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Tigers have fun at Conference Honor Band

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WAYNE—On Saturday, January 20, the Lewis and Clark conference hosted its annual honor band.

Seven Osmond students travelled to Wayne State College, where the honor band was held.

The students included seniors Jessica Jensen and Leslie Jensen, junior Shyann Rohloff-Levos, sophomore Diandra Polt, and freshmen Connor VonRentzell, Allie Aschoff, and Jozie Kumm.

Once they arrived at the music building, each student had to audition in front of a judge for their chair placements. The auditions consisted of scales and excerpts.

Around nine in the morning, after all of the auditions were completed, the students were sorted into two bands by their directors: a 9/10 band and an 11/12 band.

Osmond had three students receive first chair ratings: Shyann Rohloff, Diandra Polt, and Connor...

...vonRentzell. Jessica Jensen was given a second chair rating.

The bands rehearsed for most of the day, and at four in the afternoon, the students put on a concert for the public.

When asked about her day, Allie Aschoff said, "The Lewis and Clark Conference Honor Band was a lot of fun for me because I got a chance to play with people that I hadn't played before, and it was just a fun experience to meet new people."

Leslie Jensen said, "I liked that I got to play *Military Escort* because it's like my favorite march ever."

Overall, the students had positive experiences at the honor band.



(Shyann Rohloff-Levos, Connor vonRentzell, and Diandra Polt)

January is National Mentoring Month

BY MRS. MANZER
TeamMates coordinators and staff are coming together this..

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...January to celebrate mentoring in the Osmond area.

January 1 marked the start of National Mentoring Month. Nationwide, programs are honoring mentors for their service and the impact they're making on youth.

While many other formal mentoring organizations are focused on helping at-risk and underprivileged youth, the TeamMates program is designed for all youth.
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There are no labels in the TeamMates organization as youth are accepted into the program based on nominations and/or their willingness to join. Family dynamics and wealth are not considered a qualifying characteristic to join our mentoring program.

Osmond mentors were introduced at the home basketball game (February 16) recognizing them for their dedication to the TeamMates chapter and their individual mentees.

"We are grateful for every TeamMates mentor," said Board Members. "Every TeamMates mentor talks about how mentoring has been an incredibly positive experience for them. I hope more caring adults will join us so they too can experience the positive impact of mentoring."

The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential.

TeamMates serves close to 8,000 youth in more than 150 communities across Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas and Iowa. Mentors meet with their mentees one-on-one in school, once a week, during the academic year.

Mentees can be nominated one of three ways. They can be nominated by a

parent, a school staff member, or self-nomination.

Mentors are not tutors, counselors, nor are they there to "fix" anything—they're there to be friends. Mentors are matched with mentees based on interests and life experiences.

To find out more about the TeamMates Mentoring Program, please contact program coordinator, Beth Manzer 402-748-3963 or visit TeamMates.org.



(2017-2018 Osmond TeamMates Chapter was recognized Tuesday, January 16th during the boys and girls basketball games.)

Elementary celebrates 101st day of school

BY THE MASS MEDIA CLASS

On Friday, January 19, Osmond Community School's elementary students celebrated the 101st day of school.

This year the elementary teachers decided to celebrate the 101st day instead of the 100th.

The elementary students celebrated by watching *101 Dalmatians*.

Friday was also National Popcorn Day, so the students ate popcorn while watching the movie.



(The elementary students watch a movie in the lunch room.)

Mahaska gives back to OCS

OHS earns cash back from Mahaska

Osmond High School earned \$949.66 from Norfolk's Mahaska Bottling Company and their incentive program "Dew It For Your School."

Mahaska's Ryan Fettig presented OHS Principal Kurt Polt with the check on Wednesday, January, 24 in the OHS gymnasium.

The program was developed by Mahaska to give back to the school's students in terms of providing funding for learning experiences.



(OCS Principal Kurt Polt receives a check from Mahaska's Ryan Fettig.)

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The foreign exchange experience

We live in a world with seven continents, 194 countries, over a million cities, millions of people, and many different cultures.

People are curious and want to experience the different cultures that exist and travel to the other countries for days, weeks, months, years or maybe even the rest of their lives.

High school students don't have to wait until after school to have the opportunity to do this; they have the chance to do this as a teenager.

Two German students decided to make an exchange year at Osmond High School. The two students are Louis Muschter, from Dresden, Germany and Antonia von Meer, from Hamburg, Germany.

Louis is a senior, who is staying for a whole year. Antonia is a sophomore, who is staying for half of a term.

Of all the places in the world they could choose from, these two ended up in Osmond, population 800 with a school with just 100 students.

The BF Exchange Program arranges the stay for the foreign students' exchange year. Representatives from the organization are responsible

for these students throughout the year.

When exchange students stay in America, these representatives monitor follow their feelings and experiences throughout the visit.

The organization also decides which family they are going to stay with, if it fits. They work through a local liaison, like Osmond's Luella Hodson.

People like Luella work extremely hard to place these young people and to help make sure their stays in places like Osmond are quality.



(The 2017-2018 Mass Media Class)

The foreign exchange student can decide which country they want to stay in. Most people make an exchange year by themselves and recommend America, especially smaller towns.

There are many reasons to go for an exchange year. One is the family. They get to stay with a family who cares about them the same way they do for their own children.

These exchange students are not considered

guests; they are a members of their host family. If they need anyone to talk to they can talk to their host parents the same as they can talk to their real parents.

Another reason students like staying in small-town America is the type of school. The high school is like a community. The students are proud of their school and all the interests that they can pursue.

Teachers are more personal with the students because they aren't just teachers, they are also coaches and mentors.

At the school the foreign exchange students are not the only ones interested in a new culture, the other students are interested in their culture too.

Anotnia Von Meer notes how the experience includes several dimensions: "At the beginning the foreign exchange students have many doubts. They feel homesick and have fears of being lonely, and wonder if they will have problems with the family or the language."

Thanks in part to what she has already experienced, von Meer noted how it's best to "...be open to new things and to be thankful..."

One of the difficulties she notices is that "The longer the student is involved in their experience, the easier it is to speak the language."

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One of the biggest motivators for students to decide to go on a foreign exchange experience is that they want to learn something about a foreign culture.

This is true in Louis Muschter's case: "I decided to come to America for a couple reasons. The first was because I like the country; I've been here before. Also, it's a whole new experience to be a part of a whole other country, and my sister was an exchange student here and she told me about her experience."

However, the experience didn't come without some warming up: "When I first came, it was a culture shock. Nebraska and Germany are very different...(It is) a small school, the first time seeing a host family, and now I'm like yeah I'm gonna live with you for a year...."

Foreign exchange students decide to come to experience a new culture, different music, food, traditions, and another understanding about family and friends.

They leave their homes to experience the exchange year, and it is worth it.

The organization was right to recommend America and especially the smaller towns.

The experience is a good one for students already attending school as well.

Many students have an opportunity to appreciate working among and/or with people who aren't necessarily familiar with their customs and don't always have the same tastes as they do.

OHS junior Jared Bessmer noted that having students who are foreign exchange students that attend the school is... "a great opportunity to interact with other students from other countries to learn about their culture and they learn while living ours."

Senior Shelby Stelling also has a unique perspective. Her family decided to host von Meer throughout her stay in Osmond.

Through her experiences with von Meer, Shelby discussed how interesting it is to learn from her: "It's fun to learn about (her) culture and how it is so different from ours."

Overall, the foreign exchange program is a valuable asset to not only those who come to America, but to those who have never been outside its borders.

Tigers earn NCAP Academic All-State

Nine Tiger student athletes named NCAP Academic All-State.

Osmond High School has some intelligent and hardworking individuals.

Nine students represent OHS's students as NCAP Academic All-State recipients for activities during the fall.

This included individuals from five different activities.

Jared Bessmer (Jr.) and Ethan Pfanstiel (Sr.) represented the cross country team. Alex Alderson (Sr.) and Drew Krienert (Sr.) represented the football team.

Seniors Jessica Jensen and Leslie Jensen were recognized from play production. Brandi Ganseboom (Jr.) earned recognition as part of unified bowling.

The volleyball team's recipients included seniors Andrea Schmit and Shelby Stelling.

The award is meant to honor students who not only contribute to their activity's productivity, but also show academic excellence, and outstanding leadership.

Students must be either varsity players or organizational leaders. They must have at least a 3.7 grade point average, and must be nominated by their school.

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(These are the nine NCPA Academic All-State recipients from OHS)

Lady Tigers 1-1 in Conference Tourney

BY COACH VITERNA

Osmond was able to host a first round game against Allen's Lady Eagles to start conference action off. The Lady Tigers were excited they were hosting a first round game as the number four seed in a seventeen team tournament.

In the first half both teams played a pretty solid

defense, causing turnovers and missed shots. Neither team was able to take control and get a lead.

When first half action ended the scoreboard read 17-17. Things really changed in the second half with OHS taking charge of the game immediately.

Andrea Schimt quickly scored nine points in leading team members to a 21-4 third quarter outburst and allowing Allen only four points.

Osmond didn't drop off much in the final period as they racked up twenty more points. The Lady Eagles were held to ten points against a much better performance by the OHS defense.

With fourteen players suiting up, it was nice to see eleven of them scoring and every player for OHS contributing to the win. Final score read 58-31.

The next game would be against a very solid Ponca Team in Creighton for more tournament play.

Box score: Andrea S. 11p/7r/4s/2a/ Caitlin K. 11p/4r/4s/7a/ Emily B. 2p/2r/1s/1a/ Maddy H. 2p/3r/2s/1a/ Makenzie J. 5p/8r/4s/1a/ Mariah S. 3p/3r/5s/2a/ 1blk/ Hayley K. 5p/2r/1a/ Shelby S. 3p/5r/1a/ Kelly S. 9p/9r/1s/1blk/ Allie A. 1r/ Hannah F. 1s/ Elisa H. 1r/1a

Ponca Wins Close Game Over Osmond's Lady Tigers

Ponca took control of the first quarter with a 14-3 lead. Multiple turnovers and very poor shooting by the Lady Tigers were some of the main factors in the bad start.

In period number two things improved as OHS tightened up their defense and out-scored PHS 15-9, giving them a 23-18 half-time lead.

During our half-time some of the girls mentioned they had never been in this type of noise and atmosphere before and nerves were a problem at first. This was a good learning experience for them with sub-districts looming in the very short distance.

In the third period both teams played solid defense as Ponca only scored three points and Osmond only seven of their own.

The final quarter was a battle to the end, with the lead changing hands several times.

With time running out, OHS had to foul and put Ponca on the free-throw line.

In the final seconds PHS made 3-of-5 from the line.

We had plenty of opportunities to win this one. When you only make 9-of-20 from your free-throw line and turn the ball over at key times in the game you come up short, and that's what we did. Ponca pulled out the win 43-38.

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Caitlin and Andrea led in scoring with thirteen and eleven points.

Mariah had the most steals with three while several players had five and six rebounds each.

Box Score: Andrea S.

11p/6r/1s/2a/ Caitlin K.

13p/6s/1s/3a/ Emily B. 3r/1a/

Maddy H. 1r/

Makenzie J. 8p/5r/2s/2a/ Mary K. 2r/1s/1a/ Mariah S.

2p/1/3s/1a/ Shelby S. 2p/1r/1s/ Kelly S. 2p/6r/



(Kelly Schuettler takes a shot against Hartington-Newcastle.)

Wrestlers continue at Plainview

BY MR. McKENNA

The Osmond wrestlers competed at the Plainview Invite on Saturday, January 27. The Tigers scored forty-eight points and finished in tenth place out of the fifteen teams competing.

Wayne was the team champion followed by

Crofton/Bloomfield and Creighton.

The Tigers had three individual medalists with Colton Beacom placing third at 145 lbs, Alexis Solorzano placing third at 182 lbs, and Alexander Heiman placing fourth at 120 lbs.

"This was probably our best meet of the year so far. All three of our wrestlers earned medals, and we were able to finish ahead of five other teams," Coach McKenna said. "We bumped Colton Beacom up a weight class for this meet, and he seemed to really wrestle with confidence."

He finished the tournament with three wins, all by pin, including a big win in the consolation finals that will help his seeding at districts.

Alexis also had a good tournament, picking up three wins, all by pin, to finish in third place at 182 lbs.

Alexis did a tremendous job coming back from a disappointing opening round loss, to pick up three straight pins.

Alexander also did a great job in his first meet back after missing the last two weeks, picking up a fourth place medal and helping us score points in the team standings.



(Colton Beacom gets close to a pin at Plainview.)

Boys basketball keeps rolling

BY MR. SCHULZE

The Tigers remain undefeated at Home, earning victories over Hartington-Newcastle and Bloomfield.

The Tuesday night (January 23) game saw the Tigers trailing 28-26 to the Wildcats at halftime.

Osmond stepped up its effort on defense and cleaned up its game offensively, outscoring Hartington-Newcastle by fourteen points in the second half.

Keaton Timmerman did some of everything for the Tigers, scoring twenty-four points, capturing eight rebounds, while also getting two steals and dishing out three assists.

Drew Krienert came through in a big way for...

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...Osmond in the second half, scoring all eleven of his points in the final two quarters.

"Drew played great for us; he defended well and added some poise and confidence for our team down the stretch," commented Coach Schulze, "We were in need of someone to step up and help close out the game and Drew accepted that challenge, sinking six free throws for us in the fourth."

The Tigers were without Alex Kumm for most of the fourth quarter.

The senior suffered a back strain and would be unable to return to action.

Sophomore point guard Aaron Chishiba contributed crucial plays for Osmond throughout the second half.

Aaron cashed in all seven of his points in the third and fourth quarters, including a momentum-swinging corner three pointer in the fourth that propelled the Tigers to finish the contest on a 12-3 run.



(Keaton Timmerman goes up for the lay-up against Hartington-Newcastle.)

Strong 2nd half for the Tigers leads to their 13th Win of the Season

The Tigers increased their pressure defensively in the second half, holding the Bees to a mere ten points in the final two quarters.

On the offensive end of the court, nine Tigers recorded points, including a game-high fourteen from Keaton Timmerman.

Alex Kumm, Drew Krienert, Nick Reikofski, and Justus Maertins combined to contribute twenty-seven points for Osmond.

The Tigers shared the ball as well, assisting on 14-of-21 made field goals.

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