

Speech team earns 14 I ratings, three nods to All-State

by Emily LaGrant

The Maquoketa Valley 9th grade and 10-12th grade speech teams competed at the Large Group State Speech Contest at Waterloo West last Saturday, and on Monday received news of three groups qualifying for All-State: Talk Nerdy to Me, Paper Hearts, and Group Improvisation #1. The three groups will go to Iowa State for the All-State Large Group Festival on the 21st.

"I was very impressed with the positive attitudes of all of our performers," said Mr. DeVore about the Saturday performances. "I felt as if we walked away from the day in a great place. The hard work that took place in order to prepare for state contest was very evident."

Of the three events performed for the 9th grade team, two received Division 1 ratings.

Those receiving the Division 1 rating include Choral Reading (Lane Coyle, Hunter Farrand, Stefanie Hansen, Brian Heims, Olivia Hoeger, Faith Hunt, Hannah Lahr, Kara Leibold, Kristin Lucas, Maddy Naab, Chloe Roling, Brooklyn Sands, Shana Timm, Sam Wall, and Kelly Winter) and RDNK TV News (Maddy Anderegg, Blake Becker, Lucas Johnson, Emma McDowell, Madison McIntyre, Maddy Naab, Katie Snyder, Tate Trenkamp, and Sam Wall). Radio Broadcasting TECK (Evan Hoefer, Stefanie Hansen, Lucas Johnson, Megan Rausch, Jon Seibert, and Shana Timm) received a Division 2 rating.

Of the 14 events performed for the 10-12th grade team, 12 received Division 1 ratings.

Those receiving the Division 1 rating include Choral Reading (Caitlyn Gibbs, Megan Hogan, Emily Krapfl, Emily LaGrant, Riley Sternhagen, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Danica Fjelstul, Amanda Fortman, Bekah Hill, Kendra Ries, Taylor White, McKenzie Lansing, Adrienne Supple and Paula Wear), Readers Theatre (Macy Anderegg, Shawnae Hoeger, Emily Krapfl, Emily LaGrant, Briana March, Brooke Snyder, Kelsey Snyder, Angie Wilson, Mac



Callan, Clint Krapfl, Cassiddy Wilson, Garrett Hogan, Abby Holtz and Tyson Tucker), QWRK TV News (Megan Mensen, Brooke Snyder, Kelsey Snyder, Dylan Wright, Maeva Luis, Bryant Meyer-Kemp, Josy Harmon, Danielle Schuman, and Carson Wright), Short Film: Be-YOU-tiful (Tamala Askeland, BrieAnna Nielson, Amanda Engelken, Josy Harmon, Macy Hoeger, Sean Hucker, Madison Imler, McKenzie Lansing, Brittany Sabers, Kiesha Stelken Adrienne Supple), Ensemble Acting #1 (Sienna Becker, Megan Beaman, Mitchell Neuzil and Tyson Tucker), Ensemble Acting #2 (Shaylyn Trenkamp and Alex McCusker), Ensemble Acting #3 (Patrick Hansen, Abby Holtz, Victoria Lane and Josie Young), Radio Broadcasting RUOK (Kristi Goedken, Natalie Neuzil, Laisee Shakespeare, Dylan Wright, Cassiddy Wilson and Cassi Westhoff), Group Mime: "At Dawn, Pearl Harbor Slept" (Caitlyn Gibbs, Danica Fjelstul, Bekah Hill, Maeva Luis, Kendra Ries, and Lawson Roof), Solo Mime Taylor Guthrie, Group Improvisation #1 (Angie Wilson, Amanda Fortman, Brenden Hogan, Angel Rumbo and Rejji Smith), and

Those groups receiving a Division 2 rating were Radio Broadcasting HOB0 (Kristin Brehm, Erin Digmann, Colin Wendt, Brittany Hines, Madison Imler and Rejji Smith) and ANML TV News (Sienna Becker, Shawnae Hoeger, Clint Krapfl, Nichole Winter, Eric Deutmeyer, Kara Orcutt and Angel Rumbo).

Students look forward to both

The improv group of Brenden Hogan, Amanda Fortman, Angie Wilson, Rejji Smith and Angel Rumbo was selected for All-State speech.

All-State and Individual Speech in future weeks. The first individual meet takes place at Central City on February 23.

Glam the Jam tomorrow

The dance team is hosting its annual showcase Saturday night at 5:30 in the high school gym.

The dance team, along with younger dancers, will perform dances from throughout the season.

The cost of admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

Senior Briana March encourages all students to attend: "Students should come to Glam the Jam to see all of the dances that we have ever performed. We will also be performing some dances that we have never performed before."

Senior Taylor Guthrie encourages students to attend to show support for the dance program. She also said the students will enjoy the fillers in between dances.

"It's only \$2 to get in, and there is a bunch of cute little kids going to be dancing (What's cuter than little kids shaking their tail feathers?)," stated senior Missy Schwandt. "There should be a lot of memorable moments and if you weren't able to see our halftimes, now all the dances and solos are all in one place!"



Sports Connection

Five wrestlers advance to districts



Wrestlers who qualified for the district wrestling meet held tomorrow include, front row, Eric Heims and Alec McDowell; second row: Tanner Parmely, Dylan Wright and Austin Stogdill. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

This past Saturday, February 6th, the Maquoketa Valley wrestling team traveled to Starmont to compete at the sectional wrestling tournament. The Cats came away with a third place team finish behind Alburnett and East Buchanan but ahead of several other teams.

"I just want to say what a honor it was to coach the seniors that were a part of this year's team that will not be competing with us at Jesup on Saturday," stated Coach Andrews. "They did everything the coaches asked them to do throughout the season and were nothing short of a coaches dream to work with. Overall I was somewhat pleased to get five wrestlers through this very competitive district. Anytime you have the top team or one of the top 2-3 teams in the entire state at your sectional you know it's going to be tough. Districts will be no different for us mixing in some very tough teams from the other sectional. What I do know is that our guys are going to work as hard as they can this week and give us their best efforts come Saturday in Jesup as that has been our common denominator all year."

Individually the Wildcats had five wrestlers place first or second and are moving on to districts in Jesup. The weight by weight results and team results are below.

106- Canyon Richardson - 5th place
 113- Justin Krapfl - 5th place
 120- Tanner Parmely - 2nd place
 126- Mason Hermanson - 4th place
 132- Dylan Happel - 5th place
 138- Austin Stogdill - 2nd place
 145- Mitch Smith - 4th place
 152- Norm Wilson - 4th place
 160- Cole Kruse - 6th place
 170- Open
 182- Alec McDowell - 1st place
 195- Dylan Wright - 2nd place
 220- Eric Heims - 1st place
 Hwt- Kaleb Kruse - 3rd place

Team scores:

1. Alburnett 233.0 2. East Buchanan-Winthrop 179.0 3. Maquoketa Valley-Delhi 170.0 4. North Linn-Troy Mill 148.0 5. Starmont 87.5 6. Edgewood-Colesburg 80.0 7. Clayton Ridge-Guttenberg 66.0 8. Central Elkader 62.5

Seniors recognized, 2-point win follows

by Kristi Goedken

Last Friday night the Wildcats hosted the Alburnett Pirates for one of their last conference games. After honoring six seniors for their hard work and dedication, Erin, Sienna, Megan, Kristi, Shawnae, and Angie, the Wildcats were able to add another hard fought win to their season record.

Offensively leading the Wildcats were Senior Erin Digmann and Sophomore Payton Ries with 13 points each. Megan Mensen contributed 9 points while Brianna Mensen followed with 6 points. As a team, the MV Wildcats were able to shoot 16 of 19 from the free throw line for 84%. Digmann and Ries led on the defensive end with 7 boards apiece. Brianna Mensen had 5 assists while Kristi Goedken added 2. The Wildcats were able to gather 8 steals and 2 blocks on the night.

The Wildcat girls were able to pull off a hard fought win with a score of 51-49. Not only was it a great game to play, but it will only help the girls for the start of their tournament run. Last night the girls hosted North Linn in a make up conference game. Stats will be in our next issue.



The senior basketball players were presented with cutout of themselves at senior night. Pictured are Angie Wilson, Shawnae Hoeger, Kristi Goedken, Sienna Becker, Erin Digmann and Megan Mensen.

Students participate in FFA review night

The FFA students participated in FFA review night Wednesday night at Monticello High School with 41 other chapters.

"It was extremely successful night for us as a whole," stated Mrs. Mausser. "To have the two high school students proficiencies from Andrew and Kaleb advance in the toughest proficiency areas in the state is a tribute to what the boys have developed outside of the classroom with their SAE projects."

Results include: Andrew Palmer-sheim- 1st place Gold Award Beef Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency, Kaleb Kruse- 1st place Gold Award Dairy Entrepreneurship Proficiency, Dylan Salow- 2nd place Gold Award Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication. All will be advancing to state judging next Saturday.

In addition, the following students will receive their Iowa FFA Degrees as a result of the strong record keeping and earning or investing at least \$1000 in their SAE: Jacob Bonert, Jenna Bonert, Amanda Fortman, Kristi Goedken, Colton Nefgzer, Emily Krapfl, Jay Wessels, Trent Westhoff and Angie Wilson. The students will be presented the Iowa FFA Degree on stage at Apr. 19 at the Iowa FFA Convention.

Kaleb Kruse and Cole Kruse served on the District Nominating Committee to select the 2016-17 District FFA team with other members across the district. They are pictured below.



FFA Week is right around the corner

The week of Feb. 20-27 (not next week!) has been designated as FFA Week. Dress-up days include:

- Machinery Monday
- Official Dress Tuesday
- Work Clothes Wednesday
- Blue and Gold Thursday
- Flannel / 5 Buckle Boot Friday

The Ag Olympics will take place on Friday.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Hannah Lahr

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech? I'm in choral reading! It's called "Talk Nerdy To Me." I'm also in readers theater. It's called "The Nameless Princess."

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? My entire group is determined to work really hard, and we kept going over parts until we get it right! We have a lot of fun, and the coaches are amazing!

What have you learned through this event? I've learned to not care about what others think! Become your character and completely step out of your comfort zone!

Who is your speech role model? Mrs. DeVore because she's really cool and funny! She can become any type of character!

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would want to judge choral reading or improv!



Name: Lane Coyle

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech? Choral Reading and Readers Theater

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Getting to watch everyone perform at competition.

What have you learned through this event? I learned that you just have to get up there and have fun!

Who is your speech role model? Shaylyn Trenkamp

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Improv



Athletes of the Week

Name: Austin Stogdill

Sport: Wrestling

What weight are you wrestling at this year? I am wrestling 138 this year.

You have suffered injury after injury in your high school career, including a kneecap injury this year. Yet you are willing to risk it for wrestling. Why? I have had five knee surgeries during my high school career, along with one shoulder surgery. I continue to wrestle because I love wrestling and it has been my favorite story ever since I could walk. The risk of me getting hurt again is worth the small chance that I will get to complete one of my dreams and make it to the state tournament.

What's something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know? One thing non-wrestler may not know it that it is probably one of the toughest sports not only physically on your body but mentally, saying no to food and cutting weight is extremely hard.

What's a great warm-up song? A great warm up song is anything that's classic rock like "Eye of the Tiger" or ACDC's "Back in Black."

Do you have any pre-meet traditions? Pre-meet tradition are to warm up and go through the moves that I think will happen in my upcoming match and just try to see the whole match before you shake hands.



Name: Sam Wall

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? point guard

What do you enjoy most about basketball? competing with good teams and playing with great teammates

How does this year's team differ from past teams? This is my first year on a high school team, but high school is way more advanced and fast paced than middle school.

What's your favorite drill in practice? Nike transition drill

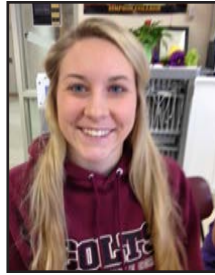
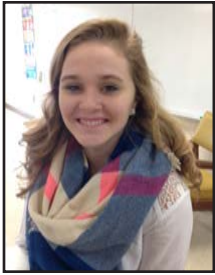
What's your least favorite drill? 21 in 8

How do you mentally prepare for the game? listen to music and remind myself on what we need to do to win



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Angie Wilson & Taylor Guthrie



You recently were recognized by the Eastern Iowa Reading Council for your poetry submission. Why did you choose to enter?

Angie: Mrs. Temple sent an email full of the information and I didn't see a reason not to submit something. I enjoy writing so I thought I would give it a try.

Taylor: I thought it would be interesting to receive feedback on one of the few poems that I have written. This poem really speaks to my heart.

Why do you like to write poetry?

Angie: It is challenging to not only write but to write in a meaningful way. I love how you can write a poem thinking it means one thing and your audience can interpret it however they want to.

Taylor: This particular piece of poetry was part of the healing process in the event of losing a loved one, but I like to write poetry for fun.

Sometimes it works out well, other times it doesn't. My favorite part about writing poetry is finishing a poem and having that one genius line that pulls it all together.

Who is your favorite poet?

Angie: I don't really have a favorite, but if I had to choose it would be Robert Frost.

Taylor: Emily Dickinson or Sara Teasdale. Both of these poets write such real, honest poetry that almost everyone can connect to.

With Valentine's Day approaching, please finish this poem:

Angie: Roses are red.

Violets are blue.

Everyone has a Valentine

No matter age 1 to 92'

Taylor: Roses are red.

Violets are blue.

You make me feel

Like I'm completely brand new.

Bright Lights Ahead

As I look to my left
There is not a soul in sight
As I look to my right
People are putting up fights
What way should I go?
Should I say yes?
Should I say no?
Do I follow my heart?
Or release it like a dart?
I will take the road less traveled
And let the past be dust on gravel.
—Angie Wilson, first place winner for
Grade 12

My Light In The Sky

A constant pain burns a hole in my soul
forever.
Hot tears roll off my cheeks while I try to
remember every detail of our lives, now
gone, but never forgotten.
They say things get better with time, that
the pain will not always be so powerful.
At this point I am not so sure.

Every day I still long for her hand, her
love, her laugh, all of which are no more.
All gone forever and no one can change it.
I wish upon every star in the night, hoping
the impossible will somehow come true.
But it never does, and it never will.
Why wish upon a star for a wish that will
never come true?

Hope slips through my fingers and I feel
lost forever, just like her. But she didn't
want to leave this earth and all the people
she loved.

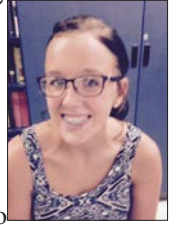
I hate rainy and cloudy days; I am not able
to see my saving light in the sky.
I long to see her face but don't realize that
I do, just in a different light.

Every day at dawn and dusk I watch her
beautiful face bring light to this earth.
The next thing I know, she is leaving me.
I only got to see her for a short while,
but I know that she can see me everyday
because she will always be there to greet
me with warm rays of sunshine.

—Taylor Guthrie, second place winner for
Grade 12 entries

Do's and Don'ts of Long Distance Friendships

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



Having a friend that lives hours away can be tough. Here's some help on how to make it work!

Do make keeping in touch a priority. Message, Skype, text, Snapchat him/her or something to maintain your connection.

Don't only talk about yourself when you're with them or contacting them in some way. The goal is to catch up on his/her life, not catch him/her up on yours!

Do plan times to get together. It's a lot harder than planning something with someone who can meet you at your house in 10 minutes, so take that into account. Plan something special, and have all the details worked out ahead of time.

Don't give up. If this person is someone you truly want to be friends with, make the effort. It might take a little work, but it's worth it for a true friend.

Do value time you do get together. Make the most of every moment because it doesn't happen often.

Don't be afraid of change. You and this person may change over time, just as your friendship may change, but always continue to be yourself.

Do focus on the positive. The distance may suck, but remind yourself of all the memories you have and be grateful to still have that person in your life, even if he/she can't be right by your side.

Best Buds



Whitney Wilson & Ryan Dunn
by Kristin Lucas

How long have you been friends?

Whitney - since sometime last year

Ryan - a year

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Whitney - eating free food at the Mini Mart

Ryan - going to Walmart

What is your weirdest memory together?

Whitney - at a basketball game and the janitor thought we were married and that Hunter Glass was our kid

Ryan - Jim from Cascade



by Emma McDowell

What's the best Valentine's Day gift to give/get?

Chloe Roling- How do I know? I'm single

Garrett Hogan- Chocolate and food

Faith Hunt- Chocolate

Kelsey Ries- Skittles

Lucas Rumbo- Nothing

Brooke Wilson- Hugs and chocolate

Megan Wulfekuhle- Chocolate covered strawberries

Brody Sevart- A lot of Twizzlers

Madison McIntyre- Stuffed animal and chocolate

Payton Ries- Chocolate and card

Sam Wall- Hugs

Cody Hunter- A card



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

Divergent Series: "You're different. You don't fit into a category. They can't control you. They call it Divergent. You can't let them find out about you" (Divergent). When Beatrice Prior gets told this, she doesn't know what to do. Does she choose the life that her parents picked, or choose the life that she wants to live? When she starts her new life in Dauntless, she meets Four and they figure out everything together. Always together. These books made into movies are definitely a need to read and watch.

Rebekah:

New Girl: After binge watching almost an entire season in one night, I discovered that I absolutely love this show.

Jess is a girl that every girl in the world wants to be. Quirky, loveable, kind hearted, and funny. Nick, Schmidt, Winston, and Cece are the people that you want as your friends. This group of amazing actors make for a hilarious show.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky: Charlie was different from the rest of the kids. He never fit in. Even when he tried, he fell short. When he meets Sam and Patrick his life does a complete 360. He goes to parties, falls in love, and has some rough patches throughout his freshman year in high school. In this book you learn a little more about what makes Charlie who he is.

The Longest Ride: If Scott Eastwood isn't enough to make you run and buy this movie, there is much more. Everlasting love, hot bull-riders, sacrifice for the ones that you love, and more. Sophia wanted to graduate college and move on to bigger and better things. However, her plans change when she meets Luke Collins. They move through life together, surviving tough times, and loving each other every step of the way.

Amanda:

iZombie: After a medical student is accidentally turned into a zombie, she must put her new skills to the test. By consuming the brains of her "patients" at the Coroner's Office she is able to help solve their murders. She also has to balance her old life with the life of a zombie. This show is hilarious and made me laugh the whole time.

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart: The Sinclairs have everything, anyone could ever want including their own private island. But after Cadence accident she feels the need for none of it. After two years she is finally back at the island and this time with questions. What happened? Why won't anyone talk about it? What is the secret? But don't ask because all you'll find is lies.

The 100: Finally season three is here! After getting sent to the Earth to see if the conditions are livable, these 100 teens face countless struggles. They fight the grounders, mountain men, and other forces. But all they can do is hope that they will survive. The whole time you'll be rooting for Clarke, Bellamy, Octavia, and Finn. Also, Bob Morley and Ricky Whittle are gorgeous. Hurry and get caught up on season one and two now.

MV welcomes a new student

by Nichole Winter

Sawyer Pritchard- 9th Grade

Where did you used to go to school?

North Fayette Valley

What activities do you plan on being involved in?

Probably not any

What are your favorite classes so far?

Reading and English

How do you like MV so far?

Okay

What is your favorite food and color?

Hamburger and purple



Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

Hit or Miss

Overpriced chocolates

oversized teddy bears

Take a look around

Because love is in the air



The name is Cupid

but don't run and hide

because he ain't that stupid

His arrow of love might be a miss

But who's to say

you won't find your true love's kiss



by Nichole Lucas

This week's cutie is in the sophomore class.

She has an older brother and is involved in speech and on the ski team.

This cutie lives in

Delaware and her favorite restaurant is Olive Garden.

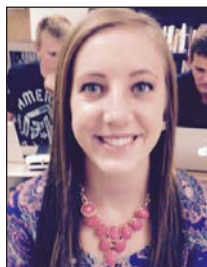


Last week's Cutie was Emily LaGrant.

Hall Smarts

by Shawnae Hoeger

Let's take this week's Hall Smarts back in time. See if you remember all the details about some of our favorite childhood TV shows. The contestant's are a duo of Adrienne Supple and Danielle Schuman, a trio of Andy O'Connell, Tyson Tucker, and Eric Deutmeyer, Kendra Ries and Trent Reeves.



1. What are Timmy's godparents names in *Fairly Oddparents*?

Duo: Wando and Cosmo

Trio: Dave and Wanda

Kendra: Wanda and idk

Trent: Wanda and Cosmo

Answer: Wanda and Cosmo

2. Who has red hair and wears glasses in *Rugrats*?

Duo: Chucky

Trio: Chucky

Kendra: Chucky

Trent: idk

Answer: Chucky

3. What is the snail's name on *Spongebob*?

Duo: Gary

Trio: Gary

Kendra: Larry

Trent: Gary

Answer: Gary

4. What does the Scooby Gang call their van?

Duo: Mystery Machine

Trio: Mystery Machine

Kendra: Mystery Machine

Trent: Mystery Mobile

Answer: Mystery Machine

5. Who played Hannah Montana?

Duo: Miley Cyrus

Trio: Miley Cyrus

Kendra: Miley Cyrus

Trent: Miley Cyrus

Answer: Miley Cyrus

The duo came in first with all five points. The trio and Trent came in second with 4 points each. Sorry, Kendra, but you came in last with 3 points. Good try :-)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of Feb. 14, 2016

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 -

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 4th 4:00 - 5:00 PM / 5th-8th 5:00 - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

1. MV HS Girls & Boys Track - 1st Official Day of Practice

2. MV Jr High Boys Basketball - HOME - Cedar Valley Christian - 4:00 PM

3. HS Boys 1st Round District BB at LaPorte City - MV vs Oelwein - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:30 PM)

4. MV Board of Directors Regular Meeting - MS Conference Room - 5:00 PM

5. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS WR Room - PreK through 4th 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 5th-8th 5:00 - 6:15 PM

6. MV Parent Information Meeting - St. John's Church, Delhi - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM

2. HS Girls Regional 1st Round State Basketball - HOME - MV vs Bellevue or Clayton Ridge - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Grade Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM

2. HS Wrestlers to State Tournament in Des Moines (Vans Leaves at 2:00 PM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

1. All Kndg-4th Classes to Cedar Falls (Buses Leave Johnst. @ 8:10 AM / Earl. @ 8:20 M / Delhi 8:25 AM)

2. Jr. High Boys Basketball at Springville - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

3. HS Boys 2nd Round District State Basketball at Cascade - 8:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 6:30 PM)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day

2. HS Girls Regional 2nd Round Basketball at Durant - 7:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:45 PM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

1. All-State Large Group Speech Students to ISU in Ames - 8:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 5:30 AM)

Vocal jazz groups make public debut at state contest

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Did you hear what I heard? That's right! Monday night, February 8th, jazz music was flowing out of the doors of our auditorium. Listeners were serenaded by songs such as "Kids in America" and "Ain't That a Kick in the Head?" But why? Well, for the sixth year in a row, Maquoketa Valley hosted the Iowa High School Association State Jazz Choir Festival.

Every year at the festival, Iowa jazz choirs come from around the state to perform in front of judges and receive a rating. The groups performing this year were from Central City, North Linn, Jessup, North Fayette-Valley, Waverly-Shell Rock, and Maquoketa Valley. The judges were Allen Chapman from Fort Madison, Iowa, Deb Ragan from Davenport, Iowa, and Diana Cataldi from Onalaska, Wisconsin. Other helpers at the festival were Beth and Roger Mueller, Cheryl Gates and Doug Tuetken.

At the festival, the groups had an opportunity to receive one of five ratings, ranging from a division I, meaning the performance was outstanding in nearly every detail, to a division V, meaning a poor unsatisfactory performance.

Of the night, three jazz choirs received a division II, three ensembles were awarded a division I, and one group performed for comments only. Maquoketa Valley's group, "Jazz X-Press" ended the



night with a division II, while our other ensemble "Smooth Harmony" -- the only a capella group of the night-- received a division I.

About the festival, Mrs. Mueller commented, "I thought all of the performers did a fine job on Monday night. This is often the very first public performance for many of the groups, and it's always nice to get that first performance in the books. I'm looking forward to lots of growth in both Smooth Harmony and Jazz X-Press as they continue to polish their existing programs and add in more repertoire. I'm very excited about the groups working with Duane Davis at Cedar Rapids Washington on Friday!"

Above: Members of Jazz X-Press perform Monday night. Below: Megan Beaman and Patrick Hanson sing with Smooth Harmony. (photos by Mr. Hansen)



Boys basketball team prepares for post-season play

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back Wildcats! Last Friday the boys played another home game against Alburnett. It was a close game with a final score of 60-64, a win for the Pirates.

"The guys played a nice game against Alburnett. Our intensity was great and our defense was giving them fits," stated Coach Dunlap.

The top scorers of this game were Jacob Bonert scoring 17 points, Calvin Orcutt and Trevor Elgin each scoring 10 points, and Ryan Geodken scoring 8 points.

The boys had a total of 30 rebounds. Our top rebounders were Kyle Wilson, with 7 rebounds, and Clint Krapfl, Calvin Orcutt, Jacob Bonert, and Brock Hillers picking up 4 rebounds each.

The team did great with free throws, making 77.8% of them. Jacob made 43% of his 3-point field goals. Trevor

made 50% of all of his field-goals.

"It hurt us starting the game not shooting very well in the first quarter," Dunlap says. "Jacob Bonert had a great scoring night shooting over 50% from the field. Both Calvin Orcutt and Trevor Elgin hit some big buckets both scoring 10 points a piece."

Next, they played Prince of Peace on our home court. They played a good game, but fell short with a final score of 73-57, a win for Prince of Peace.

"Again, we played really well defensively, and we started the game well," says Coach Dunlap. "Prince of Peace shot really well in the second quarter and pulled away from us a little. It came down to them getting more rebounds and having an excellent second quarter shooting."

The top scorers of this game were Hillers, with a total of 14 points, Kyle Wil-

son, scoring 13 points, and Garrett Hogan and Trevor Elgin, each scoring 5 points.

The Wildcats picked up a total of 18 rebounds. The top rebounders were Jacob, picking up 4, and Garrett Hogan, picking up 3 rebounds.

The boys did a great job on the free throw line. They made 68.75% of their free throws. Brock was 6 for 6 with his free throws. Kyle Wilson made 75% of his 3-point field goals.

"I thought Brock Hillers and Kyle Wilson had a good night shooting," stated Coach Dunlap. "We have to more active on the blocks. We also have to get more points out of our bigs."

The Wildcats played a makeup game against North Linn last night and will play Oelwein in the first round of Playoffs on Tuesday at La Porte City. Come out and support your Wildcats!



THIS is MV

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