

# February 2020 Activities Report

## Large Group Speech Contest

Large Group Speech Event participants performed at the District competition held at Decorah High School on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Eight groups consisting of 34 students earned Division 1 ratings and advanced to the state contest that was held at Dubuque Senior HS on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The groups and students included:

- JV Improv: Isaiah Eike, Catherine Pethoud, Kendra Pickar, and Elaina Rosonke
- Varsity Improv 1: Bailey Kreiner, Natalie Marr, Luca Moody, Caitlyn Rochford, and Michaela Schwickerath
- Varsity Improv 2: Alabama Brummond, Lydia Gessner, and Joslyn Plagman
- Varsity Improv 3: Grace Burrett, Emma Rosonke, and Elliot Thronson
- Varsity Acting 1 - The First Time Club by KT Curran: Sara Howe, Natalie Marr, Luca Moody, and AJ Better
- Varsity Group Mime - Two Peas, Different Pods: Sarah Douglas and Cassie Short
- Varsity Choral Reading - The Crisis of Mental Health by Kassie Bercik: Brylie Boji, Sarah Eiler, Alexis Ensign, Hope McDonald, Morgan Nuss, Emma Rosonke, Rylee Schumacher, Christina Speicher, Brooke Usher, and Maddie Usher
- Varsity Short Film: Makenzie Cox, Sarah Eiler, Austin Geerts, Colin Gebel, Sara Howe, Jaeger Kutzbach, Jacob Reicks, Katie Scott, and Elliot Thronson

Groups that received Division 2 ratings included:

- JV Choral Reading: Chloe Ashley, Liliana Chatman, Bailey Cox, Jerzi Gitch, Chloe Reicherts, and Katie Steinlage
- JV Acting: Isaiah Eike and Kelli Jirak
- Varsity Acting 2: Sarah Douglas, Lily Hackman, and Kelsey Klassen
- Varsity Acting 3: Kayce Johnston, Joslyn Plagman, and Zoe Worple
- Varsity Readers' Theatre: Taylor Claussen, Lydia Gessner, Lily Hackman, Maddie Hoeck, Kayce Johnston, Kelsey Klassen, Hannah Meier, Sophie Phillips, Morgan Riha, Christina Speicher, and Zoe Worple

## Here are the speech results from State:

- Varsity Improv 3 scored two 1s and one 2 for an overall 1 rating. That group is Grace Burrett, Emma Rosonke, and Elliot Thronson.
- Varsity Improv 2 also scored two 1s and one 2 for an overall 1 rating. That group is Alabama Brummond, Lydia Gessner, and Joslyn Plagman.
- Varsity Short Film also scored two 1s and one 2 for an overall 1 rating. That group is Makenzie Cox, Sarah Eiler, Austin Geerts, Colin Gebel, Sara Howe, Jaeger Kutzbach, Jacob Reicks, Katie Scott, and Elliot Thronson.
- Varsity Ensemble Acting also scored two 1s and one 2 for an overall 1 rating. That group is Sara Howe, Natalie Marr, Luca Moody, and AJ Vetter.
- Varsity Choral Reading score one 1 and two 2s for an overall 2 rating. That group is Brylie Boji, Sarah Eiler, Alexis Ensign, Hope McDonald, Emma Rosonke, Rylee Schumacher, Brooke Usher, and Maddie Usher. Liliana Chatman and Katie Scott substituted for Morgan Nuss and Christina Speicher.
- Varsity Improv 1 scored straight 2s for an overall 2 rating. That group is Luca Moody, Natalie Marr, Michaela Schwickerath, Bailey Kriener, and Caitlyn Rochford.
- JV Improv scored straights 2 for an overall 2 rating. That group is Isaiah Eike, Catherine Pethoud, Kendra Pickar, and Elaina Rosonke.

- Varsity Group Mime was disqualified due to a rulebook technicality and therefore had an overall 4 rating. That group is Sarah Douglas and Cassie Short.

### **Individual Speech Contest**

Individual Speech Event participants will be performing at the District competition to be held at Charles City on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Those qualifying for the State Individual Events Contest will perform at Starmont on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spring Sports**

Girls' track starts on February 17<sup>th</sup> /Boys' track starts on February 17<sup>th</sup>

Trap Shooting starts March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Girls' golf starts on March 16<sup>th</sup> /Boys' golf starts on March 16<sup>th</sup>/Soccer starts on March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **High School Variety Show**

The High School Variety Show will be held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the HS gym.

### **Parade of Bands**

The Parade of Bands featuring both Middle School and High School Instrumentalists will be held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the high school gym.

### **FFA**

FFA Week will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The members are working on different dress-up days for recognition of FFA members. Sub-Districts will be held in West Union at North Fayette Valley on 2/24. There will be 11 members participating at the sub-district level. NE District FFA Convention will be held at Edgewood-Colesburg on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Five members will be receiving the FFA Academic Achievement Award at Districts. Greg Peterson of the Peterson Brothers from Kansas will be bringing words to the MS and HS on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:10 and to the community in the evening at 7:00. His bio is below.

February 5<sup>th</sup> was the NE District Proficiency Judging and Iowa Degree Review night at Independence High School as well as NE District Officer Interviews. We had 7 Iowa Degrees being reviewed. They were successful and will be receiving their Iowa Degrees at the Iowa State FFA Conference on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The conference runs from April 19-21<sup>st</sup> in Ames on the ISU Campus.

**Biography for Greg Peterson:** Greg Peterson is a 2013 graduate of Kansas State University where he majored in Agricultural Communications and Journalism. He grew up and still works on a family farm near Assaria, KS with his parents, 2 brothers, and sister. In 2012, Greg founded the “Peterson Farm Brothers” with his siblings. The videos that have resulted have reached over 50 million people in 5 years and have led to an increased role in agricultural advocacy for Greg. He has now given over 300 speaking presentations in 40 states and 8 countries and is passionate about the future of the agricultural industry.

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