FBLA decided to see how many people actually wear their seatbelts on their way to school.

On Tuesday, October 11 the FBLA officers set up a safety check at the entrances to the school. They stopped every car that drove into the school parking lot.

If the driver was wearing their seatbelt...

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...they got a Smartie with a sticker that said, "Thanks for being a Smartie and wearing your seatbelt!"

If the driver was not wearing their seatbelt, they got a *Dum Dum* sucker with a sticker that said, "Don't be a Dum Dum—wear your seatbelt!".

It was a very successful project as participants discovered 66% of the drivers wearing their seatbelts, while 34% did not. Of the passengers, 59% were wearing their seatbelts, while 41% were not.

About 30 walkers were also given green apple suckers with a sticker that said "The planet says I like it when you walk or bike it!" This showed support for people "Going Green" in their daily lives.

The FBLA thanks everyone for cooperating with their safety project and encourages all drivers to wear their seatbelts at all times.



(L-R: Shelby Aschoff, Andrea Schmit, Diane Kruse, and Bryan Manzer-among others-used an opportunity to remind students about seatbelt safety.)

## ***Hayrack Riders: FBLA sponsors a ride through town***

BY SHELBY STELLING

On Friday, October 14, members of the Osmond High School FBLA program went on a hayrack ride around Osmond city limits.

There was a lot of "singing" and laughing throughout the ride, and members really enjoyed the relaxing time with friends.

After the fun ride, everyone enjoyed some cocoa and more socializing.



(FBLA members got together for a hayrack ride around town.)

## ***Osmond, Wausa compete in Feed Nebraska Project***

BY MRS. MANZER

The FBLA collected donations for the local food pantry.

One of the ways they did this was to challenge the Wausa FBLA Chapter to see which town could bring the most food items to the Osmond/Wausa volleyball game on Tuesday, October 11.

Members collected the donations, and they were then distributed to both towns from their local FBLA. The FBLA would like to thank everyone who brought donations for this project.

Items totaled 174 for the Osmond project; these included canned goods, boxed goods, and paper products.



(L-R: Makenzie Vargas, Ashley Wingert, Kayla Wingert, and Erin Schultze help out with the Feed Nebraska Program.)

## ***Red Ribbon Week a hit for elementary students***

BY MRS. MANZER

The FBLA sponsored a Red Ribbon Week project on Tuesday, October 25.

The activity began with the fourth, fifth and sixth graders listening to Andrea Schmit explain the effect that any kind of drug has on the human body.

Functions slow down and become so impaired that it is more difficult for a person...

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...to complete simple tasks. This is especially true for tasks that require manual dexterity.

Shelby Aschoff and Brock Johnson gave a testimonial to the importance of staying drug free.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders were divided into teams of five. Then they participated in a relay race where they had to unwrap a piece of candy, chew it and then go back to the line. They were timed while doing this.

During the second round, the activity was repeated; however, each student had to wear a glove while they unwrapped the candy. Time was recorded again.

In the third round of the relay, each student wore two gloves and tried to unwrap the candy. The three times were compared to see how quickly each team accomplished the task in each round.

A big difference was noted in the times indicating a definite impairment of the motor skills comparable to being "under the influence."

The second activity that the FBLA members worked with the students on was to have each student write down a saying showing their desire to stay "drug free".

These sayings were written on slips of paper and

then linked together to form a chain.

The chain was displayed in the Multi-Purpose Room showing that each student supported another. Students also signed a poster saying that they wanted to stay healthy.



(FBLA members and elementary students participate in Red Ribbon Week activities.)

## *Fifth, sixth graders travel to Omaha*

The Osmond Elementary School fifth and sixth graders visited Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo on Friday, October 14.

The students were accompanied by Fifth Grade Teacher Mrs. Denise Schmit and Sixth Grade Teacher Mrs. Angela Aschoff.



(The fifth graders pose (above) at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha with Mrs. Schmit, while the sixth graders (Top Right) pose on the same spot with Mrs. Aschoff.)



## *Fourth graders tour state capital*

The Osmond Elementary School fourth grade students visited Ash Falls Fossil Beds (near Royal) and several attractions in Lincoln.

The fourth graders went to the fossil beds on Wednesday, September 28. During the morning session of the tour, the students visited the Rhino Barn, where they learned about different aspects of archaeology.

The students spent the afternoon participating in pre-planned activities including digging a fossil, constructing a puzzle, and taking a nature hike.

Nearly two weeks later, the fourth graders then went to Lincoln to visit the State Capitol Building and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

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At the capitol building, the students looked at the art and architecture of the site. They visited the Supreme Court room and the lookout tower.

The students then went to the UNL campus. They toured Memorial Stadium and visited Morrill Hall.

The fourth graders went walked through the tunnel leading into the players' locker rooms. They touched the infamous lucky horseshoe, and they saw the football team practicing on the field.

While at Morrill Hall, the students visited different floors. The building houses Native American artifacts, fossils, and stuffed animals.



(Fourth graders visit Memorial Stadium)

## ***FFA National Convention***

BY MRS. EVANS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN—The 89th National FFA Convention and Expo was held October 19-22 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

More than 60,000 FFA members and guests from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands attended this year's event.

Alex Alderson of the Osmond FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis with Mrs. Evans and students and advisors from Creighton, Verdigre, Madison, and Blair.

Convention and expo events took place at several venues in downtown Indianapolis and other locations.

Alex, along with more than 50,000 other FFA members and advisors met in Bankers Life Fieldhouse—where eight of the nine general sessions were held, for opening session 1C.

At the opening session, the National Officer Team called for FFA members to "Transform Purpose to Action"—the theme of this year's convention.

"FFA members transform their purpose into action by making their voices heard and by educating others on the importance of agriculture and growing our resources every day," 2015-16 National FFA President Taylor McNeel, a student at Southern Arkansas University, said.

"During the convention and expo, we can learn from one another how we can continue to grow leaders, strengthen

agriculture and build our communities."

During the opening session keynote speaker Diana Nyad spoke on the importance of never giving up on your dreams and staying focused no matter what life throws your way.

Nyad was the first person confirmed to have ever swam from Havana, Cuba to Key West, Florida without the aid of a shark tank.

The trip was a grueling 110-miles and took her 53 hours to complete. Nyad was 64 years-old when she reached her goal.

At the Indiana Convention Center, Alex explored the expo and expanded his knowledge by attending a variety of workshops.

Alex also participated in several educational and career success tours on the trip, including a tour of the Wood Mizer (portable sawmill) blade factory, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Purdue University Genetics Laboratory, Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, and an Amish community.

On the morning of Saturday, Oct. 22, the eighth general session was held in Lucas Oil Stadium where American FFA Degrees, the highest degree for an FFA member, were bestowed upon more than 3,000 members....

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....One hundred and forty seven FFA members from Nebraska received their American degrees at the Ceremony including Cassidy Curtis and Jocelyn Sukup of the Creighton FFA Chapter, Stephanie Sorensen of the Plainview FFA Chapter, and Kaitlyn Hanvey of the Verdigre FFA Chapter.

The 90th National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis on October 25-28, 2017.

## ***Band crowned first at WSC Band Days Parade***

WAYNE—The Osmond Tigers marching band finished its season with a solid performance in Wayne at Wayne State College's Band Days Parade on Saturday, October 8.

While the Tigers were one of two teams in their class (Sloan, IA), they finished strong.

"We received first in class with a huge improvement on our music scores from last week," Director Christalin Ginn noted.

"In fact we received full value on two of the four music categories from the judges. I am so proud of these students," Ginn said.

She also mentioned how it was a fun process to watch the individual members of the band bond together to form a team.

"They took ownership of what I threw at them this year," Ginn said. "Rather than letting it tear them down and apart, they grew together."

Along with their performance, the Tigers got to meet the director of the Westwood Community Schools' band. He is an alumnus of Wayne State.

Headed into their next marching season, the Tigers will be looking forward to adding a new look to their band.



(The OHS Marching Band in Grand Island at the Harvest of Harmony Parade)

## ***Tigers march in Harvest of Harmony Parade***

GRAND ISLAND—The Osmond High School Marching Band participated in the Harvest of Harmony Parade in downtown Grand Island on Saturday, October 1.

The Tigers earned fifth with a total of 86 points. They

earned a 32 in "Music," a 28 in "Marching," and a 26 in "General Effect".

Director Christalin Ginn said, "This performance was the best performance that the band has had this year."

The Tigers finished one place behind fourth place Alma. Heartland earned first place with 95 points.

Chambers (93) and Palmer (90) finished second place and third place respectively.

"I am extremely proud of (the band) and their hard work this season."



(The Tigers march proudly down the streets of Grand Island with Shyann Rohloff-Levos and Alex Heiman carrying the banner.)

## ***Osmond StuCo hosts National Walk-to-School Day***

The Osmond Elementary Student Council asked elementary students to get on their...

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...walking shoes on  
Wednesday, October 5.

Students from kindergarten through sixth grades participated in a National Walk-to-School Day event as they went outside and walked on and around the OCS playground in the afternoon from 2:45-3:15 P.M.

Many students walked around the playground, while some danced to a variety of songs.

The event was originally scheduled for the track surrounding the football field, but, due to the previous day's rain, it was moved to the playground.

Students enjoyed being outdoors in the beautiful afternoon weather.



(L-R: Kenley Friedrich, Catarina Miller, and Drake Kingham walk through the playground on Walk-to-School Day)

## *Tigers stung by Bees*

BY MR. BRUMMELS

The Osmond Tigers hosted the state-rated Bloomfield Bees for the Tigers Parents' Night festivities.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, they fell to the visiting Bees by a 60-30 score.

The Bees got on the scoreboard on their first drive with a seven-yard run off the left side of their offensive line. The conversion try was stopped.

The Tigers were unable to muster a scoring drive on their first possession and had to punt to the Bees.

The Tigers' defense rose to the occasion on the Bees' second possession and forced a punt which was 'shanked' giving the Tigers excellent field position.

Although the Tigers reached scoring position, the drive stalled, and Alexis Solorzano put the Tigers on the board with a 26-yard field goal. The first quarter ended with score 6-3.

The Bees scored on the first play of the second quarter on a one-yard plunge and added the conversion with a run.

The next two Tiger possessions saw the opportunistic Bloomfield defense take advantage of Tiger miscues.

The first, a fumble recovery, led to a short touchdown drive to extend their lead to 22-3 after the conversion run.

The second, an interception return for a touchdown, and subsequent two-point conversion pass saw the Bees take a commanding 30-3 lead

midway through the second quarter.

However, the Tigers fought back in the second half of the quarter, scoring twice.

The first came on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Brock Johnson to Bryan Manzer. Alexis added the PAT kick to close to 30-10.

Late in the second quarter, the Tiger defense held the Bees on a fourth down deep in the Bees' end of the field, and the offense made them pay as Brock Johnson hit Curtis Kralicek from 17 yards out with 37 seconds left in the half.

The Solorzano PAT kick closed the gap to 30-17 at the half.

The Tigers took the second half kickoff and drove quickly for a score. The drive started with a solid kick return that put the Tigers in business near the midfield stripe.

The drive was culminated with a 30-yard run by Brock Johnson. Although the Tigers missed the PAT, they had closed to 30-23.

The Tigers were quickly back in business after stopping the Bees on their next possession and, forcing a punt, the Tigers drove down to inside the Bees' 10-yard line. But were unable to punch it in and a field goal attempt was no good.

The Bees drove the length of the field on their next possession to go up...  
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...38-23, but the Tigers again fought back closing to 38-30 on their next drive with Brock scoring and Alexis adding the kick.

However, the fourth quarter was all Bloomfield as they tacked on three scores to close out the game 60-30.



(The Tigers' defense awaits the Bees coming to the line of scrimmage.)

## *Cardinals corner Tigers in regular season finale*

O'NEILL—The Osmond Tigers lost to the O'Neill St. Mary's Cardinals by a 30-28 score at O'Neill Thursday, October 20.

The Tigers started out strong scoring on their first two possessions to take an early 14-0 lead as they took the opening possession and put a scoring drive together that consisted of six plays and 50 yards.

The drive was finalized on a 21-yard pass play from Brock Johnson to Cole Moes. Alexis Solorzano added the conversion kick.

After stopping the Cardinals on their first drive

of the game and forcing a short punt, the Tigers' offense went back to work, this time scoring at the end of a 38-yard drive.

The score came on a one-yard plunge by Brock Johnson. Alexis again added the conversion kick.

Late in the first quarter, the Cardinals surmounted a drive but the defense stiffened forcing a turnover on downs at the Tigers' 20-yard line.

However, the Tigers gave the ball right back on a turnover on their first play of the drive, and the Cardinals capitalized by getting on the scoreboard. After adding the two-point conversion, the score closed to 14-8.

The second quarter saw the Tigers' offense stall out and the Cardinals took the lead late in the half. With the two-point conversion, they led 16-14 at the half.

The opening drive of the second half saw the Cardinals extend their halftime lead on a run by their quarterback and, with the conversion, they led 24-14.

The Tigers came back to score in the third quarter on a 6-yard pass from Brock to Cole and, with Alexis's extra point kick, they closed to 24-21.

After the defense got the offense back on the field, they scored on a seven-yard pass from Brock to Cole. With the PAT kick by Alexis, the Tigers retook the lead 28-24.

However, the Tiger defense was unable to hold the lead as the Cardinals came back and scored on a long run to take a 30-28 lead.

The Tigers stopped the conversion try. Late in the game, the Tigers drove from their own three-yard line to the Cardinals' 14 but were unable to finish the drive.



(Andrea Schmit (left) and Makenzie Johnson (Right) assist each other in blocking a Wausa attack.)

## *Tigers sweep Viking at home*

The Osmond Tigers secured their fourth win of the season with a 25-13, 25-19, 25-23 victory over Wausa on Parents' Night in Osmond on Tuesday, October 11.

Parents of the volleyball team and the cross country team were honored.

Jumping to a big first set lead was a key for the Tigers. They held on in the third set to make sure of the three-set win.

The Tigers pounded in...(CONTINUED...PG. 10)

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...thirteen ace serves and combined for 28 kills on the night. The Tigers had four girls with five or more kills.

Hannah Gutz (Sr., OH) had a team-high eight kills while Caitlin Kumm (Jr., S) had six kills. Hailey Johnson (Sr., MH) and Andrea Schmit (Jr., RS) each added five kills.

Kumm had six ace serves, and Emily Bolz (Jr., RS) had three aces. Hailey Johnson had two aces. Haven Schultze (So., DS) and Kennedy Johnson (Fr., MH) both added an ace.

Gutz had 10 digs while Mariah Stech (So., L) and Bolz each had five.



(Hailey Johnson leaps up to hit the volleyball past Wausa defenders)

## ***Lady Tigers take down Pirates in Pierce Co. Tourney***

RANDOLPH—The Osmond Lady Tigers volleyball team

defeated the Plainview Lady Pirates 25-16, 25-17 and fell to the Pierce Lady Blue Jays 11-25, 10-25 on Thursday Night (October 13) as part of the Pierce County Volleyball Tournament in Randolph.

The Tigers faced class C1 opponent Pierce in their first match. The Lady Blue Jays played with a frenetic pace, allowing the Tigers just six kills.

Most of their points came from the serving line (4) and from blocks (4).

Hailey Johnson (Sr., MH) had a team-high four kills and added a solo block. Haven Schultze (So., S) had two aces and a solo block.

Hannah Gutz (Sr., OH) added two solo blocks and three digs. Kennedy Johnson (Fr., MH) added a kill.

In the night cap, the Tigers took down the Lady Pirates to get their fifth match win of the season.

The Tigers imposed their will on the Pirates, scoring 19 kills, 11 ace serves and 11 solo blocks.

Five Lady Tigers had three kills or more in the two-set match. This started with Caitlin Kumm (Jr., S) punched in five kills. She also added three aces.

Makenzie Johnson (So., MH) pounded in four kills and also had a solo block. Her sister Hailey Johnson had a solid match with three kills, five blocks and two aces.

Gutz and junior Andrea Schmit (RS) each

added three kills. Gutz recorded a block and two aces, while Schmit had four blocks.

Kennedy Johnson added three aces.

## ***Lady Tigers fall to Bulldogs, take down Lady Bears***

CREIGHTON—The Osmond Lady Tigers entered the 2016 Lewis and Clark Conference Volleyball Tournament in Creighton looking to make some noise.

While they had a difficult time against host Creighton (7-25, 19-25), they knocked off Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (25-22, 27-22) to earn their sixth win of the season.

In their opening match against Creighton, the Tigers posted 14 kills. (Six girls had at least one kill).

This included a team-high four kills from Makenzie Johnson (So., MH). She also added two of her team's five solo blocks.

Hannah Gutz (Sr., OH) added three kills. Hailey Johnson (Sr., MH) and Andrea Schmit (Jr., RS) each had two kills and a solo block.

Emily Bolz (Jr., OH) added two kills and one of the team's ace serves. Gutz, Caitlin Kumm (Jr., S), and Haven Schultze (So., S) each had an ace....

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....Kumm had a kill, a block, and nine set assists to go along with her ace.

In the second match, the Tigers battled and won against the Lady Bears.

While the team only recorded 11 kills, they shot in eight aces, seven of which came from Kumm.

Kumm added three kills, five set-assists, five digs and a solo block. Hailey Johnson (Sr., MH) put down five L-C-C attacks with solo blocks.



(The Osmond Tigers Cross Country Team at Districts. L-R: Jared Bessmer, Ethan Pfanstiel, Alex Kumm, Aaron Chishiba, Kyle Swallow, and Paul Gubbels)

## ***Bessmer earns trip to State, cross country team gets sixth at districts***

NORFOLK—The Osmond cross country team traveled to Norfolk for the District D-2 meet held at Skyview Lake on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The weather was cool and breezy, perfect for running.

Eighty-six runners were lined up in the starting

boxes. The Tigers all got out well—especially Jared Bessmer who got in the top ten early.

He worked his way up to fourth place in the middle of the race before fifth place on the final turn.

He was out-leaned by two Norfolk Catholic runners and finished in seventh place qualifying him for next the state meet. His time was 18:04.96.

Aaron Chishiba finished in 34<sup>th</sup> place in a nice time of 20:02.65. Paul Gubbels finished in 39<sup>th</sup> place after passing two Stanton runners in the last 100 meters. His time was 20:27.57.

Ethan Pfanstiel came in at 44<sup>th</sup> place closing in on a runner from Winside. Ethan's time was 20:47.72, his second fastest time of the season.

Kyle Swallow finished in 21:46.56 for 62<sup>nd</sup> place and Alex Kumm placed 78<sup>th</sup> in a time of 24:34.33.

When the final scores were tallied, the Tigers had finished in sixth place—just two points from fifth in the fifteen-team field.

"The team and I were happy but not surprised at our team placing," noted Coach Ortmeier. "Everyone really ran tough and put out a strong effort. They should all be proud of each other."



(Jared Bessmer on his way to seventh place at districts)