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Tiger speakers compete at Wausa Invite

BY DIANDRA POLT AND
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The Osmond speech team travelled to Wausa on Saturday, February 10, to compete against a variety of schools.

The Osmond speech team took a junior varsity team of two and a varsity team of two to the meet.

The junior varsity team included sophomore Diandra Polt and freshman Austin Vinson. The varsity team included seniors Leslie Jensen and Jessica Jensen.

At any particular high school speech meet, each of the competitors is guaranteed to perform at least two times. These performances are given in front of a judge and a number of other competitors.

The students compete against individuals who are performing the same type of speech as they are.

Leslie and Jessica were entered in Duet Acting, and their particular speech was humorous.

Jessica was also entered in Oral Interpretation of Poetry, and she recited...

...piece written by Edgar Allen Poe.

Diandra competed in both Serious Prose and Informative Speaking. Austin performed in Entertainment Speaking.

Austin and Diandra (Austin in Entertainment Speaking and Diandra in Serious Prose) excelled in their first two rounds, and received high enough scores to move on to the third and final round.

Both competitors were put up against the best individuals in their events.

Once all of the final rounds were finished and the judges had collected their scores, all of the students gathered in the gym for the awards ceremony.

Austin was called down to the floor first. He was the champion in his event, and was given a gold medal.

"(Speech meets) are the only place that I feel like I'm with my people. The only place that I can scream at the walls and not be weird," said Austin Vinson.

Diandra was called down next. She placed second in Serious Prose and was given a silver medal.

Overall, the team members learned a lot at the...

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...Wausa speech meet, and are looking forward to using what they learned to improve their speeches even more.



(L-R—Jessica Jensen, Austin Vinson, Diandra Polt, Leslie Jensen)

District Wrestling: Tigers Battle at Oakland-Craig

BY MR. MCKENNA

The Osmond Tiger wrestlers competed at the District D-2 wrestling meet at Oakland on Friday, February 9.

The Tigers scored seventeen points and finished in seventeenth place out of the twenty teams competing.

The team champion was Elkhorn Valley followed by Tri County and Cambridge.

The Tigers had two wrestlers come within one match of qualifying for the state tournament with Colton Beacom and Alexis Solorzano both losing close matches in the heart break round.

"I felt that both Colton and Alexis had a good chance of making it to state," Mr. McKenna said.

Colton wrestled really well, beating a quality kid from Oakland-Craig to make it to the Heart Break Round but just came up a little short losing by one point to qualify to the state tournament at 145 lbs.

Alexis also wrestled well, winning two matches but coming up one match short of qualifying for State.

"I really feel that Alexis was the fourth best wrestler in his bracket, but because of the seeding, we did not get a chance to wrestle the

fourth-seeded wrestler," Coach McKenna said.

Alexander Heiman also had a good tournament, winning two matches both by pin.

Zach Boyle picked up some good experience in his first district tournament that will help him in the future.

OCS hosts WWO tournament

BY MR. MCKENNA

The Osmond W.W.O. (Wrestling Wizards of Oz) wrestling club held its annual wrestling tournament on Friday, February 23.

Osmond had twenty-two wrestlers competing ranging in age from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.

"This was the first meet of the year for most of our wrestlers, and I thought that they all did a good job. I could really see them using the moves that we learned in practice," Mr. McKenna said. "Win or lose they all wrestled hard and never gave up."

This year we had 130 wrestlers from at least ten different towns competing.

"I would like to help all the parents, students, coaches and volunteers who helped to once again make the tournament a success," Mr. McKenna said. "It's good to have a home meet at which all the kids can wrestle and have fun."

Jazz band performers their opening act

BY DIANDRA POLT AND KENNEDY JOHNSON

On Tuesday, February 13, the Osmond Jazz Band travelled to Fremont to participate in the 2018 Midland Jazz Festival.

They opened with "Summertime" in which Nick Reikofski soloed on the trumpet and Alexander Heiman soloed on tenor saxophone.

Their solos went very well, and they received high markings from the judges.

Then, the ensemble accompanied Landon Stelling, who played an alto saxophone feature song called "One Special Moment."

This ballad highlighted Stelling's talent and the ensemble's ability to play contrasting music.

The band finished with "Centerfold," a hard-hitting, up-beat rock piece that blew the judges away. It also featured Aleia Kumm on trombone as a soloist.

"As a coach am really grateful for the judges' feedback and comments. I think we learned a lot! We can take those comments and move forward towards our next performance," said Jazz Director Mrs. Ginn.

On the Fast Track: Cameron Moes

BY DIANDRA POLT AND
MARY KAHNY

It hasn't been that long since Cameron Moes graduated from Osmond Community School in 2015.

For the last three years, he's been at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, and he's been a busy man.

Since he first began attending college, his life has changed dramatically, but he still remains the same intense and friendly guy with a million dollar smile.

One of the biggest changes he's noticed since he began attending college on a full-time basis is the difference between college and high school.

"I'd say (college) is less structured in the way that I have a lot more free time. You can schedule your days out any way you want to," Moes said.

For example, Cameron has a Monday night class. He has less homework, but the work tends to be a little harder.

Of course, college life has its challenges. After first moving to Seward, he had difficulties getting used to not having his family around to tell him when to eat, work out, and do his homework.

However, he's been resilient and has learned to thrive.

"It took me a little while (to adjust). I was lucky enough to be on a team, so gaining friends was pretty easy. I'd say the biggest adjustment was learning how to prepare for a final."

While the academic side of college has been an adjustment, Cameron has adapted and found ways to excel.

"I think the best way that I've learned to study is to study with a group and to go over notes and PowerPoints together," Cameron said.



(Cameron Moes running Steeplechase for Concordia University.)

He also said that if a professor gives you a PowerPoint, it's usually full of important information.

Moes is also in his third year with the track and field team at Concordia. He is competing nearly nine months out of the year.

Not only has this been an opportunity for Cameron

to continue doing what he loves, but it has given him the opportunity to be a part of a support system in his journey through college.

"If you're on a team," Cameron said, "You'll be paired with a teammate as your roommate. Being on a team is really nice because you almost always have somebody to sit by in class and to help you with your homework."

Cameron was also able to buy some of his books from his upperclassmen teammates, and he felt comfortable asking them for help on homework as well.

Many remember Cameron for his success in cross country and in distance events through his track and field experiences.

In track, Cameron has experienced success in the steeple chase. This is a distance running event where runners must jump hurdles and water pits.



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His success in this event might come as a surprise to locals who followed Cameron when he was a Tiger because track and field athletes cannot compete in this event in high school.

However, the steeple chase is a major test of endurance—one of Cameron's strengths as a high school athlete.



In addition to discussing aspects of college that are specific to college athletes, Cameron also talked about some of the things typical to college life, such as the easy-to-make foods he prepared for himself.

Cameron's list included Spaghettios, chips and salsa, and popcorn.

However, he did discuss how he doesn't quite fit the mold of a typical college student when it comes to doing his laundry.

"All of (an athlete's) sports laundry can be done for free if you're on a team," Cameron said. "You can also go down to the basement where there is a laundromat in each building."

Overall, Cameron is thoroughly enjoying his experience participating in sports in college, and would not discourage anyone from doing the same.



Tigers are DISTRICT CHAMPS!!!

BY MR. SCHULZE

In O'Neill Tuesday (February 27) the Osmond Tigers claimed their first district title since 1999.

They did so in dominating fashion, leading by as many as thirty points in the fourth quarter and defeating the North Central Knights 70-50.

The Knights led by one after the first quarter—a period that saw the Tigers commit a few unforced turnovers and lack some discipline in their half court offensive attack.

"During the first quarter, I felt we were a little sloppy, but after the fact when I look back on it. I think it was just excited energy leading to too many risky decisions," commented coach Tigers Coach Todd Schulze, "Our guys were highly confident they could win, and I think that led to feeling over-hyped to begin the game."

The second period proved to be the deciding factor in the contest, seeing Osmond outscore the Knights by thirteen points and take a 33-21 lead heading into halftime.

The Tigers were...

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...ignited in the second by senior Alex Kumm, who created turnovers that led to fast break points for Osmond.

Alex scored seven of the Tigers' twenty-two points in the second quarter. The bank was also open that night; Keaton and Aaron took advantage of it, both Tigers scored after getting some assistance from the glass before their 3-point ball could reach the hoop.

Tristan Maertins added a three the conventional way. Those treys and improved defense by Osmond led to capturing all the momentum in the second quarter and never letting go.

After half time, the Tigers picked up where they left off, playing great defense and sharing the basketball on the offensive end.

Six Tigers scored in the quarter, with Drew Krienert's four points leading the way to a 15-point quarter for Osmond.

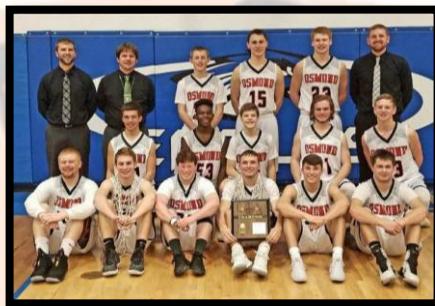
"Our scoring was great, but what I was just as impressed with was our defense," explained Coach Schulze, "to hold North Central to consecutive single digit scoring quarters decided the outcome of the game."

Justus Maertins and Aaron Chishiba shared the defensive responsibility of guarding North Central's

leading scorer, Jakob Huerter (averaging 14 ppg).

Aaron and Justus accomplished a notable task, holding Huerter to just eight points, while not allowing any of those in a pivotal third quarter.

The Tigers lockdown defense and efficient offense propelled the orange and black to a strong finish in the final quarter.



(The 2018 Osmond Tigers)

Osmond kept rolling during the fourth quarter, leading 69-39 with just over 3:00 to go in the contest and scoring at will against the Knights.

"It became evident to me during the third and fourth quarters that we had been scoring with a balanced attack," added Coach Schulze.

In fact, at least five players scored in every quarter for the Tigers in the District Final.

Keaton Timmerman led the way with fifteen points (along with fourteen rebounds and five assists); Alex Kumm was just behind him scoring fourteen points, playing in the second district

championship game of his career.

The Maertins brothers (Tristan and Justus) along with Aaron Chishiba, all contributed with nine points a piece.

Drew Krienert, Nick Reikofski, Graysen Schultze, and Josh Gansebom combined for the remaining fourteen points.

Not only did the Tigers win the district championship and claim a spot in the state tournament, they also broke the Osmond single-season win record with their twenty-second victory of the season.

"I'm so proud of this team and what they have accomplished this year," commented Todd Schulze, "It has been a special season to this point, and I know our guys aren't satisfied yet."

"Finally, to our student and fan support. I know I speak for our entire team when I say THANK YOU!!! Your attendance, energy, and excitement for our team in O'Neill were incredible. It was fun to see everyone share the moment with us during the game and after the game as well. I had both the fortune and misfortune of heading to the second level of seating to participate in a radio interview shortly after the game. I regret..."

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...not being around our kids and sharing the moment with them but the view I had from up top was rewarding. I'm nearly certain I spaced out responding, or listening, to one of the interview questions as I caught myself drifting away and admiring all the smiling Osmond faces out on the court. I wish I would've taken a picture. It was a proud moment for everyone that has been involved. Your support has been HUGE! I can't wait to see the positive environment you will create for us in Lincoln," Schulze said.



(Andrea Schmit battles on defense during the sub-district finals.)

Lady Tigers end season in Sub-Districts

BY COACH VITERNA

Osmond's Lady Tigers traveled to Battle Creek in hopes of defeating Elkhorn Valleys Lady Falcons in sub-district action.

Osmond jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead but watched it dwindle away as missed baskets, turnovers and free throws became a factor early in the quarter.

EV came flying back with a 13-0 run giving them a 15-7 lead after one quarter.

In the second quarter we just put them on the free throw line to many times.

Going into half-time their lead was 27-17, with twelve of those points coming from free-throws.

In the second half OHS fought back and played a lot better game, out-scoring EV 19-16. Elkhorn Valley's hot shooting and great defense was just too much for the Lady Tigers in the last quarter: Final score 64-48.

Caitlin Kumm, Mariah Stech and Andrea Schimt led the team in scoring with thirteen, eleven, and ten points.

Andrea also led in rebounds with eleven, followed by Kelly Schuettler, and Makenzie Johnson with nine and eight each.

This was the last game for five seniors at Osmond High School. They are Shelby Stelling, Emily Bolz, Kelly Schuettler, Caitlin Kumm and Andrea Schmit. These ladies will be greatly missed for

their leadership during this past season

This ended Osmond's season with a final record of 13-8. We as coaches want everyone to know these young ladies on this basketball team worked hard all season.

They are a joy to be around and coach. We all think the world of them; we had hoped to get farther down the road as a team. Life doesn't always give us the best deal, but one thing for certain: these girls are the best you can ever have on any team or in life. We are very proud of them.



(Makenzie Johnson looks to pass against Elkhorn Valley.)

Osmond FFA receives a grant

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA – Osmond FFA Chapter received a \$2,000 grant for...

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...a grow tower indoor garden.

The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

The Working Here Fund grant will help purchase a tower growing system, lights, seedling starter kit and other supplies to introduce the indoor garden to students.

The grow tower will use less than three square feet of space in the classroom and can be used year-round.

Students in the horticulture and plant science classes will be able to practice the application of light and nutrient requirements for specific plants.

"This project will not only advance our agricultural education curriculum into the latest areas of plant science and crop production, but it will also provide our school with up to 30% more healthy food, using 90% less water and space than a traditional outdoor garden," said Jessica Evans, agricultural educator.

"It is possible to grow over 150 different wellness promoting plants using the grow tower."

The grow tower will be ordered this month and is scheduled to be ready for use by March 1.

The lettuce growing process will take approximately forty days and then harvest will occur for 3-5 weeks.

A second lettuce trial will begin in August 2018.

"At FCSAmerica, many of us grew up in agriculture and continue to farm. We know first-hand the value of agriculture education and are proud to partner with Osmond FFA Chapter to ensure future generations have the same opportunities for learning," said Zach Gansebom, vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Norfolk office.

Osmond FFA Chapter is one of seventy-seven organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the fourth quarter of 2017.

FCSAmerica awarded \$125,180 during the latest grant cycle ending December 31, 2017.



(FCSAmerica's Zach Gansebom gives Mrs. Evans a check for the FFA program.)

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