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## MVAO attends the FFA National Convention



The MVAO students above are Madison Boyle, Katelynn Mullin, chaperone Donald Mullin, Alvin Pegram, Rebekah Schram, and Danielle Yockey.

By Danielle Yockey

The MVAO high school FFA had 5 members; Katelynn Mullin, Alvin Pegram, Danielle Yockey, Rebekah Schram, and Madison Boyle. They got the chance to “Transform purpose to action” along with more than 60,000 other FFA members in the United States. The National FFA Convention was October 20 through the 22 in Indianapolis, IN. The members and the chaperone from our sub district went to Sloan to get on their charter bus and start their trip. Even though they had to wait a couple of hours due to a setback, they were still able to get there in plenty of time before their events started. The long drive gave them a chance to socialize with the students on their bus from other schools in the sub-district.

The first of the events began on the ride there. The members were able to look through the John Deere world headquarters in Moline, Illinois. Because they were behind schedule they didn't get to have a tour, but they still got to look around. They stayed in Peoria, IL for the first night.

Everyone woke up early Wednesday

and had the bus loaded by 8 a.m. heading straight to the Convention. After they were registered they went right to the Opening-Session. Keynote speaker, Diana Nyad, told her story during this session. Nyad was able to accomplish her miraculous goal at the age of 64 of swimming from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage and was the first person to accomplish this. She had been swimming since she was a child and had set many records in her swimming days. Just 30 years before she had tried five times and failed at this venture. Nyad wanted everyone to know that you're never too old to accomplish your dreams and you should never give up on them.

Thursday all of the members in our group got to spend a majority of the day at the Expo Hall. At the Expo the members could look at many booths including companies and colleges. Many of them have little activities for you to do and souvenirs to take. There was also a shopping mall that had booths with a wide range of shopping options. That night there was the option of a rodeo or hypnotist

show, their group went to the rodeo.

Friday was the last day with Convention events. The first thing they did was go to a session. The speaker at this session was former NFL player, Jason Brown who is now a farmer. Brown played for the St. Louis Rams, but then he decided he wanted to do something to help people and make a difference. He moved back to his home state and purchased land with his wife. Brown's farm grows many potatoes and each year he donates them to the churches and food pantries in the Triangle area of North Carolina. Brown said that farmers have the chance to make a difference in the world, and FFA members have the perfect opportunity to make a difference.

Next the members got to go back to Expo before they left. The last event of the day was a stop at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Tickets were sold out for the tour but they still got to go in the museum and gift shop.

The FFA members had the opportunity to meet amazing people, learn new things, and hopefully grow from their experience at the 89<sup>th</sup> annual FFA National Convention.

# Kyle Sexton visits Haiti

By Brad Ortner

On July 11 2016 Kyle Sexton and the Sunny Brook church group began their annual church trip to Haiti. The main focus of the trip was to construct a house and help support families in need while in Haiti. Three chaperones and thirteen teens were included with Sexton's group. In Haiti they would serve with a group called United Christians International (UCI).

When Sexton and his group first arrived in Port Au Prince they all piled into vans. The group still had a five hour drive ahead of them to Caiman where they would be helping. Sexton said that "It was very crowded; we fit fifteen people into one van and the other was packed with suit cases". He also said that the seats in the van were metal bars with cloth over them which did not help the already cramped environment. Sexton mentioned that the roads were not the best on the drive there, "Three fourths of the drive was paved, and the rest was dirt and pot holes."

Sexton and his group spent one week in Haiti helping families and working to build a house. The town that they built the house in was Caiman. Sexton said that, "We spent an entire day moving sand to mix cement for the house." Sexton also said that, "we spent another day working to deliver eight hundred



Sexton sitting with two of his pals that he made in Haiti.

cinder blocks to construct the house."

Besides working to construct the house Sexton told me that they taught kids about God and did activities with them while they were there. Sexton also said, "There were three families that had recently lost relatives when we arrived and we gave gifts to those families to support them."

I asked Sexton about the weather and food in Haiti. Sexton commented, "We ate mostly beans and rice, sometimes a small piece of chicken came with the beans and rice." He

also said that, "One night the cooks where we stayed made us lasagna and pizza, we were lucky because all of the other meals were rice and beans." Sexton said that, "The weather was very hot and humid and it rained every day whether it was a sprinkle or a down pour." He also said that there was no air conditioning where they stayed.

Something interesting Sexton mentioned to me was meeting a previous witch doctor in Haiti. The man's name was Nelson and said that he had to give his life to the devil

to become a witch doctor. Nelson also mentioned that he was payed to cast voodoo on spells on people. Nelson mentioned that the head of Sexton's UCI group left a bible at Nelsons house and he became a Christian. Nelson said that he burnt all of his belongings after becoming Christian.

Sexton told me that he was happy to have the opportunity to serve the people of Haiti. He also said that he hopes to return in the future and serve again.

## In this corner: Why baseball is the greatest sport in the world

By Colby Seuntjens

Throughout history humans have played sports. They started very basic with just wrestling each other and seeing who was the strongest or racing and seeing who was the fastest. Then as they progressed they made new sports that involved throwing or kicking objects. Some of these sports would become popular and continued to be played. These sports then evolved into the sports that we see today. The sports that are most common around the world are: soccer, football, basketball, hockey, and the greatest sport of them all, baseball. Throughout this article I will try to show you why I think baseball is the greatest sport of all time.

Baseball is America's pastime and always will be. No matter how popular the NFL gets (which is actually in a decline of popularity this year) baseball will always be the pastime of America. Baseball is a game you and your

great grandparents can both watch and enjoy because baseball was popular when they were children and will be when your great grandchildren are around.

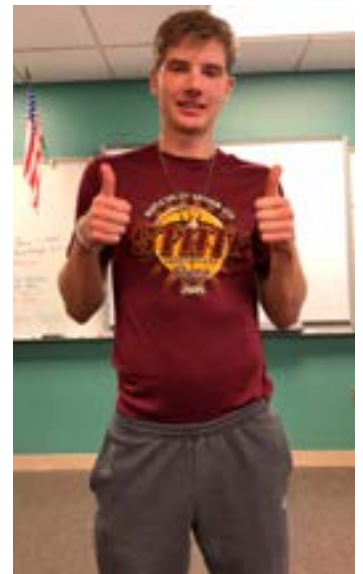
Baseball is a very diverse game. If you take a look at most Major League club's rosters, you will find almost every race on it. Like most things in America at one point it was primarily a white people only sport, but once the barrier was broke people of all races streamed in and the sport just keeps becoming more and more diverse.

Not only is every race on an even playing ground but every person. It doesn't matter what size you are you can compete on a baseball field. There are people of all shapes and sizes who can compete at a very high level. You don't have to be 6'8 like you do in basketball to have a chance to play baseball. They say baseball is the sport for the average man because you can be of average build and be very successful. As long as you can run,

hit, and catch you can play baseball.

There is no other season like baseball season. Baseball just gives you another reason to look forward to summer. There is a game on every day and it is extremely exciting to watch your team throughout the season. It can be an emotional rollercoaster throughout the season because there are 162 games. Your team can go from the bottom of their division to the top in the matter of a week. If they play well enough they will make it to the playoffs which are unlike any other post season in sports. There is more strategy put into each and every inning than most NFL playoff games. This post season was one like no other. It ended the longest drought in baseball with the Cubs winning the World Series for the first time in 108 years. Millions tuned in to watch even if they were not baseball fans and really enjoyed the excitement that the playoffs brought.

No other sport has the same atmosphere as a baseball game. The smell of freshly cut



Above is Colby Seuntjens.

grass mixed with smell of cooking hotdogs. You grab your glove, take a whiff, and have the lingering smell of leather as you run out to field and stand for the National Anthem (unlike in every other sport where the athletes think they are too good to stand). You can't help but get a little emotional knowing you are playing the greatest game ever.

# MVAO performs their first concert

By Skyler McDermott

On October 25, the music department held their annual Pops Concert. The Pops Concert is unlike any other concert that the choir performs. The students are given the opportunity to prepare their own solos, duets, or small group pieces to perform for the audience.

In the past years it has been a struggle to get enough individuals to sign up for solos and duets. This year that was not the case; there was a very strong showing.

The concert started off with many solos sung by underclassmen. Freshman, Abbi Boysen started the concert off with the song *I Feel a Sin Coming On* by Pistol Annies. Next was Freshman Alexia Adkins singing *Like My Mother Does* by Lauren Alaina.

Freshman, Kalle Allen was next singing *Make You Feel My Love* by Adele.

The first Sophomore to sing for the night was Christian Ramirez. Ramirez sang *Lay Me Down* by Sam Smith. Next up was the first duet of the night sung by Emily Gosch and Maddy Smith. They sang *Rhiannon* by Stevie Nicks. Freshman Jenny Frank was next singing *Sally's Song* by Ami Lee. Maggie Hamman, a freshman, sang *A Broken Wing* by Martina McBride.

Sophomore, Maddy Smith, sang *Second Chance* by Shinedown. The last solo before the concert choir performed was Lindsey Sisco. Sisco sang *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen and she was accompanied by Janet Burns.

In the past the concert choir has performed recent pop tunes, but this year they did

some 'oldies'. The first song that the choir performed was *Broken Wings* by Mr. Mister and arranged by Eric Van Cleave. This song was released in 1985. The second song was *Faithfully* by Journey and arranged by Alan Billingsley. *Faithfully* was released in 1983. Soloists for this song were Austin Bolinger, Skyler McDermott, Brett Weaver, and Sydney Fundermann. The next song was released in 1977 by Styx. *Come Sail Away* was the third song and it was arranged by Kirby Shaw. The final song that the concert choir sang is called *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?* This song was released in 1969, sung by Chicago and arranged by Eric Van Cleave.

Mr. Smeltzer soloed in the last song, *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?* And the choir backed him up. This song was special to Smeltzer because he wanted to sing

it for his parents. It was also special because it was his daughter Faith's fifth birthday. Five years ago during a past Pops Concert Smeltzer's wife went into labor. Smeltzer had to hurry to get through the concert so he could be at the hospital when his new baby girl was born. He made it in time to meet his new daughter, Faith. Smeltzer invited Faith to the stage so everyone could sing her 'Happy Birthday' and she got to stay up there while Smeltzer performed *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?*

Following the concert choir was all of the senior soloists. First up was Star Matcek. Matcek sang *Dancing in the Sky* Dani & Lizzy. She was accompanied by Joel Ernst. Next up was Joe Kovarna singing *Boulevard of Broken Dreams* by Green Day. Skyler McDermott sang *Chasing Pavements* by Adele. The last duet of the night was sung by Joe Kovarna and Brett Weaver. They sang *Sound of Silence* by Simon & Garfunkel.

The final piece of the Pops Concert was sung by the Men's Choir. They sang *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King and arranged by Roger Emerson.

When asked how he thought the concert went Mr. Smeltzer said "It was very well prepared. All the soloists did a very fine job and the groups were really good, too. I was very pleased with the overall quality of the concert."

For the rest of the year Smeltzer is "looking forward to see all the groups grow in their musicality and singing together. We're going to be really good this year" said Smeltzer.



The MVAO choir is conducted by Mr. Smeltzer.

## The quiz bowl season has begun

By Joseph Kovarna

Winter is almost here, and with winter comes winter sports! While most people's minds would immediately jump to basketball or wrestling, there is one more: quiz bowl.

So far this year, the Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Quiz Bowl team has competed in two tournaments, with one at the high school planned for early December. The Varsity Quiz Bowl team consists of all seniors: Jacob Schaffer, mathematics and sports expert, Rebecca Whitney, Team Captain and religious specialist, Brett Weaver, world history and music master, and Joseph Kovarna, astronomy and random knowledge consultant. The substitutes for Varsity are Adam Ehlers and Anavin Mounivong, who both specialize in sports and general knowledge. The JV team members are senior NiKayla Aguirre, junior Danielle Steffes, sophomore Emily Gosch, and freshmen Benjamin Kovarna and Maxwell Steffes.

The team's first tournament was held on

October 29 at Sergeant Bluff High School. A total of ten varsity teams competed, with a couple of visiting teams from Nebraska. The teams competing were MV-AO (V/JV), OABCIG, Sergeant Bluff I and II (V/JV), Hinton (V/JV), Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (V/JV), Lawton (V/JV), Woodbury Central (V/JV), Bishop Heelan (V/JV), Sioux City West (Varsity), South Sioux City (Varsity), and Creighton High (Varsity).

The Sergeant Bluff Tournament ran under IQBA (Iowa Quiz Bowl Association) rules: five Round Robin matches for each team, then a four-team bracket to determine the winner. The teams are seeded in the bracket based on their win-loss record and total points for that tournament. Each school is allowed a four person team, and two substitutes that are able to switch in and out after a series of questions. While almost every tournament does different things when it comes to the series of questions, Sergeant Bluff ran

twenty questions worth ten points each, with three-part bonuses for the questions answered correctly, also worth ten points each. If a question was answered before a certain point during the reading, an extra five points was awarded. MVAO finished at fifth place; just shy of making it on the bracket.

Their second tournament took place on November 5. It was held at Briar Cliff University, and was subject to the same IQBA rules as the Sergeant Bluff tournament. The varsity teams competing were MVAO, Woodbury Central, Ridge View, Lawton, Sergeant Bluff I/II, Gehlen Catholic, Winside, Bishop Heelan A/B, Sioux City North, and South Sioux City. MVAO, once again, fell short of the bracket round, this time finishing in sixth place.

Practices for the quiz bowl team are anything but scheduled. They usually hold practices Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, and can run as late as 5:30, depending

on the schedules of the participants. The questions asked during practice vary on their type. They could be just toss-up, toss-up with bonuses, or a ten-question lightning round. The questions vary on subject as well. The subjects could be relating to music and composers, cities and their related sports teams, countries and wars they've waged, or just something as simple as "Starts with...", where all answers starts with a specific letter.

"What makes quiz bowl really challenging is that there aren't Classes," said Benjamin Kovarna, when asked about the most difficult part of quiz bowl. "You have kids from 4A schools, which have kids trying out for the team, competing against kids from 1A schools, who can barely put together a team. The most you can do there is hope you put up a good fight!"

# Senior spotlights

## Brandon

By Dalton Kollbaum

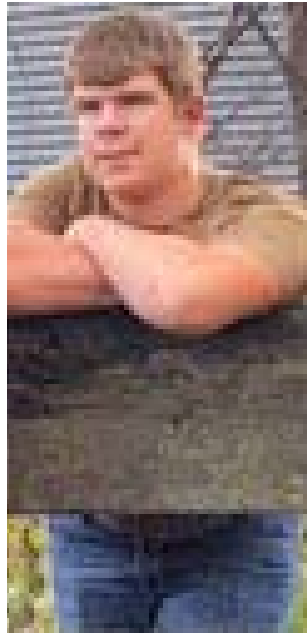
On April 2, 1999 Kevin and Brenda Todd introduced three babies into the world. Brandon was born moments before his brother Loren and sister Morgan. The triplets have one older brother named Riley.

Todd's favorite childhood memory was spending time with his grandparents. His favorite memory from high school was going to the playoffs in football his junior year.

Todd has been involved in many different activities during his time at MVAO. He has been involved in football, track and FFA. He also serves as treasurer for the FFA chapter. His teachers would describe him as being loud and outgoing. His parents describe him as a very hardworking individual.

Throughout high school Todd has made many close friends. Some of his friends include Tristan Petersen, Dalton Kollbaum, Bailey Boettcher, Jacob Schaffer, Kyler McDermott, and his brother Loren. They describe him as being funny, loud, and obnoxious.

Todd has been to many different places throughout his life. Some of his best memories come from Las Vegas, Nevada and San Antonio, Texas. Todd said, "I



enjoyed Vegas because you see a little bit of everything out there."

Something that makes Todd very unique is being a triplet. He is also very scared of snakes.

Todd plans on attending South Dakota State University to study agronomy. We wish you the best of luck!

## Tanya



teacher, Mr. Smeltzer, would say she has, "a kind and generous soul." Mr. Wimmer says, "she is talkative and hardworking."

Throughout high school Hanks has been involved in many activities. She was in basketball for one year, track for two, and volleyball for three years. She has also been in FFA for three years. Hanks has traveled to Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Hanks' favorite childhood memory was when she would play football at the empty lot with everyone. Her favorite high school memory was when she went on the summer trip to Hayward, Wisconsin with Hayley Knudsen, Anna Hadden, and her younger brother.

When asked about something unique about her that no else may know she said, "I love horses." Her biggest fears are clowns and snakes. Her favorite quote is by Dr. Seuss, "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Hanks plans to go to Western Iowa Tech after high school. She wants to get her Vet Tech Associates Degree. After that she thinks that she might go on and try to get into vet school.

By Danielle Yockey

Tanya Hanks was welcomed into the world on June 6, 1999 by her parents Angie and Shain. Tanya also has a brother, Hunter, and two dogs. Her family would describe her as weird and talkative. Her friends say that she is outgoing but also shy at the same time. Her

# Heap of the month

By Dalton Kollbaum

If you are driving around and see a black Monte Carlo that has smoke coming from under the hood, chances are its senior Adam Ehlers. Ehlers' vehicle of choice is a 1999 Chevy Monte Carlo Z34.

Ehlers says his car has many problems. His radio has not worked for over a year now, the dome light is broken and will randomly fall down on occasion, the back strut is worn out and makes lots of noise, it is starting to rust out all over, and it is straight piped. Although his vehicle may have many problems, he is just happy to have a vehicle that runs and gets him from place to place.

Ehlers' car has been through some hard times. On the first day of school Ehlers sophomore year he had a small altercation. Nick Hollingshead was backing out a parking spot when he backed right into Ehlers car. It left a big dent but Ehlers was not too concerned about it.

Ehlers has also had numerous close calls with his vehicle. It has started a couple fires and he has put it in the ditch. The fires were

all caused due to electrical malfunctions. The malfunction was due to improperly wired subwoofers that he and his friends installed. Luckily he was never hurt and his car was never damaged too badly.

On some occasions smoke can be seen coming from under Ehlers' hood. The smoke is not coming from a major engine issue; rather it comes from spilled oil burning on the engine manifold. This does not happen very often though.

Ehlers has made many good memories in his Monte Carlo. His favorite memory came when he was waiting for the football shed to open. Since there was down time while waiting for the shed to open, Ehlers decided to run to his home. On his way out of the parking lot his friends talked him into doing a burnout. Little did he know that the cop was sitting at a house on the street. Ehlers was then nervous when he got to his house so he made his friends come to his house and pick him up.

Ehlers' car may not be a sports car, but he

is grateful for it. He has made many memories in it that he will never forget. Whether it be smoke coming out from the hood, or a small

electrical fire, the problems make for good memories!



Above is Adam Ehlers and his Monte Carlo.

# The students look into the future

By JoHannah McKibben

MVAO students all gathered in the gym to start off the career fair. There was a Kick Off Speaker to get us to start thinking about the our future. Superintendent, Rollie Wiebers of Charter Oak-Ute Schools, got all students questioning their life and their decisions about life. They were ready now to hear the panelist and college reps to talk about a future they could have.

The Career Fair is held every three years at MVAO. This year the fair included 14 college/military reps, four MVAO grad/college students, ten interest session presenters, and over 50 career panelists. In total 78 guests were at MVAO.

Each student attended six sessions. The morning sessions for the students were

consisting of college and military reps, current college student panels, and interest session presenters. Some of the interest sessions included: Healthy Relationships, Job Shadows/Internships, Vocational Careers, The Workforce in 2025, Get Smart about Credit, The Importance of Donating Blood, and Opportunities at the Kennedy Space Center.

In the afternoon were Career Panels. Students attended three of these also. The panels consisted of three to four people in various careers. The people were paired up to somewhat related fields or careers. Students would ask questions pertaining to what education they had, likes and dislikes of their career, and any other questions they had.

The panelists came from local communities as well as Sioux City, Omaha, Denison, Dow City, Lemars, Onawa, Chicago, South Sioux City, Charter Oak, and Fort Dodge.

Over lunch students had the opportunity to talk to the college and military reps. They were given a questionnaire to ask the reps. If they had the reps signature they were allowed to put their questionnaire in a drawing for a prize.

Mrs. Dougherty set most of the career fair up. She had a little help from Mrs. Sass, Mrs. Scholl, Mr. Wimmer, and Mr. Miller. This was Mrs. Dougherty's sixth career fair here at MVAO.



Mr. Wiebers kicks off the day with motivational stories

## Senior Spotlights

Brad



By JoHannah McKibben

Edward and Jane Ortner welcomed their youngest son Bradley Wayne Ortner into the world June 21, 1998. Ortner has two older brothers Brian and Eric Ortner. He grew up near small town Danbury Iowa.

Ortner's favorite memory technically wasn't his favorite but sure was the most memorable. It was being teased by his older brothers. When Ortner was five and being bad his brother's would tell him that they would get the Halloween mask out. Ortner described the mask as terrifying to a child that is only five.

Something unique about Ortner that no one else may know is when he was eight years old

he threw the first pitch out of Spring Training Major League baseball game in Arizona. Also he is scared of heights and falling from high places.

One of Ortner's favorite high school memories was qualifying for nationals in BPA his junior year. The team did not expect to qualify so it was exciting.

While in high school Ortner has been actively involved. He is involved in BPA, Baseball, National Honor Society, Golf, Gold Club, and Spanish Club.

MVAO teachers describe Ortner as kind and friendly. Mrs. Moser, who taught him in Communications III, Speech, and continues to teach him in Journalism, says, "It's like talking to the next door neighbor," to describe Ortner.

Ortner has three close friends and one is Kyle Sexton because they go fishing, hang out a lot, and they are neighbors. Anne Weber and Kylee McDermott are also his closest friends because they have a lot of classes together and are always laughing with each other.

Ortner's friend McDermott describes him as very hardworking, smart, and nice. Weber describes him as funny and joyful. Sexton describes him as a good guy that is fun to hang out with.

His parents describe Ortner as: hard working, dependable, willing to help others, kind, fun, and outgoing.

After high school Ortner plans to attend the University of South Dakota to major in nursing or business.

By Brad Ortner

Senior Kylee McDermott is described by her friends as being happy, caring, intelligent, always smiling, fun-loving, and compassionate. McDermott was born on May 29, 1999, along with her twin brother Kyler to Amber McDermott. Her mother describes her as being intelligent, caring, family oriented, and humble.

McDermott's favorite childhood memory was going to Mount Rushmore with her mom, brother, and cousins. Her favorite high school memory was going to Costa Rica her junior year.

McDermott's closest friends are Anne Weber, Kaitlyn Hoelscher, and Brad Ortner because they are always there for her when she needs them.

Teachers describe McDermott as reliable, motivated, diligent, determined, persistent, pleasant, friendly, and hard working. McDermott has been involved in Spanish Club, Football Cheerleading, Jazz Choir, Band, Jazz Band, All-State Choir, Concert Choir, Gold Club, FCCLA, and Chamber Choir while in high school.

McDermott has traveled near and far. She has traveled to Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and California. She has also traveled to Costa Rica. Something unique about McDermott is that she has a twin brother. Her biggest fear is drowning.

In the future McDermott plans on going to college to become an elementary education teacher.

Kylee



## Birthdays

By Dalton Kollbaum

Kaitlin Ladd	01
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Cheyenne Ward	06
Logan Kollbaum	06
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# Ram Walking: The NBA

By Juan Delagarza

With basketball season starting up it is time to test the students and staff to see what they know about the NBA players. This month Freshman Cayden Henderson, Sophomore Katelyn Trucke, Junior Connor Beeck, Senior Dylan Feller, and representing the staff Mr. Scholl were shown five pictures of current NBA players and had to say what their names are.

The first player shown to the contestants was Steph Curry, who plays for the Golden State Warriors. Henderson answered right “Steph Curry.” Trucke didn’t hesitate to answer and got it correct. Beeck didn’t have to think about it at all and answered, “Oh this one’s easy, that’s Steph Curry.” Feller took a glance at the picture and knew it right away and answered correct. Mr. Scholl knew the answer right away as well.

The next player that was shown was Russel Westbrook from the Oklahoma City Thunder. Henderson had to think about this one for a little bit but after some hard

thinking he answered correctly. Trucke had some troubles with this one and didn’t have a clue. When Beeck was shown the picture he immediately answered, “That looks like Marvin Gaines.” Sorry Beeck but it was not Gaines but he eventually gave the correct answer. Feller knew this one right away as well and answered, “That’s Russel Westbrook.” Mr. Scholl wasn’t hesitant with his answer and got it correct.

Next up was Steven Adams who also plays for the Oklahoma City Thunder. This one was a little tougher for everyone. When shown to Henderson he took some time to think then gave a confident answer, “Oh, that’s the Opalopa dude.” Sadly for Henderson I have never heard of that name and that was incorrect. As soon as Trucke saw the picture she answered, “I have no clue.” Beeck took a while to think about it but eventually he answered, “Oh I know who that is, it’s Steven Adams.” Feller was not sure who the picture was either and didn’t have an answer. As soon

as Mr. Scholl saw the picture he said, “Let me pass on this one for right now.” When we came back to it he struggled like the others and did not get the correct answer.

The fourth picture shown was Dirk Nowitzki from the Dallas Mavericks. When Henderson saw the picture he had a confused look on his face and answered, “I have no clue.” Trucke was stumped once again and didn’t have an answer. Beeck kept his perfect score alive and answered right away, “Oh, that’s Dirk, Dirk Nowitzki.” It took Feller a little bit to think but he did answer correctly. Mr. Scholl redeemed himself and kept himself in the hunt for first and answered correct. After four out of five pictures, Beeck is in the lead with a perfect score but Feller and Mr. Scholl are close behind with only one miss.

The last player shown was LeBron James from the Cleveland Cavaliers. This one should be a little bit easier for the contestants, but we’ll see how it goes. Henderson knew this one right away and answered with

excitement, “That’s LeBron James!” Trucke bounced back and answered this one correct as well. Once again Beeck was not challenged by this one and kept his perfect score alive by answering correctly. Feller wasn’t going to get fooled this time and he answered, “Hey I know this one, that’s LeBron James!” Mr. Scholl was not stumped on this one either and answered correctly.

After some hard thinking and excitement, the contestants were done. First place went to Junior Connor Beeck who got a perfect score. There was a tie for second place with both Senior Dylan Feller and Mr. Scholl both answering four out of five correctly. Sophomore Cayden Henderson answered three out of five correctly. And last but not least was Sophomore Katelyn Trucke, getting two out of five correct. Great job to all of this month’s contestants!



**Cayden Henderson**



**Connor Beeck**



**Mr. Scholl**



**Katelyn Trucke**



**Dylan Feller**

# Around the valley



**MVAO held a blood drive where the students who met certain qualifications were allowed to come and donate blood. Left is Rachael Swearingen getting her blood taken. Right is Devon Schwarz waiting for his turn to help out.**



**Mr. Miller's students were hard at work. Paul Riffle's tractor malfunctioned on the way home from Corn Days in Danbury when the engine seized. The students took the engine apart and found the problem. Once they got the part they needed, they reassembled the engine.**



**Above are two projects being worked on by the shop students. Left is Logan Kollbaum's tractor. Right is Kyler McDermott's truck.**

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