

# Jazz Rating

## Jazz band hosts state competition

Third time's a charm applied as the state jazz competition finally happened Feb. 12 after being rescheduled twice.

"After getting postponed two times, it was a relief to finally get it done! Jazz I received a "I" rating, which was great! It was fun to perform with this new group of people," said sophomore **Macy Nossaman**.

Jazz I was awarded all I's from the judges and received 45, 47 and 48 of 50 from the three judges.

"I thought our performance was very good. Everything is leading towards jazz championships in April. We had a good set and made the soloists more confident in their parts," said junior **Colin Jones**.

"I'm really glad we finally got to play. I think it was our best performance so far, and I'm excited to see what else we can do together," said junior **Taryn Ernst**.

Jazz I will play in the Iowa Jazz Championships in April.

"I'm looking forward to Jazz Championships performance the most. The energy and focus of a group of musicians with the goal of playing to the best of their ability and keeping the art form of jazz alive in today's society is very electric. It is a very educational day and a lot of fun to perform for our largest audience of the year," said Director **Ben Thompson**.

Jazz II began the afternoon with its performance and received all II's from the judges.



Jazz I performs their set during the state jazz contest held in Pella. "We were all glad to have the state competition after it had been rescheduled a few times. Everyone played great and had a lot of fun," said senior **Aaron VanMaanen**. "The performance at state jazz was a lot of fun. The band has grown a lot, and we have some students really creating some great solos! This group is growing together and performing at a high level, as expected," Jazz I Director **Ben Thompson** said.



Junior **Sam Yeager**, alto saxophone, performs his solo during the state jazz band competition Feb. 12. "It is a real treat to get up and perform music for people. It is terrific to show my best through playing music and to share that with other people," said **Yeager**.



Sophomore **Taylor Fleener**, alto saxophone, performs her solo during the Jazz II ensemble. "Overall, I don't believe it was our best performance as a group, but I believe that all of us still had fun playing for the audience. That's what matters," said **Fleener**.



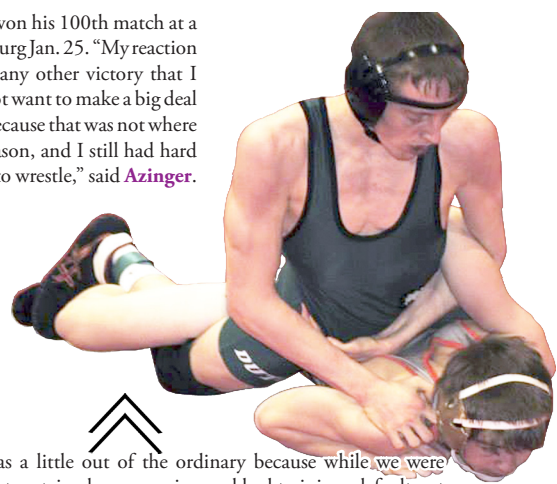
Senior **Levi Azinger** poses with the wrestling cheerleaders after securing his 100th win during the Williamsburg Tournament. "It was so great to see him finally achieve 100 wins. He has worked so hard every season, and it was wonderful to see it all pay off," said sophomore cheerleader **Tiffany Olson**.

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### Azinger grasp 100 wins

Senior **Levi Azinger** won his 100th match at a tournament in Williamsburg Jan. 25. "My reaction to the win was just like any other victory that I received this year. I did not want to make a big deal of the accomplishment because that was not where I wanted to finish the season, and I still had hard work and other matches to wrestle," said **Azinger**.



"My 100th win was a little out of the ordinary because while we were wrestling, my opponent sustained a concussion and had to injury default out of the match. It was not how I wanted to win the match, but we can't all get what we want," said senior **Levi Azinger**. He went on to win the tournament.

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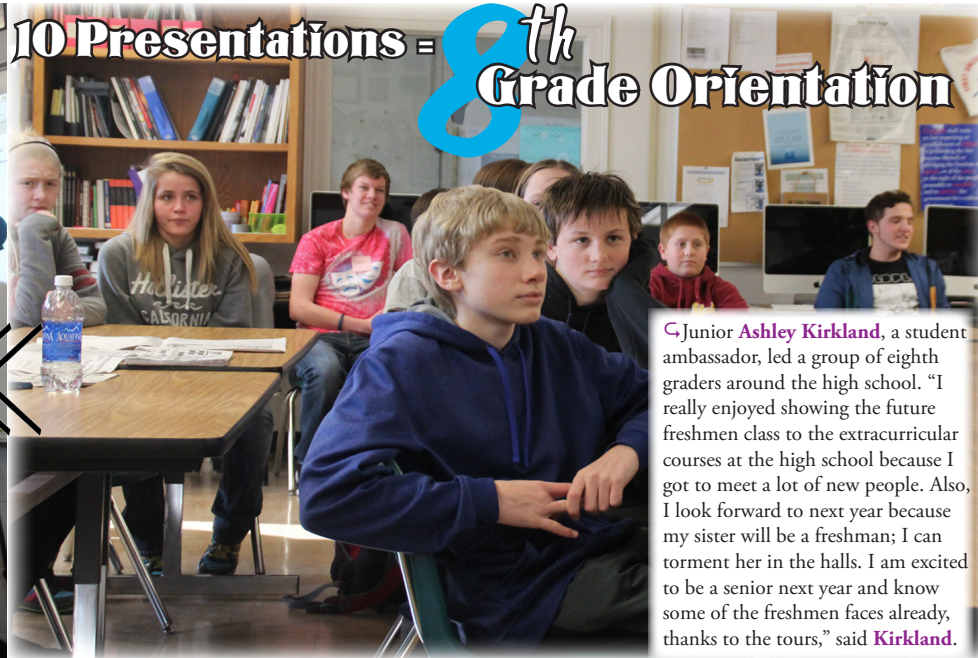
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# 160 Eighth Graders + 10 Presentations = 8th Grade Orientation



Senior **Bryce Bortscheller** presents various parts of publications to the eighth graders. "I enjoyed being the host because I feel like I had a lot of good things to say about PHS publications, and I had a good time interacting with the different stations and kids," said **Bortscheller**.



Junior **Ashley Kirkland**, a student ambassador, led a group of eighth graders around the high school. "I really enjoyed showing the future freshmen class to the extracurricular courses at the high school because I got to meet a lot of new people. Also, I look forward to next year because my sister will be a freshman; I can torment her in the halls. I am excited to be a senior next year and know some of the freshmen faces already, thanks to the tours," said **Kirkland**.

# Coaches vs. Cancer

## Foes come together to support a cause while playing basketball



Freshman **Katie Vander Molen** puts up a shot against the Eagles. "It was a really fun win because everyone contributed, and it was a team effort. Beating a rival also made the win so much better," said **Vander Molen**.



Junior **Seth Johnson** calls a play during the Pella vs. PC game. **Johnson** had 11 assists for the night. "It's always a good rivalry with PC, and it makes it fun that we all get to support cancer by wearing pink," said **Johnson**.

Little Dutch fans packed into the undersized Pella Christian High School gym to indulge in a basketball game between crosstown rivals.

The Lady Dutch started the night off right when a big 51-38 win against the Eagles. Freshman **Katie Vander Molen** led the way for the girls with 17 points, while junior **Jessica Holterhaus** came away with 15 rebounds.

The boys followed with an equally dominant performance, winning 71-59. Senior **Jordan Pingel** had 27 points for the night, while senior **Bryce Bortscheller** drained 17 points, 12 coming from his four three-point field goals.

"It was a good environment. The crowd was feeling it, I was feeling it, and we got the W," said **Pingel**.

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