

New Face

Temporarily at MV

by Annie Ehltz



Maquoketa Valley High School is privileged to have a new student teacher, Mrs. Merkis. She's working with Mr. Kriegel and Mr. Meehan.

Mrs. Merkis will be a graduate from the University of Northern Iowa. She's married and has a bundle of joy on the way this summer.

Mrs. Merkis chose to go into the teaching field because she enjoys being in front of students and seeing the kids not only learn about the subject, but also other skills in life. She also chose teaching because she loves to help students and change their lives. Mrs. Merkis can teach all social studies classes. She chose this area to teach because it was her favorite subject in high school and she had an influential teacher.

Mrs. Merkis is only around for a short period of time, so be sure to take the opportunity to talk to her while you can!

Jazz Band and Choir Do Well Jazz Competition



Katie Hoffmann plays a sax solo during a jazz band rehearsal. The jazz band received its first Division I rating in school history last weekend.

by Amanda Heims

Saturday, the Jazz band, Smooth Harmony and Jazz Express all traveled to LaPorte City Union to show off their talents at the Vocal Jazz and Jazz Band Competition. They competed against schools like Cascade, Western Dubuque and Center Point

Jazz band, which consists of 19 members grades 9-12 received a division I rating-the first in school history! They put in a lot of hard work and talent, practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Smooth Harmony, which includes Amy Salow, Adam Ries, Sarah Tindell, Mike Salow, Lalaina Rabary, Philip Mueller, Brett Huber and Laura Seibert also received a division I rating. The group practices after school

several days a week. They performed songs such as: "Voice Dance," "Falling in Love with Love," "I'll Be Seeing You," and "Revolution."

Jazz Express, new this year, includes members, Maggie Seibert, Megan Besler, Miranda Knake, Brando Hills, Adam Koopman, Audrey Salow, Cody Recker and Eric Fonck received a division II rating. They also practice several days a week performing songs: "New York State of Mind," "Blue Skies," "Take Five," and "Just the Way You Look Tonight."

Smooth Harmony and the Jazz band will go on to compete in state contest in Des Moines for the state competition. This will decide if they move on to possibly go to Chicago. Congratulations to all who participated.