



Blue & White

A Weekly Production from the MHS Journalism Class

P.O. Box 580-Montezuma, IA 50171- www.montezuma-schools.org/BlueWhite.aspx

Speech and Drama: An Opinion Piece

A reflection on the popularity of Speech and Drama in the Montezuma Community

By Carrie Jennings
It is hard to believe that the Speech and Drama season of 2017-2018 is already upon us.

It still seems for many speech students that the last season was not that long ago.

Despite this, kids are beginning to prepare for large group Speech yet again. For some, this is their first year, and for others, their last.

Either way, this year will be a great year for all the students.

Speech and Drama means many things to many people. To me, it is a platform for which students can learn to overcome their personal obstacles, learn about the world of performing arts, and make new friends.

It is sad to see a community of such passion and be pushed to the side as high school sports take the spotlight. It is not that sports are a problem or that the athletes do not have passion for what they do. It is simply that Speech students are often

not given the recognition that they also deserve.

Because Speech really is not just an after-school activity that is lesser than any sport; it a community of people burning with passion and brimming with creativity who simply want to be seen for who they are.

I believe we as the Montezuma community, though already fantastic at supporting high school events, could do more to let these Speech kids know that they are appreciated for what they do.

I know that I personally feel quite tickled whenever someone from Montezuma comes and watches one of my Speech performances or simply wishes me luck before a competition.

This will be my fourth year of participating in Speech and Drama, and in all the years past, I have rarely seen anyone from Montezuma who was not a parent of someone participating come to the Speech competitions.

It is great to have your family come and

watch your performances, but the spectators of any high school sport are not just family members of the athletes.

There are always quite a few people who come to watch games simply for the fun of it.

Speech and Drama competitions are not closed events; you as a community member are more than welcome to come and watch our performances. We would love it if you did.

And even if you do not want to take a long trip out to wherever we will be competing at, you could come to our performances that are closer to home.

In fact, our first district competition for large group is here at Montezuma High School on Saturday, January 20th starting at 8:30am.

If you can not make that but would still like to watch us perform, we are having our drama night on Saturday, January 6th at 6:00pm.

Do not be afraid to come and watch us perform!



Above: Drama, drama, drama! The iconic symbol is always familiar to Thespians around the world.

Saving Lives One Pint at a Time

By Chase Talbert

If you watched the news in the last few weeks it may seem like the world is going to end and there's nothing you can do about, well maybe you can't save the entire world in a day, but you can save some lives in as little as an hour.

The Montezuma National Honor Society, in partnership with LifeServe Blood Center is putting on a blood drive Wednesday, November 1

from 12:30 until 6pm. The blood drive will be held at 501 N Front Street, it is at the Community Hope Church.

To get more information ask a member of NHS or Allison Pargeon, there will also be fliers up around town with information on them about the blood drive.

The NHS will be helping LifeServe with the blood drive by setting up before people come to donate, helping people

who have just finished donating if they're a little woozy, and going out and getting people to donate blood.

Allison Pargeon has been the NHS' sponsor for the last nine years and she believes that this blood drive is important because, "Every person that donates blood is saving 3 lives, much of our blood donations go to cancer patients, so we always need to make sure there is blood available for those who need it."



ABOVE: Allison Pargeon helps prepare the preparation as well as motivating the NHS students to promote the blood drive to the school and community. Photo credit: Chase Talbert

BELOW: Derrick Dengler smiles big in anticipation for the season ahead. Photo Credit: Brayden Stockman



Looking Ahead: Basketball Season Around the Corner

By Brayden Stockman

On November 27, the boys' basketball team will face off against their first opponent, Lynnville-Sully. Though practice may not have begun yet, many boys are already preparing for the season, and so is head coach Derrick Dengler.

Dengler, who graduated from the University of Iowa, assistant coached boy's basketball for the past 5 years.

This year is his first year as head coach of the boy's basketball team. "It's always been my favorite sport and I think it's a great game. It teaches kids a lot about life," said Dengler.

He has been hosting open gyms for the boys throughout the fall to introduce them to basketball after their fall sports, and practices will begin the second week of November. Dengler says that 15-20 boys will be going out for the basketball team after attending the open gyms.

Dengler is very excited for the next season of basketball, and thoroughly enjoys coaching basketball at Montezuma.

"Watching the kids get better as the season goes on [is my favorite part of coaching basketball]," said Dengler, "But losing games is the hardest part."

Dengler is also excited for the new basketball players coming in. "We got a new team, with a lot of new players. I'm excited to work with them and see what they can do," said Dengler.

He would also like to thank the community for their continued support of the boy's basketball team throughout the years that he has coached at Montezuma.

The first basketball game will be held at the Lynnville-Sully high school for the start of a great season.

The Blue and White Staff



Calendar of Events

Thursday
No Activities

Friday
No Activities

Saturday
"The Sound of Music" 7pm

Sunday
"The Sound of Music" 3pm

Monday
No Activities

Tuesday
No Activities