

# Honor Band Festival

## Pella hosts annual honor band festival

“It was so fun getting to meet other people in the honor band!”  
- Sophomore  
**Lauren Kriegel**



“We all put in a lot of hard work, and it all came together beautifully!”  
- Sophomore  
**Trent Schippers**



“We practiced for about five hours the day of, and I think it went well. The practice paid off in the end!”  
- Sophomore  
**Sara Maakestad**



After intense practice the day of, the honor band was able to pull off a captivating festival hosted by Pella High Feb. 10.

At the festival, the students played four different songs. They learned and practiced these pieces prior to the festival a few times before and then that day.

“I thought our kids represented Pella High School very well,” said band director **Jason Pentico**.

The Honor Band Festival is a time for the schools to come together and display their “specialties” in their bands.

About 20 students from Pella were selected to perform. The students are nominated by the directors of their schools’ band programs, and the hosting directors then choose who will be performing.

The festival provides an opportunity for students to showcase their talent to their own classmates as well as a time for the students to get to know students from other schools and make new friends.

“I met Lauren from Norwalk. The next day at state jazz contest, I saw Lauren again. We were both excited to see each other!” said junior **Mandy Nossaman**.

The festival was also a chance for members to make new memories.

“The best part of the festival was eating lunch with [sophomores] **Lucia Martisovitsova** and **Taylor Fleener** because we ate in Mr. [Ben] Thompson’s office and had a nerd party,” said sophomore **Mackenzie Dugger**.

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## AcaPella masters performing at Dutch Masters



Senior **Tristan Miedema**

After countless hours of preparation, Pella show choir was ready to host the annual Dutch Masters show choir competition Feb. 21-22.

AcaPella captured the attention of the entire crowd with intricate routines, fantastic energy and amazing talent as they presented the competition’s finale Saturday night.

“Dutch Masters is a time where show choir nerds, including myself, can meet new people and cheer other groups on. It’s so fun to see all the different shows out there and what props and costumes they have,” said sophomore **Shanae Burch**.

Students decorated and prepared rooms quickly as weather cut their time short.

“Decorating the rooms is the best part. It shows the different schools we care a lot about them. Also, it’s a lot of fun to meet new kids and give feedback after performances,” said junior **Davis Vandesteeg**.



Senior **Tom Palmer**



Sophomore **Macy Nossaman**  
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Sophomores **Mike Roozeboom**, **Shanae Burch**, junior **Mason Van Gorp**

# Azinger, Petty represent at state



1. Junior Chase Petty begins his match against Southeast Polk for his second consecutive appearance at state. 2. Senior Levi Azinger wrestles Lewis Central in the first round of matches. 3. Coach Nathan Van Zante and Coach Kevin Azinger observe Petty and Azinger wrestling.

Despite opening round wins for both junior Chase Petty (126) and senior Levi Azinger (132), both wrestlers were unable to advance further in the state wrestling tournament held in Des Moines Feb. 20-22.

Petty said his second consecutive appearance at the state meet built on his first.

"I was very happy to win my first one [match]. I didn't do that last year," said Petty. "However, I was not satisfied with my finish. I really wanted to place, and I will hopefully be back next year to achieve my goal."

Petty ended the year with a 34-11 record.

Azinger, meanwhile, ended his year at 36-5 and his wrestling career with 111 wins while making his first stab at a state wrestling title.

"Finally accomplishing my dream of qualifying for the state tournament in my last year of high school is an indescribable feeling of joy and accomplishment," said Azinger.

The Wells Fargo Arena atmosphere was supported by friends, family, teammates and coaches.

"Finishing the season at state was a great accomplishment for both of them. They wrestled extremely well against tough competition all year. I am very proud of these two captains who showed great leadership throughout the season. I'm happy I got to share it with them!" said Coach Joe Burch.

**JUNIOR CHASE PETTY (126).** 1st Round: (126) Petty 33 - 9 vs. Jonah Williams (Southeast Polk) 33 - 12; Petty wins 6 - 5 on last second take-down. 2nd round: (126) Petty vs. Bryce Meyer (Fort Madison) - Meyer Wins 10 - 5. Cons. Round 2: (126) Petty vs. Jack Koethe (West Des Moines Valley) Koethe wins 3 - 1.

**SENIOR LEVI AZINGER (132).** 1st Round: Azinger 34 - 3 vs. Mac Southard (Lewis Central) 33 - 20 Azinger wins 6 - 0. 2nd round: (132) Azinger vs. Keegan Shaw (Southeast Polk) - Shaw wins 14 - 9. Cons. Round 2: (132) Azinger vs. Austin Hosch (Epworth, Western Dubuque) Hosch wins 3 - 2.

## Seniors hit the slopes for annual getaway

•Skiing •Fun •Tubing •Relaxing •Snowboarding •Laughs •Pictures •Excitement

"My friends and I learned how to ski for the first time, and now we're basically pros. Sledding was my favorite part ... it was such a great hill, and we were flying so fast on those cute little Zipfy Sleds."  
-Senior Faith VanWygarden



"It was an awesome time, and I'm so glad I got to share it with my classmates. Everyone was so supportive, even if you fell!"  
-Senior Sarah Muller



"The ski trip was a blast! My favorite part was the Zipfy Sleds. It was just really great to watch our grade come together for a day."  
-Senior Sierra Williams



Seniors Klaire Wisniewski, Alex Boots



"It was fun trying not to fall off the Zipfy sleds or crash into people, but it happened anyway."  
-Senior Kayla Bentz



"I really enjoyed the ski trip! My favorite part would have to be the Zipfy sleds; they went so fast, and it was a ton of fun!"  
-Senior Ami Armstrong



"It was really fun, and I liked learning how to ski. The only downside was the ski trip hangover the next day."  
-Senior Kaylyn Roose

## Someone to Know



### FRESHMAN KAYLEE BUTLER

Freshman Kaylee Butler used her creative edge to impact one of the most popular fashion trends at Pella High: shoes. Butler started painting shoes in October, but her company "Just for Kicks" launched in February.

"Ever since I did my first pair, a lot of people came up and told me that it was really cool! So, I made a pair for one of my friends for her birthday, and she loved them so I figured I could spread that

happiness with all the other people that wanted a pair," said Butler.

Butler had been painting on canvas before but was inspired by a video on Pinterest to expand her painting variety.

"I've already had a ton of support from all of my friends! I'm hoping people will custom order pairs of shoes, and my designs will be worn all around the school," said Butler.

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