

MV speech continues to show prowess in conference

by Mason Lubben

As large group speech drew to a close Saturday in Ames, the individual speech season has just begun. On Monday, Maquoketa Valley hosted the Tri-Rivers Conference Individual Speech Competition. You will be happy to know that MV took home the Golden Eagle once again scoring 185 points! Lisbon and Starmont came in second and third with 118 and 81 points, respectively. Maquoketa Valley 9th finished in 10th place.

MV 9th had 5 of 7 events score a 1 rating. Those who scored a 1 were: McKenna Thompson (Story Telling), Kaela Clemen (Poetry and Prose), Anna Deutmeyer (S.T.), and Emilee Supple (Prose). Those with a two rating were: Saige Hunt (Prose) and Erin Knipper (S.T.).

Maquoketa Valley 10th-12th also did very well receiving 1's for 34 out of 39 events! Those who received a 1 rating were: Mason Lubben (Public Address and Acting), Lexi Deutmeyer (Literary Program), Preston Roling (Radio News Announcing and P.A.), Emma Hill (Original Oratory), Logan Johnson (Spontaneous Speaking), Molly Anderegg (Reviewing), Noah DeVore (Acting), Shelby March (After Dinner Speaking), Paige Winter (R.N.A.), Carlie Lewin (Reviewing), Ashtyn Porter (Poetry), Michael Van Meter (Improv.), Kylie Chesnut (S.T.), Kailyn Hogan (L.P.), Chance Downs (P.A.), Amanda Mohr (Expos.), Kim Sellner (Prose), Keziah Am-



Lydia Helle rehearses with Mrs. DeVore before school. Districts will be held at MV tomorrow. Students earning a division I rating will go to state Mar. 14.

bundo (Solo Musical Theater), Allie Dunn (L.P.), AJ Ambundo (S.T.), Abbie Sheehy (Prose), Amaya Hunt (O.O.), Andrew Kloser (S.M.T. and S.T.), Kendra Hillers (Expos.), Erika Supple (Prose), Jaiden Porter (Poetry), Layla Crippen (Improv.), Tony Offerman (S.M.T.), Paige Panosh (S.S. and O.O.), and Amber Engelken (Poetry).

Students who received a two rating were: Brock Trenkamp (R.N.A.), Emma Beitz (S.S.), Madeline Gellersen (A.D.S.), Carissa Sabers (A.D.S.), and Noah DeVore (Improv.).

MV also had 13 of the 22 available best of center awards. Receiving best of center was: Erika Supple (Prose), Logan Johnson (S.S.), Kaela Clemen (Prose), Mason Lubben (P.A. and Acting), Kendra

Hillers (Expos.), Amanda Mohr (Expos.), Ashtyn Porter (Poetry), Lexi Deutmeyer (L.P.), Andrew Kloser (S.T.), Anna Deutmeyer (S.T.), Amaya Hunt (O.O.), and Noah DeVore (Acting).

MV is also hosting the district competition here on Saturday, so come out and support your fellow friends and classmates!

FFA Week gets sweet start



Deecel Staner picks up a donut before school from FFA members Mason Kruse, Anthony March, Lane Domeyer and Evan Elgin. The FFA chapter provided donuts to all students and staff Monday. This afternoon the chapter will host Ag Olympics.

Vocal jazz champs

Smooth Harmony has punched its ticket to the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships this spring by winning the 1A/2A vocal jazz competition at Solon last Friday. Andrew Hildebrand was also awarded an outstanding bass award at the event.



All-Conference Girls Basketball

First Team

Ella Imler - Unanimous
Taya Tucker - Unanimous

First Team injury Special Mention
- Emerson Whittenbaugh

Second Team

Brooke Elgin - Unanimous

Honorable Mention
Carissa Sabers

Co-Coach of the Year
Scot Moenck

Elgin advances to districts

by Tara Goedken

On Tuesday night, 11 FFA members traveled to Clayton Ridge to compete in various ag-related events at Sub-Districts.

Evan Elgin got 1st place and a gold for Extemporaneous Speaking. Evan will advance to Districts held Mar. 14.

Amber Engelken got 3rd and gold for Job Interview and is an alternate for districts.

Lane Domeyer got 5th and gold for Ag Broadcasting. Brooke Hogan got 8th in Creed Speaking. Holli Hogan got 5th and silver in Public Speaking. Courtney Goedken and Anthony March took the Chapter Test. Courtney got 2nd and gold and Anthony got a silver. Lucas Orcutt, Kade Freiburger, Marley Wagnor, and Ben Weber took the Greenhand Test and all received a silver.

Spanish IV students host Carnival parade



Learning Spanish isn't just about learning the language; it's about the culture, too. The Spanish IV students shared their knowledge of Carnival by putting on a parade — floats, masks, costumes, candy and all! Students include, front row: Allie Knipper, Shelby March, Kailyn Hogan; back row: Carter Hildebrand, Mason Lubben, Michael Feldmann, Rylie Aldrich, Erika Supple, Lexi Deutmeyer, Jaiden Porter, Grace Wegmann, Chance Downs and Emma Hill.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK: *Kayla Otting*

You are working on an impressive piece of art right now. Tell us about it.

I'm done with the project, and it was a morphing project. It was how we took a living thing and an inanimate object and show the steps of them morphing into each other. I did an owl into an alarm clock.

What do you enjoy most about art?

I think that art has been there for me for years. I started to draw back when I was 8 so I have been into art for most of my life. What I like about it most is sketching in my sketchbook. I find that when I'm sketching in my sketchbook, I have more room to experiment with the body and I know that

there is more paper there so if I mess up, I know that I can move over and start again.

What would you like to work on next?

I want to work on, I think, the most right now is either figuring out posing of people or painting. Poses of people are still somewhat difficult for me, even after almost 7 years of doing this. I've always liked painting, but now that I draw more people, painting is somewhat difficult. You have to figure out the skin tone and the right shading and all of that stuff. These are things I know that I need to work on, and I hope that I'll figure them out sometime.



Name: Preston Roling

What event are you in for speech? Public address and Radio news

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? Getting out of my comfort zone and challenging myself

What have you learned through this event? How to not only talk in front of others effectively but to also have confidence in front of others.

What other event would you like to try



Fine Artists of the Week

and why? There isn't one I'm trying to get into. I'm okay with whatever I get put in.

How will speech help you in the future? It will help me in talking to my co-workers, having effective conversations with my boss or whoever it may be. Just not being afraid to put myself out there.

Name: Chance Downs

What event are you in for speech? Public Address

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? Seeing the memorization and vocalization of the speech come along better and better with each practice.

What have you learned through this event? Delivering a famous speech requires a lot more than I originally thought. Vocalization, gestures, annunciation, and staging all play significant parts in the success of a speech.

What other event would you like to try? Improv

How will speech help you in the future? I hope to someday present public speeches of my own in one context or another. Learning the memorization and delivery techniques will elevate some of the stress I might have in the future.



I'll Be There... Part 4 of 10

TEL students are writing a 10-part series about drunk driving. This part is written by Adrienne Freiburger, Paige Panosh, Taya Tucker, Allie Dunn, Lydia Helle and Emma Hill. (If you missed Part 3, look at the Jan. 31 Wildcat Echo.)

David

At the station, David calmly repeated his story to the Deputy, this time his lawyer was present. David had made the decision that he was going to own up to what he'd done and let the chips fall where they may.

David had never had any trouble with the law. Now he'd be charged with OWI 1st Offense 321j.2 (Serious Misdemeanor) and Serious Injury by Vehicle 707.6A (Class D Felony). There would be no trial, no jury. He would deal with whatever consequences that followed. What exactly did this mean for him? What would others think of him? More importantly, what did he think of himself?

Harper

Those first days in the hospital were grueling and exhausting, both physically and mentally for Harper. While her friends were great about coming to visit, their lives filled with prom dress shopping, Speech contests, Track practice, and studies, went on as if nothing had happened. Harper, however, spent 2-4 hours a day in physical therapy learning how to pivot on one leg and getting her remaining leg stronger so she could learn how to move from her wheelchair to her bed, the toilet, and hopefully to her desk at school.

How was this even possible? She still held out hope that she'd wake up from this horrific nightmare and her lower leg wouldn't be missing and she'd be pulling into her driveway after a good night at work.

It would be at least 4-6 months before the doctors would have her fitted for a prosthesis. Her 'stump' would not be able to handle it yet.

Panic set in Harper's entire being like frost clinging to the fence on a foggy winter morning. Who would ever ask her to the prom? How would she get across the stage for her graduation? Would she ever be able to drive again? Would she be able to take care of herself? The questions kept spinning through her head and she couldn't make it stop.

What would others think of her when she wasn't even sure what she thought of herself?

Name: Saige Hunt

What event are you in for speech? Prose

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? Being able to work one on one instead of a whole group of people

What have you learned through this event? It's very difficult to try and come up with voices for different people that talk in my speech.

What other event would you like to try and why? I would like to maybe try Storytelling because it's just seems fun.

How will speech help you in the future? It will give me more confidence when I talk in front of a group for my career and college.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What did the shark say when it ate the clownfish?...This tastes a little funny.

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes?...Re-morse code

Did you hear about the two people who stole the calendar?...They each got six months

What is Forest Gump's password?
...1Forest1

Cutest Couple

Summer Schmuecker & Colton Clark

by Amaya Hunt

How long have you two been dating?

Summer: Two years this July

Colton: 1 year and 7 months

How did you come to know each other?

Where did you meet?

Summer: We met through a friend, I was FaceTiming her and she introduced me to him.

Colton: We met through a friend while they were FaceTiming and I thought she was really cute.

Despite the distance between the two of you, what are some things that you two like to do for fun?

Summer: During the week we send each other TikToks and text pretty much 24/7. On the weekends we go out to eat way too much, watch movies, and hang out with mutual friends.

Colton: Usually we watch movies and go out to eat when we are together and then during the school week we FaceTime sometimes and send TikToks to each other.

What do you love most about the other's family?

Summer: They treat me like I'm part of their family, and his dog's super cute.

Colton: Her brother and sister are fun to hang out with and talk to and treat me like a part of their family. I also love her cats and dog.

In your opinion, what is your version of the perfect date?

Summer: Staying in and watching scary movies while we eat Ben and Jerry's. Or going to an amusement park together.

Colton: Going out for dinner and a movie. Or driving around for hours listening to music and talking.

As always, our readers are dying to know... what is your favorite thing about the other?

What makes them stand out in a crowd?

Summer: My favorite thing about him is how much he makes me laugh and how he's always so supportive.

Colton: My favorite thing about her is that she is really sweet and very beautiful. She never fails to put a smile on my face. She stands out in a crowd with her amazing personality and that smile gets me every time.



Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

As many of you probably know, 2020 is a leap year. Tomorrow is February 29th. To commemorate this time, I decided to ask Erika Supple, Preston Roling, and Lane Domeyer if they could answer these leap year questions.



One in how many children are born on February 29th?

Erika: 1,400
Preston: 200,000
Lane: 250,000
Answer: 1 in 1,461

True or False: People born on leap year are called leaplings.

Erika: True
Preston: True
Lane: False
Answer: True

How many members does the Honor Society of Leap Year Babies have?

Erika: 276
Preston: 29
Lane: 2,500
Answer: More than 10,000

What animal is associated with leap year?

Erika: Frog
Preston: Leprechaun
Lane: Frog
Answer: Frog

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

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

Only **13.2%** of teens actually believe there is nicotine in an e-cigarette.

Information came from NIH's "Teens and E-cigarettes"

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of March 2, 2020

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

1. JH TRC Vocal Honor Festival - HOME (MS Gym & Commons) - 1:30 PM - Concert at 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

1. Maquoketa Valley 5th-12th Parade of Bands Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

1. Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

1. 3rd Grade "Ag in the Classroom" - in the PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

1. MS/HS Deficiency Reports Due - Give to the office by Noon

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

1. "Strut Your Stuff" Dance Camp - MS & HS Gyms, HS Cafeteria - 9-Noon / Performance: MS Gym 6:00 PM

2. HS Jazz Band to NEIBA Festival in Hudson - 11:30AM (Bus Leaves at 10:00 AM)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

1. Daylight Savings Time Begins - TURN CLOCKS AHEAD one hour

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

There are four men on a boat. Each has a cigarette, but none have a match. How do they smoke?

Answer: One man throws his cigarette overboard. That way, the boat becomes a cigarette lighter.