



Blue & White

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Peeved by Pet Peeves

By Brayden Stockman
Everybody has those things that annoy them even though they know that they aren't really that big of a deal, including the citizens of Montezuma. While every pet peeve is different, it seems as if the students, and even the teachers, of Montezuma all seem to have one. Some pet peeves may be something that will set the student off on a rant, but others may simply be something that the students find mildly annoying. For example, sophomore Chloe Latcham hates when people touch her hair, because she thinks it is an invasion of privacy. On the other hand, senior Jolene Lechtenberg went off on a lengthy tangent about the problem that is special treatment in small schools. However, she does have a relatively large aversion to people

being intentionally stupid. Sophomore Blake Stone and freshman Haley Roorda both agree with Jolene, stating that their biggest pet peeves are people being intentionally stupid, though they say that they don't mind people just not knowing something. "If they're being intentionally stupid you can't weed them out from the people that actually need help," says Roorda. On the exact opposite end of the knowledge spectrum, junior Paige Robison's biggest pet peeve is people thinking they know everything even though they are completely wrong. Junior Amber Lechtenberg says that she is very annoyed by hypocrites, going on to complain about her sister Jolene. "My sister is a hypocrite because she will borrow stuff from me, but when I try to borrow something from her

she whines," she says. Freshman Brian Diaz is annoyed by people with bad manners, especially those that don't say thank you after he holds the door open for them. When asked about why this annoys him, he stated, "I take time out of my day and you can't even respond to my nice deed." Not only students have pet peeves, though. Even teachers have their own pet peeves! For example, business teacher Mr. Gartman is annoyed by people who are late. "I'm always early, so I don't like when people are tardy or sometimes on time," says Gartman. While most pet peeves aren't that big of issues, they are annoying things that just grind the gears of Montezuma students and teachers at home and at school.



LATE AGAIN?: Business teacher Mr. Gartman's biggest pet peeve is people are late and/or tardy to his class. Gartman says that as a person who is always early, it absolutely drives him nuts.

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State Speech and Drama

By Carrie Jennings
Saturday, February 24th saw the official start of the individual contests for the Speech and Drama 2018 season. Though students have been preparing their individual pieces for quite a while now, February 24th was their districts competition this year. The districts competition went exceptionally well this year; out of 20 students who participated, 19 will be continuing on to the state level. The state contest will be at Cedar Rapids-Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 10th. Ally Fillmore is one of

the newest additions to the group of coaches for Speech and Drama. She volunteered last year to aid students participating in large group categories, but this year, she is coaching for both large group and individual students. In fact, she is coaching and assisting with a total of seven individual events: Acting, Improv, Expository Address, Public Address, Poetry, and After Dinner Speaking. Fillmore certainly enjoys being a coach as she has a history with Speech and Drama personally. "I did speech in high school, individual and group," she states, "and I had fun with that. I was talking to Liesl one day about how I did speech, and she asked if I wanted to help, so of course I said yes." She helps students come out of their shells and learn to live with their mistakes. Because of this, she enjoys coaching Improv: "Sometimes, I'd rather laugh than analyze a script. It's different when somebody is scripted and you have to think about the way they talk versus improv where you practice the way you think, act, and speak... [It's] hard to be good at Improv, so it's fun to watch when people do good." Next year, she is most

looking forward to getting to see improvement from this year to next year. "I feel like I've heard a lot of the kiddos say things about what they liked this year and how things were run, and they can't wait till next year." Mary Pohlmann is another Speech and Drama coach this year. This is her fourth year of coaching, and she is assisting Musical Theater full-time and also helping with many other individual categories. Pohlmann also participated in Speech and Drama during her high school years. "I've always loved acting and seeing students grow in Speech and Drama programs and using their skills in their lives and careers." Her favorite part about Speech, she says, is the contest days. Students can be nervous on those days, but Pohlmann believes that it really is fun to celebrate all the work students have done and for them to see their ratings. "Students should try as many categories as they can," Pohlmann affirms, "because you never know what you'll excel at until you try it." Be sure to go and watch the state individual competition at Cedar Rapids-Kennedy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 10th!

A LOCAL TRADITION: The Dairy King has been serving up sweet treats to Montezuma residents for decades. Every year in March, excitement ensues as the Dairy King reopens for business.

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Congratulations to the Montezuma Bravettes on their trip to the State Basketball Tournament. We couldn't be more proud of you! -The Blue & White Staff

Ice Cream is Coming...

By Chase Talbert
It's almost that time of year everyone—we aren't talking about Spring, we're talking about the Dairy King! The Dairy King opens back up on March 9th, and anyone that calls themselves an ice cream connoisseur had better take the time to stop by. The Montezuma Dairy King has been employing the teenagers of this town for decades now and this year will

be no different. As with every year the Dairy King reopens, there will be some fresh faces to greet you at the window, unfortunately, as of this writing they have yet to decide on who their new and returning employees will be. Whoever they hire, you can be sure that they will be as cheerful and attentive as they have in years past. Even if there is a bad apple in the bunch, the ice cream

is still going to be as delicious and refreshing as it always is in our sweltering Iowa summers. The Dairy King has been a staple of this town for years, and is always a sign that we are just one step closer to summer. With the summer comes a lot more freetime in most cases, but having a job or other responsibilities can never be a bad thing for the youth of Montezuma.



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Calendar of Events

Thursday
No Activities

Friday
Teacher PD Day
No School
Saturday
District FFA
Contest Here
State Individual Speech @ CR Kennedy

Monday
Secondary PT
Conferences-4 pm
Speech and Drama
Banquet - 7:00 pm

Tuesday
Secondary PT
Conferences-4 pm

Wednesday
No Activities

Thursday
No Activities