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Oneida FFA top in "Support Our Troops" fund-raiser second year in a row



Our FFA chapter outranked 13 other schools and groups in giving.

For the second year in a row the Oneida Baptist Institute FFA was recognized as the top chapter in Kentucky for their contribution of over \$2,000 to the state-wide "Support Our Troops" FFA fund-raiser. They earned most of the money with a campus bake sale in October. Friends of OBI sent in even more money through the mail after the event.

A good number of our nearly 30 chapter members went to Frankfort January 27 to attend a press conference on "Support Our Troops." All chapters that contributed to the effort will be recognized at the state FFA convention in June. Oneida's group will receive a medal and a plaque for raising the most funds. They also won \$100, which they put toward their FFA/farm crew Christmas party.

"Support Our Troops" raises money for a special Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) of the Kentucky National Guard. The unit serves in Afghanistan, helping farmers implement new methods that will lead to more self-sufficiency and stability for the Afghan people. The ADT has done such things as starting a beekeeping school for Afghan women, opening a veterinary clinic and beginning a pomegranate pruning school.

Our commonwealth's FFA chapters raised a total of over \$4,000 for the ADT. The funds helped buy supplies, including gifts for the soldiers and items to be used as relationship-building gifts with the Afghans. Past purchases have included gloves and snack food for the Afghan people plus Kentucky country ham for the troops. ■

OBI student takes sewing skills to national competition

Melissa Swaar, a sophomore from Illinois, earned a spot in the national "Make It With Wool" contest for the third year in a row. After placing first at the state level, Melissa traveled to Reno, Nevada in January for the national competition. There she modeled her outfit (pictured) and answered questions from the judges in three different sessions.

Melissa again decided to work with plaids. "I like them," she explained. "They're easy." One of the most difficult tasks Melissa had to do this time around was bound button holes. "This was the first time I'd done them," she said. "The judges liked my whole outfit," Melissa stated. "They said I did really well with the button holes for my first time."

"Make It With Wool" is sponsored by the American Sheep Industry. ■



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Sports team slumber parties

This season our basketball program expanded its reach by scheduling two teams for overnight visits to our campus.

Athletic Director, **Laura Stockton** (OBI '86) explained, "I wanted us to be able to play other small schools instead of always having to compete against the big county schools." Because many of the smaller schools are so far away, however, such games require an overnight stay for the visiting team.

Since schools generally take turns hosting games, Stockton sent letters to a number of small schools offering them a deal: "Come to our campus and we'll give you free room and board -- then we don't have to travel to your school next year." Stockton had hoped one or two schools would respond, and two did -- St. Francis in Louisville and Silver Grove in northern Kentucky.

Our young visitors stayed in Baker Hall, a former dormitory now used for classrooms and guest housing. They brought their own bedding and towels and bunked three to five people in a room. OBI provided snacks after the evening games, plus breakfast and lunch the following day. Stockton recalled that each time as the visiting teams unloaded and settled into their rooms, "Their kids were so excited. They said, 'This is so cool! Can we do this again next year?'"

Stockton got the idea for hosting overnight games two years ago when Evangel Christian School was scheduled to play a school in our area. They were looking for another school they could play while in this part of the state and sought out Oneida. If they were going to play two days in a row they needed a place to spend the night, so Stockton volunteered our facilities.

She has been pleased with the way this has worked out in the 2010-11 season, and hopes to be able to continue hosting small schools overnight. ■



Bits and tidbits

OBI continues to participate in these special programs:

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Send us the entire label. Look for "Labels for Education"™ not only on Campbell's foods, but also on their other products, such as Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® and Pepperidge Farm®. These labels earn points for us that we can redeem to get free educational equipment and other items for our school.

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Did you know that Oneida Baptist Institute is one of the agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention? Nine percent of our funding comes from the KBC Cooperative Program.



Spring is a beautiful time to visit Oneida Baptist Institute.

To schedule a tour call (606) 847-4111, extension 248.



Senior Night: Each year one of our last home basketball games is designated as "Senior Night." Special recognition is given to seniors who have been on one of the teams, played in the pep band or served as cheerleaders. Thanks, seniors, for hard work and school spirit!

Kids First includes OBI



Kids First Dental Care included OBI in their tour through our area in February. The Barbourville, Kentucky - based ministry is a mobile dental program that offers preventive dental care to children from preschool through the twelfth grade. It provides X-rays, exams, cleanings, sealants and fluoride.

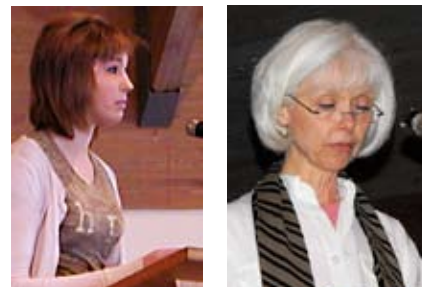
Kids First has two mobile units that travel to schools, primarily in southeastern Kentucky. They set up in the school parking lot and see every child whose parents have signed the consent form, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Treatment plans are then sent home, telling the parents what services were rendered. ■

For more information on Kids First, visit www.kidsfirstdental.org.

Students and staff enjoy a variety of chapel programs this year

This school year we have enjoyed a variety of programs in our daily chapel services. In addition to OBI staff members preaching, Creative Ministries (sample: **Zion Tuma** and **Oretha Shannon**, right) and the praise band (below, right) have brought us the Gospel in drama and song. Guest speakers have shared God's word, including **Josh Holland** (below, left), youth minister at First Baptist Church, Hazard, Kentucky. Adults on our staff such as **Kathy Worcester** (far right) have shared their testimonies. Eighth-grader **Aubrey Hoover** (right) was the first student to give her testimony.

Campus Minister **Dr. Paul Davidson** said, "In chapel we want to use every possible biblically-grounded way to give glory to God and tell others about Him. Many gifted and committed people at OBI make that possible." ■



Baptist Campus Ministry joins forces with area student ministry

In January the OBI Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) hosted a meeting of Clay County Outreach, a ministry to the youth of Clay County. Our BCM had worshipped with Outreach before, but this was the first time for us to host the event. Clay County Outreach was started by **Dusty Grubb** (pictured at left, below) and is cosponsored by several area churches. The group meets in different places throughout the year. "They especially need a place to go in the wintertime," explained Oneida BCM sponsor,

Clark Bunch. Clay County Outreach is primarily evangelistic in its focus. Bunch continued, "They have two vans. They go out and pick up kids in the community whose parents don't go to church."

At the joint worship service Grubb sang and played the piano. Bunch and his wife, **Teresa**, and student **Adam Grinnell** also provided music before Bunch preached. Two other OBI students, **Brandon Swan** and **Beth McBride** (Beth at left, top photo) shared their testimonies. After the worship time the group moved to the Campus Ministry Center for food and fellowship. Grubb and Bunch joined forces to provide chili and chips.

Bunch wanted to host Outreach because, "At BCM we teach missions but we're limited in what we can do. I was looking for something our students could do that would be a ministry to the community." ■



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Make plans for Homecoming 2011



These folks were just a few of the alumni, former staff and friends of OBI who joined us for Homecoming last summer. They enjoyed visiting with friends from days gone by.

At Homecoming 2011 on June 25, we will be unveiling the portrait of **Martha Coldiron Hogg**, who donated the land for our school. The class of 1961 will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, and the annual Hymn Sing will be at Oneida Baptist Church in the morning. Other features of the day:

- Visiting with friends, looking at yearbooks, etc.
- Recognition and group photos of anniversary classes
- Shuttle buses around campus and to the farm
- Children's activities
- Barbecue lunch
- Grilled supper

We invite all friends of OBI to join us on our special day!

Be my valentine



Students could pose with a date or with friends at the photo backdrop.

It was standing room only at our 2011 Valentine Banquet. The annual dinner was sponsored by the Student Government Association. SGA president **Anujin Enkhat** planned the event with Food Service Director **Martha Taylor**.



Hope you're hungry: Korean girls (above) prepared to uncover their food at our eleventh annual Culture Fair on January 22.

Carry an umbrella: This winter brought us a heaping mix of snow and rain -- occasionally with both at the same time (below).



Summer school 2011 will be June 6 - July 15. Do you know a student in grades 6-12 who needs OBI summer school? Questions: call our admissions staff at (606) 847-4111, ext. 233.

