

## Speech students earn many I ratings, send five to All-State

by Mikaela Reth

Saturday, March 14, speech students traveled to Starmont to compete at State contest. 31 of the 40 events received an overall Division I rating, five of which will be participating at All-State.

Mrs. DeVore stated, "We have students who truly are students of character while at contest. We, as coaches, have watched our students improve and give their best performance on Saturday. We have great support that surrounds our program."

The five advancing to All-State are: Heather Sabers (Storytelling), Shawnae Hoeger (Prose), Jazz Niehaus (After Dinner Speaking), Shaylyn Trenkamp (Reviewing) and Patrick Hansen (Prose). The All-Staters will perform at the All-State Festival in Cedar Falls on Mar. 30.

Others earning a Division I rating are: Patrick Hansen (poetry), Adrienne Supple (poetry), Danielle Schuman (literary program), Natalie Neuzil (expository address), Cassidy Wilson (public address), Taylor White (storytelling), Olivia Hill (original oratory), Sienna Becker (reviewing), Lawson Roof (poetry), Abby Jay (acting), Bailey Lubben (expository ad-



Natalie Neuzil rehearses her expository address before contest. She informed her audience about the origins and changes in the one-dollar bill.

dress), Tiffany Hoeger (literary program), Kinsey Johnson (radio news announcing), Macy Anderegg (expository address), Emily Krapfl (literary program), Colin Wendt (literary program), Emily LaGrant (after dinner speaking), Nichole Winter (storytelling), Caitlyn Gibbs (poetry), Ashley Holtz (original oratory), Amanda Fortman (reviewing), Mary Feldmann (acting), Angie Wilson (public address), Rebekah Hill (poetry), Mikayla Callan (acting) and Riley Sternhagen (spontaneous speaking).

Those receiving a Division II include: Brody Severt (spontaneous speaking), Hannah Clemen (prose), Brianna Mensen (spontaneous speaking), Briana March (acting), Annie Fjelstul (after dinner speaking), BrieAnna Nielson (prose), Laissee Shakespeare (public address), Taylor Guthrie (solo musical theatre) and Megan McNamara (improvisation).

Congrats to all who participated and good luck to the five going on to All-State.

## Kaleb Kruse selected for Star Agribusiness award

The 2015 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 87th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 19-21, 2014. Twenty-two finalists were selected in four different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agriscience, Agribusiness, and Agricultural Production. The finalists were selected from a pool of 724 FFA members that will earn the Iowa FFA Degree—the highest honor the Iowa FFA Association can bestow upon an FFA member.

Maquoketa Valley's very own Kaleb Kruse was selected for Star Agribusiness.

Kaleb's SAE is market genomic elite dairy individuals and embryos all

over the world in partnership with his two younger brothers operating under the business name of KCKK. He's expanded to the Agribusiness sector when he purchased a high genomic heifer on World Classic Sale in Madison, Wisconsin in 2013. After Kaleb bought her, he sold embryos to many different countries as well as offspring around the United States. His business has grown from one original heifer to now merchandising offspring directly from her. The use of technology such as embryo transfer & in vitro fertilization help him to expand the genetics and merchandising business and contributed to his success.

The star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through

their career development programs and demonstrated outstanding management skills. These finalists will be interviewed and an overall winner in each area will be announced on stage during the 4th General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 21. Stars Over Iowa finalists receive a plaque and a cash award.



—submitted by Kristi Goedken

# Sports Connection

## Wrestlers hold awards banquet

On Mar. 15 the wrestling team held the 2014-2015 wrestling awards banquet. Award winners were as follows:

MVP- Ryan Parmely  
Coaches Award- Trevor Koopmann  
Dedication Award- Alec McDowell  
GUTS Award- Steve Huber  
Most Improved- Brody Severt  
Freshmen of the Year- Tanner Parmely

100 career matches won award- Trevor Koopmann (140) and Steve Huber (140)  
150 career matches won award- Ryan Parmely (203)  
200 career matches won award- Ryan Parmely (203) - 7th most wins in state history

Recognition for 100 career pins- Ryan Parmely (121)

2-time State Champion, 4-time state qualifier award- Ryan Parmely

State qualifier certificates- Tanner Parmely, Trevor Koopmann, Steve Huber, Ryan Parmely

The entire team will be receiving a team GPA award for having a team GPA average of 3.131.

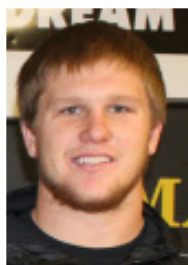
The entire team also got an award for breaking the dual team meet record with 33 dual team victories this year. (previous

record 27)

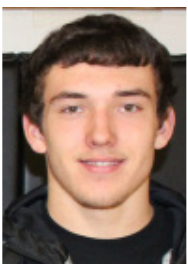
“Overall this was a very rewarding night as we recognized all the guys

on what they accomplished this year and the past four years for the seniors,” stated Coach Andrews. “This year’s senior class will hold its place in Maquoketa Valley history forever. Over the last four years this group of seniors consisting of Greg Guetzko,

Trevor Koopmann, Steve Huber, and Ryan Parmely compiled a dual team record of 112-40, accumulated 3,688 team points, had 356 pins, and 578 wins among the four of them. Unbelievably impressive and almost unheard of amongst four varsity wrestlers at any school and any level. These guys will always hold a legacy of greatness within the program and will have their names in the record books (somewhere) for a very long time to come. We are not only losing great wrestlers and a lot of great numbers with these four individuals, but we are losing (more importantly) great people as well. They have been outstanding leaders (in and outside of school) and have shown our underclassmen the way things need to be done to earn success at the highest of levels. These men will be truly missed as I will always be grateful to be able to say that I was their coach and accomplish the things we did on the mat for the school/community.”



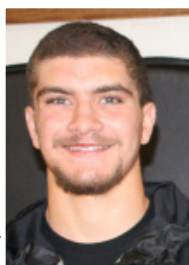
**Ryan Parmely  
MVP**



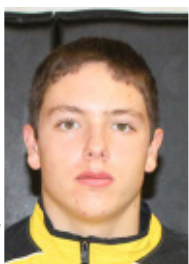
**Trevor Koopmann  
Coaches Award**



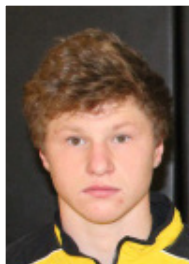
**Alec McDowell  
Dedication  
Award**



**Steve Huber  
GUTS Award**



**Brody Severt  
Most Improved**



**Tanner Parmely  
Freshman of the  
year**

## Golf team grows in numbers

The weather just needs to cooperate for the golf team because they have great numbers and several returning letter winners to hit the links.

“We should have great leadership from our upperclassmen with Dylan Salow and Riley Kloser to the lead the way for the boys and Riley Sternhagen, Shaylyn Trenkamp and Megan McNamara for the girls,” stated Coach Andrews.

“Experience with some of the upperclassmen is key to help some of the underclassmen along the way,” he added.



**Returning letter winners for the girls golf team include Raven Eatman-Dietiker, Megan McNamara and Riley Kay Sternhagen. Shaylyn Trenkamp is not pictured.**



**Steve Huber, Dylan Salow, Mitchell Stender, Riley Kloser and Jordy Downs are returning letter winners for the boys golf team.**



# Sno-Coming Fun



Mr. Osterhaus goes up for a shot with Trevor Koopmann on defense.

As part of an end-of-the-quarter celebration, the student council organized a sno-coming event in which the grades competed in basketball games and select seniors participated in an informal king and queen competition.



The freshmen and sophomores look to see if the bucket is good!



The Sno-coming royalty included Clay Willenbring, Derek Salow, Mike Master, Bailey Lubben, Tiffany Hoeger, Emily O'Connell and king and queen Dylan Salow and Victoria Agromayor. They answered a series of questions and then the crowd voted by applause.

# Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Hannah Clemens

Activity: Speech

**What event are you in for speech?**

I am in Prose for Individual Speech.

**What do you enjoy most about individual speech?** The contests are really fun. I have made so many friends through it.

**What have you learned through this event?** Different voices can really build a character.

**Who is your speech role model?**

All the coaches because they've pushed me to where I am now and I wouldn't be here without them.

**How has speech prepared you for life outside of the school walls?** By helping me get outside my comfort zone and I'm not as afraid to speak in front of large groups.

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Name: Kinsey Johnson

Activity: Speech

**What event are you in for speech?**

Radio News

**What do you enjoy most about individual speech?** Knowing that if you make it to state or all-state that it is 100% on you.

**What have you learned through this event?** I have learned that it doesn't matter how confident you sound if you mispronounce Derek Jeter, they'll know.

**Who is your speech role model?** Mikaela Reth

**How has speech prepared you for life outside of the school walls?** I am not afraid to speak in front of people and I am actually considering a career in radio broadcasting now.

Name: Colin Wendt

Activity: Speech

**What event are you in for speech?**

I am in Literary Program.

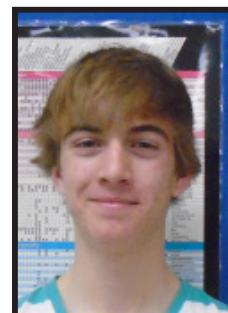
**What do you enjoy most about individual speech?** I enjoy pushing and expanding my comfort zone.

I like interpreting my pieces and making them into more than just words on a sheet of paper. I enjoy bringing "color" to the black and white script.

**What have you learned through this event?** It is important to step outside of your comfort zone. I have learned that just using your face, hands, and voice can really bring that "color."

**Who is your speech role model?**

Probably Mrs. DeVore. It's unbelievable how much she can get out of a simple speech piece. And it's crazy how much she enthusiasm she can put into that piece at just a moment's notice.





# Cutie

by Annie Fjelstul

This cutie is a junior.  
He has brown hair and hazel eyes.  
He drives a green truck.  
He has one brother.  
He likes to hunt.



Last week's Cutie was Mikaela Reth.

# what's up?

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

## If you were a DJ, what would your stage name be?

Emily LaGrant: Fo'Shizzle EmDrizzle  
Cassi Westhoff: SlasDawg  
Peyton Ries: PeyDawg  
Jake Jones: DJ Jonsey  
Amanda Fortman: Andie Candie  
Kinsey Johnson: Kinzlou  
Katie Sternhagen: DJ LynnMyxer  
Jazz Niehaus: DJ Shiva  
Kristin Brehm: KBizzle

# Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson  
Give a little, Save a LOT



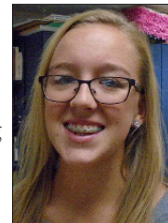
Recently NHS hosted its annual Red Cross blood drive. For those of you who didn't know, all of the volunteers who donated, saved three lives! For just a short amount of your time you can make that much a difference!

I'm going to be honest. I was terrified to donate. It was my first time, so my head was spinning. As I sat and waited I witnessed someone faint, and someone's tube not function right. They are minor mishaps, but that didn't discourage the fact that I was up next. There was one moment where I thought I couldn't follow through with it! But sure enough, I freaked myself out for nothing. With just a prick of a finger and a poke of needle, I was in the midst of saving lives. Even though, my blood pumped slower than a regular persons, my first experience was great!

For the minutes I sat on the bed with a needle in my arm, I felt really good. Not because of the blood releasing from my body, but knowing I am helping someone else! I would encourage everyone to at least think about donating blood. It may seem scary, but when you look at the big picture it's something little, that means a lot!

# Do's and Don'ts of Spring

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



Well, we've officially had a week of spring now and I think it's safe to say the majority of us are enjoying the nice(well, nicer) weather and the new start of so many things. As this new season starts, I think it's important to keep some helpful hints in mind, so here are some suggestions for a successful spring season.

Do be active. Nature and the outdoors are at their finest this season, so use it to your advantage and go on a nice run or walk or play some catch outside.

Don't slack off because you can't wait for summer. Join the party, I can't wait for it either. What we can do, though, is use the fact that the end of the school year is near to motivate us to do well for the rest of the year.

Do some spring cleaning. Around this time of year, we realize that a lot of our things need a little tuning up. So get your little "spring cleaning" and be happy that you did.

Don't forget to stay involved. Congratulations to all those who auditioned for the spring productions and good luck this year to all actors or actresses as well as all athletes involved in track and golf who have already kicked off their season.

Do enjoy this season with family and friends. Good weather = good vibes and good times.

Don't leave out time for relaxing. It'll always be worth it to give yourself a minute to take a break.

## Play practice begins

This year's spring play will actually be a collection of three one-act plays. Rehearsals began this week with read-throughs. The shows will be performed May 8-9. They are directed by Mr. DeVore and Mr. Hadley.

Left: The cast of *Selfie* reads through lines.



## Speech contest prep



Preparing for speech contest takes hours upon hours. Above Shaylyn Trenkamp and, below, Bailey Lubben rehearse their review and expository speeches, respectively.



## Cutest Couple



**Courtney Ingles and Wyatt Wilson**  
by Nichole Lucas

**How long have you been dating?**  
A year and a half

**What do you do for fun?**  
Watch movies

**What is your favorite memory together?**  
Country on the River

**Do you have nicknames for each other?**  
Courtney- hottie  
Wyatt- cutie

## Promposal



**Nate Lansing & Natalie Neuzil**  
by Kristi Goedken

**What made you want to ask Natalie to Prom?** A lot of people told me I should ask her and I had been thinking about it for a while

**How did you come up with the idea of incorporating cats?** A few people suggested the idea and I knew that she liked cats

**Are you going with a group or by yourselves?** Not sure yet

## Students of the Week:

### Firefighters Jordy Downs, Mason Hermanson and Ryan Parmely

*Mrs. Downs' account of the situation:* When the fire broke out on Thursday Jordy first called me to tell me (I was on my way to the dentist at the time). He said that there was a fire. I told him to cut the power first (get rid of the heat source) which in this case was the gas since it was a gas stove. Then I said to put baking soda on the fire. He shouted out the orders and Mason went across the room from where he was working and pulled the oil filled pan out of the flames and put the baking soda onto the fire. Ryan Parmely was right there with the fire extinguisher ready to spray it down. I told them not to use it until they tried the soda which did the trick immediately. I commend all three of them on their fast action which resulted in a minor mess that was all cleaned up before I returned during WIN.



Mason Hermanson:

**You recently put out a grease fire in the FCS room. What was your first thought?** I saw a bunch of smoke and was wondering what was going on.

**Instead of panicking, you made rational decisions. What do you think has been another rational decision you've made?**

I knew that the lard was what caused the fire so I quickly grabbed oven mitts and took it out so the fire wouldn't get bigger. I heard Jordy yell out to use baking soda, so I grabbed some and sprinkled a bunch over the flames.

**Lard was the spark for the fire. What's your favorite recipe involving lard?** Anything doesn't involve fire

Ryan Parmely:

**What was your first thought?**

What the heck is going on?

**Instead of panicking, you made rational decisions. What do you think has been another rational decision you've made?**

I grabbed the fire extinguisher and pulled the pin! I was ready to rock and roll!



**Lard was the spark for the fire. What's your favorite recipe involving lard?** One that doesn't involve fires.

Jordy Downs:

**What was your first thought?** Oh Lord Jesus, it's a fire.

**Instead of panicking, you made rational decisions. What do you think has been another rational decision you've made?** Telling mason to use baking soda to put out the fire.

**Lard was the spark for the fire. What's your favorite recipe involving lard?** One that doesn't start fires.

*And shout out to Zak Harbach for catching the whole thing on film.*



# Hall Smarts

by Emily LaGrant



Dr. Seuss was an extraordinary children's author and wrote over 50 books in his lifetime. Being a Seuss connoisseur myself, I would like to know what our student body knows. The contestants are: Brittany Sabers, Trent Reeves, Colton Nefzger, and Kelsey Gearhart.

1) What was Dr. Seuss's real name?

Brittany: No idea

Trent: Gerald

Colton: Something Seuss Geisel

Kelsey: Seuss is his middle name

A: Theodor Seuss Geisel

2) What Dr. Seuss book has Thing 1 and Thing 2 in it?

Brittany: Cat in the Hat

Trent: Cat in the Hat

Colton: Cat in the Hat

Kelsey: I don't know

A: The Cat in the Hat

3) Did Dr. Seuss really have his doctorate?

Brittany: No.

Trent: No.

Colton: No.

Kelsey: No.

A: No.

4) Which book features Sam-I-Am?

Brittany: Green Eggs and Ham

Trent: Green Eggs and Ham

Colton: Green Eggs and Ham

Kelsey: Green Eggs and Ham

A: Green Eggs and Ham

5) What is one Dr. Seuss book that became a movie?

Brittany: Horton Hears a Who

Trent: Cat in the Hat

Colton: The Lorax

Kelsey: Horton Hears a Who

A: All of these are correct

Colton, Trent, and Brittany tied for first with 4 points. Kelsey received last with 3. It looks like these students really know what they're talking about. Except for Dr. Seuss's name, everyone knew their stuff. Congrats!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of March 30, 2015

### MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

1. HS All-State Individual Speech at UNI in Cedar Falls - 9:00 AM (2 Vans Leaves Delhi at 6:45 AM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Golf - HOME (Hart Ridge Golf Course) - Easton Valley - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
3. Jr. High Boys' Track Practice Begins - 3:15 PM

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

1. HS JV/V G & B Golf @ Backbone Golf & Country Club - Oelwein - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
2. HS Boys Track to Hawk Early Bird Meet at West Delaware in Manchester - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
3. 5th Grade Band "Open Stand" Recital - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

1. MV Athletic Boosters Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

1. HS Girls' Track to Hawk Early Bird Relays at West Delaware - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
2. Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton (Spring Break)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

1. NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

### MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD Day

## The Cat Box

*opinions, ideas and random thoughts from the staff of The Wildcat Echo*



A meow to the series finale of Glee. It's had its ups and downs, but it sure ended on a good note.



If you did something wrong this week, you deserve a furball. (You know who you are.)



A meow for heart-to-heart conversations.



A furball to the cold weather. Come on, spring!



A meow to our All-State speech students.



A meow to the success of the FFA banquet and to Mrs. Mausser for all she does.



A meow to students who donated blood.



A meow for the yearbook coming together.



A meow Derek Salow for setting a new conference record in the indoor 800 meter run.



A meow to seniors putting their debate skills to use.



## Too pretty to eat

The Advanced Foods class has been working on their cake decorating unit and will hold its contest today during second hour. Left: Ashley Stogdill and Lea Ries decorate their Bird Bird cake.

# Vocal jazz groups host home concert



Earlier in March, MV hosted a night of vocal jazz featuring its own two groups and hosting two groups from SouthWestern Community College out of Creston.

**Left:** Jazz Xpress (Megan Beaman, Raven Eatman-Dietiker, Zach Smith, Hannah Clemen, Selena Ramirez) started off the night with their set list..

**Below left:** Next, the home concert continued with Cassidy Schwandt, Lawson Roof, Patrick Hansen, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Taylor Guthrie, Matthew Lansing, Vicky Agromayor, and Riley Sternhagen for Smooth Harmony.

**Below:** One of SWCC's vocal groups, Audio Radiance, performed many a capella tunes at the concert on March 9.

**Far below:** Lastly, Harmonic Convergence, directed by Lucas Mattson, ended the vocal jazz concert on a great note.



## Spanish I classes celebrate Quinceañera



Last Thursday the Spanish I classes hosted a quinceañera to celebrate the a young woman turning 15. The students decorated, played the various roles of the ceremony, and enjoyed some refreshments.



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# National Honor Society holds 2015 induction

The newly inducted members into MV's NHS chapter include, front row, from left: Audrey Sheehy, Mikaela Reth, Colin Wendt, Alec McDowell, Clint Krapfl, Amanda Fortman, Nichole Winter, Mikayla Callan and Brianna Mensen. Current members include, second row: Ashley Holtz, Shawnae Hoeger, Emily LaGrant, Sienna Becker, Morgan Manternach, Angie Wilson, Kristi Goedken, Caitlyn Gibbs and Heather Sabers; third row: Tiffany Hoeger, Macy Anderegg, Brooke Snyder, Emily Krapfl, Briana March, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Megan Hogan, Nichole Lucas, Riley Kay Sternhagen and Kristin Brehm; fourth row: Emily O'Connell, Bailey Lubben, Abby Jay, Annie Fjelstul, Megan Mensen, Kelsey Snyder, Riley Kloser, Ryan Goedken, Zach Salow, Taylor Guthrie and Whitney Wilson; fifth row: Colton Nefzger, Dylan Wright, Jeremy Fischer, Derek Salow, Steve Huber, Matthew Lansing and Dylan Salow. Not pictured: Calvin Orcutt. The group is advised by Mrs. Besler.



## NHS hosts blood drive

The National Honor Society chapter hosted a blood drive Mar. 12. The blood drive netted 41 units. Several students were first-time donors.

**Right: Calvin Orcutt saves lives by donating blood.**

**Below: NHS members Emily O'Connell, Heather Sabers and Ashley Holtz check in donors. (photos by Annie Fjelstul)**



The Maquoketa Valley chapter of National Honor Society held its induction ceremony Thursday night and welcomed nine new members. The members were selected on their scholarship (having at least a 3.5 GPA) and on their leadership, service and character.

Mr. Meehan was the guest speaker at the event, and he encouraged students to seek scholarship not just in academic situations, but throughout their lives. He also addressed the issue of success and gave the audience a quiz on who has great impact on their lives.

A cake and punch reception followed the ceremony.







## Spring track seasons get started

The indoor season has begun for the track teams, and soon they will be competing at outdoor meets. The boys are scheduled to run at West Delaware Tuesday, and the girls will run there Thursday. The boys team is coached by Mr. Meehan and Mr. Feldt, and the girls team is coached by Mr. Dunlap and Ms. Coon.

Clint Krapfl, Alec McDowell, Zak Harbach, Ryan Parmely, Kyle Wilson, Colin Wendt, Bryant Meyer-Kemp and Derek Salow are returning letter winners for the boys track team.

Returning letter winners for the girls track team include, front row: Megan Hogan, Tiffany Hoeger and Ashley Holtz; second row: Whitney Wilson, Caitlin Schuman, Taylor White, Ali Sheehy and Angie Wendt; back row: Megan Mensen, Morgan Manternach, Brianna Mensen, Aspen Britt, Heather Sabers, Cassidy Wilson and Nichole Winter.



## Students attend leadership conference

Yesterday Mr. Huegel accompanied 12 students to the Ed Thomas Legacy Leadership Academy at Aplington-Parkersburg High School. The students listened to four motivational speakers and then had time for reflection and discussion about how to use that information to help themselves and their schools and communities.

Students participating were Nichole Winter, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Brianna Mensen, Brock Hillers, Abby Holtz, Rejji Smith, Angie Wilson, Alec McDowell, Clint Krapfl, Jeremy Fischer, Dylan Wright and Garrett Hogan.





# GO ALL OUT: FFA holds annual banquet

The MV FFA chapter hosted its annual banquet Tuesday night for a crowd of 320 members, family members and supporters.

Students facilitated the banquet and presented several awards for the chapter's accomplishments in the last year.

The banquet ended with an auction hosted by Calvin Orcutt with Kaleb Kruse as auctioneer.



**Above:** Clay Willenbring, Matthew Lansing, Andrew Palmersheim, Dylan Salow and Kristi Goedken pose with their awards for their success with their proficiencies. **Right:** President Emily O'Connell addresses the crowd during her president's speech. Later Emily presented the Golden Parent Award to her parents for their involvement in the FFA program.



The Sweetheart King and Queen honors are given to the students that the members vote as having a welcoming, positive attitude. The candidates included Trent Westhoff, Kody Orcutt, Clay Willenbring, Matthew Lansing, King Jay Wessels, Queen Jenna Bonert, Mindy Burkle and Audrey Sheehy.

Left: Star Awards for the freshmen were presented by Mrs. Mausser and went to Cole Kruse, Amanda Engelken and Heath Gibbs. Star awards were also given to outstanding sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Many other awards were presented for academic and skill achievement. Recognition was also given to business partners and supportive community members and parents.