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Twelve Students to Conference Honor Choir

Representing MV in the conference honor choir were, front, Philip Mueller, Melanie Kintzle, Allison Schultz, Jennifer Schooley; middle, Jessica Krogmann, Laura Siebert; standing, Brett Huber, Adam Ries, Brian Wilson, Jeff Nurre and Charlie Eck. Not present: Amy Salow. (photo by Kelly Prier)



by Jessica Krogmann

On Monday, while most everyone was either sleeping, working, or slacking, twelve students along with Mrs. Mueller went to Central City for the Conference Honor Choir Festival.

This included Charlie Eck, Melanie Kintzle, Allison Schultz, Amy Salow, Adam Ries, Jessica Krogmann, Jeff Nurre, Jennifer Schooley, Brian Wilson, Philip Mueller, Brett Huber, and Laura Siebert.

They arrived there at 2:00 in the afternoon and began rehearsing for their concert that night. They worked in section-

als, whole groups, and a few even tried out for solos.

The mixed chorus sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Jabula Jesu," Ave Verum Corpus," and "He Never Failed Me Yet." The guys chorus sang "Man of la Mancha" and the girls sang "Things that Never Die." Each school attending also sang their own song. The 12 from MV sang a song called "And So It Goes."

The concert was that night at 7:00 and was open to the public.

Philip Mueller commented, "The director was cool."

McDonald Recognized as Outstanding Scholar



Mr. Kuehl commends Abby McDonald at the academic awards assembly for being named a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. Abby placed among the top five percent of more than 1,000,000 students who entered the 2004 competition by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Academic Awards Presented



Junior Kelli Carpenter receives her academic award from Mr. Ebeling, superintendent. Several students received awards at the assembly Thursday morning. To be eligible for an academic award, sophomores must have a 3.6 GPA while juniors and seniors must have a 3.4.

Hard Work in Marching Band Pays Off

by Ashley Kramer

Last Saturday, the Maquoketa Valley marching band performed at the State Marching Band Festival at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Maquoketa Valley began the class 2A competitions with a great performance and later found out that they had earned their first Division I rating ever in history!

As always, the bands were judged in four areas: Music Execution, Music General Effect, Marching Execution, and Marching General Effect. When the totals from each category are added, a perfect score is worth 100 points. A Division I rating is anywhere from 68 to 100 points. Last year, the MV band got a 60.4 and this year the band beat their score with a total of 80

points!

Field commander Adam Ries commented, "Wow, it's our first Division I. Not only did we get a I, but a solid I (80). It was the best we have performed all year, both marching and playing."

Band director Mr. John C. Smith said, "This season had its ups and downs, but in the end the group learned the most important thing about being in a group- that hard work and working together as a team pays off in the long run."

The state contest wrapped up the MV marching band's competition for the year. Thanks to all of the parents and friends who have supported the band this season and congratulations, Wildcats, on a job well done!