

# Several Seniors Take ACT in October

by Tiffany Pelton

Several Avon seniors recently took the ACT on October 23. For most of them, it's their second time using their



first score as a benchmark. All last week they were studying in their study halls, going to teachers to go over practice tests, and using the website called SDMyLife.

Some seniors were more nervous than others. Haden Cahoy went to take his ACT on October 23 for his second time. He said, "I felt it was harder the first time because I had no idea what I was going into. My second time was a little bit easier because I knew I had a time limit that I already did one time."

ACT Consists of four tests. English is 75 questions in 45 minutes; math is 60 questions in 60 minutes; reading is 40 questions in 35 minutes; and science is 40 questions in 35 minutes. Each student is required to correctly answer all or as many of the questions as possible in that time frame. After testing, students will get their score back in 2-5 weeks.

Juniors looking to take the ACT in the spring should start looking into tips and tricks now for prepping for the ACT.

## Juniors Take ASVAB

By Haley Gillette

On October 20, the juniors took the ASVAB Test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) administered by the army recruiter Sgt. Aaron Crisman. Each year the juniors take the ASVAB test to see if they are a good fit. Sgt. Crisman told the juniors, "It's also good practice for the ACT test."

Many may wonder how the ASVAB Test works. If you score higher than a 26, you are allowed to join the army. Results also reveal categories of the work force you would be good in based on the eight parts of the test. These eight categories are General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics

Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension.

Junior Sarah Swier said, "It steered me away from the things I already knew I wasn't interested in. But I was surprised that I did better in math than in the Verbal Skills."

The juniors had two and half hours to take the test and they weren't allowed to have any cell phones, or calculators. They were only allowed to have a pencil and a piece of paper. Then, at the end of the test, the administrator had to take their piece of paper so they couldn't share answers.



# Avon Girls Sing National Anthem at State Soccer Tournament



by Sarah Swier

On October 16, Makayla Kopp, Kimberly Tolsma, Ashley Tolsma, and Sarah Swier were selected to sing the National Anthem at the State Soccer Championship game between Rapid City Stevens and Roosevelt. The quartet was selected after submitting an audition tape back in September. (Sarah Swier also submitted a solo audition tape and was selected to sing at state volleyball on November 19.)

They were notified shortly after "These girls worked hard on their blend and balance and that was easy to hear in their performance," Schultz said.

"Despite having to deal with the echo that the sound system created on the soccer field, the performance went without a hitch and we had a fun time watching a thrilling game! They received a ton of compliments from strangers afterwards and I'm grateful these girls had this opportunity to make another fun high school memory!"

The girls would like to add that they are so grateful for this opportunity, and encourage future AHS students to take the chance and audition.

that submission that they would get to sing at the five o'clock game at the State Soccer Tournament at Howard Wood Field.

Avon High School choir teacher Autumn Schultz accompanied the girls to the event. She elaborated on the process of being selected and the experience saying, "We have auditioned and been selected before, but it's been a few years. Every teacher in the state is invited to audition their students, then they pick the top

performances to fill all the state events. I was thrilled to submit two auditions and have both been selected!"

Senior quartet member Kopp also noted the opportunity and said, "It was such an amazing experience to get to sing at such a big event, considering we're from a small school and there were AA teams playing. I also had so much fun singing with all three girls. I'd like to give a huge shout out to Mrs. Schultz for pushing us to take this chance."



**Sarah Swier (1<sup>st</sup> soprano), Ashley Tolsma (2<sup>nd</sup> soprano), Kimmy Tolsma (alto), and Makayla Kopp (tenor) were selected to sing the National Anthem at the State Soccer Match in Sioux Falls.**