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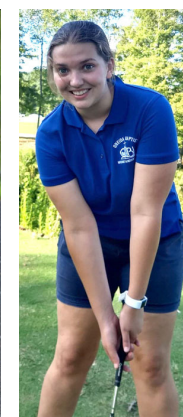
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## Mountaineers go to regional, state competition



Our fall sports season ended with major successes in three sports. **Brayden Herring**, a junior and day student, represented OBI at the state cross country meet in Lexington on November 2, after placing in the top 10 at regionals.

This is Brayden's first year at OBI. He has been running cross country since the eighth grade, and went to state competition as a freshman. Brayden's times were "in the 17's" when he went to state the first time. After suffering a torn tendon, he stated "This has been a rebuilding season." At the start of this year his time was 21, dropping to 19:15 as his best time this fall. He plans to continue running, and expects better times next year.

**Erica Metzger** represented the Oneida golf team at the All A State Golf Tournament on September 28. Coach **Tim Cochran** explained, "At the regional tournament, the first place team and the next two best scores qualified for state. Erica was one of the two individual qualifiers. I believe Erica was the first OBI girl to ever qualify for this tournament. She represented us well."

The Lady Mountaineers volleyball team advanced to regional competition after becoming the district runner-up. It had been over 15 years since OBI volleyball had advanced to regionals. Four Oneida players were named to the All Tournament team: **Emilie Field-Daragh**, **Isabella Valdeperas**, **Madison Gritton**, and **Katy Schroeder**. Isabella had the additional honor of being named a Region Player of the Year by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches' Association.

The Lady Mountaineers had a season record of 23 wins and 6 losses. Coach **Allie Valdeperas** stated, "I am very proud of all of our girls. Every player grew in knowledge and skills this season. Some were first-time players and others have been playing for several years. We had many successes and some disappointing losses, but as a whole we are a stronger team. I can see God's hand working on our team. To Him be all the glory!" □



## Photo highlights



Tie-dye is always a hit at the Fall Festival.



Homecoming 2019 began with our annual livestock show at the OBI farm. Students demonstrated their animal husbandry skills.



Homecoming unites friends old and new.



OBI sent 65 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child! In chapel we prayed over the boxes before they were loaded.



**Abi mBoya** and **Madison Gritton** were our student ambassadors to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual meeting.

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Calling all who have helped this year to say "We thank you!" & "Be of good cheer!"

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From the staff & students of OBI





## Middle School Singers Benefit From Special Choral Opportunities

### Eight middle school choir members sing in Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir



We were blessed to have eight middle school choir members sing in the Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir November 15-17 at First Baptist Church, London. **Tim Cochran**, Oneida choir director, said, "This is the first time we've participated in this event. We were invited this year, so we made it happen. I hope it was a great experience for our girls and a boost to our choir as a whole."

According to their web site, "The Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir is a 70-plus voice choir for students in grades 7 through 9. The goal of the choir is to keep musically talented youth involved and challenged in church music by addressing the social, spiritual, and musical needs unique to this age group. Each year the choir meets on the second weekend of November and the location is rotated to a different part of the state.

"Members are selected by recommendation from their Music Minister. Once selected, members will be

able to participate each year with the ASJHC, as long as the student remains eligible by grade and participation."

**Zoe Goke** was one of our participating students. This was her first year singing at OBI. She liked the worship times at All-State; "We were like one big family," she said. Zoe also loved "singing with other people who were enjoying it as much as I was." She added, "We had a really good director. [**Sue Ellen Ballard**] This experience will help us grow." Our other Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir singers were **Maira Morgan**, **Taraporn "Wawa" Prommanok**, **Elisa Gordon**, **Phos Chongprasertsak**, **Rinrada "Jasmine" Khajohnsupawatchara**, **Rachel Monday**, and **Bridget Beyer**. □

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous deeds. ~ Psalm 98:1a*



Congratulations to OBI senior **Emma Smith** (with parents), one of six seniors from Clay County to be awarded a \$1000 scholarship at the annual Bert T. Combs symposium held at ECU in Manchester on August 30.



OBI fifth and sixth graders took advantage of the half day before fall break by heading over the swinging bridge to the farm. The students helped feed the baby calves and held two piglets. They collected eggs from the chickens and carried them back to the classroom to cook and enjoy, scrambled with bacon and cheese!

### Three middle school students attend All-Festival Chorus



Three OBI choir members, **Rinrada "Jasmine" Khajohnsupawatchara**, **Taraporn "Wawa" Prommanok**, and **Rachel Monday**, were selected to participate in the South-eastern Kentucky Music Educators' Association Junior High All-Festival Chorus on October 22. The singers attended an all-day workshop with a guest conductor and approximately

200 singers from grades 7-9 representing 23 schools in our region. Other OBI choir members attended the evening concert held at the First Baptist Church in London, Kentucky.

Middle school choir director, **Penny Akers**, said, "The guest conductor was **Cynthia Gray**. That was very exciting for our students since Mrs. Gray is the composer of three of the song selections we sang." She added, "I think all of the students really enjoyed singing under her. Our OBI students had a great experience. I was very proud of them."

Taraporn stated, "I was proud of myself for being in the All-Festival Chorus. The conductor was so nice. This will improve our singing." □

OBI drama performed their fall play, *Just Another Snow Day*, by **Bryan Starchman**, October 16-19. Several classes and groups helped by making paper snowflakes that hung from the set and decorated the hallway leading into the chapel. Auditions for the spring play will be held in January.



## Bits and tidbits

### Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

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