



Sophomores **Courtney Chaplin, Blake Recker, Colton** = cram for the quiz portion of the competition. "The Quiz Bowl was a really fun experience, because I got to challenge my knowledge of the language," said **Chaplin**.



Sophomores **Grayson Parisee, Nick Grandia,** and junior **Bridget Bortscheller** prepare for their competition. They were in Spanish 3. "Everyone who went is excited for next year!" said **Parisee**.



Junior **Elizabeth VanWeelden** and sophomore **Drew Hillman** perform their skit. Their skit was about Queen Letizia and her disappearance. "The Quiz Bowl was a lot of fun because we had a really awesome group," said **VanWeelden**.



Junior **Ben Hones** helps lead the tongue twisters with students from other schools in Iowa. "The Quiz Bowl was fun because I got to speak Spanish with my friends," said **Hones**.

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Members of Pella High's Jazz 1 competed at the Iowa Jazz Championships on April 5. This event was held at Iowa State University. Jazz 1 played "Love For Sale," "Theme Without a Movie," "Blue Miles," and "Black Orpheus."

Junior **Levi Dugger** said, "Our song called 'Blue Miles' went quite well, which made it a really fun time."

Jazz 1 performed in the daytime show and nighttime show.

"Both performances were really good. We made it to the night show and played after Harlen, which was my favorite part," said senior **Elise Beukelman**.

For the nighttime show,

they played their lineup of songs again to compete for first place against Harlen.

"The finals performance was even better than the daytime, and I was having so much fun listening to how great the bands were," said senior **Erica Nosaman**.

After all the evening performances had finished, it was time for awards. Pella Jazz took second place.

Later, it was announced **Dugger** and junior **Hanna Blom** were recognized as best performers in their class. Sophomore trumpet, **Annaleigh Babcock**, received the award for the best performer overall.



Iowa Jazz

Spanish Quiz Bowl

The 2018 Spanish Quiz Bowl was held at Central College on April 10. It is an event organized by Central College and AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese). Students from Spanish 2, Spanish 3, and Spanish 4 competed against other students from all over Iowa. Spanish teacher, **Paloma Soria**, believes it is beneficial for students.

"The Quiz Bowl is another way to challenge students, and this time is by practicing their language skills in the target language, Spanish," said **Soria**. "They demonstrate teamwork as they prepare for different activities that include reading, writing, speaking and listening."

// Junior **Hanna Blom**, freshman **Abigail Adrian**, sophomore **Lin Nikkel**, and junior **Zec Schraub**en blast their saxophones during their performance at All-State Jazz Championships. The competition was held in Ames. "Jazz champs is by far one of the best things about jazz band because we work hard all year to get there," said **Blom**.



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Championships



//Sophomore **Antony Adolfson** displays his graffiti art.

Focus on Antony Adolfson

Sophomore **Antony Adolfson** is a new student to Pella High. He moved to Pella from Aberdeen, South Dakota in January.

"Pella has been interesting. It's a more welcoming community than where I used to be; Pella has a much better vibe."

He creates graffiti art and continues to take classes on graffiti art in Des Moines.

"Graffiti got me out of a really hard time personally; graffiti can help a lot of people that have had a harsh upbringing. That is what Asphat (a graffiti art instructor) is about, helping a lot of kids that have had a harsh upbringing and allowing them to express themselves through art."

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