

Fourteen groups advance to state speech

by Leah Ries

Last weekend the large group speech team traveled to Cascade to compete in the District Contest. The Wildcats' results were awesome as they ended the day with 14 Division I ratings and five Division II ratings! The events that received I ratings will advance to the State Contest that will be held at Decorah Feb. 5.

Results:

Division I Ratings:

Readers Theatre: Lip Service (Matthew Brehm, Dannie Burkle, Kylie Chesnut, Toby Grimm, Livia Hermanson, Carter Klaren, Erin Knipper, Avery Krapfl, George Livingston, & Carissa Sabers)

Ensemble Acting: "On the Porch One Crisp Spring Morning" (Amaya Hunt & Saige Hunt)

Group Improvisation: Tomato Targets (Keziah Ambundo, Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp, & Michael Van Meter)

Choral Reading: Riveting Correspondence (Joellen Beitz, McKenna Bush, Kaela Clemen, Chantel Crowley, Adrienne Freiburger, Cadence Freiburger, Addie Hucker, Carlie Lewin, Keira Leytem, Amanda Mohr, Ashtyn Porter, & Cece Trenkamp)

Group Improvisation: Three's Company (Toby Grimm & Livia Hermanson)

Short Film: "It's Just a Dream" (Cadence Freiburger, Morgan Krumviede, Keira Leytem, & Cece Trenkamp)

TV News: Sixth Sense (Joellen Beitz, McKenna Bush, Logan Clemen, Lane Domeyer, Adrienne Freiburger, Emily Hogan, & Lily Huber)

One Act Play: "The Nameless Princess" (Matthew Brehm, Logan Clemen, Jake Gellersen, Mianna Gosche, Amaya Hunt, Carter Klaren, Carlie Lewin, George Livingston, Ella Mensen, Isabella Mensen, Zach Mineart, Kaitlyn Nolan, Leah Ries, Taylor Schmuecker, McKenna Thompson, & Paige Winter)

Group Improvisation: The Gigglin' Gals (Zari Ambundo, Dannie Burkle, Alia Domeyer, & Brianna Hines)

Ensemble Acting: "From the Mouths of



Caelyn Sands and Carissa Sabers rehearse their group mime.

Babes" (Anna Deutmeyer, Noah DeVore, Kendra Hillers, & Brock Trenkamp)

Ensemble Acting: Forever Friends (Keziah Ambundo, Molly Anderegg, Amanda Mohr, & Ashtyn Porter)

Group mime: "Dead Asleep" (Kylie Chesnut, Avery Krapfl, Carissa Sabers & Caelyn Sands)

Solo Mime: "Sliding into Scales" (Josie Teymer)

Group Mime: Snow Day (Brianna Hines & Lauren Knock)

Division II Ratings:

Radio Broadcasting: LOVE (Zari Ambundo, Kaela Clemen, Chantel Crowley, & Morgan Krumviede)

Radio Broadcasting: WWLA 101.1 The Era (Ryan Aulwes, Lane Domeyer, Michael Van Meter, & Addie Vorwald)

TV News: HAWT (Izzy Heffernan, Jordan Hogan, Kaitlyn Nolan, Leah Ries, Josie Teymer, & McKenna Thompson)

Short Film: You Don't Have a Clue (Jordan Hogan, Lily Huber, Addie Hucker, Jena LeGassick, Taylor Schmuecker, & Emilee Supple)

Solo Mime: "The Date that Never Was" (Emma Doyl)

Congratulations to everyone and best of luck to the groups that will be competing at the State Contest!

Ten notes about a new Wildcat

Get to know James Bockenstedt

by Paige Winter

1. What are your duties at MV? I am the PE teacher for grades 8-12 and also an Academic Success teacher.

2. Where have you worked previously? This is my first teaching opportunity, as I went back to school after working in a different field of Sports Medicine. I have also been a coach for the last 10 years at Beckman Catholic High School coaching football, track and field, and baseball.

3. Where did you go to school? I went to high school at Beckman Catholic, in college I went to the University of Iowa with an Athletic Training Degree. I recently just graduated from the University of Dubuque with a Physical Education degree.

4. What do you like about MV so far? I have only been here a week and a half, but so far everyone has been very welcoming making this new transition much smoother. From the students and staff I've met there are great people here.

5. What goals do you have here at MV? I would like to continue the strong physical education program. Get to know the students and build those positive relationships between teacher and student.

6. Can you describe your family? Family is important to me. I have two younger siblings, a brother-in-law and two nieces. I have a very large extended family with my mother, father and step-dad's families.

7. What are your hobbies? When I am away from school I can be found spending time with family, working out, spending time outdoors, including taking my dog for walks. I also am a sports enthusiast and love going to concerts.

8. What is one thing you want students to know about you? Student success is my number one priority. I want the best for students at school and away from school.

9. Tell us a fun fact about yourself.

I worked as an athletic trainer on the University of Iowa football team for four years, from being at practices/meetings/treatments/home games, to traveling with the team to both away and bowl games.

10. Anything you would like to add? I hope everyone has a safe and successful spring semester.

Sports Connection

Wildcats take on TRC powerhouses

by Chantel Crowley

If you take a look at the 1A rankings, you'll see some familiar Tri-Rivers teams, and MV recently faced them.

On Thursday, January 20th, the boys basketball team played a home game against Ed-Co, where they lost 55 to 62.

Top scorers were Avery Holtz with thirteen, Kody Hoeger with twelve, Toby Grimm with eleven, and Brock Trenkamp with eight. Lance McShane scored four, TJ Cook scored three, and Lucas Orcutt and Landen Deutmeyer scored two each.

For assists, Holtz had four, and Trenkamp and Cook had one each. For rebounds, Deutmeyer, Trenkamp, and Hoeger had four each, and Cook had three rebounds. McShane, Grimm, and Trenkamp had two rebounds, and Orcutt had one.

The boys' next game was on Friday, January 21st against North Linn, where they lost 68 to 24.

Top scorers included Cook with six, Hoeger with five, and Trenkamp with four. Orcutt scored three points, and Holtz, Grimm, and McShane scored two each.

As for assists, Holtz had two, and Deutmeyer had one. For rebounds, Cook had seven, and McShane, Trenkamp, and Deutmeyer had three each. Holtz, Orcutt, and Grimm had two rebounds each, and Brock Daack had one.

Their following game was played at Clayton Ridge on Monday, January 24th. The boys lost 20 to 45.

Top scorers were Holtz with eight points, Hoeger and Grimm with two points each, and Deutmeyer, Cook, and McShane with two each.

For rebounds, Holtz and Hoeger had five each, McShane had two, and Cook, Deutmeyer, and Grimm had one each. Holtz also had two assists.

The boys' scheduled game Tuesday, January 25th against Central City was postponed. This game will be covered in the next issue. Tonight the Wildcats host Alburnett for senior night.



Kody Hoeger drives the lane against Ed-Co. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Wildcats Kylie Chesnut, Kennedy Rausch, Caelyn Sands, Erin Knipper and Bianka Ronnebaum put up a wall of defense against Ed-Co.

Girls go 1-1 in recent conference play

by Toby Grimm

Last Thursday the Girls Basketball team faced the Ed-Co Vikings and secured the hard fought victory by a final score of 50-32.

On the scoring end, Kylie Chesnut led with 13 points, Caelyn Sands had 9, Bianka Ronnebaum had 8, Carissa Sabers with 7, Haley Ronnebaum had 5, ending with Kennedy Rausch and Erin Knipper who had 4 points each to complete a greatly balanced scory game.

Defensively, Chesnut and Sabers led in rebounds with 7 each, followed by both of the Ronnebaums with 5 each, next to Rausch with 4, and finishing with Sands who had 2. Rausch led in steals with 5, Knipper had 4, ending with Kylie Chesnut and Bianka Ronnebaum had 3 each to complete the game and earn their 9th win of the season.

Last Friday night, the Wildcats faced the North Linn Lynx ending in a tough loss by a final score of 68-31.

Offensively, Erin Knipper led in scoring with 9 points, Chesnut had 6, Bianka Ronnebaum with 5, Haley Ronnebaum had 4, and Rausch rounded it up with a 3. The girls squad struggled to get

things going early and could never catch back up to the explosive Lynx offense.

On the defensive end, Chesnut was on top of the rebound column, pulling down 9 followed by Bianka Ronnebaum with 5, Erin Knipper had 4, and Sabers had 3. The 14-1 Lynx set the team back to 9-7 on the season.

Tonight the team takes on the Alburnett Pirates at home.

Big Games on the Big Stage

It's a big week for Iowa Hawkeye wrestling. In fact, it's so big that it jumped from the bottom of the article towards the top. The #3 Hawkeyes, bumped down in the rankings as Michigan rose to the second spot, will battle rival #1 Penn State this Friday in the Pioneer Showdown. Arguably the best college wrestling dual to watch all season, it will be in Carver Hawkeye as the reigning national champs look to upset the Nittany Lions. Oh, and did I mention that they took down the Buckeyes Friday? I was probably caught up in the excitement with the big dual.

Keeping the wrestling theme going, the ISU Cyclones won their last bout with North Dakota State to win their 1,000th victory. Their next dual will be this Friday against #21 Oklahoma.

Iowa Hawkeye men's basketball beat Penn State this past Saturday 68-51 at Carver Hawkeye. The Hawks had previously fallen to the Rutgers in a close battle in New Jersey and stayed in Iowa City to battle #6 Purdue this Thursday night. When they played last, Iowa only fell by a margin of seven points. To put it into perspective, Iowa was unranked and in West Lafayette, facing a #2 team in the nation and only lost by seven points. Upset game?

It seems the drop from the pedestal was a rough one for the Iowa State men's basketball team because after losing to #13 Texas Tech, who rose in the poll after beating the Cyclones, they flopped against unranked TCU 44-59. Not only that, but they barely were able to pull off a win against another unranked team this Wednesday in an 84-81 victory over Oklahoma State. This

Saturday they stay in Ames to play another unranked team in Missouri.

The Iowa women's basketball team went from destroying Minnesota to dominating against both Illinois and Penn State. The #23 Hawkeyes are beginning to find their groove in Big Ten play and are hoping to continue their win streak when they take on Northwestern this Saturday in Evanston.

The #13 Cyclones fell to a tough Baylor team 87-61 last Sunday in an upset, but they moved on from their loss to defeat Kansas on their home turf. This Saturday they head to the Lone Star State to face Texas Tech.

Hawks gymnastics are set to compete against Nebraska in Iowa City this Saturday in a 90's inspired night after defeating #15 Michigan State. They are striving for another Big Ten regular season championship, and with a win against the Cornhuskers, the goal would be more certified.

Last Friday the Cyclones women's gymnastics team went to Auburn and suffered a loss of two full points (195.575-197.350). We can't forget that the Tigers have an Olympic gold medalist in Sunisa Lee on their team which is likely a key reason as to why Iowa State lost. This Friday they stay in Ames to compete against West Virginia.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Wrestlers get in a meet and tourney, Schaul and Davis finish first

The regular season is winding down, and MV wrestlers are finding themselves in a good groove.

Last Thursday MV competed at Lisbon against the host and East Buchanan.

MV lost to the Bucs 45-21. Michael Schaul (152) pinned his opponent in 2:47, and Kobe Peters (160) won by 7-2 decision. Brady Smith and Tyreese Crippen won by forfeit.

MV lost to Lisbon 72-9. Schaul got his second pin of the night, and Davis won 8-5.

Saturday the team finished seventh with 94 points out of 14 teams at Midland's John Byers Invitational. Rock Island won the tournament.

At 106, Brendin Frasher lost in round 2 of the consolation bracket.

At 126, Arion Rave lost in the semi-finals of the consolation bracket.

At 138, Crippen lost in the second round of the consolation bracket.

Schaul won the 152 weight class.

Peters lost in the 160 consolation semi-finals.

In the 182 bracket, Aiden Salow finished sixth.

Davis won the 220 championship match with a pin in :37.

Devin Smith finished second in the heavyweight competition.

The team competes in the Tri-Rivers conference meet tomorrow at Lisbon.

Singing with the best



Several MV vocalists joined other high school singers at Wartburg College's Meistersinger's honor choir. Wildcats Keziah Ambundo, Carlie Lewin, Kaitlyn Nolan, Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp and Jesus Rumbo along with Ms. Huber attended.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Molly Anderegg

You recently filled in for students who were ill so that the events could perform. What did you have to do to prepare for these last-minute changes?

With only having one practice before the performance, memorizing lines as soon as I could was my main focus. Also, things like finding a costume, working on my character, and trusting those previously in the One Act to help me was important as well.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I love when things finally click within the group. The lines flow, blocking is second nature, and you can actually have fun when you get to that point and really become your character.

What have you learned through this event? There's value in being someone for other people to lean on. When you are presented with an opportunity (even if you're unsure about it) you should take it. Be that person for others to rely on as it pays off in the end.

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model is a combination of my older sisters. Macy's and Maddy's personalities are very different, but seeing them put that aside and perform at speech competitions as I was growing up is what inspired me to go out for speech in the first place.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would love to judge group Improv. I strongly think I could just sit in an Improv room all day and I would never get bored. Whether it's good or bad, you know you'll be entertained either way.

Name: Kendra Hillers

You recently filled in for students who were ill so that the events could perform. What did you have to do to prepare for these last-minute changes?

The funny thing about this story is that in the beginning of the week I had planned on filling in for someone for Solo Mime. The Wednesday before the speech competition I got together with Mrs. DeVore and we



came up with a short and simple skit. Then that Friday in the middle of the day Mr. DeVore asked if I would be willing to not do Solo Mime and do One Act instead. So that Friday night I went home and memorized my lines and then on the bus ride to the speech competition, George Livingston helped me with blocking. It was a crazy week, but I wouldn't have wanted it any different.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I love being able to build my character. This year and last year I have been a little girl, so bringing out the crazy and fun side of me is something that I enjoy. I also love getting to see other people fall into their characters.

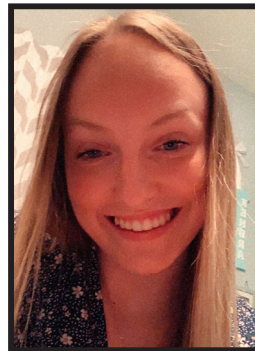
Noah, Brock and I have developed into being little kids and it is so fun to see the progress we make throughout the season.

What have you learned through this event?

I have learned that the little details matter. Many times in speech we focus on the vocal part of it, however this year I have learned that in order to really bring out my character I have to do the little things that many people wouldn't notice. I have also learned that being a little kid is harder than most people would think :)

Who is your speech role model? Since my freshman year my speech role model has been Lydia Helle. I can remember the first time I watched her in Readers Theater, everytime she came into the scene my eyes were glued to her. She had a way of expressing her character in ways that many others couldn't. I feel that watching her and being able to perform with her made me a better speech performer also.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would judge Ensemble Acting. Before this year I had never been in an Ensemble Acting so being able to see how it works was cool to me. I love how it has no props or outfits (other than tables and chairs), just you and the others around you. So people have to really bring out their character to make it something worth wild.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Aidan Salow

What do you enjoy most about wrestling? Competing against my partners

What's something about wrestling that others might not know?

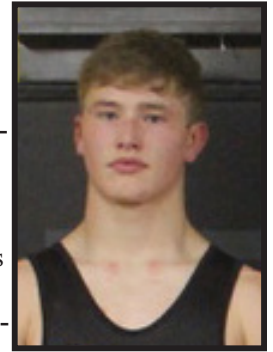
2 pound allowance is everyone's favorite

How do you mentally prepare for a match?

I plan the match in my head

What's your goal this season? Make it to state and win conference

Who's your wrestling role model? Alec McDowell



Name: Brock Daack

What position do you play?

Basketball is pretty positionless in today's age but usually SG or SF.

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

The moments that I get to share with my teammates.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about?

Dunking isn't as easy as it looks.

What's been a favorite basketball memory?

Watching the Bucks win the NBA chip last season.

Who's your basketball role model?

Giannis Antetokounmpo because he came from nothing to being an MVP and is a very likable player.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer, and the bartender says "sorry, we don't serve food here."

What do you call a fish without eyes? Fsh.

What do you call an alligator detective?
An investi-gator.

Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was outstanding in his field.

Cutest Couple

Wyatt Steil & Lacey Barry
by Amaya Hunt

How long have you two been together?
Almost nine months.

What was the first thing that caught your attention about the other? What was your first impression?

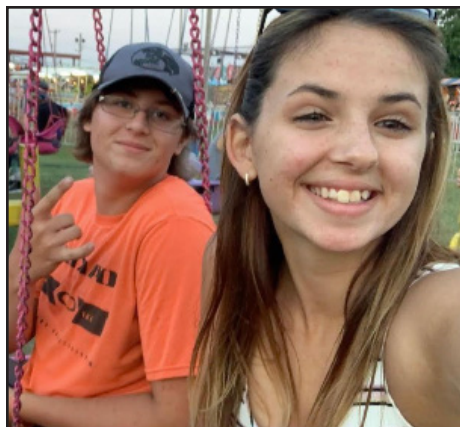
Wyatt: I remember at first she seemed pretty quiet, but her smile is what caught my attention the most.

Lacey: My first thought was that he seemed pretty cool and that I'd like to get to know him more. His smile is what I noticed first.

What about the other gets on your nerves the most?

Wyatt: When she always says "I don't know" or "I don't care" to anything and everything.

Lacey: He always tries to poke my belly button or tickle me.



Now on the other hand, what do you love most about the other?

Wyatt: Her smile and her cheesy sense of humor.

Lacey: I absolutely love his laugh. He always knows what to say to get me out of my moods.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

Wyatt: Watch movies and go fishing.

Lacey: Watch movies, for sure.

Favorite memory with the other?

Wyatt: The time we went to Wisconsin to see her dad.

Lacey: I like any kind of memory from the fair. At Jones County, I passed out from the heat and he took me to get chicken strips- it actually helped.

What's a song that always makes you think of the other? Or, give us an inside joke.

Wyatt: She thinks that she's stronger than me, so sometimes she'll flex her arms and say "Skadoosh!" It's the same thing that Po from Kung Fu Panda says.

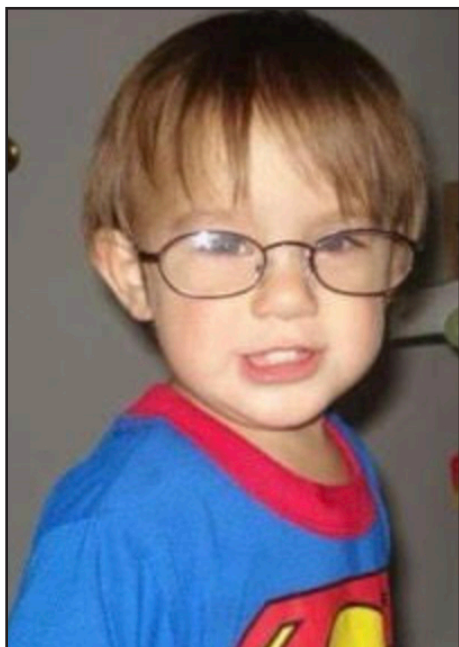
Lacey: A song that makes me think of Wyatt is "Johnny and June" by Heidi Newfeld.

Where do you see the other in 10 years or so?

Wyatt: Hopefully she's living her best life in Wisconsin-- I know she wants to move there when she is out of school.

Lacey: I can see him living in a nice house somewhere and being successful.

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie lives in Delhi and has brown hair. He is a sophomore this year and is involved in choir, musical, and track. This cutie happens to have a strong hatred towards ladybugs. He also lives in Delhi.

Last week's Cutie was Mason Jolley.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

I struggle A LOT when it comes to wearing casual clothes. It takes a lot of effort for me to put on a pair of joggers and a sweatshirt. That probably sounds insane to some people, but it's true.

I recently bought a pair of really cute sweatpants, but I need a lot of help from my friends when it came to actually wearing them outside of my house. So, what do you wear with sweatpants? The obvious answer is a sweatshirt or a t-shirt. But, based on my research you could also pair them with a flannel, denim jackets, or even an oversized blazer.

When I was on the hunt for cute joggers that I would actually wear, I was shocked by how expensive some of them are. Sixty dollars all because of a logo.

I'm not going to lie. They're still very cute and I'm sure high quality.

If anyone has any advice when it comes to casual clothing please don't hesitate to tell me.



what's up?

What is your most recently used emoji?

by Paige Winter

Nolan Ries: 😂

Michael Schaul: 📺

Kendra Hillers: 😂

Leah Ries: 😂

Emma Richter: 😂

Erin Knipper: 😂

Kaela Clemen: 🥰❤️

Saige Hunt: 😂

Kayla Flanagan: ❤️

Taylor Jones: ✅

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Teenage marijuana use

is at its **highest level** in 30 years, and today's teens are more likely to use marijuana than tobacco.

Meet the Freshmen



Kayla, Eli, Kelsey, Jade & Chloe

Name: Jada Knipper
Siblings: Ava and Kyra
Activities you plan to be in: Softball, basketball, volleyball, FFA
Favorite subject: P.E.
Career aspirations: Nurse or dental hygienist
Hobbies: Sports
Something cool about you: Not knowing lefts and rights

Name: Kayla Flanagan
Siblings: Tristen and Riley Flanagan
Activities you plan to be in: Spanish Club
Favorite subject: Social Studies
Career aspirations: Veterinarian or Lawyer
Hobbies: Swimming, shopping, hanging out with friends
Something cool about you: I love to travel

Name: Eli Maples
Siblings: Carter L. and Jazmyn L.
Activities you plan to be in: Maybe golf
Favorite subject: Engineering
Career aspirations: Military
Hobbies: Football and racing
Something cool about you: Worry about myself

Name: Kelsey Hoeger
Siblings: 4 (Kody, Kayla, Kinley, Kessa)
Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, basketball, FFA
Favorite subject: Ag classes/Spanish
Career aspirations: Something in agriculture
Hobbies: Playing sports, swimming, hanging out with friends and family
Something cool about you: I live on a farm

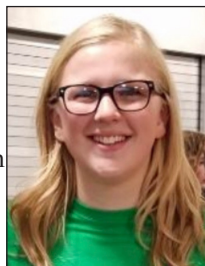
Name: Chloe Pitts
Siblings: Gage, Rhianna, Miesha, Tanner, Jamie, Brody, Emma
Activities you plan to be in: Speech, basketball, soccer, track
Favorite subject: ELA
Career aspirations: Lawyer, author
Hobbies: Sports and friends
Something cool about you: I'm tall for a girl my age

—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Although Martin Luther King Jr. day was last week, I thought it was important to test some MV students' knowledge on the influential person who changed the United States.



What famous boycott did Martin Luther King Jr. help orchestrate?
Emma Richter: The bus boycott in Montgomery
Kaya Knipper: Civil Rights march
Ella Wulfekuhle: Montgomery Bus Boycott
Answer: Montgomery Bus Boycott

Where did Martin Luther King Jr. give his "I have a dream" speech?
Emma: Washington, D.C.
Kaya: Washington, D.C.
Ella: At the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.
Answer: Washington, D.C

How many times did Martin Luther King Jr. go to jail?
Emma: 10 times
Kaya: 2 times
Ella: 28 times
Answer: 29 times

How old was Martin Luther King Jr. when he won a Nobel Peace Prize?
Emma: 30
Kaya: 39
Ella: 35
Answer: 35

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Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

Though it will be a difficult subject to tackle in a short column, social constructs are something I find very interesting. We experience them every day, but probably don't think about them much, if at all.



By definition, a social construct is: "an idea that has been created and accepted by the people in a society." However, I'd like to expand that to include, "an institution that has meaning because society has decided so."

I must credit Abigail Thorn's video titled, "Social Constructs," from her channel Philosophy Tube for the following thought experiment. Imagine a second version of Earth, which has all of the same categories of race, gender, class, etc., but also has a property called "shmeight." This factor divides the population into two types of people: "bigs," who are adults over 5 feet tall, and "minis," who are adults under 5 feet tall. In this society, "bigs" have huge advantages in life, with greater abilities to acquire wealth and more access to high-quality opportunities. "Minis" are faced with the complete opposite prospect. They are, instead, greatly disadvantaged.

You may wonder, "Why does height have such a large bearing on this society's functioning? It doesn't seem to have much meaning here," and that is a great question. Social constructs operate on physical characteristics that already exist and are well-known, but project onto them connotations that would not intrinsically exist.

Diligent students of history may be able to recall cases where social constructs have morphed. The term "white" as a way to describe race did not exist until Europeans began traveling and discovering peoples of darker skin tones. Even in the late 19th century, Irish immigrants were considered lesser beings, often depicted in cartoons as apes. Though this hibernophobia still exists today, it appears to be relatively uncommon.

I find it intriguing to consider all of the establishments that really only have meaning because we have collectively determined that they do. Money, class, sex, race; the list goes on and on.

I don't have much for parting advice this week, but I do hope you explore the topic more; there's a lot I couldn't fit into this short column.