

Español IV: Learning by teaching

by Nichole Winter

Maquoketa Valley's Spanish IV class has been teaching Spanish to second graders for two weeks now.

Every Friday during sixth hour, the seniors in Spanish IV head down to the elementary school to teach the kids Spanish. The seven week program is designed to get the kids interested and allow everyone to have fun! The seniors teach the second graders basic vocabulary like colors, days, greetings, etc.

At the end of the quarter, Senora has a fiesta planned where everyone will play games involving all of the vocabulary covered during lessons. Teaching kids is a fun way to apply Spanish while getting others involved, as well!



Lea Ries leads a small group of third graders during their Spanish lesson.

Dance team entertains packed crowd



The dance team performed its dances from this season last Saturday night to a full house of MV dance supporters. Inset: Angela Wendt, Ashley Stogdill and Rylee Davis strike a pose.

What's cookin'?



A microwave has been placed in the cafeteria so students can warm up meals brought from home. The privilege will remain as long as students keep it clean. Above, Taylor White warms up her lunch. (photo by Rebekah Hill)

Wrestling team earns fifth in conference, finishes dual season 30-4

Our wrestlers are gearing up for the big show as they prepare for sectionals tomorrow at Cascade.

Last weekend the team competed in the Tri-Rivers conference meet and finished fifth. Lisbon won the meet.

“Coming into today I was expecting to have more guys being crowned conference champions,” stated Coach Andrews. “Obviously we did not get that. I was happy to see Alec come away with the 182 lb. crown giving him his second conference championship overall. One thing I cannot fault the guys for their effort. The good thing about this whole thing is this did not happen at Sectionals, and we have a week to regroup and get back to the practice room to try and right the ship.”

Alec McDowell was champion at 182.

Second place: Eric Heims at 220.

Third place: Robert Hildebrand at 138; Chance Downs at 145; Cole Kruse at 195

Fourth place: Canyon Richardson at 106; Trent Koopmann at 132; Mitch Smith at 160

Fifth place: Chad Neuzil at 120; Zach Cornell at 152; Isaac Kramer at 170;

Mason Kruse at 285.

Last Thursday the team finished its dual season at Maquoketa and came home with three wins.

“I was very happy with how the guys came out and wrestled tonight,” stated Coach Andrews. “With a couple open weights heading into tonight due to injuries I was not sure how things would play out. The guys stepped up to the challenge and responded to the adversity the best way they could. With the 3 wins tonight it gave this team 30 dual team wins on the season with only 4 defeats. Something these guys can be proud of as there are not a lot of teams in the state that get to 30 dual team victories.”

MV defeated CPU 44-20. Downs won by an 8-2 decision. Cornell pinned his opponent as did McDowell. Kramer won 8-4, and Smith won 10-5. Cole Kruse pinned his opponent as did Canyon Richardson. Michael Feldmann and Heims won by forfeit. In an exhibition match at 152, Matthew Hucker won by fall at 4:26.

MV also beat Maquoketa 53-23. Earning points for the team were Hildebrand by technical fall, Downs by fall, Smith by fall, McDowell by forfeit, Cole Kruse



Eric Heims competes in the finals at the conference wrestling tournament. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

by fall, Michael Feldmann by fall, Richardson, Chad Neuzil and Carter Stahlberg by forfeit.

Against Midland, MV won 51-18. Hildebrand won by fall, Downs and Smith won by forfeit, McDowell won by fall, Cole Kruse won by forfeit, Heims won by 6-0 decision, Mason Kruse won by forfeit as did Richardson. Stahlberg won by disqualification.

Girls basketball: Big wins and a tough loss

As the regular season comes to an end, the girls basketball team has certainly been tested with tough games against Monticello and North Linn.

Last Thursday Monticello hosted MV, and MV came out with the 44-42 win.

“You can throw out the records in this game,” stated Coach Moenck. “This game always seems to come down to the last play or two. You know going in that they’re a very well coached team that is going to play hard. This was a very good game for us win or lose just because you want these kind of games this time of year. We got into early foul trouble in this game. However our bench kids came in and did an outstanding job. They really competed! We didn’t shoot the ball very well in this game but we defended, rebounded, and we took care of the ball down the stretch and got out of there with a W.”

Leading scorers were Brianna Mensen with 19, Sam Wall with 11 and Gracie Gellersen with 6.

Friday night MV hosted conference foe East Buchanan and won 66-22

with Mensen tallying 27 points; Wall, 14; Gellersen, 10; and Payton Ries, 6.

Coach Moenck stated: “I’m not going to lie. I was very nervous going into this game. This was our 4th game in 5 days and coming off of a big win the night before I was worried about a let down or even if we had enough legs to play four quarters in this game. East Buch is a much improved team. The last time we played them we really struggled. I am so proud of our team at this point in the season. We’re really starting to come together in so many ways it’s really fun to watch. This game we really got off to a great start. We keep getting better night in and night out. We’re just really playing hard every possession. When you’re playing hard you seem to make more shots. We’re also doing a very nice job of moving the ball and making the extra pass. We have a ways to go but each night we’re improving individually and collectively. We feel we can beat anyone on any given night.”

That any given night theory didn’t work in MV’s favor Tuesday night as they

suffered a two point loss to ranked North Linn. The Lynx won 52-50.

Last night the Cats traveled to Central City and won.



Lydia Helle drives the lane against Monticello. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

Fine Artists of the Week: Speech contestants

Name: Dustin Heims

What events are you in for speech?

Solo Mime and Short Film

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Being able to converse with

other people and have some funny conversation.

What have you learned through this event? What I learned from Short Film is that you can do a lot with your voice. Solo mime I learned to feel the pain of the character.

Who is your speech role model? Mrs. Temple and Mr. Hadley

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? One act: I like how long the performances are and you can really feel for the character and enjoy the story, because it is so long.

After watching the district film again, Dustin knew he wanted to record his voice over again because he knew he could do better. I appreciate this desire to better himself as well as the final product. More importantly, I appreciate his willingness to jump into scenes whenever asked. When I had the idea of having a doctor "say" a line, he didn't hesitate. He has truly improved as an actor and speaker since his freshman year. —Mrs. DeVore



Name: Madison Imler

What events are you in for speech?

One Act and Short Film

What have you learned through this event?

This is my first year being a performer, the last two years I was in speech I was in pre-recorded events.

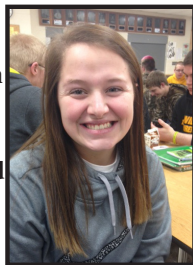
Who is your speech role model?

All the speech coaches. They put in so much time to make our work better.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?

Readers Theater

Madison has jumped into scenes when I needed someone to help out. This short film has stretched her as an actress. She asks questions, she listens to what I have to say, and she becomes this new person on film. Madison is one of the leaders in this short film encouraging others to push themselves as well. —Mrs. DeVore



Name: Faith Hunt

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I like being able to be with my friends. It's fun to be in a group instead of being alone.

What have you learned through this event? That teamwork and being able to work with others is essential to succeed in speech events.

Who is your speech role model? Mrs. DeVore because she is always so positive. **If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** Choral Reading because there is a variety of emotions portrayed in each piece.

Faith has an extremely natural flow when it comes to delivery of lines and her interpretation is incredible due to the fact that she really digs into a character and questions everything! "How would she say this?" "Why would she respond in that way?" "What is her backstory?" Faith is very open to trying a scene many different ways until we find the one that works. —Mr. DeVore



Name: Emma McDowell

What events are you in for speech?

One act and improv for group

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Being with a fun and interesting group of people.

From practice to contest you'll meet some of the best people during speech season. One time during state individual I went around and gave strangers high fives and since everyone was really cool they just went with it. I have someone a high five and when I walked away I heard them say "That's why I love speech."

What have you learned through this event? With improv I've learned how to go with the flow but keep control of a situation. One act is always a learning experience, from learning how to project your voice in a large auditorium to interpreting lines that are only two words long.

Who is your speech role model? All of my friends are my role model because they're all fantastic and amazing.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Ensemble acting because it seems like a fun interesting event to watch.

Anyone who really knows Emma knows that she has a wonderfully quirky personality. This really shines through during improvisation practices where she takes on many different characters on any given day. Emma also does a great job interpreting lines and developing a character in the one-act play. —Mr. DeVore



Athletes of the Week

Name: Abby Holtz

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? Point guard

What do you enjoy most about basketball?

Celebrating good practices/ games with the team

How does this year's team differ from past teams? This year our talent is so diversified, everyone has something different to bring to the team.

How do you mentally prepare for the game? Shooting around and going over film before the game

What did you eat for breakfast?

Strawberry Pop-Tarts

What's the best motivational song out right now? "Caroline"



Name: Megan Rausch

Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? I

enjoy learning all of the new dances and performing them for everyone at basketball games and strut your stuff. State is always fun too. :)

What's the hardest part of it? The hardest part is probably memorizing all of the routines and cleaning all of them with, because we learn so many of them throughout the year and it's hard for everyone to be exact.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? This year's WD hip hop routine that Katilyn and Madison came up with. I really like being sassy in hip hop routines and getting the crowd pumped up!

What's something about dance most people don't realize? Something people don't realize is that dance is actually a really tough sport. You have to remember exactly where to place your hand, leg, or pom at the exact part in the music as everyone else. People think it's easy because we try to make it look easy. It's hard on your body because we move in crazy ways and we work really hard.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I would probably do a lyrical routine because I like to be graceful and do different turns in a row. Lyrical dances give people opportunities to show more technique and different tricks. Overall they look really pretty and I think I would choose the song "Make Me (Cry)" by Noah Cyrus.



what's up!

If you could be in a movie, what movie would it be and what character?

by Kelly Winter

Katie Snyder: 22 Jump Street, the fat guy
Mr. Hadley: The Pirates of the Caribbean,
Jack Sparrow

Lawson Roof: La La Land, Sebastian
(Ryan Gosling)

Mrs. Lewin: Lilo and Stitch, Stitch

Brooklyn Sands: Vampire Diaries, Elena
Gilbert

Alex Digman: Wizard of Oz, toss up
between the scarecrow and lion

Ms. Manternach: Monsters Inc., Boo

Evan Hoefler: Hunger Games, Katniss

Rylie Aldrich: Pitch Perfect, Fat Amy

Allie Knipper: The Vow, Paige

Kelsey Ries: High School Musical,
Gabriella

Amanda Fortman: Harry Potter, Herm-
ione

Megan McNamara: The Longest Ride,
Sofia

Mr. Dunlap: Jack Reacher, Jack Reacher

Mrs. Temple: Dead Poet's Society, John
Keating (the teacher)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kaylynn Smith

You have been nominated because of your positive attitude about school. What do you enjoy most about school?

Being with my friends.

How do you stay positive and respectful when you're having a bad day?

Remember that it will get better and look at the positive of my life.

What or who inspires you to be a positive student?

Parents: they always to respect other and opinions.

What are your plans after you graduate from MV?

Going to college for a Agriculture Finance or something in the agriculture field.

—Kaylynn was nominated by Mr. Andrews



Boys have busy schedule

by McKenzie Lansing

The boys' basketball team competed last Thursday at Monticello. The played hard, but lost 57- 23, a win for the Panthers.

The top scorers of this game were Kyle Wilson, Garrett Hogan, and Brock Hillers. Kyle scored 7 points total, Garrett had 6 points, and Brock put up 4 points.

The top rebounders of this game were Jacob Bonert, Tyson Tucker, and Clint Krapfl. Jacob picked up 6 rebounds. Clint and Tyson each had 2 rebounds.

The team had a total of 4 assists and 7 steals. Garrett Hogan had a nice night shooting, putting up every ball he could and making all of his 3- point shots. Kyle Wilson also shot good. Shooting 9 times total and making 4 of his shots.

Last Friday, the boys ended their busy week with a game at East Buchanan. They played a very good game, ending the game in overtime with a final score of 42- 53.

"We had a very slow start," commented Coach Dunlap, "As a team we did a great job putting pressure on East Buch, and forcing them into errors."

The top scorers of this game were Brock Hillers, Kyle Wilson, Garrett Hogan and Tyson Tucker. Brock scored a total of 20 points. Kyle scored a total of 11 points. Garrett and Tyson each scored 6 points.

The top rebounders of this game were Jacob Bonert, Kyle Wilson, Tyson Tucker, and Clint Krapfl. Jacob picked up 9 rebounds. Kyle and Tyson each had 7 rebounds, and Clint had a total of 6 rebounds.

The team had a total of 11 assists and 17 steals. Brock Hillers had a nice night shooting 3-point shots, making an astounding 4 of 6 with a 67%. Kyle Wilson also had a nice night shooting 2- point field goals, making 5 of 7 with a 71%.

"We had a total of 17 steals, which is outstanding," said Coach Dunlap, "We also responded well when we went into the overtime period. We outscored them 13-2 with an awesome finish."

On Tuesday, the boys travelled to North Linn. The boys played a physical game, but lost with a final score of 79- 36, a win for the Lynxes.

"We had a pretty good first half," said Coach Dunlap, "We have to do a better job of identifying their key players and preventing them from having open shots.



Tyson Tucker brings the ball up the court during the Monticello game. (photo by Pete Temple)

We have played them twice now and have struggled with that."

The top scorers of this game were Brock Hillers, Jacob Bonert, and Trevor Elgin. Brock scored a total of 10 points. Jacob scored 7 points, and Trevor scored 6 points.

The top rebounders were Kyle Wilson, Garrett Hogan, Trevor Elgin, Jacob Bonert, and Tyson Tucker. Kyle and Garrett each had 6 rebounds. Jacob, Trevor, and Tyson each had 4 rebounds.

As a team, the boys had 6 steals and 6 assists. They also had an outstanding 30 rebounds.

"Brock Hillers had a good shooting night," stated Coach Dunlap, "We will probably have an opportunity to play them in the postseason, and we have to do a better job on defense."

The boys defeated Central City on Thursday and will play at Alburnett tonight. They will play next on Tuesday at Prince of Peace in Clinton to end regular season play.

FFA students continue to achieve

Wednesday several MV FFA members participated in district review, and MV brought home some good news.

Eight MV FFA members will receive their Iowa Degree at the state convention in April. MV students include: Gabriella Guetzko, Amanda Engelken, Alex Elgin and Justin Krapfl

Six students advanced to state judging which will be held Feb. 18. MV students advancing are Josie Young (Gold) in Ag Communication, Cole Kruse (Gold) in Dairy Entrepreneurship, Amanda Engelken (Gold) in Dairy Placement, Jacob Bonert (Silver) in Environmental and Cassi Westhoff (Silver) in Fiber/Oil Crop. Amanda Fortman (Silver) is a state alternate in Ag Education.

Other students who participated but will not be advancing are Kyle Richter (Silver) in Diversified Livestock, Alex Elgin (Silver) in Sheep Placement, Maddie Lahr (Bronze) in Ag Services, Zach Lansing (Bronze) in Ag Mech Design and Nathan Weber (Bronze) in Forage Placement.

Seven FFA members also applied for their National FFA scholarship for over \$2.8 million of awards.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Which animal is called Joey?

Answer: Baby kangaroo

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:

2/5 - Alex McCusker, Austin Snyder

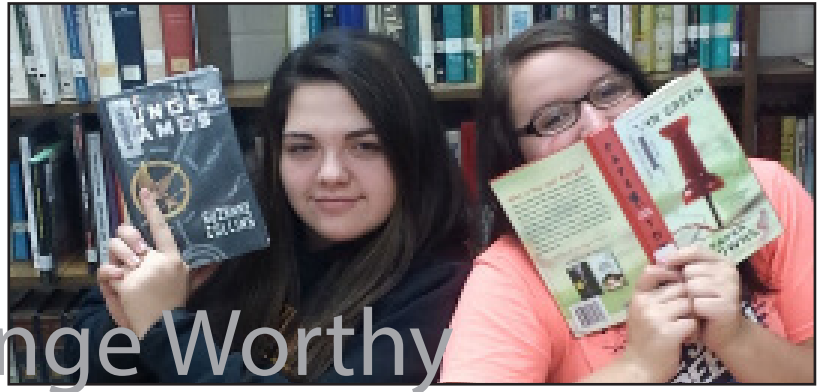
2/9- Nicholas Chen

Snowcoming Dance

Saturday, Feb. 11

8:00-11:00pm

High School Cafeteria



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

Criminal Minds: Have you ever thought how the mind of criminals works? What makes them tick? This T.V. show looks into the minds of criminals and figures out what exactly makes them tick in order to solve murders. This group of FBI agents works hard to solve each case and help those in need. Criminal Minds is the perfect mix of suspense, drama, and teamwork. Also we both agree why wouldn't you want to watch a show with Shemar Moore in it?

Rebekah:

Young & Hungry: My late nights of homework, include lots of popcorn, hot tea, and most importantly this show. We follow the life of Gabbi, as she sets on her new adventure of being a personal chef for Josh, an entrepreneur. Gabbi experiences ups, and mostly downs. She is starting to find her way in a new job and experiencing new feelings. It is a show that always has me laughing.

Sing: My family and I took my nephew to see this movie. It was the first movie that he has ever seen, and he sat the whole way through it, because it loved it so much. Buster Moon has always dreamed of opening his own theater and putting on shows. His theater is falling apart, and he is going further and further into debt. To save his theater, he puts on a singing contest with a grand prize. With a few mix-ups, drama, laughs, and a whole lot of singing, this movie was a success.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants:

Four best friends, one pair of pants: that fit them all. As they all go their separate ways for the summer, they promise to mail the pants back and forth. We follow the lives of the four friends, throughout their summer adventures. It is a show full of twists and turns. I think that everyone should watch it at least once.

Amanda:

Lost: This is my current binge. I absolutely love it! This show is the perfect mix of mystery, action, and romance. After the Oceanic Flight 815 crash on a deserted island 1,000s of miles of course, everyone seems to give up. However, each person is hiding a secret past and everyone has a reason for ending up on island. The island also has it's own secrets just waiting to be discovered.

London has Fallen: When many world leaders meet in London for the Prime Minister's funeral, a terrorist attack on the leaders kills many. The action packed movie follows Milk Banning a Secret Service Officer as he does everything and anything in order to keep the President of the United States safe. This movie keeps you on the edge of your seat until the very end!

Four by Veronica Roth: I highly recommend this book for any fan of the original Divergent series. This book is a great addition that enlightens readers on Four's side of the story. Tobias Eaton was nothing more than a son of an Abnegation faction leader. He was the first to transfer to Dauntless. He must now prove himself in the Dauntless ranks and climbing to the top isn't easy. Two years, later everything changes when he meets Beatrice Prior. This book shows move of the Divergent world through four short stories.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A good luck meow to the speech team members competing at state tomorrow.



A thank you meow to the student council for planning Snowcoming to add some excitement to February.



A melodious meow to the vocal jazz members who are gearing up for a busy couple of weeks of competitions and clinics.



A "wrestle well" meow to our wrestling team competing at sectionals tomorrow. Represent well!

NHS offers parking spot raffle

Buy your chance to win a parking spot in the teachers' lot for a day. Tickets will be for sale during lunch next week. Winners will be announced next Friday. Look for details in the announcements!

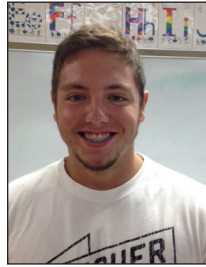
Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are some fantastic facts to kick off your February.

- The fear of chocolate is called Xocolataphobia.
- Wealthy men in Asia were the first to have pillows.
- Americans throw away 25 billion styrofoam coffee cups every year.
- Some of the first mirrors were made with polished volcanic glass.
- Studies show that men who are balding on the crown of their head have a 70% increased risk of heart disease.
- 20% of adults fail to get enough sleep.
- In Victorian times signing a Valentine's Day card was bad luck.
- National Cake Day is on November 26th.
- Lava lamps were meant to be seen as a luxury item.
- Snow actually isn't white; it's translucent and reflects light making it appear white.

by Brody Sevart



Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to this week's Hall Smarts. Do any of you ever read over a word you just don't know? Maybe it looks a little odd or has a weird spelling. Well, this week we are going to take a look at some difficult words to spell out there and see how we do. This week we have Adrienne Supple, Shelby March, Colin Wendt and Bryant Meyer-Kemp.

Onomatopoeia?

Adrienne: onamantapia

Shelby: onomatopoeia

Colin: onomotopoeia

Bryant: onapoiea

Geyser?

Adrienne: guizer

Shelby: geyser

Colin: geyser

Bryant: geyser

Pharaoh?

Adrienne: ferro

Shelby: pharro

Colin: pharaoh

Bryant: pharoh

Rhythm?

Adrienne: rythym

Shelby: rythem or rythm

Colin: rhythm

Bryant:rythm

Obnoxious?

Adrienne: obnoxious

Shelby: obnoctouse

Colin: obnoxious

Bryant: obnoxious

Totals: Adrienne: 1 Shelby: 2 Bryant: 2

Colin: 4

Colin did a great job this week and is our winner. It's never a bad thing to expand your vocabulary. That's all the Hall Smarts for this week, Wildcats. Have a joyous weekend and spread some happiness.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Feb. 6, 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

1. IHSMA State Jazz Choir Festival - HOME - Auditorium - 2:00 PM
2. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) - Starmont - 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 302 with Mrs. Grimm - After School until 4:00 PM
2. HS JV/V Boys' BB at Prince of Peace in Clinton - JV @ 6 PM / V @ 7:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
3. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) - Monticello - 4:00 PM
4. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 302 with Mrs. Grimm - After School until 4:00 PM
2. CPR Class for Coaches - HS Wrestling Room - 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

1. Junior High Boys Basketball at Alburnett - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6 -7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
3. HS FFA Monthly Meeting at Beckman High School in Dyersville - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

1. HS/MS Deficiencies & Proficiencies Due
2. HS Vocal Jazz Clinic at Washington HS in Cedar Rapids (3 Vans Leaves at 2:00 PM) - Concert @ 7:30 PM
3. Post Prom Delhi Elementary Fun Night - MS Multipurpose Room - 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM
4. Post Prom MS Dance for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

1. HS District Wrestling Tournament at Starmont High School - Noon (Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM)
2. HS Student Council Dance - HS Cafeteria - 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM