

Dance marathon to be held at West Delaware tomorrow

Add one to the math classroom

NHS members Kendra Ries and Amanda Fortman sell dance marathon tickets during lunch.



by Amanda Fortman

The MV, East Buchanan and West Delaware Dance Marathon is being held this Saturday, January 14, at the West Delaware High School. NHS members are working with West Delaware Student Council to put on this event. Tickets were

sold during lunch all week at the price of \$5. Tickets at the door will be \$8. If you would like to bring a date from a different school you must sign up ahead of time. The dance will be held from 7 to 12. Proceeds go to Iowa Children's Hospital. Come out and support a great event!



by Hannah Lahr

There's a new student teacher from UNI in the building for this quarter! Her name is Miss Manternach, and she is helping out in Mrs. Lewin's room. She's all ready getting along with all the students and has learned everyone's name! I asked her a couple questions so we can all get to know her better.

Warm fuzzies

Mr. Tuetken arranged to have hot chocolate, coffee and fruit available during finals Monday and Tuesday. Right: Austin Snyder and Maci Freiburger enjoy some drinks while they study.



How do you like MV so far?

I like it a lot. It's a pretty chill place.

What do you want to teach after you graduate? 7th grade math and a section of reading

Where's your hometown? Where did you go to high school? Cascade and Cascade high school

What's your favorite thing to do in your free time? Pet my dogs, walk my dogs, cuddle my dogs, read, and knit

What's your favorite movie? *Definitely Maybe*

What's something you want the students to know about you? Teachers work very hard in and out of the classroom to make sure they can learn and achieve outside of the classroom.

FFA donates fruit to food pantry

The MV FFA donated 20 cases of fruit to the Hopkinton food pantry last month. Amanda Fortman, Kyle Richter and Jacob Bonert delivered the fruit to Kay Harris, director of the food pantry.



MV wrestlers continue to dominate, McDowell wins 150th

Maquoketa Valley won all five of its matches to win the championship of its own duals tournament Saturday, Jan. 7 in Delhi.

The Wildcats defeated Midland 50-24, Starmont 57-20, Center Point-Urbana 42-33, Dyersville Beckman 46-30 and Monticello 57-18.

Three Wildcats went 5-0 for the day, including Alec McDowell and Chance Downs with three pins apiece, and Mitch Smith. Michael Feldman went 4-0 with one pin. Getting three wins each were Eric Heims, Canyon Richardson, Adam Atwell, Chad Neuzil, Carter Stahlberg and Norman Wilson.

“I was very satisfied with how we performed as a team and happy we were able to keep the team trophy here at MV,” Coach Andrews said. “The day started off a little sluggish and bumpy, but the guys picked each other up and responded well to adversity in the early duals. The guys have been working very hard in practice and are coming together great as a team.”

Prior to the Wildcat Invitational, MV participated in a non-conference double dual Jan. 3 at Anamosa. MV won both of its matches, beating Monticello 69-12 and Anamosa 57-18.

Winning two matches each were Robert Hildebrand, McDowell, Heims, Stahlberg and Smith. Heims won both of his matches by fall. Three other Wildcats went 2-0 on forfeits: Zach Cornell, Atwell and Downs.

“Coming off a break can be hard at times, but our guys responded as well as they could have,” Coach Andrews said.

Monday night the Cats hosted Bellevue and Starmont for senior night/Pink Out Night. MV was 2-0 for the night with a 66-12 win over Starmont and a 60-10 victory over Bellevue.

“I really liked the intensity and fight our guys showed tonight,” stated Coach Andrews. “Not one guy quit and gave everything they had.”

A highlight of the night was celebrating McDowell winning his 150th match of his career which he earned at the MV duals final round.

“Alec has worked very hard for everything he has accomplished, and not

Senior wrestlers were recognized Monday night at the home meet. Right: Seniors Zach Cornell, Alec McDowell and Eric Heims pose with their coaches.



Carter Stahlberg works over a Beckman opponent at the tournament Saturday. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

just in wrestling,” stated Coach Andrews. “He is one of the most respectful high school athletes I have ever been around or coached. He has always listened and worked without hesitation, respected his coaches and teammates, and works as hard as anyone to achieve his goals. He put himself in a place that not many have been. If my own son can grow up and be close to the type of person Alec is, I would be one

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—Coach Andrews on Alec McDowell’s 150th career win

happy and successful dad.”

In the Bellevue match, Stahlberg, Tanner Parmely, Downs and Smith all won by pinning their opponents. Hildebrand won 8-3, Cornell won 7-1, Wilson won 11-9 and McDowell won 7-2. Isaac Krammer, Cole Kruse and Heims won by forfeit.

In the Starmont match, Heims and Mason Kruse both won by pin. Other points came from forfeits: Downs, Cornell, Wilson, McDowell, Cole Kruse, Richardson, Atwell, Neuzil and Stahlberg.

The team wrestled last night at North Linn. MV defeated North Linn and Midland and lost to Lisbon. Details will be in next week’s issue.



what's up!

What do you complain about the most?

by Brooklyn Sands

Gabriela Guetzko: Waking up & Math

Daniel Hunter: Homework

Jon Seibert: Daniel

Rejji Smith: Being tired, cranky, and hungry

Kelly Winter: Feeling bad

Faith Hunt: School

Mrs. Lewin: There is not enough time in the day.

Miss Manternach: Finding out what I'm eating or wearing the next day

Abe Miles: Being around stupid people

Austin Snyder: slow drivers

Mrs. Downs: Never enough time to get everything done that I want to do

Kaela Chesnut: Being sick

Cole Willenbring: School

Kara Leibold: Being ugly/people

Megan Rausch: Life

Olivia Hoeger: Homework

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Ali Sheehy

You have shown outstanding time management skills in Comp I this semester. What tips do you have for your peers?

Pace yourself. Don't do everything the night before.

Your life will be very stressful if you wait till the last minute. Make a check list of what you need to do and pick a day that you will get it done.

What other study habits work well for you in your classes?

Other study habits that I use are coming up with silly ways to remember things and being organized for all my classes

What are your future college plans?

My college plans are to attend Kirkwood Community College for their Diagnostic Technician Assistant program. Then I will transfer to Allen College for their Sonography program.

—Ali was nominated by Mrs. Temple



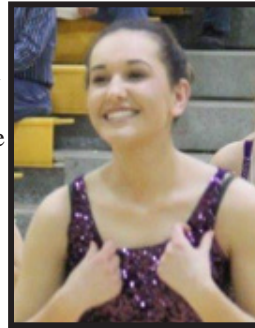
Athletes of the Week

Name: Ashley Stogdill

Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? I

love how everyone always works so hard and wants to accomplish their personal goals and team goals. It makes everything come together and its always nice seeing those goals get accomplished. Its great to be on a team where everyone works hard, but we also have fun while doing it.



What's the hardest part of it? I think the hardest thing about dance is knowing proper technique and skills. I've never danced before last year, so learning how to do turns, leaps, jumps, and etc. is a very tough thing. Dance is very technical and there are so many skills to lean and they take lots and lots of practice.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it? I would have to say our state pom routine this year. Pom is my favorite style of dance. I liked how it was fast paced and the different skills that were incorporated into it. Its fun dancing to upbeat songs and learning proper pom technique.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? I think that people don't realize that dance is a very hard sport. Its a lot of hard work. We literally use every muscle doing different styles of dance. It's also a very painful sport. Its very easy to get hurt and the moves can be very difficult to get at first. You need lots of skills to dance like flexibility, strength and rhythm. We not only practice after school we also go home and practice by ourselves. We really put in a lot of work.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I did country hip pop this year with Angie and i really liked it! It's a very fun style of dance that we do. I would do that again if I had the chance. I'm not sure what song I would use. There are so many to pick from!

Name: Maddy Anderegg

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? Guard

What do you enjoy most about basketball? The intensity of the game, and my teammates.



How do you mentally prepare for the game? Look through scouting report and go through the things I have to do to help the team in the best way.

Who is your athlete role model? Brianna Mensen

What's the best motivational song out right now? "All the Way Up"

Name: Alec McDowell

Sport: Wrestling

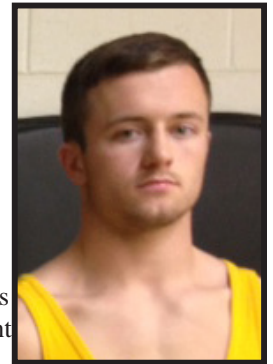
What's something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know? It is one of the hardest things I have ever done. It takes 100% commitment and dedication

for wrestlers to be the best they can be. Many sacrifices have to be made that most people take for granted.

What's a great warm-up song? "For the Fame" - Tyga

What will you miss most about high school wrestling? My coaches, teammates, and the Wildcat wrestling family. I will also miss the excitement of state wrestling and the atmosphere in Wells Fargo Arena.

What's your future in wrestling? I will wrestle at UW-Platteville next year. Hopefully I have the opportunity to coach high school wrestling after college.



Girls basketball team is 2-1 after break

The girls basketball team continues to hone their skills as they play both conference and non-conference games.

Recently, MV lost to conference rival North Linn 25-45. Although the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Association does not have North Linn ranked as a top team in Iowa, North Linn recently ended #1 ranked Springville's winning streak.

Last Friday MV defeated conference foe Alburnett 52-32.

Gracie Gellersen racked up the points as she had 17 for the night. She also had five rebounds, an assist and three steals. Brianna Mensen had 20 points for the night and seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Sam Wall hit double digits with 10 points with six of those points from be-

hind the arc. She also had four steals and a block. Macy Hoeger added two points, and Payton Ries had three points.

Last Saturday MV defeated I-35 of Truro 48-35 at the U.S. Cellular Center at Rivalry Saturday.

Mensen provided a challenge for I-35 as she tallied 26 points, six rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block. Payton Ries helped the cause with her 14 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Wall and Gellersen each added three points while Macy Hoeger added two.

Last night the Cats hosted Starmont for their Pink Out game. MV won the game. Details will be in next week's issue.



Gracie Gellersen works her way around an Alburnett defender. (photos courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

Boys basketball team gives fans their ticket's worth

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back, Wildcats! Last Tuesday the boys had a home game against North Linn. Unfortunately, the boys lost this game with a final score of 27-76.

"We had a good first half," Coach Dunlap said, "We controlled the game tempo very well."

The top scorers of this game were Kyle Wilson, Tyson Tucker and Garrett Hogan. Kyle scored 7 points. Garrett and Tyson both scored 6 points each.

The top rebounders were Tucker, Hogan and Clint Krapfl. Tyson picked up 9 rebounds.

"Tyson Tucker had a good game," Coach Dunlap stated.

The team scored a total of 16 points in the paint. Garrett Hogan also made 60% of his field goal shots. "We had a lot of easy looks against North Linn's press," commented Coach Dunlap, "We ran out of steam in the second half."

They had another home game last week on Friday against Alburnett. This intense game ended in a heartbreaking loss after four overtimes. The final score was 67-73.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," commented Coach Dunlap. "We didn't play particularly well in the first half. It took awhile for us to get going and to get into the game. We had a great second half, but so did Alburnett."

The top scorers were Tucker, Jacob Bonert and Krapfl. Tyson scored a total of 17 points. Jacob scored 15 points. Clint scored a total of 12 points.

The top rebounders were Tucker, Bonert, Hogan and Krapfl. Tyson picked up 12 rebounds. Jacob and Garrett picked up 7 rebounds each. Clint had 6 rebounds.

The team did excellent in steals. They had 17 for Alburnett's 6. They also scored 17 points off of turnovers and also had 12 transition points to Alburnett's 8.

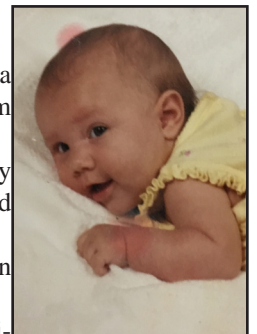
"Brock Hillers fouled out in the first overtime and Tyson Tucker stepped up and took the point position," Coach Dunlap stated. "Tyson Tucker had a double-double and was an excellent leader. We had our chances to win in regulation and the first 2 overtimes. Sloppy passes and missed free throws really hurt us. Clint Krapfl hit a huge shot in the paint at the end of the third overtime to send us into the fourth OT. Unfortunately, we had four kids foul out, all of them starters or contributors and two of them in the final OT."

The game at Central City has been rescheduled. The Pink Out game against Starmont last night ended in a Wildcat win and will be included in next week's Echo. Their next game will be at home on Tuesday against Springville.

Cutie

by Kristin Lucas

This cutie is a freshman from Hopkinton. She has curly brown hair and green eyes. She's involved in choir and band. She also participates in softball and track.



Jacob Bonert puts up two against Alburnett.

Best Buds



Evan Hoefler & Norman Wilson
by Kelly Winter

When did you meet and become friends? A long time ago... years

What is the other one's favorite food?
Evan- Norman's favorite food is: everything, (true)

Norman- Evan's favorite food is: goose and cucumbers (true)

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Both: rough it

What's your fondest memory?

Evan: basement cereal

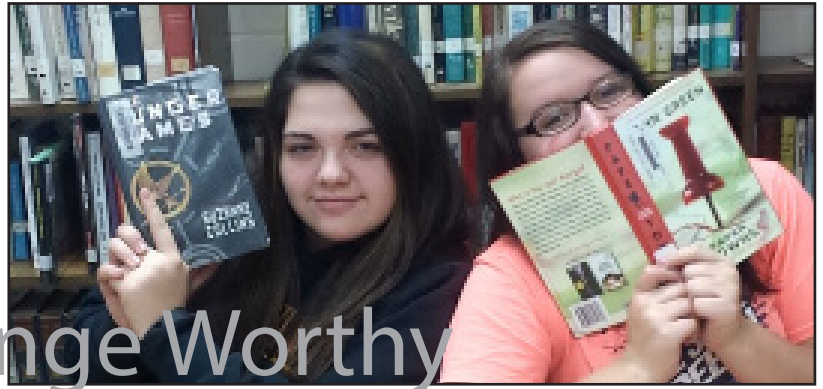
Norman: "hunting while camping"

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are some wonderful facts to kick off your 2017.

- Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions.
- Hylophobia is the fear of forests
- Greek actors wore platform shoes used to be worn to signify status.
- At one time it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas.
- Facial hair grows more in the summer.
- In California, they use prison labor to fight forest fires.
- A jellyfish and a cucumber are each 95% water.
- The coffee industry employs 25 million people around the world.
- The most watched show on Netflix is Breaking Bad.
- Popcorn is America's favorite snack food, according to volume.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright: Yes, we do understand that Christmas is over, but this a book that is great all year round. Hope had suffered from a great loss and then her apartment gets broken into on Christmas Eve. Just when she thinks that nothing else can go wrong, she sees a jar full of money sitting by her door. As she tries to uncover the secret of the jar, she finds something more. An amazing and heartfelt book!

Rebekah:

Moana: I loved this movie so much that I had to go see it in theaters twice. If you don't like Disney, think again. This is an amazing, heart-felt movie. Following the life of Moana, the daughter of the chief of the island, we watch her make her own path. She has always been told to stay away from the water because it is dangerous. However, when her island starts to die she must decide whether to listen to her father or save her people. An amazing soundtrack goes along with an amazing story. A MUST SEE!!

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky: High school, and life in general are hard for Charlie to navigate. When Charlie has to start high school, he doesn't know how he is going to make it through it. However, once the adventure begins he meets a group of friends that accept him. During his freshman year Charlie falls in love, gets his hard broken and finds out things about himself that he never knew. A great book will multiple twists and turns.

When the Game Stands Tall: "Winning a game is doable. Teaching the kids there's more to life, that's hard." Bob Ladouceur is the coach of the De La Salle Spartans, who possesses a 151 game winning streak. That is, until they lose a game. The events of this movie are based on true events. We follow the life of Coach during the season where the team's streak was lost. Coach does more than just coach a football, he molds boys into young men, and most people in the stands do not understand that. An amazing movie, with an amazing message.

Amanda:


Asylum by Madeleine Roux: Imagine your worst nightmare slowly taking over your reality. Would it drive you a bit insane? Dan Crawford wanted nothing more than to have a normal summer. He thought his summer college program would be nothing but learning and hopefully making a few friends. However, when his dorm is moved to Brookline the old psychiatric hospital his summer become more than he bargained for. Dan finds that this isn't your average summer camp. A spine chilling read that any ghost fanatic would love.


It's a Boy Girl Thing: This is literally one of the only romantic comedies I can stand! Nell and Woody are sworn enemies. Of course they would be, Woody is the football captain who constantly cracks jokes at everyone else's expense, and Nell is the booksmart girl who constantly reminds everyone when they are wrong. When their bodies get swapped they are in for the struggles of not only learning to be one another but trying to figure out how to be the other sex all together. This comedy makes me laugh, cry, and believe that even in the worst situations there is always a light at the end. THIS IS A MUST SEE FOR EVERYONE!!!!


Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life: The mother daughter duo of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore is back at it again. This four part series follows their lives many years after the show as they face many new challenges that come their way throughout the year. This show is full of love and joy and the perfect pick up if you are feeling a little blue. Also why would you ever miss the chance to see Matt Czuchry, Jared Padalecki, and Milo Ventimiglia, I mean they're all so lovely.


The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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


 A meow to Mr. Tuetken for arranging for hot beverages and yummy fruit during finals.

 A good luck meow to the speech team at conference tomorrow.

 A best wishes meow to our semester graduates: Selena Ramirez and Ryanne Flanagan.

 A meow to all things normal on this Friday the 13th.

 A meow to Alec McDowell for his 150th win.

 A meow to the three-day weekend.

Meet the Freshmen

Name: Maria Cole
Siblings: Robert in fourth grade
Favorite subject: English
Career aspirations: To be a photographer or a writer
Hobbies: Reading
Something cool about you: I once Tweeted the author of *The Mortal Instruments* series, and she Tweeted me back.



Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter.

What am I?

Answer: A hole

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:

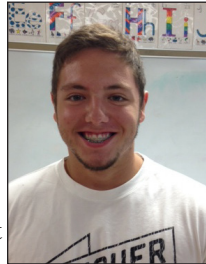
1/16 - Adam Goedken, Samantha Wall

1/18 - Kiesha Stelken

1/19 - Maria Cole

by Brody Sevart

Well, Wildcats, it's almost second semester and the New Year is hopefully getting started off well for you. I also assume that you have all thrown out any ideas and misconceptions of global warming being a hoax because if you look out any window you will see how there is hardly any snow on the ground, and it's not that cold out. That being said I thought it would be fun to look at the wonders of the world in this week's issue with Emma Hill, Casey Fry, and Zak Harbach with Mr. Kudrna on the tag team.



Which natural wonder is located around the Colorado River?

Emma: Grand Canyon

Casey: Grand Canyon

Zak and Mr. K: We don't know.

Answer: Grand Canyon

Which waterfall is 355 feet tall?

Emma: Niagara Falls

Casey: Niagara Falls

Zak and Mr. K: Niagara Falls

Answer: Victoria Falls

This mountain is 29,029 feet tall.

Emma: Mount Everest

Casey: Mount Everest

Zak and Mr. K: It's in Kebarl.

Answer: Mount Everest

What is the largest coral reef, which is by Australia?

Emma: the big one

Casey: the one from Nemo

Zak and Mr. K: Great Barrier Reef

Answer: Great Barrier Reef

This is sometimes called Aurora, seen in the skies of Canada.

Emma: Northern Lights

Casey: Northern Lights

Zak and Mr. K: Northern lights

Answer: Northern Lights

Totals: Emma: 3 Casey: 3 Zak and Mr. K: 2

Good job to all of our wonderful contestants, these were some tough ones. That's all we have for you this week. Get ready for the new semester and take a little time to enjoy the outdoors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Jan. 15, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

1. HS Softball Girls Pop Can Drive - Noon to 4:00 PM - Drop Off Points at Earl., John., and Delhi Schools

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day

2. TRC HS Band Festival at Easton Valley (Van, Suburban & Trailer Leave @ 9:30 AM) - Concert 7:00 PM

3. Junior High Boys Basketball at Cascade - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)

4. Maquoketa Valley School Board Meeting - MS Conf. Room - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Springville - JV at 4:30 PM / Vs at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

1. HS Class Ring Orders - HS Lobby - 11:30 AM to Noon

2. Back Pack Delivery - Johnston, Earlville, Delhi Elementary & Middle School

3. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) - Edge-wood/Colesburg - 4:00 PM

4. HS JV/Varsity Wrestling at East Buchanan (also with Lisbon) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves 4:15 PM)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

1. Deadline for February Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer at Johnston Elementary

2. High School, Middle School & All Elementary Report Cards to be Sent Home

3. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Calamus Wheatland - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

1. MV Athletic Boosters Mini-Wildcat Wrestling Tournament - HS & MS Gymnasiums - 8:00 AM

2. HS District Lrg Grp Speech Contest at Cascade - 9 AM (Buses, Van, Suburban, Trailer Leave at 6:00 AM)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

1. HS Vocal to Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly (Van Leaves at 11:00 AM)

