

NHS students lead centers at Johnston



Last Monday, National Honor Society members used their leadership skills to provide meaningful activities for first and second grade students at Johnston Elementary while the grade-level teachers worked on curriculum needs. Above: Colin Wendt assists a student on an art project. In back is Ms. Crumpton answering a question. Right: Amanda Engleken helps a student at one of the center.



Changes in WIN to start Dec. 7

After receiving feedback from students and graduates about WIN, Mr. Tuetken initiated conversations with student council leaders about changes for intervention time.

Beginning on Wednesday, December 7, MV will begin a WIN incentive that affect seniors. Each Wednesday after the D and F list has been created and sent to teachers, Pam will also send a list of those seniors who will need to report to WIN. If a senior does not have a D or an F at that time, he or she will not have to report to WIN. Instead the eligible senior can report to the study hall room to work with other seniors on class work or report to the gym to relax.

The eligibility period runs weekly from Wednesday to Wednesday.

If the senior is on the Restrictive list due to a deficiency, the student is not eligible for this incentive during that three-

week time period.

Student body president Amanda Fortman said she is pleased with this change. "Students have been wanting it for a while."

Senior class president and student council member Brianna Mensen noted a benefit is allowing students more freedom.

"It will allow seniors to go wherever they need to immediately instead of waiting for announcements and the WIN list," stated Mensen. "It will also provide an easier way for students to find time to work on group projects together."

Mr. Tuetken and Mr. Kudrna will take roll and cover the gym and study hall room.

This change does affect underclassmen. Since Mr. Kudrna will not be in the library, one of the WIN instructors will have to go to the library with students if they need to work from there. If it is a gym

day and there is only one instructor in the WIN classroom, students will not be able to go to the library unless the teachers decide to take the class to the library.

Mr. Tuetken noted that this incentive does not allow the senior student to leave campus for lunch. MV's lunch policy will remain the same. If the student has a medical appointment he or she can check out to attend that appointment. The student will need to remember to return with the appointment card. The eligible students will need to report to the SH or gym. They can not go to other rooms or areas in the building.

Mr. Tuetken stated that if this change goes well, juniors will be granted this privilege at the start of the second semester.

Sports Connection

Girls basketball team starts season off with two wins

The girls basketball team is heating up the court as they begin their season with two dominant wins.

On Nov. 22 the girls traveled to Clinton to Prince of Peace for their first game and earned a 61-10 victory.

"It was a great way to open the 2016 - 2017 season," stated Coach Moenck. "Any time you can get a win on the road it's a good thing, especially when you have to drive almost two hours to do it. I thought we were focused before the game. There was a lot of talking between the girls in the locker room before the game about things they needed to do. That's always nice to hear."

The Wildcats kept Prince of Peace scoreless in the first quarter and only allowed them three points in the first half.

Eleven athletes scored in this game. Sam Wall was the top scorer with 18 points. Brianna Mensen added nine, and Gracie Gellerson put up seven. Caitlin Schuman had five points.

Mensen led in rebounds with seven, and she had two blocks and seven assists. Maci Freiburger, Gellerson, Pey-

ton Ries and Abby Holtz each had four rebounds.

Caitlin Schuman had seven steals.

"I was really pleased how hard we played in this game," stated Coach Moenck. "I thought we really competed. We have a long ways to go but it was a very good starting point. This group comes to practice every day wanting to get better. They have been a lot of fun to coach."

The team hosted Central City this Tuesday and won 77-35.

"I was so proud of our effort to start this game," stated Coach Moenck. "Our energy level from all 17 girls that dress varsity has simply been amazing to say the least. That is a huge reason why we're getting off to such great starts."

"Girls we're flying around on defense and getting loose balls," noted Coach Moenck. "It was really fun to watch. We're also passing the ball really well as a team. We seem to always be making the extra pass for a better shot. The second half was a different story. I really felt we let our guard down, especially on defense. We didn't guard well in all facets of the game."

"This group comes to practice every day wanting to get better. They have been a lot of fun to coach."

—Coach Moenck

That has to get better. I have been doing this a long time and when you don't guard you usually don't rebound well. They both seem to go hand and hand. Those were two big areas of concern for the coaching staff after the game. We have a long ways to go and there is a lot of improvement to be made, but we're 2 and 0 and that's a good feeling."

The Wildcats take on Ed-Co at home this evening.

Boys basketball commences season with a home victory

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back, Wildcats! If you didn't know already, basketball season is now in full swing after the boys competed in their first game this Tuesday. They played at home against the Central City Wildcats. The final score was 61-43, a win for our boys!

"We played fairly well defensively. We didn't get into any foul trouble and we have more depth this season if we do," said Coach Dunlap. He also commented on how the defense played smarter and moved their feet.

The top scorers of this game were Clint Krapfl, Trevor Elgin and Brock Hillers. Clint scored a total of 17 points. Trevor scored a total of 16 points while Brock

scored a total of 13 points. "Clint Krapfl had a great game scoring and Trevor Elgin came off the bench and went 5-6 from the 3 point line," Coach Dunlap stated.

Shooting wise, the boys did excellent. Brock Hillers made 4 of 7 free throws with a percentage of 57.1%. Clint Krapfl also did great with free throws, making 7 of 8, with a percentage of 87.5%. Trevor Elgin did very well all night. First in 2-point field goals, he made 5 of 7, with a percentage of 71.4%. Also in 3-point field goals, making 5 of 6, with a percentage of 83.3%.

The top rebounders of the game were Jacob Bonert, Clint Krapfl and Tyson Tucker. Jacob had a total of 11 rebounds. Clint had a total of 7 rebounds. Tyson had a total of 5 rebounds. "Jacob Bonert had

11 rebounds and was Mr. Hustle all night," said Coach Dunlap.

"The first half was close for both teams," said Coach Dunlap. He continued, "We were within a point or two of each other the entire half. We had numerous kids come off the bench and contribute from scoring like Trevor or playing solid defense and doing things right. Garrett Hogan was out due to an injury sustained during practice last week. We hope to get him back this week."

The boys' next game will be tonight against Ed-Co on our home court. Come out and support your Wildcat Boys!

what's up!

by McKenzie Lansing

What are you most looking forward to for winter/snow?

Ty Domeyer- Snowmobiling
Jordyn Kemp- It being gone
Carson Wright- Cancellations
Madison Ott- Christmas
Pablo Ostos- Not the cold
Hannah Clemen- Snowboarding
Brody Severt- Christmas
Garrett Hogan- Snowmobiling
Emma Hill- Christmas break
Dylan Happel- My birthday
Mrs. Richter- Snow days
Michael Feldmann- Hunting

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nicholas Chen

You have done well academically first semester. What are your keys to success? For me, the key to success would have to be doing your best, because it's one thing you can definitely do for anything.



What class do you enjoy most? I enjoy every class that I have, but if I were to choose one class it would have to be vocal music class. I get to sing, which I love doing, I get to be with my friends when I sing, and it's just truly awesome for me.

What study habits would you encourage your peers to use? I say there is no one good study habit for a person. I could say I do this to study and it might or it might not work for you. You just have to make sure that whatever it is that you're doing it isn't stalling or procrastinating to do your work. I can say this though, if you don't like studying then make it easier on yourself and study bits at a time, because it will help. That's all I have to say and thanks for nominating me.

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Brittany Hines
Activity: Fall musical

Although the musical is over, the memory of it still lives on. What memories do you most appreciate from this year's musical? The thing that still lives on is all the people I



talked to that I usually never would have if I wasn't in the musical. I remember one show when Megan Beaman wasn't feeling well and she said she didn't want to poop her pants on stage. I died laughing

You stepped up to fill another cast member. How did you prepare for the role? I just did the best I could and made sure I was always there and making sure I asked a lot of questions.

What musical do you hope MV performs next fall? A DISNEY MOVIE!!!!!!!

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Gobble, gobble, here are some Thanksgiving facts:

- Instead of serving turkey at the first Thanksgiving they served deer or venison, ducks, geese, and fish.
- There were no forks at the first Thanksgiving, they only ate with knives, spoons, and their hands.
- In 2011 Minnesota produced 46.5 million turkeys, making it the top turkey-producing state in America.
- Every year the president pardons one turkey which makes sure it is never killed for a Thanksgiving celebration.
- Thanksgiving was celebrated for three days.
- Male turkeys are called Toms.
- The average turkey weighs 16 pounds.
- The turkey was almost the USA national bird.
- About 12% of people don't eat turkey on Thanksgiving.
- The Macy's Day Parade started in the 1920's.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Sam Wall
Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? Guard
What do you enjoy most about basketball? Being with my teammates and intense and competitive basketball games



How does this year's team differ from past teams? We make up for the things that we lack and we have a lot of energy.
What's your favorite drill in practice? one-more drill

What's your least favorite drill? Jersey defense
How do you mentally prepare for the game? listen to music, pre-game talks "Sammy continues to work hard every day in practice and on her own to get better. She is a great teammate and she and her team are off to a great start to the season." —Coach Moenck

Name: Clint Krapfl
Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? I play the post position.

What do you enjoy most about basketball? There's nothing better than getting buckets.

How does this year's team differ from past teams? We have a lot of chemistry this year and everyone clicks. We are all great friends and we have experience playing with each other and we all have a positive mindset.
What's your favorite drill in practice? Three on two.

What's your least favorite drill? Lane rebounding
How do you mentally prepare for the game? I usually dance in the locker room and talk to all the guys.
What's the best motivational song out right now? "All That I Know" by Moosh and "Twist" Ft. Hoodie Allen



Meet the Freshmen



Jordyn, Emma, Cloie, Morgan & Derek

Name: Derek Becker
 Siblings: Dalton Becker
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, Football, Wrestling, Track, Baseball
 Favorite subject: English/Social Studies
 Career aspirations: something in sports or farming
 Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Farming, Trapping
 Something cool about you: I'm athletic and I'm very friendly, so easy to make friends with.

Name: Morgan Hermanson
 Siblings: Devin, Mason, Livia
 Activities you plan to be in: Football, Track
 Favorite subject: Science
 Career aspirations: Architectural Engineer
 Hobbies: Hanging with Friends
 Something cool about you: I can be a grouch in a heartbeat.

Name: Emma Jones
 Siblings: Taylor, Haylee, Dani
 Activities you plan to be in: NA
 Favorite subject: Science
 Career aspirations: Vet
 Hobbies: being outside, swimming
 Something cool about you: Love/Hate relationship with school.

Name: Jordyn Kemp
 Siblings: Bryant Meyer-Kemp - 12th, Chance Kemp - 8th
 Activities you plan to be in: Drama/Play, Large Speech, Track, Softball
 Favorite subject: Spanish/Science
 Career aspirations: Orthopedic Surgeon
 Hobbies: Reading, going on walks, Netflix/Tumblr
 Something cool about you: I work at Fareway in Monticello.

Name: Cloie Wilson
 Siblings: Lukas, Lawson, Chris, Chaim, and BrieAnna Nielson
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, XC, Dance, Play, and Musical
 Favorite subject: History
 Career aspirations: Elementary Teacher
 Hobbies: babysitting, going to the cabin
 Something cool about you: My eyes change color sometimes.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Design 109 heats up the press



Design 109, the Family and Consumer Science department's printing business, has had a busy week. This week, they have printed, sorted, and delivered over 170 items, mainly wrestling and cross country clothing items. The money raised from this business is used to purchase equipment for the department, such as thread, stabilizers, or pizza ovens, or to fund field trips. Above: Mrs. Downs applies a transfer for a wrestling shirt.

TEL promotes GASO

by Emma McDowell

On Nov. 17 MV TEL raised awareness about smoking by participating in the Great American Smokeout. GASO is held on the third Thursday of every November. This is its 41st annual Great American Smokeout day. During GASO, smokers are encouraged to stop smoking for a day. It's a big step in living a healthier life. For the 36.5 million adults in America who smoke, it's difficult to stop. Encouraging them to participate in GASO could lead to a reduced risk of health problems in the future. Smokers have a greatly increased risk of cancer and preventable diseases.

Nurse Mary organized GASO activities for MV. Here's what she has to say about GASO:

Why is GASO so important?

I believe that the American Cancer Society sets aside this day as a way of encouraging smokers to stop for just one day. Hopefully by not smoking for one whole day, smokers will realize that if they made it through one day, they can make it through another and another. It is also a time for loved ones to encourage smokers in their life to do the same, or at least set a plan in motion.

How can students get involved in GASO?

The GASO is held the third Thursday in November every year. The best way for students to be involved is to spread the word...signage, announcements, talking with smokers in their lives to quit or make a plan to stop.

What plans does TEL have in the future?

As far as TEL's plans, we will continue to make announcements and signage, hopefully we talk on the radio again, and I am open to suggestions from the group for other suggestions.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

If a chicken laid 14 eggs, 1 rotten, and the farmer took 8 of them and then another chicken laid 12 eggs, 4 rotten, how many eggs were left?

Answer: 18

Best Buds



Angel Rumbo & Alex McCusker

by Nichole Winter

How did you meet?

Alex: We became really good friends in 8th grade when we had every class to get her except for two.

Angel: We used to be saxophone buddies in 5th grade band.

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Alex: Probably going to Culver's or improv

Angel: Rant about our other friends

What is your snap streak?

78 and going very strong

Nicknames?

Alex: Angel Fangel

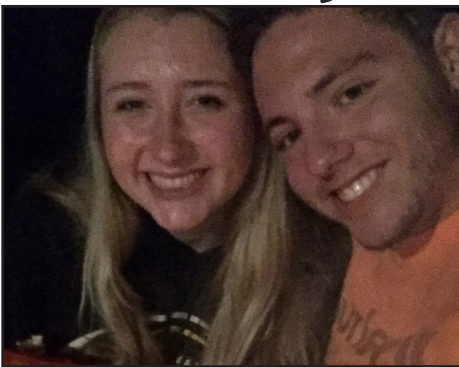
Angel: Any insult known to man

What do you like about each other?

Alex: He's got a pretty good Morgan Freeman impression.

Angel: *Thinks hard* His mom is hilarious.

Cutest Couple



Gracie Gellersen & Brody Sevart

by Rebekah Hill

Have long have you two been dating?

2 months

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Gracie: Go on fun dates.

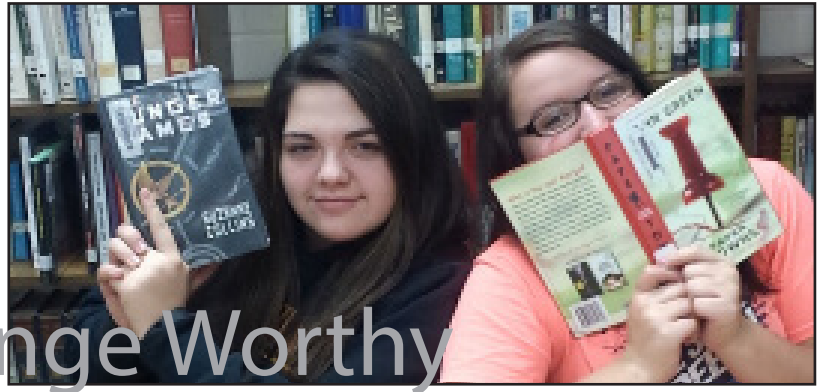
Brody: Cuddle

Who initiated the relationship? Gracie

What is your favorite thing about each other?

Gracie: How well he treats me.

Angel: She's an angel.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

Scars to Your Beautiful sung by Alessia Cara: This is an empowering song about how everyone is perfect just the way they are. It talks about some people think they need to change their appearance or the way they act to fit in what the world wants them to be. Alessia sings about how we are beautiful they are. Anyone who ever forgets they are amazing need to listen to this song. "You don't have to change a thing, the world could change its heart."

Rebekah:

The Way I Used to Be by Amber

Smith: Eden is a freshman in high school and she is looking forward to the next four years of her life. That is until she is raped. This story follows Eden's life after she is raped throughout her four years in high school. It shows her inner and outer struggles, her mini triumphs, and her war that she can only face alone. This story does an amazing job of showing the effects of such abuse and is a chilling story.

If He Had Been With Me by Laura

Nowlin: Autumn is one of the outcast while Finny is one of the populars, however it was a different story in elementary school. During elementary Autumn and Finny were inseparable, they did everything together. Through middle school and high school they drifted apart, and both of them thought for different reasons. As high school comes to a close, they begin to be friends again and we learn each of their points of view on the situation. A story of love, loss, happiness, and sadness. A book that I would recommend to just about anyone.

Heaven Everywhere sung by Francesca

Battistelli: Christmas is coming closer and that means that Christmas music will be playing everywhere. One of my favorite Christmas songs (introduced to me this year by Mrs. Mueller) is Heaven Everywhere. It is an amazing song that talks about the powers of the holidays and the effects that it can have on the world. A beautifully written and sung song.

Amanda:

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

play by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne, and John Tiffany: Now when starting this book I knew I would like it simply because it is continuing on one of my favorite book world and characters. However I was a bit sceptical when it came to reading this because it is written in the format of a play. BUT LET ME REASSURE YOU IT WAS SO WORTH THE READ. I absolutely loved Albus and Scorpius, their friendship and adventures are what truly made me love this book. This story is full of surprises, exciting new characters, and also the character we have grown up loving. This is definitely a book to read if you a fan of Harry Potter or if you just want a good book to read

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find

Them: Keeping with the Harry Potter theme this week. This movie follows the magical writer Newt Scamander as he enters New York and sets on an adventure of a lifetime. This movie is set seventy years before Harry Potter. Newt works with all magical creatures. His short trip to the U.S. to set an animal free turns into a bigger adventure when the creatures in his case get loss. With the help of some American magicians and a muggle he must round up his animals before they are caught and destroyed. But him and his companions find more than they bargained for. This movie is a lover for all Harry Potter fans and anyone who wants to get a start into the magical world. Also, what can beat Eddie Redmayne as a lovable yet awkward magical creature extraordinaire.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

opinions, ideas and random thoughts from the staff of *The Wildcat Echo*



A appreciative meow to Caitlin Schuman, Lea Ries, Nichole Winter, Clint Krapfl, Kendra Ries and Rebekah Hill who volunteered to speak with the freshmen about study skills and the importance of working hard in classes every year.



A meow to the start of winter sports. The varsity teams are all undefeated as of today. Woot woot!



A furball to the JV boys locker room being messy most every day.



A furball to the cold weather moving in. Bring on the winter coats.



A meow to the dance team for its great finish at state.



A welcome back meow to Mr. Hadley who just returned from the Middle East.



A get well meow to Mrs. Mausser.



A happy birthday meow to Mrs. DeVore today and Mrs. Spellerberg tomorrow.

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Birthday Shoutouts!

by **Chance Downs**

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

12/4- Jenna Nefzger

by **Brody Severt**

Well Wildcats,

President-elect Donald Trump is waiting to take office this upcoming year. There has been a lot of controversy on whether he will be an adequate president. This election was very close with the popular vote.

Many people also chose not to vote for a candidate but to vote against one. That's why this week's issue of Hall Smarts is about the new president to be and the election. This week's contestants are Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Besler, Mr. Drew and Susan because so few of us can vote.



Which candidate won the popular vote?

Mrs. Richter: Hillary Clinton

Mrs. Besler: Clinton

Mr. Drew: Hillary Clinton

Susan: That's debatable because I've heard both sides

Answer: Clinton

Trump wants to build a what?

Mrs. Richter: A stupid wall

Mrs. Besler: a wall

Mr. Drew: crimeinally a wall

Susan: a wall

Answer: Wall

Which candidate won Iowa?

Mrs. Richter: Trump

Mrs. Besler: Trump

Mr. Drew: Trump

Susan: Trump

Answer: Trump

What is the traditional presidential salary?

Mrs. Richter: \$400,000

Mrs. Besler: \$400,000

Mr. Drew: \$400,000

Susan: well I thought it was \$100,000, but now it's \$400,000

Answer: \$400,000

Who is Trump's vice president?

Mrs. Richter: Pence

Mrs. Besler: Nota Cluepence

Mr. Drew: Terry Branstad

Susan: Pence

Answer: Pence

Totals: Mrs. Richter: 5; Mrs. Besler: 5; Mr. Drew: 4; Susan: 4

Good job to this week's winners Mrs. Besler and Mrs. Richter. Now that the elections are over we must all come together now and support Trump to try and create a better nation for the future. That's all I have for you this week Wildcats. See you in the next Echo and remember that next week we only have 1 1/2 days of school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Dec. 5, 2017

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

1. MV FFA Fruit Meat & Cheese Pick Up - 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM
2. Hearing Screening at Earlville for 6th Graders - 8:30 AM
3. MV Elementary Concert Rehearsal in Delhi (Buses 8:45 AM)
4. Jr. High Girls Basketball at Springville - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
5. MV All-Elementary Christmas Concert - Multi-Purpose Room - JK-2nd @6:15 PM / 3rd-5th @7:15 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 305 with Mrs. Moorman - After School until 4:00 PM
2. Jr. High Girls Basketball at Cascade - 8th graders - 4:15 PM (Bus at 3:10 PM)
3. JH Wrestling at West Delaware - 4:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
4. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at Springville - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
5. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi - Teacher Professional Day
2. MV Athletic Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

1. Jr High 7th & 8th Girls Basketball with Ed/Co at Edgewood HS - 3:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. HS JV/V Wrestling at North Linn (also with C.C.) - 6:00 PM (Bus at 4:00)
3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
4. MV FFA Monthly Meeting - Beckman HS - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

1. MS Rehearsal of "Pirates" - HS Auditorium - 1:20 PM (6th, 7th & 8th walk to Auditorium at 1:15 PM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Marquette Catholic HS - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

1. HS JV Girls Basketball at Cascade (2 Games) - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:50)
2. HS JV/V Wrestling Tournament at Aplington/Parkersburg - 9:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:30 AM)
3. Middle School Vocal Performance of "Pirates of Penzance" - HS Auditorium - 2:00 PM

Dance team competes at State



The MV dance team competed at state dance yesterday with both a hip hop and pom routine. The team earned a Division I rating on its hip hop routine. The team brought home a third-place trophy for its pom routine. Before the team left Wednesday afternoon, the dancers performed their hip hop routine for the student body.

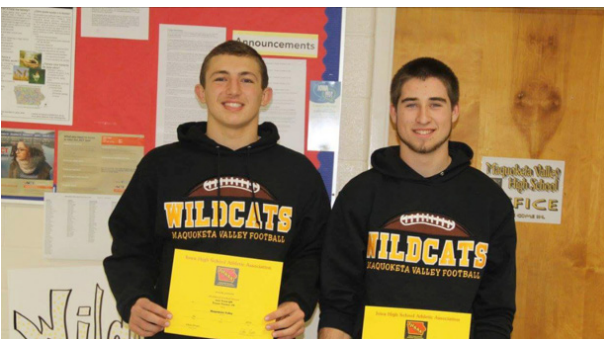
District and team football awards presented



First Team
Alec McDowell
Zak Harbach
Kyle Wilson

Second Team
Tyson Tucker
Garrett Hogan

Honorable Mention
Norman Wilson
Andy O'Connell
Eric Heims



Team Awards
Heath Gibbs, Most Improved
Zak Harbach, MVP-Offense
Emilio Aguayo, Special Teams
Alec McDowell, Dedicated Player and MVP-Defense
Garrett Hogan, Big Hitter
Eric Heims, Offensive Line



INA All-State
Alec McDowell, First Team Defense

NHS honors vets



NHS members with the guidance of Mrs. Besler and Mr. Cassutt organized a Veterans Day ceremony that was held Nov. 10. NHS members shared background information about the holiday as well as brief biographies of area veterans. The band and choir also performed.



Congratulations!



Good job, dance team, on your third place finish in pom! You've made all of us Wildcats proud!