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Osmond's FFA Week

The Osmond FFA Chapter had a big week from Monday, February 20 to Thursday, February 23. They celebrated FFA Week at Osmond High School.

This began on Monday with a member breakfast in the FCS Room. Several FFA members were present and enjoyed a good meal.

On Tuesday, FFA members took turns announcing agriculturally-related trivia questions to the high school.

Students were asked to email their responses to FFA Sponsor Mrs. Jessica Evans. The first person to email the correct answer was given a prize.



(TOP ROW (L-R): Mrs. Evans, Alex Alderson, Bryan Manzer, Cole Moes, Tyler vonRenzell, Nick Reikofski, Zach Huwaldt. BOTTOM ROW: Zach Alderson, Josh Gansebom, Madeline Huwaldt, Landon Stelling)

The week continued to get better for members; they took a group photo and then headed to West Pont for a soil convention.

Students were asked to wear agriculturally-related hats on Thursday. This ended up being the last activity of the week.

Students would have used Friday to drive their tractors to school; however, school was cancelled due to inclement weather.

FFA Week was held in accordance with the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Hughes Act (February 23, 1917), which was Congress's attempt to promote agriculture and paved the way for vocational education.

Because this is the Osmond FFA Chapter's inaugural year (after spending a year as part of the Randolph FFA), this was their first annual observance of FFA week.

The chapter includes fifteen members. There are three seniors: Bryan Manzer, Cole Moes, and Tyler vonRenzell.

Alex Alderson and Tristan Maertins are the chapter's only juniors.

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Reikofski is the group's only sophomore.

The freshmen in the chapter are Zach Alderson, Josh Gansebom, Madeline Huwaldt, and Landon Stelling.

Zach Huwaldt, Connor Gutz, Johnson Chishiba, Zach Boyle, and Blake Bahr are the group's eighth graders.

Of course, Mrs. Jessica Evans is the chapter's advisor and founder.

FBLA Week a success

BY MRS. MANZER

The Osmond Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) observed National Career and Technical Education Week from February 5-11.

Many different observations have taken place in chapters across the nation. "A Legacy of Leadership" in FBLA was the 2016-2017 theme.

Activities were planned for each individual day of the week.

The FBLA started with Monday's activities being a Logo Hunt where students searched for the FBLA logo in the high school classrooms.

Prizes were given to the winners. A guessing jar filled with candies was available for students to try to guess the number of candies and win the jar!

Tuesday's activities consisted of FBLA members wearing their FBLA T-shirts to show support for the organization.

At the end of the school day, ice cream treats were given to the FBLA members who wore their t-shirts.

On Wednesday, "Outrageous Tie Day" featured many members who wore interesting ties and won prizes.

Also FBLA members received popcorn because they are always "Popping With New Ideas"!

A "Dress for Success Day" was held on Thursday with students dressing as professionals. Prizes were awarded in various categories.



(Diane Kruse and Tyler vonRenzell dress for success.)

During the basketball game that evening, members held a cake raffle.

Later in the week, "Cupid's Cans" were delivered to high school students.

Friends sent friends cans of Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, and/or Orange Crush with clever sayings on them.

Money raised from this event will be used for a charitable cause.

Locker decorations with clever sayings on them relating to FBLA were added

to each member's locker throughout the week.

Trivia questions were asked each day of the week and prizes were given to winners

This year's membership includes seniors Blake Aschoff, Shelby Aschoff, Bailee Gillespie, Hannah Gutz, Brock Johnson, Preston Koehler, Kendyl Koehler, Diane Kruse, Bryan Manzer, Cole Moes, Tyler Reikofski, Brett Simmons, and Tyler vonRenzell.

The juniors are Alex Alderson, Colton Beacom, Emily Bolz, Makayla Boyle, Marina DeLaCruz, Drew Krienert, Alex Kumm, Caitlin Kumm, Tristan Maertins, Alex Palu, Ethan Pfanstiel, Andrea Schmit, Kelly Schuettler, Erin Schultz, Shelby Stelling, and Shaylee Vargas.

Sophomore members are Jared Bessmer, Adriona Buchanan, Brandi Gansebom, Anthony Heiman, Nick Reikofski, Shyann Rohloff-Levos, Mariah Stech, Haven Schultze, and Kayla Wingert.



(TOP ROW (L-R): Bryan Manzer, Diane Kruse, Tyler vonRenzell, Andrea Schmit, Josh Gansebom. BOTTOM ROW: Caitlin Kumm, Kayla Wingert, Mackenzie Vargas, Ashley Wingert, and Madeline Huwaldt.)

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The freshmen are Zach Alderson, Josh Gansebom, Madeline Huwaldt, Justus Maertins, Landon Stelling, Logan Stelling, Makenzie Vargas, and Ashley Wingert.

The FBLA Advisor is Beth Manzer.

FBLA is chartered in all 50 states and involves active members of over 10,000 students.

Members are provided the opportunity to learn, first-hand about the business community.

Every activity is designed to achieve one of the following goals: 1) Provide competent, aggressive business leadership, 2) Foster an understanding of the American Enterprise system, 3) Help students establish career goals, 4) Encourage scholarship, 5) Promote efficient financial management, and 6) Develop character and self-confidence.

State Leadership Conference will be held April 6-8 in Omaha. Members attending will include Bryan Manzer, Diane Kruse, Tyler vonRantzell, Shelby Aschoff, Andrea Schmit, and Anthony Heiman.



(BELOW-LEFT—FRONT ROW (L-R): Caitlin Kumm, Emily Bolz, Ashley Wingert, Alex Brestel; BOTTOM ROW: Tyler vonRantzell)

Students tour local businesses

Osmond High School students took their bi-annual tour of local businesses on Wednesday, February 22.

Students visited ten area businesses during seventh and eighth periods of their regular class schedule.

Aschoff Construction was the destination for Mr. Todd Schulze's group of students.

Mrs. Janet Brown's group was supposed to go Ashburn Funeral Homes, but they were busy. They visited the Osmond Pharmacy instead. Mrs. Beth Manzer's group went there as well.

Helena Chemical Company opened their doors to Mr. Joe Ortmeier and Mr. Jeffrey Hrabik's students.

Manzer Equipment welcomed Mr. Larry McKenna's students, while the Mini-Mart had Mr. Rod Brummels's class.

Mr. Scott Morrison's group went to Petersen Ag. Systems. Security Bank took in Mrs. Kerri Conn and Mrs. Sarah Morfeld's group.

Tiger Town Food Center worked with Mrs. Christalin Ginn.

One of the most valuable aspects of this activity was the way these business owners and their

staffs explained the in's and out's of their businesses.

Thanks to all area businesses for opening their doors to students.

Geography class hosts "Cultural Food Day"

BY MRS. BROWN

The ninth-grade geography class studied the physical and cultural geography of Latin America.

The students spent the week of February 13 researching the culture of this region that includes Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean Islands.



(L-R: Grace Brockemeier, Nicholas Beacom, Keaton Timmerman, Alexis Solorzano, Aaron Chishiba are ready to dine on cultural foods.)

On Friday, February 17 students brought a food representing foods from Latin America and enjoyed good food and conversation during class as a "Cultural Food Day".

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The students brought homemade tortillas, seasoned beef, taco toppings, Tres Leche Cake, Flan, Jamba Juice Caribbean Passion Smoothie, homemade guacamole, churros, spanish rice, matzoh cups, and Aqua de Jamaica.

All students helped with preparation of the day and enjoyed their meal.



((L-R): Madeline Huwaldt, Josh Gansebom, Zach Alderson, Logan Stelling all enjoy their meal from Cultural Food Day.)

Tiger speakers battle at Wausa, Crofton meets

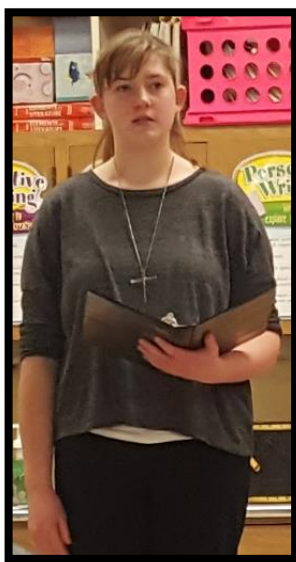
The Osmond Tigers speech team had a couple busy weekends in February.

They went to the Wausa Invitational Speech Meet at Wausa High School on Saturday, February 11 and to the Crofton Invitational Speech Meet on Saturday, February 18.

Aleia Kumm (Jr.), Leslie Jensen (Jr.), and Jessica Jensen (Jr.) all attended the Wausa meet.

Kumm competed in Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose, while the Jensen sisters acted out their duet.

Kumm finished fifth in both of her rounds.



(Aleia Kumm performs "War" for Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose)

Jessica and Leslie finished third in the second round of their event.



(Leslie Jensen (left) and sister Jessica Jensen (right) perform their duet at the Wausa Invitational Speech Meet.)

A week later, the Tigers went to the Crofton meet. Kumm, Jessica Jensen, Leslie Jensen, and Anthony Heiman (So.) participated.

Heiman had a nice day in Extemporaneous Speaking. He qualified for Finals and placed sixth overall.

His topics included "Did third party candidates effect Hilary Clinton's loss in the election?" and "What

effect did the Philippine's President's cutting ties with China have on the world?".

OCS Speech Advisor Christalin Ginn noted that, "Aleia and the Jensens each improved from their first round to their second."

She noted that "Their goal for Conference Speech is to start with a Superior rating in their first round."

The four speakers will travel to Plainview for the Lewis and Clark Conference Speech Meet that will take place Monday, March 6 at Plainview High School.



(Anthony Heiman poses with his sixth-place medal at the Crofton Invitational Speech Meet.)

Tiger boys end season 16-6

BY MR. SCHULZE
LAUREL — The Osmond boys basketball team ended their season Tuesday, February 21 with a tough loss against...

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...Randolph (45-42) in the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge gym.

Both teams played great defense throughout the game, making each other convert difficult shots on the offensive end.

The Tigers led by five points at the end of the first quarter and were about to go into halftime with the lead until Randolph's Merrix Denn knocked down a three-pointer moments before the buzzer sounded to give the Cardinals the 28-27 halftime lead.

"I was comfortable with how we played in the first half, forcing the tempo, and getting good looks in transition as well as in our half-court offense," Tigers Head Coach Todd Schulze said.

The second half was played at a much slower pace, with each team scoring only seven points in the third quarter, capped at the buzzer by another Denn 3-pointer.

The two teams went back and forth in the fourth quarter with each team having to grind out offensive possessions.

Down 45-42 with :08 left in the game, the Tigers attempted an out-of-bounds play to get a shot to tie the game; the Tigers did get a shot, but it missed the mark.

"For me this season-ending loss stung more than they have in the past. Calling that timeout with :08 left on the clock, and watching Alex Kumm bury the game-tying three-point shot shortly after the official blew his whistle was tough for me and our team to handle," Schulze said.

The season certainly didn't end the way the Tigers would have hoped, but it is still one they can be proud of.

Osmond basketball program says goodbye to seniors Blake Aschoff, Brock Johnson, Bryan Manzer, Cole Moes, Brett Simmons, Kyle Swallow, Tucker Timmerman, and Tyler vonRentzell.

"The last four years with these guys have been an absolute blast. I thank those guys for all the positive contributions they have made to our school and basketball program over the last four years," Schulze added.



(Senior Brock Johnson takes a shot against Wausa as the Tigers defeated the Vikings.)

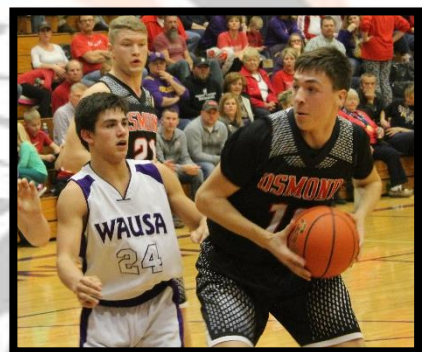
Tigers topple Cats, Vikings, Bears

BY COACH SCHULZE

The boys basketball team played on three consecutive nights February 9, 10, and 11.

This started with a 51-23 victory over Winside on Thursday. Friday, the Tigers traveled to Wausa and dismantled the Vikings 71-32.

Finally, on Saturday the Tigers hit the road again and played a rescheduled game against Laurel-Concord-Coleridge. Osmond escaped with a win, 60-55.



(Cole Moes protects the ball and looks to attack the hoop against Wausa.)

"It was a great week for our guys. We knew playing on three consecutive days would be a challenge for us, especially since the final of the three contests would be the most challenging," Tigers Head Coach Todd Schulze said.

Osmond's defense played a huge impact in all three contests, holding each...

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...of their opponents below their season scoring average.

"Our defense was much improved," Schulze said. "Ponca exposed a few of our deficiencies on defense, and our team made it an emphasis to improve in that aspect of the game last week in practice."

Schulze also mentioned how, "It was rewarding to watch us perform just as we had practiced defensively."



(ABOVE: Tucker Timmerman looks for his brother Keaton to pop open. BELOW: Brett Simmons catapults a quick shot against Wausa defenders.)



Gubbels competes at State Wrestling

BY MR. McKENNA

OMAHA—Paul Gubbels competed at the State Wrestling Meet held in...

...Omaha on Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 16-18.

Paul qualified for the state meet by placing in the top four at the district meet the week before.

Paul, wrestling in the Class D 138 lb Bracket, finished the tournament with one win and two losses.

"I thought that Paul wrestled well at the state meet. We knew coming in that he would have a tough first round match but that he had a good chance of coming back through the consolation rounds," Tigers Head Coach Larry McKenna said.

Paul lost to Brett Riggs (North Platte St. Patrick's) in the first round of action but came back and picked up a pin over Michael Stackpole (Weeping Water) in the first round of consolation action.

"Paul had a good match in the first round of consolations but then lost a tough match in his next match to be eliminated," McKenna said.

Paul lost his next match to Derek Wortman (Creighton) and was eliminated from the tournament.

"Paul's last match was against a quality (wrestler) that (he) had beaten earlier in the year but (the match) just didn't go our way this time," McKenna said.

Paul had a great season and finished with a record of 25-13.

Gubbels qualifies for second consecutive State Meet

BY MR. McKENNA

CREIGHTON—The Osmond wrestling team competed at the district meet on Friday and Saturday, February 11-12.

The Tigers scored eleven points and finished in seventeenth place.

Plainview was the team champion, followed by Creighton and Southwest.

Paul Gubbels, wrestling at 138 lbs, finished in fourth place and qualified for the state tournament.

Paul started off the tournament with a pin over Teran Sharman (Palmer) in the first round.

In the championship quarterfinals Paul won a thrilling come from behind 7-6 decision over Derek Wortman of Creighton to make it to the semi-finals.

"Paul had a big quarterfinals match in which he fell behind early but came back to score six points in the final minute of action to pull out an important 7-6 decision," Tigers Head Coach Larry McKenna said.

In the semi-final round Paul lost by pin to three-time state champion Christian Miller of Plainview.

Paul then came back to...

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...win his next match with a close 4-2 win over James Polen (North Central) to make it into the medal rounds.

In the third and fourth place match, Paul forfeited to Derek Wortman (Creighton) to finish in fourth place and qualify for state.

"Paul had a great tournament," McKenna said. "We knew coming in that he would have to wrestle well to place in the top four and qualify for state."



(Tigers freshman Alex Brown fights for a rebound with Kelly Schuettler in the background.)

Cardinals outlast Tigers in Sub- District Play

LAUREL—The Osmond Tigers played one their best games of the year on Tuesday, February 14 in their D1-5 Sub-District Opening Round game against the Randolph Cardinals in Laurel.

The Tigers held a 13-12 lead just before half-time, and,

despite allowing the Cardinals to climb to an 11-point lead at one point, they had cut the lead to four points near the game's end.

"The girls gave a supreme effort and fought to the very end," Tigers' Head Coach Michael Brown said.

The Cardinals ended up winning the game 45-37 to advance to the D1-5 Sub-District Finals against Bloomfield.

Ultimately the game came down to the Cardinals' solid free-throw shooting (21-for-30, 70%) and early missed shots by the Tigers.



(The Tigers huddle during a timeout against Randolph.)

The Tigers finished the night 14-for-57 (25%) shooting, including four three-pointers.

The Tigers didn't really get their offense going until the second quarter.

Down 6-2 after the first quarter, the Tigers rebounded in the second quarter with 11 points.

However, the third quarter was not kind to them as Randolph outscored them... 15-7 to take a 29-20 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Tigers outscored the Cardinals 17-16 in the fourth quarter, including the run that got them within four points of the lead.

Osmond's twenty-four fouls were a big factor in the game. While it's granted that they needed to foul in the game's waning minutes to stop the clock, the Tigers third quarter fouling was costly.

There were at least two specific situations where a Randolph post was fouled in the act of shooting and making a basket.

Comparatively speaking, the Tigers did a decent job of taking care of the ball.

They had 19 turnovers, though much of the game they felt full-court pressure. (Randolph had 19 as well.)

The Tigers held a 32-28 rebounding advantage, which included 13 offensive rebounds.

Offensively, the Tigers had seven scorers. Leading the way was junior Andrea Schmit with thirteen points.

She hit both three-pointers she attempted. She also added a team-high nine rebounds.

Makenzie Johnson (So., F) notched six points on just six shots. She added four rebounds and a block.

Alex Brestel (Fr., G)...

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...had an efficient night off the bench. She scored five points on five shots, including a big three-pointer late in the game.

Despite being her team's main source of offensive production throughout the year, Caitlin Kumm (Sr., G) had just five points. However, Kumm's value was irreplaceable in other areas.

She proved vital in dribbling through the Cardinals' pressure and in distributing the ball to her teammates (three assists).

Kumm also had five rebounds and three steals.

Kelly Schuettler (Jr., F) had one of her best games of the season.

She scored four points, but was valuable in her rebounding and presence in the paint. (She scored two points off a big offensive rebound.)

Mariah Stech (So., G) and Emily Bolz (So., G) each scored two points.

Seniors Shelby Aschoff (Sr., F) and Kendyl Koehler (Sr., F) both contributed in their final game as Tigers.

Bailee Gillespie (Sr., G) did not play due to a recurring knee injury.

Shelby Stelling (Jr., F) spelled forwards throughout the night; she came in the game late to foul.

The Tigers season came to a close at 5-15. Their

five wins came against Plainview, Creighton, Allen, Neligh-Oakdale, and Winside.

They got off to their best start (3-4) in four seasons, but had a difficult time in the second semester (2-11).



(Caitlin Kumm maneuvers to the hoop against Wausau.)

"This team might not have had the most wins the last few years, but the progress they've made as basketball player and, more importantly, as young ladies of character will last them a lifetime," Brown added.

While the Tigers shot slightly better than their opponents at the free-throw line, they allowed their opponents to shoot nearly 200 more free-throws than they got to shoot.

(They had 427 total fouls compared to their opponents' 313 fouls.)

Their opponents ultimately outscored them by 85 points at the line (Osmond 198-372 53%, Opponents 282-548 52%).

The Tigers' opponents scored fourteen points per game off free-throws, which is tough to swallow considering Osmond was outscored by

opponents by an average of six points per game (45 points against per game vs. 39 points scored per game)

Kumm was the team's best free-throw shooter (63-96, 66%).

She averaged over three points per game from the free-throw line. (Overall, she scored 12.2 points per game.)

Andrea Schmit was 44-for-82 from the line (54%). Percentage-wise, Koehler was the team's best free-throw shooter (13-for-18, 72%).

Although poor shooting seemed to be a thorn in the Tigers' side throughout the year, their opponents were only able to score eighteen more baskets than them over the course of the season (Osmond 266-1,103 24%, Opponents 284-892 32%).

Johnson was the team's most efficient shooter. She was 35-for-119 (30%) from the field. While she didn't take many shot per game, Emily Bolz hit 30% of her shots.

Turnovers were a bit of a hindrance for the Tigers who had 402 compared to their opponents' 377.

The bright spot for the Tigers was rebounding. They out-rebounded their opponents by nearly 100 rebounds (Osmond 709, opponents 611).

Schmit (136) and...

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...Schuettler (126) were the team's better rebounders. The Tigers did have four girls who averaged over five rebounds per game.

Kumm had 67 steals; No other Tiger had more than 26 (Johnson).

The Tigers say "good-bye" to Aschoff, Gillespie, and Koehler; thanks to you for all of your hard work!

"I was so proud of our girls this year..." Brown finished.



(L-R: Zach Alderson, Madeline Huwaldt, Landon Stelling, and Josh Gansebom earned a trip to State Livestock Judging.)

Four FFA members qualify for State Livestock Judging

NORFOLK—On Tuesday, January 31st, 2017 five Osmond FFA members traveled to the Northeast Community College Agriculture Complex to compete in the District 4 Livestock Judging Contest.

Students were asked to judge eight different classes of livestock, including breeding ewes, breeding heifers, market lambs, market

steers, two classes of market hogs, cull/keep gilts, and cull/keep heifers.

They also completed a test based on various livestock knowledge and practiced their speaking skills by giving oral reasons.

Competing in the junior division and qualifying for the state competition in April were freshmen Zach Alderson, Landon Stelling, Madeline Huwaldt, and Josh Gansebom.



(Zach Alderson looks at the camera during part of his livestock judging responsibilities.)

Individually, Zach Alderson placed seventh out of 77 competitors and received a blue ribbon, while Landon and Madeline each earned red ribbons placing seventeenth and eighteenth respectively.

In the senior division, Alex Alderson competed well, placing ninth out of 66 competitors also earning a blue ribbon.

The state competition will be held on Friday, April 7 in Lincoln on University of

Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

FFA members attend a soil convention

WEST POINT—Several members of the Osmond FFA Chapter attended a soil convention in West Point hosted by Hefty Seeds.

The members in attendance were Bryan Manzer (Sr.), Cole Moes (Sr.), Tyler vonRentzell (Sr.), Alex Alderson (Jr.), Tristan Maertins (Jr.), Nick Reikofski (So.), Zach Alderson (Fr.), Josh Gansebom (Fr.), Madeline Huwaldt (Fr.), and Landon Stelling (Fr.).

The convention included two sessions. Session one informed students on reading soil tests, understanding soil pH levels, and knowing what fertilizers to add to a variety of soils.

During the second session students learned about types and application of fertilizers. They also were informed on different methods of cultivation and plowing.



(Josh Gansebom judges an animal.)



(ABOVE: The freshmen in geography line up for "Cultural Foods Day". BELOW (L-R): Grace Brockemeier, Mary Kahny, Hannah Ferry, Alex Brestel enjoy their food.)



(ABOVE: Mariah Stech holds the candy jar during FBLA Week. BELOW: Senior FBLA members dress for success.)



(ABOVE: Keaton Timmerman drives through into the lane. BELOW: Kyle Swallow eyes the hoop against Wausa.)



(Above: Anthony Heiman gets his medal at the Crofton meet. Below: The OHS Speech Team (L-R)—Anthony Heiman, Jessica Jensen, and Leslie Jensen.)



(ABOVE: Makenzie Johnson dribbles up-court. BELOW: Kelly Schuettler looks for an outlet.)



ABOVE: Aaron Chishiba goes 'behind the back' in the junior varsity game versus Wausa. BELOW: Drew Krienert skies to get the ball over a Wausa defender.)



(FBLA members (L-R) Bryan Manzer, Anthony Heiman, Brandi Ganseboom, and Shyann Rohloff-Levos wear their "outrageous" ties.)

