

be involved.
 What don't you like about Valentine's Day?



"The girls are more dramatic than they usually are."
 • Tanner Wessels (9)



"There's more PDA in the hallways than usual."
 • Caitlin Briggs (11)



"There's too much hype. People make too big of deal out of it."
 • Destiny Perry (10)

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hard work pays off.

Going out with a bang and making up for lost time, Forté performed four times in 32 hours at the Washington and Jefferson show choir competitions.

Forté couldn't perform at Davenport due to hazardous road conditions and wanted to compete in another show before the end of the season.

Four performances in one weekend was demanding. "Our drive to succeed as a whole and entertain our audience pushed us to keep our energy up

"I love the feeling you get right before you start and everyone in the audience is screaming their heads off."
 • Christian Schneiders (10)



for every show," senior Renee Pins (12) said. "Being dead tired at the end of those two days was worth it because we gave it everything we had and had a great time!"

Performers tapped, sang, and danced for 25 minutes. "We had so much adrenaline going and were having so much fun that in general it didn't really affect us," Harrison Guetzko (11) said. "We just enjoyed getting to finals knowing all our hard work paid off."

1. Pretending to be instruments, Tyler Casutt (11), Matt McMahon (10), Nolan Bernau (9), and Austin Sack (12) perform "Maybe My Baby."



2. Performing her solo, Kristina Herdrich (10) captivates the crowd. "I was a little nervous at first, but when you get on stage you kind of just forget about it," Herdrich said.



reaching for success.

3. At the Washington High School MoShow, Forté members entertain judges and their audience. Holding their end pose are Michaela Corkery (12), Megan Palmersheim (12), Renee Pins (12), Katie Scherbring (11), Hannah Finn (12), Emily Temeyer (11), and Caria Philgreen (11).



Competing at the State Show Choir competition, Christian Schneiders (10), Bergan Blommers (9), Renee Pins (12), and Ellen Kane (12) sing and dance to "42nd Street."



During the Crescendo set, Emma Kehrli (9), Leah Goebel (9), Samantha Carey (10), Kellie Monaghan (9), Alyssa Sellner (9), Emily Klein (9), and Hannah Straley (10) serenade their audience.



Tap dancing in front of the crowd, Harrison Guetzko (11) performs his solo.

Personality profiles be yourself.



Cooper Weeks (10)
Favorite Food: Ramen Noodles
Favorite TV Show: Pokémon
Favorite Color: Indigo
Unique Fact About You: I hate Funyons.



Stephanie Stocks (Staff)
Favorite Food: BBQ Ribs
Favorite TV Show: The Voice
Favorite Color: Purple
Unique Fact About You: I once had summer job building buses.



Josh Goodwin (11)
Favorite Food: Pizza Rolls
Favorite TV Show: Blue Mountain State
Favorite Color: White
Unique Fact About You: I can't get above 30 on Flappy Bird.



let the ag games begin.

1. Sliding past the cone, Nick Andregg (9) hustles to the halfway point of the tractor race. Andregg's team earned third place.

2. Preparing to start the horse race, Jasmine Ronnebaum (9) gets in her stance to gallop down the court.

3. During the first event of the Ag Olympics, Erin Buchheit (12), Hanna Koloc (11), and Cassie Eilers (10) carve the letters FFA out of butter. Buchheit won the contest for the seniors.

4. Kaitlyn Mangold (9) participates in the tire throwing contest. "It was intimidating watching people who threw the tire farther than I did," Mangold said. "But it was funny to watch their faces while they were throwing it."

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