

Speaker Discusses Identify Theft

Lisa Maiers from Community Savings Bank in Earlville gave a presentation Nov. 30 to seniors on ways to avoid identity theft. (photo by Kathie Palmerseim)



Choir All-State Members Enjoy Festival

by Allison Offerman

During November 18-20, Adam Ries, Amy Salow, Philip Mueller, Mike Salow, and Laura Seibert participated in the IH SMA All-State Chorus. They endured many hours of rehearsal in order to prepare for their portion of the concert. The other two participating groups included the All-State Band and Orchestra.

I asked each of the members a few questions about the duration of the festival. When asked the best part of the festival, Philip replied, "Listening to us all sing together. It's awesome to hear the best singers in the state all sing together." I also questioned Adam on his least favorite part about the festival; he concluded with "3 1/2 hour rehearsals. No explanation needed". Some of the most memorable moments occurred outside of the actual rehearsing and concert though. For example, Mike's was "playing on a broken pinball machine" and Adam's included his "s'mores sundae and putting Fonke (Eric) in his place after he was being annoying on the way down."

Overall, it sounded like the students had a fun time down in Ames. Once again, congratulations on your acceptance and participation in the 2004 All-State Chorus.

Five Musicians Selected for Honor Band



Front: Kim Nieman and Katie Hoffmann and back: Tiffany Heitz, Beth Klostermann and Allison Offerman were chosen to perform with the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association honor band.

Christmas Concert Coming Your Way

by Amanda Heims

The wonderful sound of music has been filling the halls at Maquoketa Valley. The Maquoketa Valley band as well as the choir are gearing up for this year's Christmas concert.

The band will play a number of songs including "Freshaire Christmas," "Fanfare and Processional," "Salvation is Created," and "Toy Shop" which will feature Mr. Bonebrake narrating a story.

The Choir will also be performing a number songs including "Gloria", "When

the Stars Fall", "Carol of the Bells," "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," "To Him We Sing," "Here's a Tiny Little Baby," "Silver Bells," and "Patapan."

The Concert will be held on December 20 at 7:00 starting with the choir singing at St. John's church and after, the band performing in the auditorium. All the students have been working especially hard to make this year's concert the best and hope to see everyone there to bask in the holiday spirit.



Left: The trumpet section prepares for the holiday concert.

Below: Brett Huber rehearses his holiday choir music. (photos by Kathie Palmerseim)

