

## Speech students compete at own contest, send 14 events to state

by Amaya Hunt

Corona has taken away many things that we love, but speech at MV has still prevailed. Last Saturday, the Speech and Drama Department held their own COVID-19 style District Contest here at the high school. Although the excitement of running around and watching different school's performances wasn't a privilege this year, there was still the adrenaline rush of performing as 16 events took the stage in the auditorium.

Junior Amanda Mohr echoed what the majority of us are thinking about being the only school to perform: "I miss the competitive atmosphere that is created when there are other schools at the contest. At a normal competition, we are able to get more energized and motivated before we perform because of the competitiveness that there is to get a I rating."

To limit possible exposure and movement of the masses, the number of centers holding different categories of performers was decreased, and instead, all events were performed in front of a sole judge in the auditorium. During the competition, all audience members exited the auditorium in between each performance to ensure the family of those performing were able to watch the performance. However, this change of pace allowed members of the Speech family to watch performances that they would have never gotten the chance to, if it were a normal season.

Zach Mineart, a sophomore speech member, didn't like being the only school at the district contest, and stated that he "misses traveling to different schools & watching them perform."

Opinions on the new changes to what the season looks like in the future differ, but many speech members know this season can still be one for the books, and the end goal of most members is still the same- receive an nomination for All-State.

MV's 10-12th grade team had 16 events perform, with 14 of those events earning a Division I rating and advancing



**Erin Knipper, Anna Deutmeyer, Danni Burkle and Emilee Supple rehearse their group mime. They earned a Division I rating at district contest.**

on to the State contest. Our 9th grade team had six events perform, with three of those events earning a Division I rating and advancing on to the State contest.

Events earning a Division I rating include:

\*Short Film (Middle School Politics): Candence Frieburger, Lily Huber, Addie Hucker, Kaitlyn Nolan, Addie Rudd & Josie Teymer

\*TV News (WNKA Investigates): Emma Beitz, Kylie Chesnut, Saige Hunt, Logan Johnson & Carter Klaren

\*TV News (HOAX): Lane Domeyer, Adrienne Freiburger, Avery Krapfl, Amanda Mohr & Emma Ritz

\*Solo Mime (Preparing a Princess): Allie Dunn

\*Ensemble Acting (Action New: Now with 10% More Action): Kylie Chesnut, Madeline Gellersen, Andrew Kloser, Liz McDowell, Nolan Ries & Carissa Sabers

\*Group Mime (May the Best Man Win): Dannie Burkle, Anna Deutmeyer, Erin Knipper & Emilee Supple

\*Group Mime (Kindergarten 101): Lauren Knock & Josie Teymer

\*Readers Theatre (Fire Exit): Andrew Kloser, Avery Krapfl, Carlie Lewin, Paige Panosh, Krista Ries, Nolan Ries, Preston Roling & Paige Winter

\*Group Improvisation: Keziah Ambundo, Emma Doyl, Brock Trenkamp & Michael Van Meter

\*Group Improvisation: Anna Deutmeyer, Jena LeGassick & Annisten Trenkamp

\*One-Act Play (Our Place): Molly Anderegg, Matthew Brehm, Noah DeVore, Allie Dunn, Madeline Gellersen, Andrew Hildebrand, Kendra Hillers, Logan Johnson, Carter Klaren, Ella Mensen, Zach Mineart, Leah Ries, McKenna Thompson & Brock Trenkamp

\*Radio Broadcasting (KDKA 1102): Dannie Burkle, Kaela Clemen, Emma Doyl & Jordan Hogan

\*Radio Broadcasting (145.80 MHZ GLXY): Keziah Ambundo, Matthew Brehm, Adrienne Freiburger & Nick Gibbs

\*Ensemble Acting (Bride and Gloom): Noah DeVore & Amaya Hunt

\*Radio Broadcasting (JPDY 94.5): Zari Ambundo, Chantel Crowley, Brianna Hines & Morgan Krumviede

\*Ensemble Acting (Mutually Assured Destruction): Paige Panosh & Preston Roling

\*Choral Reading (You Are the Dream): Kaela Clemen, Amaya Hunt, Saige Hunt, Carlie Lewin, Amanda Mohr, Ashtyn Porter & Krista Ries

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# Sports Connection

## Girls take on ranked North Linn and come out on top

by Tara Goedken

Last Friday night the Wildcats traveled to North Linn to play against the Lynx. The Wildcats came home with a 44-40 win. The Lady Wildcats were about to 21 points in the first half and 23 points in the second half of the game.

On offense the senior trio led in points with 16 points by Ella Imler, Taya Tucker with 11 points and Emerson Whittenbaugh with nine points.

On defense Tucker led in rebounds with eight rebounds followed by Whittenbaugh with 5 rebounds and Imler with 4 rebounds. Whittenbaugh led in assists with five assists followed by Imler, Tucker, and Carissa Sabers each had two assists. Tucker led in steals with two steals.

## Wrestlers gear up for conference meet

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley wrestling team traveled to Midland for their meet. There they wrestled Midland and Central City. Midland won 54-18, but the boys took the match between Central City, 30-9.

Against Central City, Tyreese Crippen earned one pin.

Last Saturday the Maquoketa Valley wrestling team traveled to Louisa-Muscatine.

Michael Schaul and Carter Kruse both placed second place in the tournament. At 145, Schaul finished the day with one pin and won by decision, 9-6. At 182, Kruse ended the day with one pin.

Wrestling at 195, Tim Harmon placed third at the tournament. He earned three pins.

"Today was a good day for us," Coach Hatfield stated about the tournament. "It showed we wrestled very well."

Last night the team wrestled at North Fayette-Valley. Results will be in next week's issue. Tomorrow is the conference meet at East Buchanan.

Coach Moenck states after the game, "We knew this was not going to be an easy challenge. North Linn is such a well coached team and any time our two teams get together it's going to be a tough physical battle and Friday night was for sure no different. I felt we were really good defensively most of the night and I was so pleased with how we valued the ball on offense. Only committing five turnovers the whole night against one of the best defensive teams in the state is key to beating good teams like North Linn. I was very proud of our kids with how they responded when North Linn tied the game at 35. We didn't panic, we were patient on offense, got a good look, and fortunately made the basket and never lost the lead after that.

Again, we have to be better on the boards and finish around the bucket. That could really cost in a big game like this one. We still have a very tough schedule from here on out. We have to continue to commit to improving every day in practice."

Tuesday night's game against Central City was postponed to Monday February 1st due to the winter weather.

Tonight the Wildcats will travel to Alburnett to take on the Pirates.

## Wildcats put a little fear into the Lynx

by Chantel Crowley

On Friday, January 22nd, the Wildcat Boys' Basketball team played a game against conference-leading North Linn. Although they played well and led after the first quarter, the boys lost 32-75.

Top scorers included Avery Holtz with 12 points and Michael Bojorquez with six points. Andrew Holtz, AJ Ambundo, and Devante Strickland had four points each and Jacorrey Wallace had two.

For rebounds, Ambundo had eleven, Bojorquez had four, and Andrew Holtz and Strickland had three each. Avery Holtz, Owen Mensen, Mitch Heims, and Wallace had one each. Ambundo made one steal as well. Although they played well, the boys lost 32-75.

Tonight the Wildcats will compete against Alburnett for the second time this season. In their first matchup, the Wildcats came out on top.



Tim Harmon takes on a Lisbon wrestler at the home meet last Thursday night. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

## Speech results, continued

Events that earned a Division II rating at Districts include:

\*Short Film (Man's Best Friend): Emma Beitz, Nick Gibbs, Ashtyn Porter & Michael Van Meter

\*Short Film (Hallway Horror): Jordan Hogan, Jena LeGassick, Zach Mineart & Emilee Supple

\*Readers Theatre (Jack vs. Jill): Alia Domeyer, Jake Gellersen, Toby Grmm, Livia Hermanson, Lily Huber, Isabel Imler, Lauren Knock & George Livingston

\*Group Improvisation: Zari Ambundo, Brianna Hines & Cecily Trenkamp

\*Choral Reading (Hansel and Gretel): Chantel Crowley, Alia Domeyer, Cadence Freiburger, Livia Hermanson, Addie Hucker, Morgan Krumviede, Keira Leytem & Addie Rudd

As of right now, the State Competition is scheduled to be at Maquoketa Valley on Saturday, February 6th.

## what's up?

### What was your least favorite food as a child and do you still hate it now?

by Paige Winter

Landen Deutmeyer: brussel sprouts and yes

Annisten Trenkamp: seafood and yes

Noah DeVore: pickles and yes

Mrs. Besler: hamburgers and 100% yes

Miguel Bojorquez: lima beans and yes

Amanda Mohr: broccoli and I still don't like it

Parker Ries: Lasagna and yes

Ethen Brockhohn: Raisins and no I still don't eat them. A babysitter force me to eat them one day, and it didn't go well.

Kiersten Bush: green beans and yes

Jake Gellersen: cauliflower and I still hate it

Matthew Brehm: broccoli but I'm ok with broccoli now

Trista Elgin: broccoli and no

Macy Thompson: peas, or like squash, ew

Michael Schaul: seafood and I still don't like it

Mr. DeVore: liver and I still don't like it

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Mianna Gosche

### What do you enjoy most about the dance team?

As a group I love them all like family. My favorite parts include when I get to goof around, and we all have a good laugh. I also enjoy that we are able to pick up dances very quickly this year.

**What's the hardest part of it?** The hardest part for me is definitely jumping, I don't get very far off of the ground.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** It's a tie with our upcoming hip-hop, and our "Survivor" dance we did on Pink-out night.

**What's something about dance most people don't realize?** It's extremely hard to do facials when dancing, it's like sprinting across the gym worrying that my spandex is showing and throwing myself into the air and hoping I land on my feet. As well as trying to smile big and pretty for the audience and trying not to let them know I'm so terrified of falling in front of them.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be?** It would be hip-hop or silly sack dance to some notorious dance songs, I would for sure try to make it unforgettable.

Name: Jacorrey Wallace

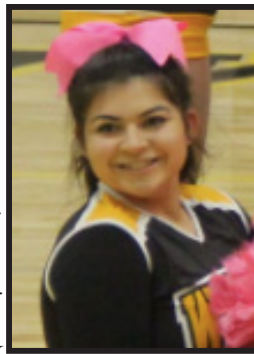
**What position do you play?** I play position power forward or center

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** Watching everyone's skill set and playing good competition

**What's something about the sport that others may not know about?** Basketball really challenges you to use your thinking skills

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** 10th grade I tried to dunk on a 6'11 guy but missed

**Who's your basketball role model?** Allen Iverson



Name: Paige Winter

### What position do you play?

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**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** I love to be with the team and all of the memories we make, but I also just love playing. Either in the summer at the park with

my friends, during the regular season, the camps we go to in the summer, or 7up club with the team in the spring, I really enjoy all of it.

**How is this year different for you from previous years?** This year is different because of COVID because we didn't really know how much of a season we were going to get so we had to be prepared for anything. We also didn't have summer basketball to prepare for the rest of the season. We weren't sure how many games we were going to get before the tournament in the beginning but luckily we did get to have a full season. It was a little scary and still is that our program could get shut down at any time because of COVID but something that we have talked about it making smart choices to keep each other safe and make sure we don't get shut down.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** Scaring each other in the locker room before practice or celebrating in the locker room after a big win because we all just come in so excited and we tell each other about what just happened in the game and everyone gets into it.

**Who's your basketball role model?** I look up to all of the seniors right now because they are all really good leaders for the team. They all play hard in practice and in games and they always have the right things to say to the rest of the team at the right time. Ella is a really good communicator on and off the court, Emerson brings a lot of energy all the time, and Taya is really good at bringing the team closer together and including everyone. Together they make a really good group of role models for the rest of us to look up to.



# Best Buds: Carlie Lewin & Adrienne Freiburger



by Amaya Hunt

## What do you two like to do together most?

Carlie: We like to play Minecraft and talk on discord.

Adrienne: We always send random pictures and videos to each other that make us laugh.

## What's your favorite quality about the other?

Carlie: I like how Adrienne is always able to make everyone laugh.

Adrienne: I love her sense of humor.

## What's the craziest thing you have ever seen the other person do?

Carlie: I remember in middle school, she used to chug water bottles... I don't know how to describe it so it sounds crazy, but trust me, I promise it was way better than I can describe.

Adrienne: She complained about eating a soggy pickle once and then proceeded to send me videos of her eating more pickles.

## If you could pick one inanimate object that reminds you of the other, what would it be and why?

Carlie: I'd definitely pick earrings- she always has the coolest ones.

Adrienne: I don't know, but maybe something like a poisonous flower because she looks nice and sweet, but if you mess with her she's going to make it hurt.

## Favorite memory together?

Carlie: Literally anytime she makes fun of me for sending her pictures with weird filters on Snapchat, or when we raked leaves on the track field (I have a great picture of

us doing that).

Adrienne: Playing video games together and planning to create a revolution.

## Where do you see the other in ten years?

Carlie: I hope that she's somewhere living it up in a big city.

Adrienne: I'm not sure, but one of us is going to end up living in the other's basement.

## As always, what's your biggest pet peeve about the other?

Carlie: I thought long and hard about this one (ahahaha), and to be honest I don't have one. I don't think I even have a bad memory of us together.

Adrienne: Neither of us are big planners, so we never really get to hangout.

## Pick one song that makes you think of the other:

Carlie: I don't have one specific song, but we pretty much listen to the same bands; Papa Roach, Breaking Benjamin, and Foo Fighters.

Adrienne: I couldn't tell you why, but that Gummy Bear song from when we were little reminds me of her.

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

Alcohol misuse, already a public health concern, can potentially further complications of COVID-19 by impairing your immune system.

—NIH

# Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

The cutie for this week lives in Hopkinton. She is involved in FFA and enjoys being outside, playing with her dog Millie, and hanging out with friends. She is a junior.

Last week's Cutie was Jacob Leytem.

Jill, Chantel, Ethan, & I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Pink Out nights during the basketball game and the wrestling meet. Your donations will go towards my chemo treatments. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!  
—Scott Crowley & family

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

I waited all night to see where the sun would rise....

And then it dawned on me

Why did the gym close down?

It just didn't work out.

Don't accept any friend requests from Taco Bell.

They're nacho friend.

When does a joke become a dad joke?

When it becomes apparent.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Amaya Hunt

**What event are you in for speech?** Choral Reading with Mrs. DeVore, and I also have an ensemble with Noah (which is coached by Mrs. DeVore, too).

**What do you enjoy most about**

**large group speech?** I love getting to be someone that I'm not, and taking on different character roles. The adrenaline rush that you get when stepping on stage and performing in front of an audience is something that I feel like can't be beat. I think I fell in love with large group speech because it brings students together through the arts, and by the end of the season, it's like you've become a second family. Speech and the arts is my home away from home.

**What have you learned through this event?** Large group has taught me how to have patience, and that good things really do take time- watching an event fall together and seeing characters come to life is extremely rewarding, especially after many numerous, long practices. It's also helped me to better understand that people show their true feelings through the arts- speech brings out the best of people, and really shows their true character.

**Who is your speech role model?** My sister Faith would have to be my role model, in speech and everything else. She was given recognition at the All-State level all four years of her speech career, and she came alive through both individual and large group speech.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** Any ensemble event.



Name: Liv Hermanson

**What event are you in for speech?** Readers theater and choral reading.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** You get to go outside if your comfort zone and have lots of fun with your group.

**What have you learned through this event?** To be more outgoing and to just have fun with your roles.

**Who is your speech role model?**

Mr. DeVore, he can act out so many parts and makes it sound so good.

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

One act or readers theater so I can really watch and see different character played out.

Name: Logan Johnson

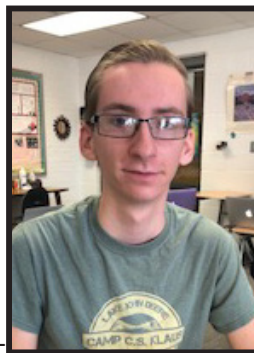
**What event are you in for speech?** TV News and One-Act Play.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** Working and building relationships with people from different cliques.

**What have you learned through this event?** I feel like we are all learning to persevere and push for change in these hard times, but Speech has shown me that we need to cherish the present.

**Who is your speech role model(s)?** Alex Digman and Brenden Hogan.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** If I were to judge an event it would probably be improv. I love watching the group dynamic at work, along with the ability of groups to insert comedy in the most obscure of scenes.



## Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

With every rainy day, the sun will always return eventually.

This week's quote is, "**Come what come may, time and the hour runs through the roughest day.**" - *William Shakespeare.*

Last year was rough, and it's not as if all its troubles disappeared at the turn of the year, not to mention the seasonal depression and fatigue many of us experience during these darker months. With the new semester and scheduling going on, I think we could all use a little reminder that tough times will pass.

I'm sure we've all experienced a situation that seemed so hopeless, we were sure things wouldn't work out. Times like these make us wish to go back and fix what went wrong before we got to that point. But, think about it. You survived, and there's a pretty good chance that you're actually smarter and more experienced now than you were before. After having been through something difficult, you'll be better prepared to cope with it next time.

As a teenager, it's definitely easy to feel as if the world is always crashing down around you. While this feels true in the moment, I can assure you that you will look back on dark times and realize that it actually wasn't as dramatic as you thought it to be.

Dark days will come and go as a natural process, a cycle that we need to grow used to and work with. Perseverance through the worst times will make you stronger and others will see this. Something most people look for in a friend is someone who can make light of hard times, and awareness that it will get better. By trying not to stress about these bad days, you will spread positivity to those around you and help them if they are going through something tough as well. Recognizing when you are at your lower moods and knowing that things will get better is a skill that will serve you many times over, in nearly any situation.













