

# Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## The Eagle Lands Again

Those who placed at the conference speech meet were Lalaina Rabary, Stefanie Brooks, Jessica Krogmann, Michelle Durey, Adam Graybill, Miranda Knake, Jeff Nurre and Jackie Melchert. (photo by Jen Schooley)



by Jessica Krogmann

Last Saturday, the Individual speech team traveled to North Linn to return the Eagle to its righteous home--Maquoketa Valley! Receiving I ratings were: Allison Offerman-Reviewing and Spontaneous Speaking; Jennifer Schooley-Acting & Literary Program; Casi Orr-After Dinner Speaking; Curtis Wolf-After Dinner Speaking; Adam Ries-Radio News; Felicia Harbach-Spontaneous Speaking; Beth Klostermann-Storytelling; Lalaina Rabary-Spontaneous & Radio News; John Eiben-Poetry; Katie Reth-Storytelling; Miranda Knake--Original Oratory & Expository Address; Audrey Salow-Poetry & Prose; Brando Hills--Prose; Jessica Krogmann-Original Oratory; Stefanie Brooks--Reviewing; Zack Jones-Radio News; Bill Durey-Storytelling; Michelle Durey-Literary Program; Megan Sawyer--Acting; Megan Besler-Prose; Jackie Melchert-Poetry; Aaron Dunham-Improvisational Acting; and Adam Graybill--Improvisational Acting. Receiving II ratings were: Brian Wilson-

Public Address & Improvisational Acting; Zack Jones-After Dinner Speaking; Bill Durey-Acting; Ashley Heims-Public Address; Gwen Offerman-Expository Address; Renee Pritchard-Review; Curtis Wolf-Expository Address; Annie Ehlt-Literary Program; and Adam Ries-Acting.

There were also nine students placing in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the 13 performance categories (this means that out of ALL the students in that category, our students placed in the top three in the following categories: Adam Ries-3rd place Radio News; Adam Graybill-3rd place Improv Acting; Jackie Melchert-1st place Poetry; Miranda Knake-1st place Expository Address & Original Oratory; Michelle Durey-3rd place Literary Program; Jessica Krogmann-Original Oratory; Lalaina Rabary-Spontaneous Speaking; and Stefanie Brooks-Review.

This was an awesome job done by everyone and this weekend, they're off to Oelwein for Districts! Good luck to everyone!

## Hoffmann Receives Outstanding Soloist Award

by Allison Offerman

Last Friday, the Jazz Ensemble traveled to Coe College for the Coe College Jazz Summit. Overall, the band did not place in the top three (Center Point-Urbana won the competition), but still played well. Katie Hoffmann was named Maquoketa Valley's sole outstanding soloist by the judges.

Mr. Smith commented about the band's performance, "I don't think that we played up to our full potential, and I hope that they learn from this experience."

Good job to the Jazz Ensemble members and good luck at NEIBA District contest this Saturday!

## Choir Sings Their Hearts Out

by Maggie Seibert

This Monday, the choir students took a trip to Cedar Falls to participate in a vocal singing. Not only did we get to perform, but if our choir did well, we would be able to perform that night with a few other schools who also have a chance of performing also.

The buses took off at about 7:30 that morning, and we arrived there at about 9:00. We were taken to a place to keep our bags, then we walked over to the auditorium to listen to some of the contestants sing. It was interesting to see many different varieties of music from all of the participants. Soon after it was time for us to perform. We sang an Afro-Keltic Diddle and also a song that Mrs. Mueller composed herself called "Youth Trilogy." Soloists of "Youth Trilogy" were Amy Salow, Phillip Mueller, Laura Seibert, Lalaina Rabary, and Sarah Tindell. The choir showed an excellent performance.

After singing we got critiqued by some of the singers watching us. Around 12:30 we went to the mall to eat.

Then after a busy long day of waiting, we finally heard that we were one of the schools chosen to sing that night. It was a great honor to sing in front of a large group. That night we got to listen to many interesting and enjoyable music and piano pieces and also performed ourselves. Being a part of the concert was a great experience for all the choir students and a fun one at that.