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FFA Crowns New Sweetheart



The FFA Sweetheart was crowned last Friday night. Pictured is the court: last year's Sweetheart Sara Wenthold, escorted by Scott Conrad; this year's Sweetheart Sheila Wenthold, escorted by Jeremy Ronnebaum; this year's alternate Bonny Jaeger, escorted by Dustin Helmrichs; and Cindy Rolfes, escorted by Todd Sheehy.

Speech Team Wins Conference Title

by Abby McDonald

Last Saturday the Maquoketa Valley Varsity and Freshman Speech Team traveled to North Linn for the Conference Speech Competition. The students competed individually for a rating.

They enjoyed the meet a lot - in fact, Ashley Kramer commented, "It was a very rewarding day and the performing was exciting." Mrs. Bonebrake was pleased with the day too, stating, "It was a well-run contest and I felt very good about it.

Receiving rating I's for the Varsity team were: Allison Schultz (Original Oratory and Acting); Jessica Krogmann (Improvisational Acting and Acting); Bill Durey (Storytelling); Laura Seibert (Acting and Literary Program); Kasey Jones (Radio News); Ashley Kramer (Literary Program and Poetry); Miranda Knake (Original Oratory and Expository Address); Abby McDonald (Acting and Prose); Adam Graybill (Improvisational Acting); Heidi Arjes (Acting and Literary Program); Shawn Roling (Radio News and Review); Lalaina Rabary (After Dinner Speaking and Review); Tony Klostermann (Radio News); Jennifer Schooley (Poetry and Expository Address); Jake Norlin (Expository Address); and Casi Orr (After Dinner Speaking).

Others performing at the contest were: Adam Ries (Review and Acting); Casi Orr (Spontaneous Speaking); Bill Durey (Prose); Tony Klostermann (Public Address); John Eiben (Improvisational Acting and Spontaneous Speaking); Kelli Parsons (Original Oratory); Mike Sibel (Spontaneous Speaking); Scott Conrad (Public Address); Ivy LeClere (Storytelling); Wes Deshaw (Public Address); Brittney Supple (Poetry); Andrea Palmerheim (Prose); and Adam Graybill (Storytelling).

Freshmen receiving I's were: Zack Jones (Radio News); Megan Sawyer (Poetry); Michelle Durey (Poetry and Prose); Brando Hills (Prose); Annie Ehltz (Poetry); and Audrey Salow (Storytelling). Zack Jones received a II in After Dinner Speaking.

Congratulations to the two speech teams. The Varsity team came home with the Eagle, winning the conference champion once more. The Individual Districts Competition will take place February 28th at Maquoketa Valley. Come and watch!

Honor Band to UNI

by Adam Ries

This past weekend, six students traveled to Cedar Falls for the UNI Festival of Bands. The students participating included Beth Klostermann, Kim Nieman, Hannah Reth, Katie Hoffmann, Allison Offerman, and Calvin Strum. They spent their time in mass rehearsals practicing their five songs, master classes (sectionals), going to several concerts, and hanging out at the hotel.

When asked how her weekend was, Kim replied, "It was great!" That Saturday afternoon, everyone who participated in the honor band put on a concert in Gallager-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. The concert got started at approximately 2:00 and lasted until 4:15.

On the little free time they had, the six participants ate at Fazoli's, and also got some laughs when Calvin lost his pants and Mr. Smith had to go buy him a new pair.

Overall, the weekend was a great learning experience and a fun time away from school and regular life for those who went and put their talents to the test.



Representing MV at the UNI honor band were: front row: Kim Nieman, Beth Klostermann, Mary Hoffmann; back row: Hannah Reth, Calvin Strum and Allison Offerman.