

Vocal jazz takes its show on the road yet again

by Paige Winter

One week ago on Friday the Maquoketa Valley Vocal Jazz group traveled to Cedar Rapids Washington High School for the MoShow Jazz Festival and performed wonderfully.

Though there were no ratings, they received positive feedback from the judge and other directors that were watching.

Ms. Huber added that the group added another set to the song on Friday that hadn't been performed yet but the students took it well and performed the entire set with confidence.

Looking ahead, the vocal jazz group will travel to Center Point-Urbana on March 4th for a clinic with some other jazz



choirs. By then Ms. Huber hopes to add one more song to the set to make a complete five songs.

They are also looking forward to sending in their recording and hopefully getting the opportunity to perform at state later this spring!

MV's Got Talent: You know you want to be there *Concert to be held next Friday*

by Paige Winter

I don't want to jinx it, but the weather is starting to warm up a little bit, and that means spring is coming soon. Spring means it's time for one of my favorite Maquoketa Valley traditions which is MV's Got Talent.

This year MV's Got Talent will be on February 25th at 7pm in the auditorium. Tickets will be sold ahead of time in the office, as well as at the door for \$10 per person.

This performance will consist of the full choir performing two songs and the jazz choir performing three songs. Additionally, there will be a variety of solos and small groups.

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—Ms. Huber

If you're wondering if it's worth the \$10, Ms. Huber mentioned that people should definitely come see MV's Got Talent because it's one of the only chance for students to perform songs that they have prepared on their own and are passionate about. Soloists and small groups pretty much have free reign to pick whatever song they like. This is a chance for students to perform music that they listen to on their own time.

"I'm really excited for MV's Got Talent because it shows the singers' independent skills," Ms. Huber stated. "I don't have to do a lot of work with them because they want to put these songs together, and they put in the effort to make them good. It's really cool for me to see them have so much passion for their music and put all of their energy into it."

These Wildcats have been preparing for MV's Got Talent since winter break so please come out and support them on February 25th at 7pm in the auditorium!

FFA Week to be celebrated next week

National FFA Week is right around the corner, and MV's chapter has several activities planned for members and the student body.

There are no classes Monday, but FFA members will be at the school putting up some decorations.

Tuesday is a big day for FFA members, and you'll recognize them by their official dress. They compete in sub-district competition at MFL-MarMac Monday evening. Be ready for some trivia third hour and a scavenger hunt.

Wednesday is a dress up day for all students: county vs. country club. Hats will be allowed with the dress-up day. Expect another trivia question third hour as well as another scavenger hunt.

Thursday's dress-up theme is camo, and you can wear a hat if you dress up. More trivia and another scavenger hunt is planned. The dairy team will also be selling shakes during WIN.

The celebration culminates on Friday with a Color War (no hats allowed):
9th-Yellow
10th-Blue
11th-White
12th-Red
STAFF: College apparel

There will also be a trivia question third hour. The Ag Olympics start at 2:40 in the gym.

FFA celebrates its many accomplishments



MV's 2021-22 FFA officer team includes Haley Ronnebaum, Courtney Goedken, Lane Domeyer, Lucas Orcutt, Dannie Burkle and Alia Domeyer.

Maquoketa Valley FFA has had a tremendous and exciting year this year. The chapter is led by the 2021-2022 Officer Team which consists of President, Lane Domeyer; Vice President, Courtney Goedken; Secretary, Dannie Burkle; Treasurer, Haley Ronnebaum; Reporter, Alia Domeyer; and Sentinel Lucas Orcutt.

Our competitive season started in September with District Soil Evaluation where 7 members competed in the NE District to be the top soil evaluator. Two teams from Maquoketa Valley participated in the Event. In late September 8 members traveled to Tri-State Dairy Expo hosted at NICC's Calmar campus. There they competed in the Tri-State Dairy Judging contests (reasons and non-reasons division). The reasons team won first place, and sophomore Alia Domeyer won first place individually. The team traveled to West Union the next day and competed in the State Dairy contest. There the team received 1st place Reasons, 1st place Placing Classes, and Top Team. Alia Domeyer placed 1st place, and Haley Ronnebaum placed 5th individually in this competition. At the end of October, the team traveled to National FFA Convention & Expo and competed on the national level. They returned to Iowa with some hardware as the team placed 3rd place as a team and Lane Domeyer placed 7th individually. The team is now preparing to judge on the international level at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland in June of 2022 after some fundraising.

FFA members are currently preparing for sub-district contest at MFL on February 22nd. At this contest, the following members will be participating: Courtney Goedken (Public Speaking), Carter Klaren (Extemporaneous Speaking), Kaya Knipper (Ag Broadcasting), Lucas Orcutt (Ind. Ag Sales), Leah Reicher, Alexis Halverson, Kelsey Hoeger, Nathan Beitz, Caden Ries, Kain Krogmann, and Brendin Frasher (Conduct of Meetings). A series of members are also taking the Greenhand quiz and Chapter quiz. From this contest members will move onto District Convention at Decorah in March.

This year we have 4 members that received their Iowa Degree. Those members are Courtney G. Lane D. Lucas O. Jeremy W. This year's banquet will occur on May 1st, 2022, and will be in person once again. We are excited to honor and recognize our members and community stakeholders for their hard work, dedication, and support for the year.

We are expecting our greenhouse sale to be the first week of May again this year, and to have a table at the 2nd Annual MV Market at Delhi City Park. The sale will have an arrangement of hanging baskets, flowers, and garden vegetables. We are also operating a small hydroponic bucket system to produce some assorted vegetables, as well as an assortment of non-traditional greenhouse plants such as pineapple, strawberries, and raspberries.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY

Dance Team Tryouts



ONE DAY ONLY MVDT TRYOUT

When: Dance tryouts will be April 9th from 12-2pm

Where: Delhi MS Cafeteria

Who: Any 8th - 11th grader with school spirit

We will teach you jumps, turns, leaps,
Hip Hop dance and the School Song dance

Please come in athletic attire, NO long sleeves and hair pulled back

Please email Coach Teymer if you are interested by March 28th

jenniferteymer@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us

Include your name, grade and phone number

MAQUOKETA VALLEY

Football season



Get the Spirit? Let's Hear it!

ONE DAY ONLY CHEER TRYOUT

When: Cheer tryouts will be April 9th from 9-11am

Where: Delhi MS Cafeteria

Who: Any 8th - 11th grader with school spirit

We will teach you jumps, arms, simple stunts and the school song dance

Please come in athletic attire, NO long sleeves and hair pulled back

Please email Coach Teymer if you are interested by March 28th

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They've got the spirit



Sports Connection

Davis qualifies for state wrestling



Sophomore Brady Davis' second place finish at Districts last Saturday earned him a spot at the state wrestling tournament held this week.

Last night at the state meet, Davis lost to 45-1 Jonah Clark of WACO. He then lost to Tony Greve of South Winneshiek. Davis finished his sophomore season with a 36-9 record.

At the District meet at Cascade, Davis lost the semi-final match but won the third place match to then get to wrestle back where he won and finished second. Nathan Beitz at 195 and Michael Schaul at 152 lost their semi-final match but won their third place match and got to wrestle back for the true second spot but lost to remain in third. At 182, Aidan Salow lost both of his matches to finish fourth.

Boys win first round, then face North Linn

by Chantel Crowley

On Monday, February 14th, the MV Boys Basketball team played the first round of districts against AGWSR, winning 64 to 35.

Top scorers included Avery Holtz with 20, Lucas Orcutt with 12, Lance McShane with 11, and Kody Hoeger with ten. Brock Trenkamp and Toby Grimm scored four points each and Brock Daack scored three.

For rebounds, Landen Deutmeyer and Hoeger had seven each, Orcutt had five and Trenkamp and Grimm had four each. TJ Cook and McShane had two rebounds each, and Avery Holtz had one.

For assists, Holtz had five, Grimm had four, and Deutmeyer, Orcutt, Cook and Trenkamp had one assist each.

That win advanced them to quarterfinal game. Last night they had to face top-ranked North Linn. MV lost 48-25.

The Wildcats finished the season with an overall 9-14 record.



Head coach Eric Conner offers some feedback in the district game against AGWSR Monday night.

Season ends for girls



MV started district play last Thursday with a commanding 42-17 win over Bellevue Marquette. The Cats then had to face North Linn Tuesday and lost 59-40. They end the season with an overall 13-10 record. Above: Ella Mensen drives to the basket in the game against Bellevue Marquette. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

what's up?

What is your favorite kind of cereal?

by Paige Winter

Kaela Clemen: Special K with strawberries

Jada Knipper: Fruity Pebbles

Lexi Halverson: Dynobites

Nolan Ries: Captain Crunch

Ella Mensen: Fruit Loops

Devin Smith: Reese's Puffs

Kennedy Rausch: Fruit Loops

Caelyn Sands: Fruity Pebbles

Jordan Hogan: Reese's Puffs

Kelsey Hoeger: Lucky Charms

Noah DeVore: Whatever the chocolate

cereal with the vampire on it is

Kylie Chesnut: Lucky Charms

Taylor Schmuecker: Cinnamon Toast

Crunch

Matthew Brehm: Cinnamon Toast Crunch

Leah Reicher: Captain Crunch

Save the date!

March 8: Parade of Bands

March 18: Night of Jazz

Speech students switch gears to IE



Individual speech season has begun. MV will compete at the Tri-Rivers Conference speech contest Monday night at Lisbon. Above: Dannie Burkle practices her radio news broadcasting. Individual event speech coaches include Ms. Crumpton (pictured above), Mrs. Anderegg, Mrs. DeVore and Mr. DeVore.

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Amanda Mohr

What event are you in for speech?

I am in reviewing and literary program for individual speech.

What do you enjoy most about individual speech?

I enjoy being able to bring out emotions in my pieces to connect with the audience members and to share information with them in a unique way.

What have you learned through this event?

Especially by being involved in two events this year, I have learned to push myself and manage my time.

What other event would you like to try and why?

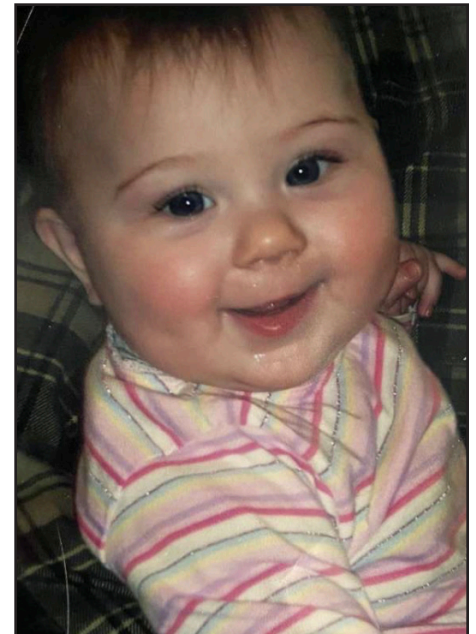
If I had the chance to try another event, I would probably say acting. This is because acting is completely different from any other individual category I have done in the past.

How will speech help you in the future?

Speech is extremely helpful by helping me to step out of my comfort zone by speaking in front of larger groups of people.



Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie has brown hair and lives in Edgewood. A freshman, she is involved in large group and individual speech, band, and golf. This cutie also has a lot of siblings.

Last week's Cutie was Cy Huber.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Vaping can be harder to quit than traditional cigarettes and vaping products are not FDA regulated.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

A group of crows was arrested for hanging out together. The charge? Attempted murder.

How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because he always has a great fall.

Where do hamburgers take their sweethearts on Valentine's Day to dance? The Meat Ball!