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## Osmond Bowlers are District Runner-Ups

BY MR. HAMM

On Tuesday, November 28, the Osmond Unified Bowling team competed in the District 6 championships held at King's Lanes in Norfolk.

After some very impressive bowling, the Tigers came away with the runner-up plaque.

The team consisting of Madison Aschoff, Mackenzie Schmidt, Ashley Wingert, Kayla Wingert, and Dylan Schmit improved on the team's previous best score by 110 pins.

The Tigers managed to record the two highest games of the day scored by any team; however, some inconsistency in scoring hurt their overall score.

West Point-Beemer bowled very consistently throughout the day and managed to post a total pin count of 749 compared to Osmond's 713.

Other team scores were Norfolk – 667, Wayne – 661, South Sioux City – 621, and Bancroft-Rosalie – 574.

The Tigers saved their best for last. With only one game remaining they were in fourth place trailing WP-Beemer, South Sioux City, and Norfolk.

Maddie and Ashley both led off with strikes, and the team never looked back, beating every other team by at least forty-two pins in the final game!

For the day Maddie had four strikes and three spares; Ashley tallied four strikes and four spares; Dylan recorded two strikes and five spares; Kenzie had two and Kayla had one strike. Everyone contributed to the success of the team.

This concludes the second season of bowling for the Osmond team.

In the past year the bowlers have improved dramatically.

Some of the improvement can be attributed to Mainstreet Alley and Dennis Kuhl.

The bowling alley allowed the team to practice for free and provided balls and shoes for the competitions as well as practice.

Dennis Kuhl opened up the bowling alley for every practice and stayed to help the students with their bowling.



(L-R: Maddie Aschoff, Kayla Wingert, Mackenzie Schmit, Dylan Schmit, Ashley Wingert)

## Kumm attends All-State Honor Band

BY DIANDRA POLT

Osmond High School student Aleia Kumm was selected to play in the 2017 NMEA All-State Band in Lincoln, NE.

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On Thursday, November 16, Aleia headed to Lincoln to begin rehearsing in preparation for the concert band's performance on Saturday.

Aleia was joined by 159 other students. She and the others rehearsed for a total of thirteen hours.

The concert band was directed by Dr. Erica Neidlinger from DePaul University in Chicago. In addition to the concert band, students were selected to play in an orchestra, choir, and jazz band.

To be inducted into the band, Aleia had to go through a rigorous audition process.

Hundreds of...

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...high school students from schools of all sizes across the state of Nebraska submitted recordings of various scales, etudes, and excerpts to sorted through by a board a judges.

For their final concert on Saturday, Aleia and the band performed four songs, which included *Gandalf* by DeMeij, *A Fraternal Prelude* by Gary Powell Nash, *Peterloo* by Arnold/Sayre, and *Carnival* by Giroux.

Of these four, Aleia's favorite was *Carnival*.

When asked about her experience, Aleia said, "Band is lit, but honor bands are more lit. So everyone should audition!"

Over the weekend of November 25-26, Kumm will be in Florida participating in a national band. Congratulations Aleia!



(Aleia Kumm poses as part of her All-State performance.)

## ***Tiger quiz bowlers compete at Conference***

BY MARY KAHNY AND BRIANNA RUIZ

The Osmond Tigers quiz bowl teams excelled at the 2017 Lewis

and Clark Conference Quiz Bowl Competition Wednesday, November 8 at Wayne State College.

The Tigers Junior Division team won the Conference Championship for the second consecutive year.

Members on this year's team included Zach Alderson (So.), Diandra Polt (So.), Alex Heiman (Fr.), Austin Vinson (Fr.), and Connor vonRenzell (Fr.).

They lost their first match, but won eight in a row to claim the championship.

In the Senior Division the Osmond group was led by a crew made entirely from juniors: Brandi Gansebom, Anthony Heiman, Nick Reikofski, Dylan Schmit, and Haven Schultze.

This group had a strong start, winning their first two matches; however, they were defeated in the final two.



(L-R: Connor vonRenzell, Austin Vinson, Zach Alderson, Alex Heiman, and Diandra Polt)

## ***Osmond Veterans Honored at Osmond Community School***

Osmond Community School hosted a beautiful Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 10 in the OCS gymnasium.

Everybody at the school pitched in a little bit to help make the ceremony run smoothly.

The ceremony began with a procession from the veterans and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Master of Ceremonies Kurt Polt (OCS Principal) handed the mic to Reverend Rodgers Chishiba who offered an opening benediction.

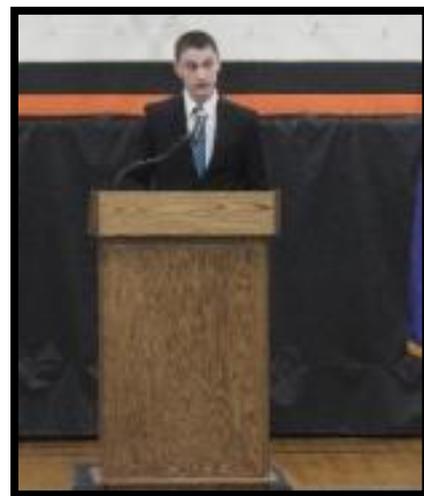
Nick Reikofski, a junior at OCS, delivered his Voice of Democracy speech themed on history repeating itself and America preparing wisely to avoid repeating past mistakes.

After the speech guest speaker Sergeant-Major Tom Nelson (US Army, Retired) addressed the crowd.

He interacted with the students and stuck around to talk with veterans during the meal.

The Osmond Tigers Concert Band and the choir honored the veterans by showcasing their musical skills.

Veterans and auxiliary members enjoyed a meal made by the OCS kitchen staff and served by high school students.



(Nick Reikofski delivering his Voice of Democracy speech)

## ***Lady Tigers Named to All-Lewis and Clark List***

Several Osmond Tiger volleyball players were named to the...

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...Lewis and Clark All-Conference volleyball list for the West Division for their performance throughout the volleyball season.

Andrea Schmit (Sr., MH) and Caitlin Kumm (Sr., S) were recognized as All-Conference players and Makenzie Johnson (Jr., MH) was recognized for Honorable Mention.

This is Kumm's third consecutive year being named to the All-Conference volleyball list.

Kumm finished the season with 284 set assists, 133 kills, and 133 digs.

Schmit finished the season with 122 kills, twenty-two solo blocks, and forty-nine digs.

Johnson finished the season with ninety-five kills, eighteen solo blocks, and fifty-four digs.

The other eight girls selected to the All-Conference team were Sydney Walton (Creighton), Kylie Mosel (Plainview), Michelle Wachter (Bloomfield), Kirsten Adams (Creighton), Paige Nissen (Wausa), Ashtyn Fritz (Creighton), Carlee Thies (Randolph), and Emma Bermel (Randolph).

Honorable Mention selections were Andrea Haase (Plainview), Alli Barney (Wausa), McKinna Faulkenberry (Randolph), Jordyn Anderson (Plainview), Carissa Wacker (Plainview), and Elizabeth Johnson (Wausa).



(L-R: Andrea Schmit, Caitlin Kumm, and Makenzie Johnson)

## Conference One-Act

BY MARY KAHNY, DIANDRA POLT, AND BRIANNA RUIZ

The Osmond Drama Club travelled to Plainview on Tuesday, November 14 to compete in the Lewis and Clark Conference One-Act competition.

After working on their play for many weeks, the team was able to put together a performance of their version of "Frankenstein, Together Again".

The play includes a family of Frankensteins, some tacky tourists, a werewolf, and a monster, and it takes place at a dude ranch in Transylvania.

Two out of the three judges gave Osmond a ninth place ranking; however, the team was ten seconds over the time limit so they were dropped to tenth.

Austin Vinson, a freshman who plays the leading male role in the play of Chandler Page, received a superior acting award from the judges.

On Thursday, November 16, the Drama Club performed their One Act for parents and other community members in the Osmond lunch room.

With admission, which was twelve dollars, each person received a meal of spaghetti and garlic bread.

Proceeds from the event, which totaled over 250 dollars, will go to help pay for costumes and the set.

The team would like to thank everyone who came to support them.

Osmond's next performance was on Wednesday, November 22 for the 7-12 student body. The also competed in districts and received seventh place.



L-R: Austin Vinson, Jessica Jensen, Kelly Schuettler, and Diandra Polt

## Local businesses come to school

Osmond High School students took a step towards being career ready on Wednesday, November 8.

Representatives from five local businesses came to the school to discuss career paths and showcase their professions.

The first was realtor Jim Schmit (Electronic Reality Association Real Estate) who talked with seniors about his employment past and encouraged them start early and plan ahead for their lives.

Mayor James Bessmer discussed his business Tiger Town with several groups. These included Mr. Schmit, Mrs. Morfeld, and Mr. Schulze's group of students.

Aaron Gutz, branch president of Security Bank in Osmond, discussed financial matters with Mr. Ortmeier, Mr. Neitzel, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. Morrison's students.

Dr. Lynn Guthmiller from Creighton Veterinary Clinic discussed her field with Mrs. Ginn and Ms. Johnson's students.

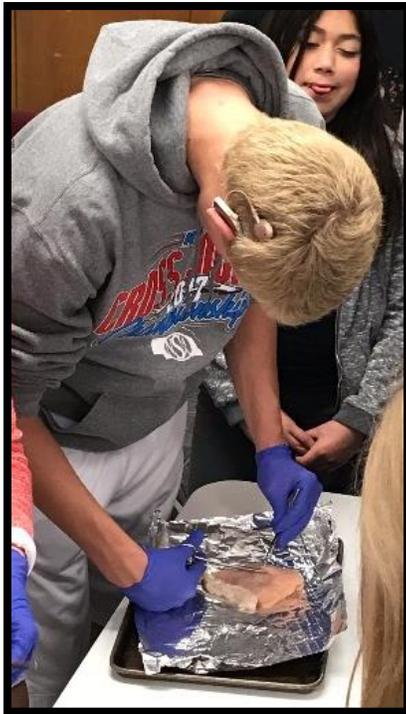
Angela Chambers, who works as a physician's assistant in Osmond and Bloomfield, had students from...

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...Mr. Thies, Mrs. Conn, and Mrs. Evans’s classes dissecting chicken meat as part of a demonstration for the medical field.

Overall, students had the opportunity to soak in knowledge about the professions existing in the area.



(Jared Bessmer cuts open some chicken meat during a demonstration by a local business.)

### *Third graders reflect on Blessings*

As Thanksgiving Day approached Mrs. Schultze’s third grade class reflected on what they are thankful for:

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my cat Simon. I really like Simon because he chases me. I am thankful for my mom and dad. They always kiss and hug me good night. (Sometimes Dad

doesn’t kiss me.) I am also thankful for God. I am thankful for God because he always helps me get through things that are tough. I am thankful for Grandma and Grandpa Pfanstiel. I really like them because for my birthday they buy me really cool things. (So, I can brag to my brother about them.) I really enjoy having everyone and everything around. I am really thankful for these things. -- Addi von Rentzell

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my nieces. They keep me company. I am thankful for my sisters. They play with me and they are nice. I am thankful for my dog, Cash. He plays with me. These are some of the things I am thankful for. –Deanna Kumm

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family. They keep me company. I am thankful for my cousins. They play with me. I am thankful for my teacher. She helps me learn. These are things I am thankful for. –Addison Miller

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family. They make me feel better when I’m sick, and they cook food for me. I am also thankful for my dog. He makes me happy when I’m sad. I am thankful for God and Jesus. I can talk to them any time and they are always with me. I am also thankful for Earth. It is the land I live on, and it provides food and water. These are

things I am thankful for. –Ava Severson

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my dog. We play outside together. I am thankful for my mom. She helps me. I am thankful for my dad. He shows me how to do lots of things. I am thankful for my brother. He plays with me when I’m bored. These are things I’m thankful for. – Brooke

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my mom. She cooks me food, and she takes care of me. I am thankful for my house. It keeps me warm and safe. I am thankful for my friends. They are nice to me and play with me. I am thankful for my school. The school helps me learn. I am thankful for my dog. It is fun to play with and has soft fur. These are the things I am thankful for. –Vayden Wattier

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for Lucy. She always makes me happy. I am thankful for my family. Whenever I am sad they make me happy. I am thankful for my cats. They always lay right beside me. I am thankful for Henry. He always plays hide-and-go-seek with me. I am thankful for Mrs. Schultze. She always teaches me something different and new. I am thankful for Sophie. She always plays with me. I am thankful for...

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...reading. It always gives me something to do in bed. These are things I am thankful for. – Klaire Johnson

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my dad. He does dishes. He does laundry. I am thankful my mom. She helps clean the house with me. I am thankful for my dog. I feed my dog. I wash her off in the bathtub. I am thankful for my stepmom. I help her wash dishes. I help her clean the living room. These are things I am thankful for. –Jaelynn Mendoza

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my guinea pigs. They give me company and play with me. I am thankful for my family. They protect me and always help me when I fall or get hurt. I am thankful for my school. I go there every day to learn and get smarter. I am thankful for my friends. They play with me at the park, and I can have sleepovers with them. These are some things I am thankful for. –Koopert Gubbels

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my baby brother. He plays with my baby toys. I am thankful for my sisters. They play with me. I am thankful for my mom. She cooks for me. I am thankful for my dad. He helps me clean my room. This is what I am thankful for. –Jr. Herrera

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family.

They are very nice to me. I am thankful for my dogs. They play with me. I am thankful for my cats. They will let me pet them, and they will nap on me. I am thankful for my teacher. She helps me do things I don't know what to do. I am thankful for my grandma and grandpas. They are very kind. These are some things I am thankful for. –Alexa Aschoff

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family. They help me with homework and decisions. I am thankful for my dog, Maxy. He is so cute and fluffy. I am thankful for my guinea pig, Owen. He is cute, and he makes me feel better. I am thankful for my cats. They are so cute and funny, and cheer me up. I am thankful for my sisters. They are funny and play games with me. I am really thankful for these things. –John Broekemeier



(L-R: Anthony Heiman, Colton Beacom, Nick Reikofski, Drew Kreinert, and Alexis Solorzano)

### *Football standouts recognized for outstanding performances*

Hard work before and during the 2017 football season paid off for five Osmond Tigers student-athletes who were

slated as All-District D2-5 performers.

Colton Beacom (Sr., B/OLB), Drew Krienert (Sr., E/DE), Anthony Heiman (Jr., B/OLB), Nick Reikofski (Jr., OL/LB), and Alexis Solorzano (So., OL/LB) were named to the list.

Beacom, Krienert, Heiman, and Reikofski were all first-team performers while Solorzano was recognized as Honorable Mention.

The team benefited heavily from a strong senior season by Colton Beacom, who was an anchor defensively and provided substantial offensive production.

He had 102 tackle points and an interception. The interception came at a timely situation against Howells-Dodge.

Beacom ran for a team-high 631 yards on 134 attempts. He scored fifty-two of the teams 130 points including six touchdowns and five extra points.

In district competition, Beacom has great games against Stuart, Elkhorn Valley, and St. Mary's.

Against Stuart he had fourteen tackle points and a deflection. He ran for 119 yards and a touchdown on twenty-two carries.

In the a weather-shortened Elkhorn Valley game, Beacom ran for sixty yards on seven attempts including...

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... two touchdowns and two extra points.

In the regular season finale against St. Mary's, Colton had eighteen tackle points (including a tackle for a loss) and two pass deflections.

He ran for 187 yards, had four touchdowns, and ran for two extra points in the game.

"Colton was an extremely valuable piece to the puzzle for this year's team," Tigers Coach Scott Morrison said. "He could be counted on consistently to do his job and fun doing it!"

His classmate Drew Krienert had great senior season. Krienert emerged as a leader on and off the field.

He stepped up and played well as a both an offensive and defensive end.

Krienert ranked third on the team with 114 tackles. He led the team in both tackle-for-loss (7), sacks (6.5), and fumble recoveries (2).

He also had an interception and was an expert in sniffing out screens.

One of his biggest plays of the year came against St. Mary's on a fourth down where the Cardinals attempted a screen and Krienert was there to make a great tackle.

He posted nineteen tackle points and five tackles-for-loss in the game.

The Stuart game was also a good one for Drew. He had twenty-two tackle points and three sacks in the contest.

"Drew had a great season," Morrison said. "He was a great leader for our team and performed at a high level when we needed him the most."

Anthony Heiman proved to be a great player on the field and a great leader as well.

He excelled as a back offensively, an inside and outside linebacker defensively, and a returner on special teams.

Heiman earned 146 tackles points (Team 2<sup>nd</sup>), picked off two passes, and recovered a fumble.

Offensively he scored a team-high seventy-two points. He ran for 601 yards on 102 carries (5.9 yards per carry).

He also caught seven passes for seventy yards.

Throughout district play, Anthony excelled in all phases of the game.

Against North Central he ran for eighty-nine yards on seven carries while catching a long pass to nearly set up a score.

Against Stuart, Heiman had a timely interception, ran a punt back for a touchdown, and scored three rushing touchdowns.

He had a fumble recovery and ran for 116 yards against Elkhorn Valley.

Heiman's performance was excellent in the St. Mary's game. He had an interception return for a touchdown, and he ran for 147 yards and a touchdown.

"Anthony proved extremely versatile throughout

the season," Morrison said. "He played well everywhere we asked him to play. On top of it, he encouraged everyone at moments when things were difficult or seemed dismal."

Nick Reikofski had a great season as he proved to be one of the most un-selfish players on the Tigers squad.

He sacrificed personal glory by giving up a chance to touch the ball every play and to gain personal statistics by agreeing to move from running back to offensive line.

His actions clearly helped the team as provided size and strength on the offensive line that paved the way for his teammates to gain yardage and score points.

"While Nick's offensive contribution to the team doesn't shine through with individual statistics, his contribution is clearly palatable through team totals: yards, points, etc..." Morrison said.

Defensively, Nick not only led the team in tackles (155 points), he remained one of the tigers most durable players.

He typically had to take on the opponents' best blockers nearly every play.

Reikofski was a leader on the field and improved steadily as an inside backer throughout the season.

Nick also had a great game against St. Mary's where he posted twenty-six tackle points (two for a loss).

He had an exceptional blitz early in the game, going...

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...untouched through the line and ranging all the way to the sideline to tackle the ball-carrier behind the line.

Against other district opponents, Nick's ability to find the ball-carrier helped the team tremendously.

He had twenty-one tackle points against North Central and nineteen against Stuart.

Perhaps Nick's most unsung performances came on special teams, kickoff team in particular. He picked up several tackles throughout the year by getting down the field quickly and by being physical.

Alexis Solorzano earned Honorable Mention. He may not be the most flashy player, but is one that every successful team needs: selfless, physical, and relentless.

He played much of the year defensively at nose guard, but found a home as an inside linebacker as the season progressed.

Alexis didn't make every tackle, but he also seemed to be in the pile or just arriving to the pile as the ball-carrier was brought down.

He finished the season with 101 tackle points, leading the team with assisted-tackle points (33).

"Alexis is always around the ball," Morrison said. "It doesn't matter where he's coming from or how far he's got to, Alexis is going to be in the mix to make a play."

Offensively, Solorzano was the team's center throughout the year.

Again, this is not a glamorous position, but he did a great job of getting the center-quarterback exchange and taking care of his responsibilities.

Alexis did a great job as a kicker. He made the ball difficult to handle for opponents kickoff return teams to handle, paving the way for a kickoff team that did not give up a return for a touchdown.

Alexis also served as a long-snapper at times during the season.

Other players earned recognition for outstanding play in the district. Bloomfield earned six; North Central had five; Stuart finished with three; St. Mary's had two, and Elkhorn Valley had one.

Bloomfield's players include Michael Castenada, Trenton Holz, Quinten Moles, Jared Hornback, Braston Gieselman, and Mitchell Mackaprang.

They also had Reece McFarland, Jackson Eisenhower, Will Fehringer, and Braden Eisenhower as Honorable Mention.

North Central's All-District recipients were Colton Munger, Jakob Heerten, Griffin Smith, Walker Shaw, and Tristan Tarrel.

Their Honorable Mention players were Sage Miller, Whitten Giles, Charlie Gale, Trace Ebery, and Andrew Walton.

Stuart's three players included Ethan Sattler, Wade Paxton, and Wyatt Paxton.

St. Mary's had Grady Semin and Taylan Reiser selected as their All-District players. Grant Winkelbauer was named Honorable Mention.

Josh McFarland selected as All-District from Elkhorn Valley. Preston Vondra earned Honorable Mention.

## OCS hosts reading intervention

Osmond Community Schools hosted two reading intervention workshops for elementary teachers from the district and neighboring districts.

The first intervention, REWARDS put on by staff from the ESU 1, took place Thursday, November 2.

This included training for teachers and paraprofessionals working with students in grades three through six who read one or more grade levels below their current grade level.

Five days later, the school was busy, again, with presenters from ESU 1. This time the staff discussed Sound Partners.

The premise behind Sound Partners is to help students achieve a reading benchmark by the end of their current school year.

Several OCS staff members attended both trainings.

"Now that we have multiple staff members trained in these interventions, the goal is to raise reading scores by correcting..."

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...reading deficiencies through consistent reading intervention methods,” OCS Superintendent Dave Hamm said.

The Tigers plan on using the contents of the trainings to develop future staff members.

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