



# NOTABLES

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March 2014

## Upcoming Events:

### *Prairie High School:*

March 8, NEIBA District Jazz Festival  
April 3, Solo/Ensemble Recital Concert  
April 4, Curtain Call

### *Prairie Point:*

March 10 and 11, Musical, Once Upon a Mattress  
April 3, Solo/Ensemble Recital Concert (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Point presents the musical, Once Upon a Mattress, on March 10 and 11 at 7 pm in the HS Theater. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

### *Prairie View:*

March 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

### *Prairie Crest:*

March 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

(See *pages 2 and 3* for Accolades, Honor Band and Honor Choir members)

## **SPRING FRUIT AND CANDY SALE**



**REMINDER:** Please remember to pick up your orders on March 12 and 13 from 2 PM – 8 PM at the High School Study Halls. Orders **MUST** be picked up during this time because of spring break.

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:***

- If you are available to help with the order delivery on March 12 and 13 during any of the delivery times and/or if you are able to help on March 11 and March 12 from 7 AM – 9 AM unloading from the delivery trucks
- Please contact Maureen Rompot at [mrompot22@gmail.com](mailto:mrompot22@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Concerts:

### *Prairie High School:*

March 13, Mid-Winter Choral Concert

## *Did you know...*

Prairie Creek Bands hosted the fourth annual “Young Musicians Honor Band” on Saturday, February 22. Over 360 selected instrumentalists from fifty schools participated in the honor band! The event was comprised of two levels of bands, first and second year players. One of the guest conductors was Amy Sams, band director from Prairie Point. Students had a fun day of rehearsals, sectionals, lunch, team-building, activities, culminating with a concert. Directors sight-read lots of new young band music and performed a concert for the students. The honor band is a great extension opportunity for select Creek students, and financially supports the Creek band program. **Thank you** to the many Creek band parents who volunteered to help make the honor band day a success!

## **WHAT IS PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION ALL ABOUT?**

Are you interested in helping support the Prairie Music Association? To find out what we do, join us at our next meeting. We are planning for the remaining events of this school year and starting to prepare for the 2014-2015 school year.

## Upcoming Prairie Music Association Meetings

March 11, 2014

April 8, 2014

All meetings are at 7:00 PM and are held in the High School Band Room.

## WAY TO GO!

A school record-tying 15 Prairie High School students participated in the University of Iowa Honor Band on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The 15 students that represented Prairie High School were: Calyn Gimse, Malcolm Johnson, Josh Kacena, Kathryn Langenberg, Mark Northup, Abby Rubsam, Anna Rubsam, Nathanael Smale, Tori Solbrig, Jacob Sprengeler, Camille Boman, Annabelle Fewell, Blake Keating, Josh Piering, and Paul Danker.



## WAY TO GO!

Sixteen students from Prairie Creek Choirs were selected to participate in The East Central Iowa Choral Director's Association Children's Honor Choir Festival in Marion at Linn-Mar Auditorium on February 21st. Guest director was Tanya Rosenkranz. Those students honored from Mrs. Diane Miller's choir were: Arnav Bhushan, Eian Gatewood, Cameron Childs, Cole Frazee, Josephine Miller, Sydney Gaddis, Nicole Sullivan and Ramsey Tucker. Those students honored from Ms. Lauren Fladland's choir were Dalyn Pedersen, Samuel Waldron, Carson Frazee, Zachary Rosenberger, Jacy Werning, Maude Heft, Natalie Wicks and Teegin Akers. The students spent the day perfecting five vocal pieces with almost 200 other students and performed a concert to a full house later that evening.



## WAY TO GO!

On Sunday, April 6, the Prairie High School Band program will be well represented by FIFTEEN outstanding members who were selected for participation in the annual **Coe College "SENIOR HONOR BAND" Festival!** These students are:

Camille Boman	Junior	French Horn
Jamie Crispin	Senior	Clarinet
Kaitlin Gregerson	Junior	Clarinet
Malcolm Johnson	Senior	Bassoon
Victoria Marshall	Senior	Alto Saxophone
Brianna McAtee	Junior	Flute/Piccolo
Brycen Meyer	Senior	Baritone
Alex Mixon	Sophomore	French Horn
Nick Moffitt	Junior	Baritone
Mark Northup	Senior	Alto Saxophone
Abby Rubsam	Senior	Flute
Anna Rubsam	Senior	Clarinet
Jacob Sprengeler	Senior	Trumpet
Katelynn Steele	Senior	Clarinet
Sebrina Webster	Junior	French Horn

The Prairie Point Band program will be represented by six freshmen selected to be in the **Coe College "SENIOR HONOR BAND" Festival.** These students are:

Amanda Happel	Flute
Alex Tjelmeland	Oboe
Emily Northup	Clarinet
Abby Murdock	Trumpet
Adam Tiedeman	Trombone
Alyssa Tiedeman	Trombone

The Prairie Point Band program will be represented by eleven 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders selected to be in the **Coe College "JUNIOR HONOR BAND" Festival.** These students are:

Karly Bandy	Flute
Blair Bell	Percussion
Kyle Cook	French Horn
Kate Flaherty	French Horn
Eady Forrest	Bassoon
Ashley Kientoff	Tuba
Abigail Tiedeman	Trombone
Kinnaly Baccam	Flute
Mitchell Baccam	Clarinet
Hannah Roltget	Alto Saxophone
Chloe Wagner	Clarinet

## WAY TO GO!

CONGRATULATIONS to Prairie's show choirs for another fine showing at the Great River Show Choir Invitational in Davenport on Saturday, February 22! Our prep show choir, **Focal Point**, won 2nd place in the prep division. The **Ambassadors** were named Grand Champion and won caption awards for Best Band and Best Choreography.



The Prairie Show Choirs wrapped up their competitive season on Saturday, March 1 with outstanding performances at Kennedy. Focal Point placed 5th in the very competitive prep division. The Ambassadors finished 1st Runner-Up and also claimed caption awards for Best Crew, Best Costumes, Most Creative Song, and Ashley Anderson was selected as the Most Outstanding Instrumentalist of the entire day. Congratulations! The show choirs will perform one final time at Curtain Call on April 4th.

## WAY TO GO!

Prairie Point 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade jazz bands participated in the Coe Jazz Festival on Friday, February 21. Both received exemplary remarks from the clinicians.

**Update on the truck fundraiser!** As of February 27, 2014 we have received \$6,925 in individual donations and one Gold Baton donation from Cassill Motors of \$5,000. We need a total of \$37,500 to reach our goal for the truck to pull the trailer. Please consider a donation to this important purchase for our music programs.

Donations can be sent to:  
Prairie Music Association  
c/o Theresa Blong, Treasurer  
2761 Royal Oaks Dr. NW  
Swisher, IA 52338

## WAY TO GO!

The following 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students represented Prairie Creek at the "Young Musicians Honor Band" held at Prairie High School on Saturday, February 22. Congratulations!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sammy Bodkins, Daniel Hollinger, Curtis Graham, Ryan Kiser, Ayva Bohr, Ashley Lappin, Kaitlyn Sellon, Logan Kalous, Annka Peterson, Sami Benson, Allyson Ciha, Emma Hayes, Jessica Morris, Sydney Hoffmann, Hadley Howell, Andrew Boelter, Josie Dalton, Amanda Grimm, Jared Kelly, Isabella Herdiska, Nate Keiper, Kaleb Lane, Chloe Ovel, Shalyee Supanioski, Ethan Anderson, and Suho Kim

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lance Gustafson, Jake DeGroot, Angie Knies, Olivia Ruby, MaKenna Bevins, Megan Fear, Maude Heft, Maddie Smith, Maddie Rigdon, Natalie Wicks, Isabella Koch, Grace Prull, Alec Brockmeyer, Ryan Neubauer, Toby Rath, Zach Hilleman, Ramsey Tucker, Colin Brockmeyer, Jonathan Keiper, Sid McCrea, and Luka Elges

## WAY TO GO!

On Friday, February 21, forty-eight students represented Prairie High School in contest performances with Jazz I and Jazz II.

Jazz I started the day with an exciting performance at the annual "Tallcorn Jazz Festival" hosted by the University of Northern Iowa. This is one of the oldest festivals of its kind in the entire United States, and Prairie High School Jazz I finished in 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the prestigious Class 4A competition.

Later that afternoon, Jazz I traveled to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, and met up with the members of Prairie's Jazz II, where both competed in the annual Coe College "Jazz Summit" competition. Jazz II finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in its respective category, and Jazz I finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the top Class 4A field. Two adjudicators evaluated and ranked each band's performance, and then offered a clinic/critique session following each performance.