MVAO 6th graders participate in Honor Band



Two MVAO Middle School students were selected to participate in the 2023 Strong Foundations Honor Band held at North High School in Sioux City on January 16. Arabella Ingram, clarinet, and Raylyn Kelm, trombone, performed with one of two 100-piece honor bands comprised of 6th grade instrumentalist from the Siouxland area.

All participants were selected from nominations submitted by their school band directors. The honor band concluded with a concert at 6 p.m. in the North High School Auditorium after a full day of rehearsals.

The Strong Foundations Honor Band is in its tenth year of existence. It was conceived by Sioux City Schools band director Stacie Pepin with the mission to provide an opportunity for young instrumental musicians to have an excellent ensemble experience in a positive, friendly environment without competition or unnecessary stress, while working with outstanding music educators.

This year's honor bands were under the direction of Mr. Jason Rygg, band director from Sioux Falls Schools and Ms. Jeana Larson, band director at Bishop Heelan.

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Nominations now being accepted for 2023 Governor's Volunteer Awards

Volunteer Iowa is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Awards; entry deadline is April 17 at 6 p.m.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program, established in 1982, provides an easy way for organizations to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, statelevel recognition award. Three award categories are available: Individual, Group,

and Length of Service.

Award recipient information can be submitted using one of the following methods:

-All organizations (including state government agencies) submit information, and the handling fee (\$15 per nomination) directly through Volunteer Iowa in an online nomination form. Organizations will be able to submit the handling fee

-State agencies will submit nominations through the same online form. Invoicing will be handled separately. (Staff of state government agencies must submit nominations through their agency's coordinator.)

Nominations are accepted from: City governments, community colleges, county governments, federal government units operating

in Iowa, Iowa MENTOR certified programs, K-12 schools (public and parochial), national service programs operating in Iowa (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors), nonprofit and charitable organizations, private colleges and universities, non-state government organizations.

To learn more, please visit volunteeriowa.org.

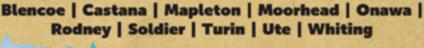




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National FFA Week page that featured group FFA picture, pictures of different FFA activities and "What has FFA taught you?" answers from the officers.

The judge's comment was "I love the use of yellow and blue colors of FFA. The layout of the page was very pleasing."

The timeline of the Under the Son Childcare Center was second in the Best Use of Graphics. It featured information and pictures of the process in starting the childcare center.

"This was a nicely done graphic -- clear, clean, and easy to follow with a lot of good information,"were the judge's comments.

Comes received third place in Best Ad Designer. The portfolio she submitted including First Security Bank's Open House, Mapleton's 4th of July Celebration, along with ads featuring community events and local businesses.

The judge's comment was "Overall great ads and show of community/local businesses."





The Mapleton Press received second place in the Best Advertising Idea for a Community Promotion or Event for its National FFA Week page.

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Under the Son Childcare Benefit Auction Event

> Saturday, March 4 at Schleswig Community Building

6-7PM: Social Hour & Snacks 7-8PM: Catered Meal by Staley's 6-8PM: Silent Auction 8PM: Live Auction begins

Advance Tickets: \$40/each (before 2/26/23) or \$45 at the door.

To participate, any business or individual may donate an item of their choice. Donations due 2/25/23.

Proceeds go towards the center's operating costs.

Center Director: Stacy Jepsen (712-676-3883) Board Members: Mike Goodin, Maria Valdez, Taylor Neubauer, Jaden Schug, Laura Ernst, Anne Abbe, Cody Bremser

