

# RAM WRITE UP



## SPEECH ADVANCING TO STATE

*All four speech events will be attending state on February 2, 2019*



Above: Front row left to right: Blake Paulsen, Skylar Kennedy, Teresa Johnson, Lilly Burke, Lexi Weber. Second row left to right: Claire Mikkelson, Cadence Koenigs, Sydney Welte, Delayne Hart, Abbi Boysen, Dawson Bolinger, Katy Krohn and Maria Swanson.



Above: Left to right Lindsey Sisco, Sydney Fundermann and Sydney Welte.



STAFF WRITER  
Teresa Johnson

When you think of Speech what's the first thing you think of? Often it's assumed to be a place where students get help with language issues; Instead, high school speech is a club where students get a chance to compete.

Joining speech club, students get a chance to go to competitions and compete against other schools. Students can join group speech and individual

speech. Some examples of what students can do in group speech are one act play, readers theater, choral reading, ensemble acting, group improv, group mime, solo mime, tv new broadcasting, radio broadcasting, musical theater, and short film. In individual speech, students can participate in acting, poetry, prose, after dinner speaking, improv, radio news broadcasting, spontaneous speaking, original oratory, review, storytelling, literary program, public address, expository

and solo musical theater.

One act is a group of two or more students that perform one act of a play on the stage. They can use costumes, makeup, props, and sets. This year's one act play is called Bad Auditions by Bad Actors.

On January 19, 2018, the group speech competition will be held at Onawa, Iowa. Those who are involved in this one act are Dawson Bolinger, Abbi Boysen, Lilly Burke, Delayne Hart, Teresa Johnson, Skylar Kennedy, Cadence Koenigs,

Katy Krohn, Claire Mikkelson, Blake Paulsen, Maria Swanson, Lexi Weber, and Sydney Welte.

Group improv is two to five students that are given a situation and they have to improvise a scene with limited preparation time. The first team for group improve is Dylan Blake, Cameron Brenner, and Blake Paulsen. The second group is Sydney Fundermann, Sydney Welte, and Lindsey Sisco.

Our last group going to competition is radio broadcasting. This

is a group of students that gather, edit, and organize a radio broadcast which includes the news, sports, and weather. This performance will be pre-recorded. Those involved in this event are Cameron Brenner, Katy Krohn, Maria Swanson, and Lexi Weber. They all have put in a lot of time and work getting ready for the competition.

On Saturday, January 19th, all of the speech events get to move onto state competition, which will be held on February 2, 2019 in Spencer, Iowa.

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# MEET THE 2019 RAM WRITE-UP JOURNALISTS

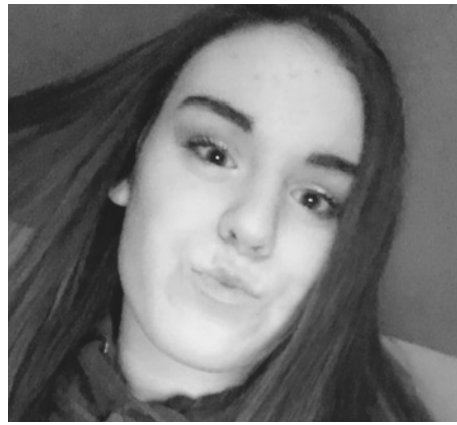


Cameron Boyle was born on June 20, 2000 in Omaha to parents Sherrie and Craig. He grew up on a hog and cattle farm outside of Danbury. Throughout his schooling he has participated in baseball, basketball, football and track. He has been in 4H and FFA. He has a great sense of humor and makes everyone around him smile.



Samantha Cunningham is a freshman here at MVAOCOU High School. She was born on May 13 in Omaha Nebraska.

Her favorite subject in school is communications. Her favorite things to do in her spare time is reading, hanging out with friends, and playing soccer. She wants to go to college and study to be a Nurse.



Leslie Hamman was born in Waterloo, Iowa on January 17th, 2004. This freshman is very strong, hardworking, and extremely nice. She has many people that inspire her, such as her mom, her dad, and her sister.

She is very hardworking when it comes to school and sports. She has many goals in life which include, earning a sports scholarship to attend Iowa State University and to study to be a Pediatrician. Her favorite subjects are Spanish and Algebra.



Taliya James is a freshman here at MVAOCOU High school. She moved to Ute, Iowa from another small town in Iowa called Atlantic.

Her favorite subjects in school are math and communications. Her favorite things to do in her free time include playing the ukulele, singing, dancing, writing, and reading. She strives to grow up with a positive mindset and clear goals.



Cadence Bernice Koenigs was born on July 27, 2004 in Omaha, NE. She has one younger sister, Caitlee, and one younger brother, Creighton. Cadence is currently a freshman attending MVAOCOU High School in Mapleton. She is involved in basketball, golf, volleyball, choir, band, 4-H, CCD, FFA, speech, and student council. After Cadence graduates, she wants to major in sports broadcasting at Kansas University.



Chloe Marshall was born on January 28th, 2004. She grew up in Dallas Fort Worth, Texas and moved to Mapleton, Iowa in the summer of 2018.

Her favorite subjects in school are reading/writing and art. Someday Chloe plans to go to school and become an anesthesiologist. Chloe is a somewhat shy person, until she gets to know you.



Dylan Marshall was born in Denton, Texas on July 22, 2001. Dylan grew up in the town of Roanoke, which is between Dallas and Fort Worth, and has spent majority of his life there. Dylan's senior year his family packed up and moved to the small town of Mapleton, Iowa, and has been here since the summer. Dylan enjoys to play sports and work-out in his past time with his favorite sport being baseball.



Hailey Mead was born on March 1st, 2004 in Iowa. She is a freshman at MVAOCOU High School. Her favorite subjects include math and science.

She is involved in some sports such as volleyball, golf, and softball. One day she hopes to go to the University of Iowa to become a Pediatrician.



Teresa Johnson was born on December 3, 2003. She is a freshman at MVAOCOU High School. She is very hardworking, caring, funny, kind, creative and artistic.

She is involved in 4-H, art club, band, choir, plays piano, and does community service. In her free time, she loves to paint with acrylic and oil paints.

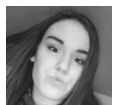
When she graduates from high school she wants to go to college for graphic design. After college, she hopes someday to start her own design business.

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# Raising Funds and Helping Hearts



On January 11th, students and staff wore red t-shirts and hats to help fundraise for the American Heart Association.



STAFF WRITER  
Leslie Hamman



STAFF WRITER  
Hailey Mead

The American Heart Association (AHA) is an organization who help citizens with heart diseases or heart issues. The AHA was established in 1915 and has been working hard to save lives ever since.

Many schools such as our own, raise

money to help support the AHA. The AHA has made many impacts on the live of people who have suffered with heart problems. MVAOCO has put in a lot of hard work to raise money for the AHA, from selling T-shirts and cookies as well as allowing the students to wear their hats during

the school day. The school's student council has also been working very hard to have the students buy red T-shirts to wear to the basketball game.

The student section was bursting with red. It was a great night for the student section and the team. The

school has been doing this fundraiser in the past and it has done a lot for the AHA.

The amount of money that the school made from the T-shirts and cookies was \$1,200. We also do this fundraising for people in the community that are affected with heart diseases.

This fundraiser is really helpful for research purposes. The school also puts in a lot of work to help out with this fundraiser because they receive delicious cookies and stylish shirts they helped support the AHA. We are glad that our school has made an impact on this very helpful fundraising event.

## GUESS THIS BABY



STAFF WRITER  
Cadence Koenings

Four people were shown a baby picture and given four options of whom it could be. Can you Guess This Baby? Could this picture be of...

1. Katelyn Trucke
2. Lexi Weber
3. Hannah Bohm
4. Calliyah Mareau

First person asked was freshman – Cheslee Yockey. “Umm... that’s Lexi, I can tell by the red hair.” Next, freshman- Kelsey Venteicher guessed this baby with “Oh boy, I think it’s Lexi but it might be Katelyn. I’m going to say it is Lexi.” After about a minute of thought, sophomore – Dawson Hamman answered “Uhh, I think it is Lexi, I know it’s not Hannah and it doesn’t look like Katelyn.” Lastly, the favorite school computer guy, Lee Petersen was going to attempt this challenge. After repeating his options many times, Lee responded with “Oh, duh. It’s Lexi, I see the redhead.” Great job to all of the “Guess This Baby” contestants. Make sure to check out next months issue, it will tell you who this baby is!



# Senior Spotlights

## Ali Lembke



STAFF WRITER  
Cadence Koenigs



Ali Lembke was brought into this world on August 11, 2000 in Carroll, Iowa by her mother, Jessica Bubke.

Throughout her life, Ali's biggest role model has been her brother, Evan. He is her role model because no matter what happens he still manages to get through things.

As a child, Ali loved going to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo with her family. Seeing all of the animals was her favorite part.

While in high school, Ali has been involved in speech, track, and cross country.

Her favorite high school memory is bringing her rat to school on halloween.

Ali loves animals, her favorite hobby is hanging around all different types of them.

Ms. Clark has been a huge help to Ali during her high

school career because she is so helpful and is always there for you. However, Ms. Clark still makes you work hard.

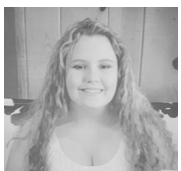
If Ali could do one thing different during high school, she would put the same amount of effort in every year instead of slacking off in some classes.

She hopes underclassmen work hard and put a lot of effort in every year!

Something she is going to miss after high school are the teachers and being able to talk to them. She is also going to miss seeing her best friend, Mikah.

After graduation, Ali plans to get involved in phlebotomy until she figures out what she wants to do in the health field. MVAOCOU wishes you the best of luck, Ali!

## Breanna Garcia



STAFF WRITER  
Chloe Marshall

Breanna Josie-lynn Garcia was born on March 14, 2001.

In her free time, Breanna says she likes to hang out with her family but also loves getting her beauty sleep.

Breanna also enjoys going hunting with her uncle. She said she usually hunts geese and ducks, but this year was her first year hunting deer and it was so much fun.

Breanna loves being challenged which is one of the reasons she loves going to school. She likes hav-

ing something to do other than sitting around at home.

The best part of coming to school for her is that she gets to see her friends every day.

Breanna said that she wants to become either a Pediatric Nurse or a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Breanna is not sure what college she wants to attend yet, but she thinks she wants to stay in Iowa and not go out of state. We wish Breanna the best of luck!



*"Believe in what you pray for."*

# Senior Spotlights



## Brooke Handke



STAFF WRITER  
Cameron Boyle

Brooke Marie Handke was born on April 27th 2001 in Ida Grove IA. Her parents are Wally and Kim Handke. She has one sibling brother Kolby Handke.

Growing up her dream was always to travel the world and explore new things.

While being in high school Brooke has been involved in a couple of sports volleyball and softball. She is also involved in FFA and Art Club.

Brookes favorite movie is Pitch Perfect and her favorite thing to do in her free time

is drawing and making nothing into something and is really good at it.

Brookes favorite teacher in high school was Mrs.Mallory and her Communication classes.

Brookes favorite high school memory was going to FFA Sub Districts and competing.

Her advice to underclassmen is to not procrastinate and to not wish time by.

Brooke's plans after high school are to attend college but is undecided. Best of luck Brooke.

*"Don't Worry, be happy."*

Bob Marley

## Mikah Van Houten



STAFF WRITER  
Teresa Johnson

Mikah Marie VanHouten was born on March 29, 2000. She was welcomed home by her mother Gwen VanHouten.

Mikah enjoys hanging out with her little sister Sophia VanHouten. Mikah's hometown was Kansas City, Kansas and now lives in Mapleton Iowa.

During Mikah's high school years she has been in band and working at the Maple Heights Nursing Home. Mikah knew she wanted to go into the medi-

cal field when she first started working at the nursing home. After the passing of her grandfather due to Leukemia she has wanted to become a hematologist-oncologist.

When asked whose is your hero? Mikah's response was her mother. "My mother has taught me so much in my lifetime. She is by far the strongest person I know."

We wish you the best of luck in all you do Mikah.



*"I all längtan finns en framtid." It means "In all longing, there is a future" in Swedish.*

# Ram Walking: Random Knowledge



STAFF WRITER  
Dylan Marshall

During the school day I walked around the school campus and asked a series of questions to a student of every grade and one school staff member. The questions I asked them were of the following: Who do you think will be the super bowl contenders this year? What famous Dr.Seuss book was originally a bet? What is Darth Vaders most famous quote? What is a quarter pounder called in France?



9th- Chloe Marshall

Chiefs, Saints  
Green eggs and Ham  
I am your father  
Le heavy burger



10th- Hannah Boehm

Chiefs, Rams  
Cat in the Hat  
Luke, I am your father  
Quarter pounder



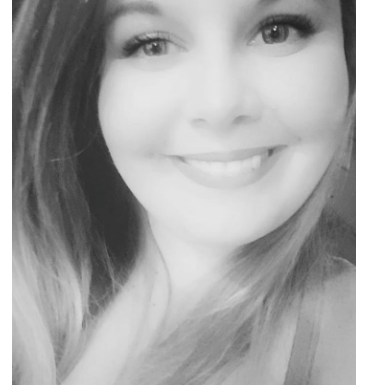
11th- Katie Klockgether

Patriots, Saints  
1 Fish, 2 Fish  
I am your father  
Cheeseburger



12th-Haley Drenkhahn

Patriots, Saints  
Cat in the hat  
I am your father  
Wee wee burger



Staff- Karri Marshall

Chiefs, Saints  
Oh The Places You Will Go  
I am your father  
Royale with cheese

## THE INSIDER: MRS. WIMMER



STAFF WRITER  
Taliya James

On June 18, 1991, in Fairmont, Minnesota, Nicole Wimmer was born to Angie and Randy Kollasch. Mrs. Wimmer has two brothers and one sister.

She told us that her favorite memories were always outside. She said that she loved working with the animals on her farm and riding her horses.

Mrs. Wimmer went to college at Briar Cliff University. She has been teaching Mathematics for a total of five years. She originally taught at Baxter High School, but moved to the middle school in Anthon after she mar-

ried Mr. John Wimmer, our high school Agriculture teacher.

In her free time, Mrs. Wimmer loves to cook and bake for her family. Her family consists of her, her husband, and her two children who are still very young.

Her main goal for 2019 is to potty train her oldest child and hopefully have him sleeping soundlessly through the night.

We wish you the best of luck throughout your teaching journey, Mrs. Wimmer! We are lucky to have you here at MVAOCO High School.



Ely Fundermann gets some air against Lawton.



Haley Drenkhahn shoots a free throw.



Makia Smith looks to pass the ball.



#34 Cadence Koenings

# Upcoming Events

## Friday, February 1, 2019

Girls Varsity Basketball game at 6:00 pm in Western Valley

## Saturday, February 2, 2019

Basketball Finals at Westwood High School

State Speech Debate Tournament

Girls Varsity Basketball game at 5:00 pm at Westwood High School

Boys Varsity Basketball game at 7:00 pm at Westwood High School

## Monday, February 4, 2019

State Jazz Choir Festival

Girls Varsity Basketball game at 6:00pm at IKM Manning High School

Boys Varsity Basketball game at 7:30 pm 6:00 pm Manning High School

## Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Game at West Monona High School

Boys Varsity Basketball Game at 7:30 pm at West Monona High School

## Thursday, February 7, 2019

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Game at 6:00 pm at Underwood High School

Boys Varsity Basketball Game at 7:30 pm at Underwood High School

## Monday, February 11, 2019

Track and field practice starts

Parent-Teacher conferences 4:00pm - 6:00pm

## Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Parent-Teacher conferences 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## Thursday, February 15, 2019

No school

## Friday, February 16, 2019

All State Speech Festival Individual Events

Spirit Lake Show/Jazz Choir Contest- At Spirit Lake

Quiz Bowl at 8:00 am in Waukee, IA

## Sunday, February 17, 2019

BPA Spring Leadership Conference in Des Moines

## Monday, February 18, 2019

BPA Spring Leadership Conference in Des Moines

Presidents day

No school

## Tuesday, February 19, 2019

BPA Spring Leadership Conference in Des Moines

## Thursday, February 21, 2019

Parade of Bands at 7:00 pm at MVAO High School

## Saturday, February 23, 2019

District Individual Speech- Speech Events Contest

## Sunday, February 24, 2019

FFA Omelet Breakfast in Mapleton

## Monday, February 25, 2019

7-12 Choir Festival in River Valley

## Movie Review: *Escape Room*



STAFF WRITER

Samantha Cunningham

*Escape Room* is one of the best horror movies I've seen in a long time. Even when something happens you are still on the edge of your seat waiting for the next scene. *Escape Room* produced over \$32 million dollars to the box office since its release date January 4, 2019. The plot includes six people: Zoey, Ben, Jason, Mike, Amanda, and Danny. They go to a mysterious building to take part in an escape room game. If you win the game and escape all the rooms you win \$10,000. It starts as a seemingly

fun game of trying to escape rooms; but a once fun game; immediately turns into a life or death situation. When they put the puzzle pieces together they move on into another room and must do it all over again or something bad will happen.

Rotten Tomatoes gave this movie a rating of 53%. I think it deserved higher because it kept me on the edge of my seat. This movie is rated PG-13 so anyone can go and watch it. This movie runs for an hour and forty minutes but I guarantee it's worth it.

## ASK RAMBO



Dear Rambo, what could I do to make it less awkward around my ex at school? I think they still have feelings for me.

Dear writer, it sounds like you still have feelings for them too, since you're worried

about what they think. To figure out if they do have feelings for you, you could just simply talk to them and ask them. Doing this will help relieve some of the awkwardness between the two of you.

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