

Vocal jazz groups earn Division I ratings at state contest



MV hosted a State Iowa High School Music Association Jazz Festival Monday night. Smooth Harmony and Jazz Xpress both earned Division I ratings.

Above: Members of Jazz Xpress are Cecily Trenkamp, Brylie Pohlman, Amanda Pohlman, Emma Beitz, Kaitlyn Nolan, Mianna Gosche, Nia Burnett, Kylynn Clary, Addie Rudd, Logan Johnson, Leighton Deutmeyer, Jackson Hunter Wagoner, Jake Gellersen.

Right: Smooth Harmony include Michael VanMeter, Annie Trenkamp, Noah DeVore, Carlie Lewin, Andrew Hildebrand, Paige Panosh, Nicholas Chen, Keziah Ambundo, Andrew Kloser, Emma Doyl and Brock Trenkamp.



12 groups earn I ratings, four groups on to All-State

by Paige Panosh

Last Saturday the 8th, the Maquoketa Valley High School 9th grade and 10-12th grade large group speech squads attended the State Speech Contest at Dubuque Senior, and once again, found great success.

Of the two 9th grade groups, one received division 1 ratings: Radio Broadcasting (Dannielle Burkle, Kaela Clemen, Landin Frasher, and Saige Hunt).

Of the thirteen 10-12th grade groups, eleven received division 1 ratings: Choral Reading (Amanda Mohr, Amaya Hunt, Amber Engelken, Ashtyn Porter, Carlie Lewin, Claire Krapfl, Courtney Goedken, Emma Doyl, Emma Hill, and Lydia Helle), Ensemble Acting 1 (Carissa Sabers, Krista Ries, Kylie Chesnut, and Shelby March)

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Students who earned All-State speech honors include, front row from left: Kaela Clemen, Saige Hunt, Allie Dunn, Kendra Hillers and Claire Krapfl; second row: Dannielle Burkle, Shelby March, Kylie Chesnut, Liz McDowell, Kim Sellner, Carissa Sabers, Carlie Lewin and Landin Frasher; back row: Carter Hildebrand, Chance Downs, Lane Domeyer, Lydia Helle, Avery Krapfl, Mitch Heims, Preston Roling, Mason Lubben and Erika Supple. Not pictured are Layla Crippen, Lexi Deutmeyer and A.J. Ambundo.

Speech results, cont. from page 1
 Ensemble Acting 2 (Andrew Kloser and Paige Panosh), Ensemble Acting 3 (Allie Dunn, Madeline Gellersen, Mason Lubben, and Nolan Ries), Group Improvisation 1 (Madeline Gellersen, Mitch Heims, and Zach Digman), Group Improvisation 2 (AJ Ambundo and Preston Roling), Group Improvisation 3 (Brock Trenkamp, Keziah Ambundo, and Michael Van Meter), the "Sweet Tooth" Group Mime (Avery Krapfl, Kendra Hillers, and Liz McDowell), One-Act Play (Amaya Hunt, Andrew Hildebrand, Annisten Trenkamp, Brock Trenkamp, Emma Beitz, Jaiden Porter, Jordan Hogan, Kailyn Hogan, Kriya Atwell, Lane

Domeyer, Layla Crippen, Leah Ries, Logan Johnson, Molly Anderegg, Nick Gibbs, Paige Winter, and Zach Digman), Readers Theatre (Allie Dunn, Avery Krapfl, Carissa Sabers, Carlie Lewin, Chance Downs, Kendra Hillers, Kylie Chesnut, Liz McDowell, Lydia Helle, Mason Lubben, Mitch Heims, Noah DeVore, Preston Roling, and Shelby March), Iowa Unsolved TV News (AJ Ambundo, Carter Hildebrand, Chance Downs, Claire Krapfl, Erika Supple, Kim Sellner, Lane Domeyer, Layla Crippen, and Lexi Deutmeyer).

9th grade and 10-12th grade groups that received division 2 ratings included: Readers Theatre (Anna Deutmeyer, Emilee Supple, Isabel Landas, Kennedy Rausch, Landin Frasher, McKenna Thompson, Taylor Schmuecker, and Zach Mineart), Musical Theatre (Andrew Hildebrand, Andrew Kloser, Noah DeVore, Paige Panosh, and Tony Offerman), and Radio Broadcasting (Devin Smith, Emma Doyl, Logan Johnson, Matthew Brehm, and Paige Winter).

This Monday students got together to wait in anticipation of All-State results. Four groups made it to All-State, all non-performing. These include Improvisation 2 (AJ Ambundo and Preston Roling), Iowa Unsolved TV News (AJ Ambundo, Carter Hildebrand, Chance Downs, Claire Krapfl, Erika Supple, Kim Sellner, Lane Domeyer, Layla Crippen, and Lexi Deutmeyer), Readers Theatre (Allie Dunn, Avery Krapfl, Carissa Sabers, Carlie Lewin, Chance Downs, Kendra Hillers, Kylie Chesnut, Liz McDowell, Lydia Helle, Mason Lubben, Mitch Heims, Noah DeVore, Preston Roling, and Shelby March), and Radio Broadcasting (Dannielle Burkle, Kaela Clemen, Landin Frasher, and Saige Hunt). These students will perform on the Iowa State University campus Feb. 22.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Anna Deutmeyer

What position do you play? Post

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

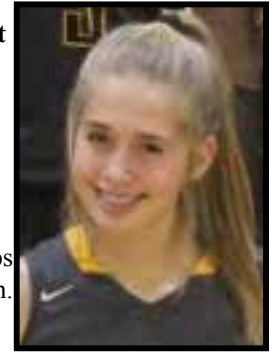
What I enjoy the most is without a doubt being with the team, especially pre game warmups in the locker room. Game days in themselves are so much fun.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? It is so much of a team sport, and each person has to play their role, making it so important to be close with your team so you can all work together and help each other.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Spirit Lake, and everything we do together in the summer.

Who's your basketball role model?

Brooke Elgin



Name: McKenna Thompson

What do you enjoy most about dance team?

I love to learn new dances and speech time with the girls outside of dance.

What's the hardest part of it?

For me turns are very hard a frustrating to me.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?

My favorite dance is the new hip hop we performed at the game against North Linn

What's something about dance most people don't realize about dance? Many times we don't get recognized for all the fundraisers, activities and routines we do.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I would do a hip hop to an apple bottom jeans remix



"McKenna has been a great addition to the MVDT. She has incredible dance skills and has been a joy to work with."

—Coach Teymer

Kruse, Engelken earn Iowa Degrees

by Alyssa Langel, FFA reporter

Our very own Mason Kruse and Amber Engelken did yet another outstanding job: Both of them received their FFA Iowa Degrees! Amber's degree was focused on her working at her home dairy farm and Mason's was for his goat tribe.



Earning an Iowa Degree takes years in the making. Typically freshman year, students get their Greenhand Degree, the simplest of FFA degrees. It shows that the student is involved in their program. The next degree is the chapter degree. This degree shows that the student has maintained an active status within their chapter and gotten involved in their community as well. The third degree is the Iowa Degree. Students receive their Iowa degree at the Iowa FFA Convention, which is the highest degree that Iowa can give a member. Congratulations to these two seniors!

The MVDT performed at the home games Feb. 5. The team has performed numerous routines and will showcase them Mar. 7 at its annual Strut Your Stuff.



Wrestling season comes to an end

Michael Schaul battles against one of his opponents at the sectional meet. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



It's been a busy couple of weeks for the wrestling team as they competed at the conference wrestling tournament and the sectional meet.

At the conference meet at Starmont Feb. 9, MV was represented by Michael Schaul (138) who finished third with a 3-1 record for the day. Tim Harmon (170) also finished third and went 3-1. Evan Elgin (182) finished second after getting a bye the first round and winning by pin in the semifinals. Carter Kruse (195) also got a bye in the first round and finished third. Devin Smith (220) got a bye in his first round and finished sixth overall.

This past Saturday the team

Girls basketball finish the regular season 17-4

by **Kylie Chesnut**

The Wildcats traveled to Starmont last Friday to challenge the Starmont Stars. They dominated on the court and left on the bus with a win 61-22.

The team game ready to play and they were locked in mentally. The girls had a good scoring game, leading in points was Ella Imler with 22 points, Taya Tucker with 18 points, and Brooke Elgin with 5.

Defensively, the Wildcats were solid. Your leading rebounder was Tucker bringing down 4 boards, followed by B. Elgin with 5, and Anna Deutmeyer and Imler each grabbing 4 rebounds. Tucker also stole the ball from their opponents 5 times, and B. Elgin and Imler each took the ball 3 times.

This past Tuesday, the team traveled to Springville to play the Orioles in the final game of the regular season. They battled hard and fought for the whole 32 minutes, but came away defeated in a close game 42-51. Details of this game can be found in the next issue.

competed at sectionals at East Buchanan. None of the wrestlers finished in the top two to advance to districts. Schaul lost his first round match, won in the consolation semifinals and won his fifth place match. Harmon won his first round match, lost in the semifinals, lost the second place match but won in the third place match. Elgin got a bye in the first round match, lost in the semifinals and second place match and won the third place match. Kruse won the quarterfinals match, lost in the semifinals and second place match and won his third round match. Smith won his quarterfinals match, lost in the semifinals and the third place match.

The girls are moving into post-season, and they are preparing to play either South Hardin or Denver. Everyone come and support your Wildcats as they fight their way to the tournament on their home court on Tuesday the 18th!



Sophomore Kylie Chesnut missed part of the season with a hand injury, but is now back on the court.

Boys basketball faces tough competition

by **Tara Goedken**

Feb. 1 the boys basketball team traveled to Central City and lost a tough game with a score of 44-53. At halftime the game was tied 26-26.

On offense, Andrew Holtz led in points with a total of 13, followed by Avery Holtz with 12 points, Owen Mensen with 9 points, and Mitch Heims and AJ Ambundo each had 5 points.

On defense, Avery Holtz led in steals with 2, followed by Mason Lubben, Andrew Holtz, and Miguel Bojorquez each with 1 steals. Andrew Holtz and Ambundo led in rebounds with 6 rebounds each followed by Mensen, Bororquez, and Avery Holtz each with 3 rebounds and Heims with 2 rebounds.

On Feb. 5, the team played against Alburnet and lost with a score of 44-77.



On offense, Andrew Holtz led with 15 points, followed by Avery Holtz with 13 points, and Ambundo with 9 points.

On defense, Landen Deutmeyer led in steals with 2, and Lubben, Ambundo, and Andrew Holtz with 1 steal. Ambundo led in rebounds with 4, followed by Tony Offerman, Heims, and Bojorquez with 2 rebounds.

Last Friday night, the Boys Basketball team traveled to Starmont and won with a score of 38-17.

On offense, Andrew Holtz led in points with a total of 18 points, followed by Avery Holtz with 7 points and Ambundo with 5 points.

On defense, Avery Holtz led in steals with a total of 3, followed by Ambundo and Andrew Holtz with 2 steals and Mensen with 1 steal. Andrew Holtz led in rebounds with 8, followed by Ambundo with 7, and Avery Holtz with 5 rebounds.

Tuesday night the boys traveled to Springville and lost with a score of 37-69.

Tonight the team will travel to Ed-Co. Details will be in the next Echo.

Best Buds

Keziah Ambundo & Adrienne Freiburger
by Leah Ries

How long have you been friends?

Adrienne: I'm pretty sure we started talking in 6th grade but became friends in 7th.

Keziah: I think we became friends in 6th grade through campfire.

What is your favorite thing about your friend?

Keziah: I love her ability to turn any situation into a positive one, and she's so funny.

Adrienne: I love her confidence and positivity, it's really uplifting in stressful times.

What was a favorite memory together?

Keziah: Definitely camping trips. They were insane.

Adrienne: There are a lot of them, but I think my favorite was when she came to my house and we almost crashed the golf cart.

What is your biggest pet peeve of the other person?

Keziah: That she is equally as indecisive as I am.

Adrienne: That she can't drive yet.

If you could travel to one city together where would it be and why?

Keziah: Oslo, Norway because it's been a city we've both been super obsessed with since middle school.

Adrienne: I'd love to go to Los Angeles or New York with her because they're beautiful cities and she's always talked about moving to the Coast.

What is the other person's favorite movie?

Keziah: A documentary of some sort... probably something no one has heard of.

Your favorite: Coraline

Adrienne: Probably some Hannah Montana or Disney Channel movie from when she was younger.

Your favorite: Togo



Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

If you don't know already, February is Black History Month. In order to celebrate the role that African American figures have played in America's history, I decided to ask Mrs. DeVore, Chance Downs, and Amaya Hunt what they knew about these greats.



What team did Jackie Robinson play for?

Mrs. DeVore: Mets

Chance Downs: Dodgers

Amaya: Yankees

Answer: Brooklyn Dodgers

Where did Martin Luther King Jr. give his famous "I Have A Dream" speech?

Mrs. DeVore: Washington D.C.

Chance: Steps of the Lincoln Memorial

Amaya: Washington Monument

Answer: Lincoln Memorial

What famous African American poet wrote "Phenomenal Woman"?

Mrs. DeVore: Maya Angelou

Chance: Maya something

Amaya: Maya Angelou

Answer: Maya Angelou

What is the name of the movie that tells the story of three black women that changed NASA?

Mrs. DeVore: Hidden Figures

Chance: Hidden Figures

Amaya: Hidden Figures

Answer: Hidden Figures

That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side!"

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

Every day, almost 2,500 children under 18 years of age try their first cigarette.

Information came from American Lung Association's "Tobacco Use Among Children and Teens"

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of February 17, 2020	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020	1. MV Board of Directors Monthly Mtg - HS Conf Room - 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020	1. MV Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM 2. HS Girls State Regional Basketball - HOME (High School Gym) - MV vs Denver or Hudson — 7:00 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020	1. HS Jazz Band to Tall Corn Jazz Festival at UNI in Cedar Falls 2. 9th Grade Class Ring Orders Taken - HS Lobby - During Lunch 3. HS V Boys District Basketball at Easton Valley MV vs Prince of Peace - 6:30 PM (Bus leaves at 4:30 PM)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020	1. HS Vocal Jazz to Festival in Solon - 8:00 AM (Bus at 6:30 AM) 2. HS Girls State Regional Basketball - HOME - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020	1. All State Large Group HS Speech at I.S.U. in Ames - 9:00 AM

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I build bridges of silver and crowns of gold.

I fill holes and divots and clean away grime and mold.

Who am I?

Answer: The Dentist

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Daisy.

Daisy who?

Daisy me rollin', they hatin'!

Girlfriend: I'm sick of you pretending you are a detective. I think we should split up.

Boyfriend: Good thinking. We can cover more ground that way.

Knock knock.

Who's there?

A little old lady.

A little old lady who?

Hey, I didn't know you could yodel!

Did you hear oxygen and magnesium are now dating?...OMG!