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Congressman Nussle Speaks to Seniors



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On Monday, Congressman Jim Nussle from the United States Congress visited Maquoketa Valley to talk with the senior class. Nussle, who lives in Manchester when he is not in Washington D.C., represents the first district in Iowa.

Congressman Nussle started off his talk by explaining the purpose of Congress, as well as the purpose of his job. Not only does Nussle represent 600,000 Iowans in Congress, but he also sits on the Ways and Means committee and is the chairperson of the Budget committee. Because he is the ultimate person in charge of writing our nation's budget, he has had the chance to speak with President Bush on occasion.

For most of Nussle's visit, he allowed the seniors to ask him questions. Topics that were discussed include: financial aid, No Child Left Behind, the war in Iraq, and thoughts of President Bush in a second term. Congressman Nussle was very informative and encourages people to let him know their opinions.

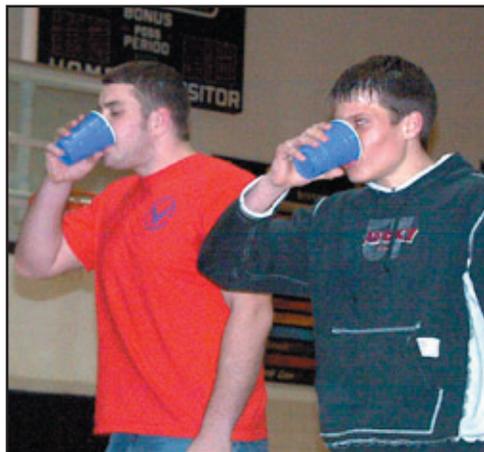
"He spoke at our level and made sure that we understood what he was saying, but yet he wasn't condescending," stated Shawn Roling.

NICC Speakers Share with Juniors & Sophs



Wednesday the juniors and sophomores had the opportunity to learn about a variety of programs offered at NICC including health, auto technology, graphic arts, respiratory care, radiology technology, dental assisting, desktop publishing and office technology, diesel and robotics/electronics. Left, MV grad Amy Rausch speaks to some juniors about respiratory care.

Ag Fear Factor Wraps Up FFA Week



Students enjoyed the culmination of FFA Week last Friday with Ag Fear Factors. FFA members first presented a slideshow on the activities and mission of the FFA. The Fear Factor games produced many laughs and some good-spirited competition. Left: Brian Hillebrand and Ben Weatherwax chug some soy milk. Below: Juniors Ashleigh Hunt and Amanda Smith and freshmen Michelle Durey and Jordan Kramer chase a chicken while seniors Ashley Nordmann and Kyle Henry watch. (photos by Kathie Palmersheim)

