



Boys' Soccer

Win over Oskaloosa kicks off season

A windy start to the boys' soccer game against Oskaloosa April 8 didn't sway Pella's style. "We came out right away and took the game to Oskaloosa, earning most of the chances on goal," said Coach **Mark Solomon**.

Pella had the lead going into halftime and kept it, scoring four more goals by the end of the game.

"In the second half, the missed opportunities that plagued the Dutch in the first half seemed to disappear a bit. We went on to control the tempo and possession of the game," said **Solomon**.

Pella only allowed Oskaloosa one goal before the game ended, leaving the score 5-1 with an overall 2-0 start to the season.

Junior **André Hernandez** said the season is off to a solid beginning.

"As a team, we've been playing really well, and we're off to a great start. I think this season has a lot to provide for us, and all of us are excited for this journey. We hope to accomplish helping each other improve individually and playing well as a team," said **Hernandez**.

Playing on the JV team against Oskaloosa, freshman **Ashton Messer** believes all aspects of the sport are important "Soccer is enjoyable and fun to be a part of, whether playing, on the bench or practicing," said **Messer**.

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LHC Art Stras wins Best of Show



Ten art students had a chance to show off their work at the Little Hawkeye Art Conference April 3 at Grandview College, Des Moines.

"We have a lot of talented students in our art department. I always look forward to the conference art day. It is great that our art students can show their work and they get to see what other students their age are doing," said art teacher **Julie Stratton**.

"It was cool to have my art judged by someone other than the art teacher," said freshman **Tatyana Khapochkina**, who received a first place blue ribbon for her acrylic painting "GoFish."

Senior **Ania Stras's** self-portrait "Can You See Me Now?" placed second in charcoal drawing and Best of Show in 2D art. "I never really considered myself as an artist, and I really started drawing only at the beginning of this year. It was a big surprise when Mrs. **Stratton** asked me if she could enter my self portrait in an art show and even a bigger one when I got placed second and won best in show! It was an amazing experience, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to live it here," said **Stras**.

Senior **CJ Davis-Kovarik's** pastel and color pencil drawing, "48 Years: A Portrait," received third place. For **Davis-Kovarik**, the art show exceeded his expectations. "It went better, than I was expecting because before we got into the building I dropped by piece on the ground and shattered the glass, but I still got third place. So, it turned out good in the end," said **Davis-Kovarik**.

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Sophomore
Lucia Martisovitsova

Q *What are your hobbies?*
“My hobbies are the internet, any instrument I can find, drawing, and, of course, video games.”

Q *Why do you like the arts so very much? What makes them important in your life?*
“I have a lot of time on my hands, so I draw a lot, especially during school. Sometimes I get carried away; that’s why it’s my hobby. I like music because music is an expression of all languages, and you can express things you could never in words.”

Q *When you draw or create music how do you feel?*
“I’ve never really thought of that, but I suppose it is like I have putty in my hands, and I can do whatever I want with it. If something doesn’t happen the way I want it to, in life, it doesn’t matter because I can make it happen with music or art.”

Q *When you grow up, do you want to do something that involves your talents?*
“I would not want to do something with my talents because fun should not mix with work, and mixing my hobbies with work would taint them.”



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Senior Tom Palmer performs at the Iowa Jazz Championships on the baritone saxophone. “I really had an awesome time in Jazz I this year because it was always a blast performing and practicing with the crew! There was never a down moment, and we were always jammin as hard as we could,” said Palmer.

Jazz I plays state Band places fourth overall

Jazz I has qualified for the Iowa Jazz Championships every year since it began, but the thrill of qualifying again was still a relief.

Jazz I learned and performed nine tunes for four festivals. They placed fourth of 15 bands in 3A at the Iowa Jazz Championships April 8.

“Our goal is not to win contests or bring home big trophies, but to work tooth and nail to keep an original American art form alive in our society,” said Director Ben Thompson.

“We did really well for how many new members we had this year. IJC was our best

performance all year, and I’m really proud of how far Jazz 1 came this year,” said junior Taryn Ernst.

Hanging out with all the members involved was one of the best parts for senior Shelby Pfitzenmaier.

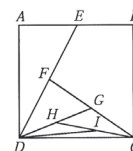
“Jazz Champs is my favorite competition because we spend the entire day together, which is fun, and you can make lots of memories. Usually we come out towards the top of the totem pole, which is just the extra icing on the cake,” said Pfitzenmaier.

Got Math?

Juniors place second in Little Hawkeye Math contest

Square $ABCD$ has an area of 4. E is the midpoint of AB . Similarly, $F, G, H,$ and I are the midpoints of $DE, CF, DG,$ and $CH,$ respectively. The area of $\triangle DC$ is

- A) $\frac{1}{4}$ B) $\frac{1}{8}$ C) $\frac{1}{16}$ D) $\frac{1}{32}$ E) $\frac{1}{64}$



Sixteen students had to calculate problems like the one above during the Little Hawkeye Math Competition at Central College April 9. Pella placed second overall.

Junior Jason Morgan said he liked seeing where he stands mathematically.

“The math competition was good to see where I measure up in comparison to other students in the conference,” said Morgan.

Juniors placed first place overall as Morgan was first, Tom Pettit, second, Hannah Smart, fourth, and senior Tanner Phelps, fifth.

Freshman Nick Bernhagen said math questions are appropriately named ‘problems,’ but that it was good to be challenged.

“The individual test was pretty difficult, but, overall, it was a fun experience,” said Bernhagen.

Sophomore Sara Tallman enjoyed testing herself while working in a group.

“I liked figuring out problems that I had no idea how to do, getting an answer that looked right,” said Tallman.

Answer: B) $\frac{1}{8}$ The answer is found by solving a series of triangle height equations. The area is 4, which means the base is 2. The shape is a square so the height of the triangle is 2, making the midpoint F, G, H, I, and I $\frac{1}{8}$.

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