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## *OEA donates to Forever*

OEA donates staff's jeans money to Forever, Mia.

If a person were to walk into Osmond Community School on a Friday during the school year, they would undoubtedly see some staff members adorned in jeans.

No, it's not that the OCS staff member are taking a casual approach to teaching. They have something bigger in mind.

Any staff member could buy the opportunity to wear jeans on Fridays throughout the 2017-2018 school year by giving the Osmond Education Association (OEA) twenty-five dollars per person.

OEA made over \$500 through this process, which they announced would be donated to the Forever, Mia Foundation in honor of deceased infant Mia Morfeld, daughter of OCS teacher Sarah Morfeld.

"This was an easy decision to make," OEA President Angela Aschoff said. "We knew that Mia's foundation will use the money to help children."



(Mrs. Walloch-left-and Mrs. Aschoff-right-hand over a check to Mrs. Morfeld.)

## *Alumni come back to advise high school students*

Osmond High School alums came back to school on Wednesday, December 20. This time, though, is was to teach.

All together there were nineteen former students from varying graduation classes who came in to talk about their college experiences with current 7-12 students.

The alums were split into five different groups. Group one went to Ms. Johnson's room. The speakers were Chelsea Wiese, Hannah Gutz, Hailey Johnson, and Curtis Kralicek.

They spoke to Mrs. Conn, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Thies's student learning teams.

The next group included Jason Stech, Erica Slagle, Kendyl Koehler, and

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Bryan Manzer. They spoke to students from Mr. Ortmeier, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Schulze's teams.

Dante Schmit, Cole Moes, and Kyle Swallow were with Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Ginn, and Mr. Schmit's student learning teams.

There were three alumnae who spoke to Mr. McKenna, Mrs. Morfeld, and Mr. Neitzel's groups...

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...These were Caleb Krohn, Breanna Bolz, and Tyler Reikofski.

Finally, the seniors listened to Brianna Kumm, Blake Brummels, Cameron Moes, Samantha Aschoff, and Tyler vonRentzell.



(L-R: Jason Stech, Bryan Manzer, Kendyl Koehler, and Erica Slagle)

## *Elementary students spread Christmas cheer*

BY MRS. SCHULTZE

On Monday, December 18 the kindergarten through fourth grade students went to the Osmond General Hospital Care Center to sing to the residents.

The kindergarten began the program, followed by the first and second graders. The third and fourth graders were next.

Each group sang two songs from the Christmas operetta.

The program concluded with the entire group singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

The students were treated with cookies before returning to school.



(Elementary students sing to residents at OGH)

## *Band hosts Christmas concert*

BY BRITTANY KRIENERT AND DIANDRA POLT

On Thursday, December 7, Osmond junior high and high school students put on an instrumental and vocal Christmas concert to showcase the songs they had prepared over the last couple of months.

The concert began with the Jr. High Mixed Chorus. The group performed three songs, including "Gettin' Ready For Christmas," "Jingle Bells Through the Ages," and "Jing-A-Ling, Jing-A-Ling."

"Jingle Bells Through the Ages" featured a number of speakers, including Bailey Schmit, Riley Wagner, Kiera Moes, Molly Beacom-Timmerman, Macy Aschoff, and Grace Ganseboom.

After the Jr. High finished their songs, they were joined by the Senior High Women's choir.

Together, they performed the song "Heaven Everywhere." After that, the junior high left the stage, and the high school choir sang three songs of their own. These included "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Breath of Heaven," and "Carol of the Bells."

Next, during the transition between the choir and band performances, the full choir and band sang and played the carol "Jingle Bell Rock," and asked that the audience sing along.

Once the carol was finished, the choir and high school band members returned to their seats, leaving the junior high band to perform.

Considering their band is so small, the junior high was joined by a number of high school band members, including Aleia Kumm, Leslie Jensen, Jessica Jensen, Shyann Rohloff-Levos, Ethan Pfanstiel, Brenden Hille, and Mariah Stech.

This group played "The Gift of Christmas," "Moon of Winter," and "Minka's Sleigh Ride."

The last group of students to perform was the Senior High Concert Band, the largest of Osmond's performing groups...

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...The high school band played "Sleigh Ride," "The Hanukkah Song," and "Laughing All the Way."

The last piece included multiple soloists, including Andrea Schmit, Aleia Kumm, and Nick Reikofski.

To conclude the Christmas concert, the rest of the groups joined the high school band up front, and they all performed the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," while the audience sang along.

Director Christalin Ginn said, "It is always a joy for me to sing in the holiday season with the junior and senior high music students. I was very proud with their performance and effort in tackling such challenging music in such a short time. I chose to evoke the energy of a sleigh ride throughout the concert with selections such as "Jing-a-ling," "Carol of the Bells," Minka's Sleigh Ride," and "Laughing All the Way."

On Thursday, December 14, Osmond elementary students put on a Christmas program for the public.

The concert began with the fifth grade band. This group performed "Diary of a Grumpy Elf," "Christmas on the Farm," and "Jingle Bells." The sixth grade band followed. They played

"Secret Agent Sugar Plum" and "In the Bleak Midwinter."

After the elementary bands were finished performing, the kindergarteners took front and center.

They performed "Frosty the Snowman" and "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" The kindergarteners were accompanied by the sixth grade band.

After the kindergarteners were done performing, the operetta began. The show was called *Bring on the Snow*.

It included a number of songs, and many students got a chance to show off their individual performance skills.

## ***Speech students speak on the radio***

Osmond High School students participated in 106 Kix's morning radio show hosted by Abe Schoenherr on Wednesday, December 6.

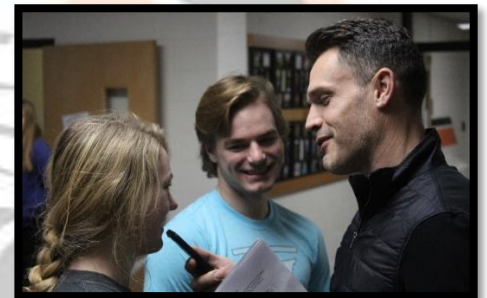
Members of the junior class (and foreign exchange students Louis Muschter) answered Schoenherr's questions. He recorded their responses and sent them to be aired on 106.7.

He asked several questions like "What do you want most for Christmas?," "What do you plan to do after high school?," "What is your favorite television show?," etc...

Participants signed up for a prize-drawing, which included t-shirt prizes. Muschter won the grand prize, which included several goofy trinkets like sunglasses.

This is the third consecutive year Schoenherr has come to the school. He does this as part of the 106 Kix High School Headlines program where students will send in a weekly radio presentation informing a general audience what is going on at the school.

Osmond's High School Headlines air on Mondays at 3:50 P.M.



(Haven Schultze-left and Anthony Heiman-right-speak to Abe Schoenherr from 106 Kix.)

## ***Kumm signs with Northeast***

BY DIANDRA POLT

On Monday December 11, senior Caitlin Kumm signed to go to Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

This was attended in the Osmond High School gym at 1:00 PM. Caitlin's parents...

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...current coach Jennifer Johnson, future coach...

Amanda Schultze attended this symposium.

Everyone was excited for this signing especially Caitlin Kumm.

Caitlin chose Northeast because she went to a volleyball camp this summer, and she really liked how Amanda ran her volleyball program.

Caitlin was talking to Amanda about after high school she wanted to go on and play in college, and then Amanda offered Caitlin a full scholarship in the middle of September, so Caitlin took the scholarship, and she will move from a tiger to a hawk next year.

Caitlin doesn't know what she will be studying yet for school, but she was planning to get her gen-eds done within the two years she attends college. Caitlin is very excited and instead of being a setter she will be a defensive specialist.

Caitlin can't wait to see how the college level of volleyball will be compared to high school volleyball level, but she is very excited for the change.

Another very excited person was her volleyball coach Jennifer Johnson.

Ms. Johnson is extremely proud of Caitlin;

it's been her dream since the fifth grade.

Caitlin has been on the volleyball team since her freshman year. Caitlin also lettered all four years.

Ms. Johnson also says that this last year she has grown into her position as a setter and a team leader.

Ms. Johnson discussed how she believes Caitlin will be successful,

Caitlin love for the game will help her grow tremendously as a player.

Ms. Johnson says she wishes Caitlin the best of luck in her career.



(TOP ROW – Amanda Schultze, Ms. Johnson, BOTTOM ROW – Mark Kumm, Caitlin Kumm, and Joan Kumm)

### ***Four Tigers earned All-State recognition***

The Osmond Tigers football team had four members earn all-state or all-area honors.

Colton Beacom (Sr.), Drew Kreinert (Sr.), Anthony Heiman (Jr.), and Nick Reikofski (Jr.) played well for the Osmond Tigers football

team throughout the 2017 season.

These young men were recognized for their performances by the major Nebraska media outlets.

All four players were recognized as All-State Honorable Mention for the *Huskerland Prep Report*, *Lincoln Journal Star*, and the *Omaha World Herald*.

Krienert and Reikofski also received recognition as All-Are Honorable Mention for the *Norfolk Daily News*.

Congratulations, Tigers, for being honored for your hard work and for your performances.

### ***Boys basketball enjoys early success***

BY MR. SCHULZE

The Osmond Tigers lit up the Wakefield Trojans for their sixth consecutive win of the season.

A hot shooting night by senior Tristan Maertins helped fuel the Tigers to a dominant victory on the road.

Tristan sank five-of-six three-point attempts and added a baseline jumper to finish the game with seventeen points, shooting sixty-six percent from the floor.

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...Sophomore, Keaton Timmerman led Osmond in scoring, rebounding, and assists, earning eighteen, eleven, and six respectively.

Alex Kumm managed seven points before leaving the game early in the second quarter due to a knee injury after taking his second charge of the night.

"When Alex went down on the floor, I didn't know what to think; I just hoped the best for him and our team," stated Coach Schulze, "What we got was a team that stepped up and played lights-out in his absence."

Junior Nick Reikofski was one of those players that rose to the occasion, coming off the bench to contribute ten points, two rebounds, and a physical presence for the Tigers.

Osmond moved on to the championship round of the Verdigre Holiday Tournament, following a twenty-one point defeat of St. Mary's on Thursday night.

Several Tigers stepped up and contributed in the absence of Alex Kumm, who would not be available for either game of the tournament.

Sophomores Aaron Chishiba and Keaton Timmerman co-led the Tigers in scoring with nine points.

Keaton would not play in the second half, treating a second-quarter ankle injury.

The Maertins brothers both helped the Osmond scoring effort, adding eight points a piece.

Senior Drew Krienert, played a balanced game, finishing with six points, six rebounds, and two assists.



(Justus Maertins goes up for a bucket.)

"Drew really gave us a spark, adding a hustle and toughness factor that seemed to be missing for us," commented Coach Todd Schulze.

Senior Brenden Hille provided a six-point lift for Osmond, on a night that saw ten Tigers get in the scoring column and cruise to its seventh victory of the season.

The Cougars outlasted the Tigers in the Verdigre Holiday Tournament Championship Friday December 29 by a final of 65-54, handing Osmond its first defeat of the season.

The Tigers grabbed an early lead in the contest, before seeing Niobrara-Verdigre begin to heat up

from behind the 3-point arc and claim a 17-14 first quarter lead.

The second quarter would prove to be too much to handle for the Tigers who watched the Cougars hit three treys and extend their lead to eleven at the halftime break—a lead the Tigers would not be able to overcome.

Both teams would play "even", back and forth basketball during the second half.

"Overall, I thought we played pretty well. We played a talented team without our most experienced player and simply lost the three point contest," commented Coach Schulze.

The Tigers led in practically every other statistical category except for one big one: three pointers made.

Osmond made one of eighteen attempts while the Cougars buried ten of their thirteen, many of them coming in crucial moments throughout the game.

Despite a twenty-six point night from Keaton Timmerman and a solid effort from the rest of the team, the Tigers could not overcome the scoring onslaught of Niobrara-Verdigre's Ricky Bickerstaff and Christian Swalley, combining for...

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...forty-seven points, twenty-seven of those coming from beyond the 3-point line.

"I'm proud of what our team accomplished in the month of December," stated Coach Schulze. "If we continue to practice hard and play with unselfishness our guys will have an even better month of January."

### ***Heiman erases Schmit's 16-year record at Osmond Invitational***

BY MR. McKENNA

The Osmond Tiger wrestling team hosted the Osmond Invitational on Saturday, December 16.

The Tigers scored fifty-two points and finished in seventh place out of the nine teams competing.

Norfolk Reserves was the team champion, followed by Crofton and Pierce.

Osmond had three individual place winners, with Colton Beacom finishing third at 138 lbs. and Alexis Solorzano finishing third at 182 lbs. Alexander Heiman placed fourth at 126 lbs.

"I thought this was a good meet, and overall the kids all wrestled very well,"

commented Coach Larry McKenna. "Colton finished with a record of three wins and one loss, with all three wins coming by pin."

Alexis also finished with a record of three wins and one loss, which included two pins and a major decision.

Alexander finished with two wins and two losses. Alexander also set a school record for fastest pin at seven seconds.

This breaks the old record of eight seconds set in 2001 by current assistant wrestling coach Kyle Schmit." Results:

**Colton Beacom** won by pin over Ocean Hawk of Crofton, won by pin over Sam Vortherms of Creighton, lost by 3-0 decision to Reese McFarland of Crofton, won by pin over Caleb Kuhn of Norfolk.



(Alexis Solorzano battles during the Osmond meet)

**Alexis Solorzano** lost by pin to Ethan Poppe of Crofton, won by pin over Elijah Costello of Creighton, won by pin over Colten Hasler of Norfolk, won by 14-

5 decision over Alex Camarena of Wakefield.



(Alex Heiman stands during the medal awards.)

**Alexander Heiman** won by pin over Keaton Ellsberry of Norfolk, lost by 17-1 decision to Charlie Lopez of Wakefield, won by pin over Ethan Dohmen of Pierce, lost by pin to Kevin Marquez of Crofton

### ***Girls basketball makes strides***

BY COACH VITERNA

In the early morning of December 28, the Lady Tigers reported for practice after a five-day moratorium. Like all schools, no practice or games during this state required time off...

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....Osmond vs. O'Neill St. Mary's:

The Lady Tigers traveled to Verdigre on Thursday, Dec. 28, for a 2:45 PM basketball game against O'Neill-St. Mary's Lady Cardinals in opening round action for Verdigre Booster Club's Holiday Tournament.

Both teams struggled in all aspects of the game as a result of getting out of a routine for the last five days of no practice.

When halftime rolled around, the score remained tied at seventeen points. Still a little out of sync, the Tigers were up by only two points over the Cardinals by a score of 26-24.

In the final quarter, Osmond broke away and outscored O'Neill-St. Mary's to seal the win by a score of 44-34.

This moved Osmond into the championship game on Friday evening against Niobrara-Verdigre, who defeated St. Edward.

Andrea Schmit and Caitlin Kumm led the Lady Tigers in scoring with fifteen and fourteen points, respectively.

Emily Bolz led in steals with four, while Kelly Schuettler, Makenzie Johnson, Andrea and Shelby Stelling led in rebounding with ten,

eight, eight and five, respectively.

With short preparation time, Osmond had only ten turnovers on the afternoon, which was an important statistic in the win. Osmond vs. Niobrara-Verdigre:

On Friday evening, Dec. 29, Osmond's Lady Tigers faced a scrappy Lady Cougar team. The battle of cats began with Osmond jumping out to a 19-4 first quarter lead.

With a much better balanced attack on defense and six Lady Tigers scoring in the quarter, it put the Cougars in a bind early.

They managed to claw their way back into quarter two, and at intermission the score read Osmond 33, Niobrara-Verdigre 23.

With a first place trophy on the line and great determination to improve their record, Osmond came out strong.

The Lady Tigers stepped up their defense and poured in shots to win by a score of 60-34, giving them a long-awaited championship.

Caitlin Kumm was outstanding from the free-throw line as she made 9-of-10 from the charity stripe.

Caitlin also led in scoring with twenty-two points, and she recorded a double-double with her ten steals.

Kelly Schuettler also had a big night as she recorded a double-double with ten points and thirteen rebounds.

Emily Bolz also had a hot hand, racking up eleven points and playing great defense.

Andrea had eight points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Makenzie Johnson was a huge key to the win as she led the press, causing many turnovers and getting six steals and six rebounds.

Mary Kahny came in and popped in two three-pointers with one at the buzzer. This was a complete team effort as every player saw action and contributed to the win.

"We have great senior leaders on this team, and everyone is a huge part of this Lady Tiger team," Coach Terry Viterna said.

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