

Conference speech yields 14 Best of Center awards

by **Mason Lubben**

Hey, what's up, Wildcats? As large group speech came to a close this past Saturday, individual speech season has just begun. On Monday, the individual speech team travelled to Ed-Co for its conference speech competition. The night was very successful with MV bringing home the Eagle again. The 10-12 team finished first, and the 9th grade team finished sixth out of 18 teams.

Results are as follows:

Receiving a one rating:

Paige Winter, Acting
Molly Anderegg, Poetry
Jordyn Kemp, Radio News
Kendra Hillers, Poetry
Lane Coyle, Prose
Alex Digman, Acting
Kailyn Hogan, Prose
Shelby March, Storytelling
Lexi Deutmeyer, Literary Program
Lydia Helle, Prose
Jaiden Porter, Literary Program
AJ Ambundo, Storytelling
Maddie Lahr, Radio News
Amanda Mohr, Literary Program
Paige Panosh, Reviewing
Lydia Helle, Original Oratory
Madeline Gellerson, Storytelling
Amber Gellerson, Public Address
Emma McDowell, After Dinner
Andrew Kloser, Radio News
Kim Sellner, Reviewing
Kristin Lucas, After Dinner
Allie Dunn, Original Oratory
Preston Roling, Radio News
Carlie Lewin, Reviewing
Mason Lubben, Acting
Amaya Hunt, Reviewing
Kaitlyn Deutmeyer, Improv.
Noah DeVore, Storytelling
Hannah Lahr, Expository Address
Emma McDowell, Improv.
Andrew Kloser, Public Address
Chloe Roling, Acting
Preston Roling, Prose
Kelly Winter, Reviewing
Kristin Lucas, Public Address

Faith Hunt, Acting
Grace Wegmann, Poetry
Katilyn Deutmeyer, Expository Address
Mason Lubben, Storytelling
Amaya Hunt, Prose
Noah DeVore, Expository Address
Ashtyn Porter, Poetry
Brock Trenkamp, Public Address
Allie Dunn, Acting
Chloe Roling, Expository Address
Kelly Winter, Literary Program
Emma Hill, Poetry
Paige Panosh, Spontaneous Speaking

Receiving a 2 rating:

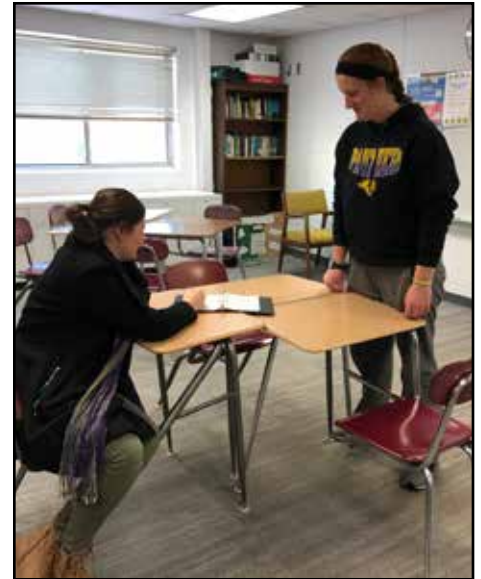
Keziah Ambundo, Radio News
Cloie Wilson, Spontaneous Speaking
Kriya Atwell, Original Oratory
Layla Crippen, Acting
Tate Trenkamp, Spontaneous Speaking
Ashtyn Porter, Prose
Izabel Niehaus, Improv.
Erika Supple, Poetry

Best of Center results include:

Center 1: Lydia Helle (OO)
Center 2: Amanda Mohr (LP) & Paige Panosh (SS)
Center 3: Chloe Roling (EX) & Noah DeVore (EX)
Center 5: Mason Lubben (ST) & Noah DeVore (ST)
Center 6: Amber Engelken (PA) & Kristin Lucas (PA)
Center 7: Lydia Helle (PR)
Center 8: Mason Lubben (AC) & Faith Hunt (AC)
Center 9: Amaya Hunt (PR) & Preston Roling (PR)

Huge congratulations to all the Wildcats who participated on Monday.

The district individual speech contest will be held this Saturday here at MV. Come out and support your peers!



Erika Supple rehearses her prose piece with Ms. Crumpton before school in preparation for district contest.

TEL students encourage chewing tobacco cessation
TEL students Carissa Sabers, Leah Ries, Avery Krapfl and Preston Ries put a note with a piece of candy on it that says, **Chew This Instead.**



This is Through with Chew Week. Were you aware that one in every 100 youth, aged 12-17 and nearly 4 in every 100 young adults aged 18-25, use smokeless tobacco and at least one other tobacco/nicotine product? This is according to the Centers of Disease Control.

Girls basketball makes it to Regional Finals game

by Kylie Chesnut

The Wildcats made a good run for the state tournament, but the Cascade Cougars' defense was too much for MV Monday night in the Regional Finals held at Dubuque Senior. MV lost 38-53. The team finished with a 20-3 overall record.

The path to the finals started last week with a win over East Buchanan Buccaneers on Wednesday night. Both teams came out swinging, but the Wildcats pulled through and finished the game with a great win 57-41. Coach Moenck commented, "East Buch is a team that came in playing really well. They are very well coached and have so many kids that can hurt you. We didn't get off to a good start and to East Buch's credit they came right at us to start the game. They killed us on the boards early and hit some very big shots."

By half time of the game 25-26 in the Buc's favor. The girls kept their cool and worked hard to get the lead. "To our kids credit, we never panicked. We kept chipping away and finally took the lead the rest of the game. We had a lot of kids really step up in this game. I'm so proud of our kids for just gutting it out. This time of year it is so important you play hard for 32 minutes," Coach Moenck continued. Sam Wall was the leading scorer of the night putting 19 points on the boards, with Em-

erson Whittenbaugh laying in 17 points for the team.

Offense is important, but defense can win you games. On the defensive end, Taya Tucker had 5 rebounds, and another 5 rebounds on the offensive side. Whittenbaugh also grabbed 7 total rebounds, and Maddy Anderegg pulled down 5.

Friday night the girls traveled to Manchester to take on the Beckman Blazers and won 46-38.

"Dyersville is another team that is extremely well coached," stated Coach Moenck. "They're such a big and physical team and we were not used to that. We didn't get off to a good start and Beckman came out and hit some really big shots. We were really concerned with their inside game and they came out and hit 5 3's to start the game. Again, to our teams credit, we didn't panic and kept chipping away and finally taking the lead late in the third period. We didn't shoot well in this game, and a lot of that had to do with Beckman doing a good job of keeping us off balance. We did a very nice job of being aggressive to the basket and getting to the F.T. line. This was a very big win for our kids and program. We have to do a better job of getting off to a better start the next game. I would like to thank the crowd that we had there Friday night. It was an awesome feel-



Taya Tucker looks to make a play against East Buchanan last week. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

ing looking across the court and seeing all the Maquoketa Valley fans decked out in black cheering on the girls. What a great environment!!"

Three Wildcats compete at district wrestling

The wrestling season came to an end Feb. 9 at the district meet in Jesup with three MV wrestlers participating.

In the 145 match up, Parker Sternhagen finished fourth. Sternhagen ended his sophomore season with a 28-16 season.

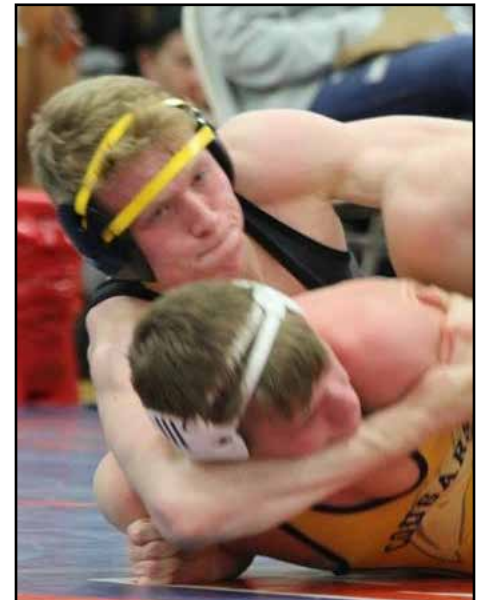
At 170, James LeGassick lost his second place match. LeGassick won his third place match but lost in the semifinal round. He finished his senior season with a 24-14 record.

In the 220 match, Michael Feldmann lost his second place match and then won the third place match. He then lost his semifinal round. Feldmann ended his junior season with a 22-15 record.

"We as a coaching staff are very proud of the attitudes and efforts displayed by our team at Regional duals and at districts this past Saturday," stated Coach Andrews. "At Regional duals we beat a Wilton team that beat us in early January and then we put up 24 points on the third ranked team in state. This team has come



a long way since the beginning of the season and have definitely showed us what it is capable of in the future. We also want to take time to thank everyone who came out and supported Parker, James, and Michael



at districts this past Saturday. We are very proud of these guys as they left it all on the mat and that's what we as coaches ask them to do."

what's up!

by Leah Ries

What could you give an hour speech on without any preparation?

Carissa Sabers: The T.V. show Friends

Anthony March: Motors

McKenzie Hoefler: How people need to treat everyone with respect and not be mean to people

Zach Digman: My values and what I really care about, or it would be about my life and the things I plan to do after high school and college

Emma Grey: About my friends and our memories because we do so much together and I could talk about them all day

Tony Offerman: Chicago Cubs baseball or Music

Derek Mensen: Internet browsing safety as well as computer software and hardware components, or anything that deals with computers and technology

Erika Supple: Not so smart things my siblings have done

Jon Seibert: The effects that an hour of silence has on people

Mrs. Palmer: Using social media to market a business

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of February 20, 2019

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

- Thank A Farmer Day (Dress as a Farmer)

1. Josten's Class Ring Presentation Meeting for 9th Graders - Auditorium - during WIN (or 2:55 PM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 -

Proud to be American (Wear Red, White & Blue)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 - FFA Flannel Friday

1. HS Vocal to Jazz Clinic at Kirkwood Community College in C.R. - 8:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:45 AM)

2. MV FFA Ag Olympics - HS Gym & Cafeteria - 2:10 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

1. HS District Individual Speech - HOME - both Gyms, both Cafeterias, All Classrooms - 8:00 AM

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Amanda Mohr

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech?

Literary Program

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? I

get to tell a story and I get to connect with people in the audience through the emotions shown in the piece.

What have you learned through this event? I can't be afraid to step out of my comfort zone. Individual speech definitely teaches you this because you have to do things you might not be comfortable with, but in the end it is worth it.

What other event would you like to try? Prose because it is similar to Literary Program in that you are telling a story to the audience and possibly teaching them an important lesson.

How will speech help you in the future? It will help me with speaking in front of people and will help me gain confidence the more I speak in front of people.

"She is on time for every practice, signs up for extra practice, tries everything that is asked of her and comes to the next practice with the changes implemented that we had talked about at the previous practice. She makes sure that the changes are penciled into her binder. Even as a Freshman, she is not afraid to voice her opinion of how she wants her piece to go. She's been a joy to work with." —Nurse Mary



Name: Madeline Gellersen

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech?

I am in storytelling.

What do you enjoy most about individual speech?

I had to step out of my comfort zone to do the actions and sounds for my piece.

What have you learned through this event? You need to know the material and practice a lot in order to be great.

What other event would you like to try? Acting, I have seen others preform this event and it seems like a challenge.

How will speech help you in the future? Speech has helped me come out of my shell and to be a better person. In the future it will help me become more confident when speaking in front of others.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Andrew Holtz

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play?

I play Point Guard.

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Being able to work as a unit to achieve a goal.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? To be successful you have to work as a team.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? When I got my takeover badge @ Starmont.

Who's your basketball role models? Steve Nash, Jason Williams, and Jason Kidd

Name: Maci Freiburger

What position do you play? Post

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Being with everyone, and playing the game.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? We all have put so much time on the off season, many summer tournaments, and shooting in the gym.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Freshman year at East Buchanan I got a free soup supper and told everyone it was free but it was a donation.

Who's your basketball role model? Megan Gustafson



Best Buds



Faith Hunt & Hannah Lahr

by Hannah Lahr

How long have you been friends?

We were friends the start of high school, but got really close the last two years

What's your favorite thing to do with each other?

Hannah: Go hot tubbing or play with her dogs

Faith: Go out to eat with Hannah and Travis.

What's your favorite thing about one another?

Hannah: Faith is so confident and determined. When she wants something, she goes after it. She's also a really good listener.

Faith: Hannah isn't one to just do what everyone else is doing. She does what she wants to do. She also stands up for what she believes instead of letting other control what she does. She pushes me to do better and try new things.

What's your favorite memory?

Hannah: Watching Faith do a yoga move and falling into her TV

Faith: Hannah venting about something and then calling her dad to tell him about the drama.

Where do you see each other in five years?

Hannah: I see her still living in Florida and enjoying the warm weather. She will most likely have a job dealing with Communications.

Faith: I can see Hannah working her way up in big company and eventually being head of the company or major department.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Two boxers are fighting in a ring together. After the 6th round, one of the boxers goes down without a single man throwing a punch. How is this so?

Answer: The boxers were both female!

Vocal jazz, jazz band compete



by Allie Dunn

The vocal jazz groups and jazz band put their talents to the test last week.

Last Friday, both Smooth Harmony and Jazz XPress competed at a jazz festival in Solon. The groups worked with John Stafford from Kansas City Community College on stage with Jazz X-Press having their follow up clinic with the guest artist for the evening's concert Carmen Bradford (sang with the Count Basie Orchestra for 9 years) and jazz pianist Tyrone Jackson. Smooth Harmony worked with gigging jazz pianist/vocalist Dr. Justin Binek who also works at Kansas City Community College with John Stafford. The suggestions for improvement they received will help both groups continue to grow as performers in this very challenging genre of music.

Last Thursday the jazz band attended the Tall Corn Jazz festival at UNI. They performed their three pieces with heart and soul. Each member of the band has been meticulously working hard to get preformed ready. That work paid off! The band had a amazing sound through out the performance. At the festival, there were three different judges who gave back comments. They all mentioned how much potential we have! This winter has not been nice to us, but we jazz kids have banded together to get what was needed done.

The jazz band is gearing up to competed at NEIBA jazz Mar. 2.



Cutie

by Kristin Lucas



This cutie is a junior from Hopkinton. She loves dogs and chocolate. This cutie has green eyes. She is involved in contest speech.

Last week's Cutie was Brooke Wilson.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What do you call two octopi that look exactly alike?...Itenticle
 What do you give a dog with a fever?... Mustard, it's the best thing for a hot dog!
 Why are giraffes so slow to apologize?... It takes a long time for them to swallow their pride.
 What do you call a cow in a tornado?...A milkshake
 Which day do fish hate?...Fryday
 What do you call a deer with no eyes?... No-eye-deer

FFA chapter highlights accomplishments



MV FFA Officers: Mason Kruse, President; Carter Kruse, Vice President; Amber Engelken, Secretary; Krista Ries, Treasurer; Tara Goedken & Holli Hogan, Historians; Sarah Goedken, Sentinel

This week is national FFA Week, and the MV chapter has a lot to be proud of throughout the year.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA has been actively involved in community this past year.

We sponsored a kid's pedal tractor pull at Earlville Fourth of July Celebration.

The Delaware County Fair was another successful year with members exhibiting projects and showing their sheep, cattle, dairy, goats and swine. FFA member Shelby Westhoff served as the Delaware County Dairy Princess and Brooke Wilson was the Delaware County Pork Queen and was crowned Delaware County Fair Queen.

Mason Kruse participated in meat judging at Dan's Locker in Earlville. Several members participated in dairy handling, dairy judging, and meat & cheese judging at the Youth Dairy Classic. Others participated in the Clayton County Livestock Judging.

Members were busy fundraising

with a Hog Raffle; Fruit, Meat & Cheese Sales; Soup Supper, and the Ford Drive 4 Ur Community Event.

In October we spent a day in Madison, WI at the World Dairy Expo and decorated a float for the Homecoming parade.

Many of the members were actively involved in reorganizing and repairing the shop area and greenhouse.

New members Lane Domeyer, Courtney Goedken, Anthony March and Jeremy Weber were presented their Greenhand Degree and the Chapter Degree was awarded to Evan Elgin, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Holli Hogan, Carter Kruse, Shelby March, Luke Richter, and Krista Ries.

Amanda Engelken and Amber Engelken just received Gold in their proficiencies and will advance to state.

MV FFA Members:

Seniors--Blake Becker, Eric Brehm, Adam Goedken, Dylan Happel, Rose Haven, Cody Hunter, Lucas Johnson, Zach Lansing, James LeGassick, Mady Moenck, Kaylynn Smith, Nathan Weber.

Juniors--Amber Engelken, Michael Feldmann, Matthew Hucker, Mason Kruse, Alyssa Langel, Shelby March, Frankie Mast, Carter Stahlberg.

Sophomores--Mason Billings, Evan Elgin, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Holli Hogan, Chance Kemp, Carter Kruse, Luke Richter, Krista Ries, Randy Thompson.

Freshmen--Lane Domeyer, Courtney Goedken, Anthony March, Jeremy Weber.

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle



Most of us are pretty much experts when it comes to dogs, cats, and the occasional goldfish. But, how much do we know when it comes to animals, such as shrimp, snails, slugs, and sloths. Well, this week I asked Liz McDowell, Mr. Dunlap, Matt "Fo-shizzle Ma-nizzle Bo-dizzle" Hucker how much they knew.

Where is a shrimp's heart located in its body?

Liz: Head

Mr. D: Thorax

Matthew: Tail

Answer: Head

How many years can a snail sleep for?

Liz: 47

Mr. D: Three

Matthew: Eight

Answer: Three

How many noses do slugs have?

Liz: None

Mr. D: Two

Matthew: Four

Answer: Four

How many weeks does it take a sloth to digest its food?

Liz: Three

Mr. D: Three

Matthew: Thirty

Answer: Two

I guess we should stick to having dogs, cats, and fish as pets! Doesn't seem like we would make good slug owners. That's all for this week--"catch you on the flip side"!

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

Nicholas Chen - 2/9

Kelsey Ries - 2/12

Randy Thompson - 2/13

Olivia Hoeger, Chance Kemp - 2/14

Brooke Elgin - 2/15

Brock Trenkamp - 2/16

Miguel Bojorquez - 2/18

Daniel Hunter - 2/20

