

High school remodel has several goals



Artist's rendition of the front of the school

by Maddie Lahr

This coming year there is to be new renovations and changes coming to the high school. The work is scheduled to begin in mid-April and should be completed this fall, hopefully before Thanksgiving.

Specifically, the front of the school will change. The public will have to walk through the office for safety reasons. All the offices will be changed around. Another thing when you walk in the front door you will see the restrooms right as you walk in. Where Mr. Tuetken's office and the teachers' lounge currently are there will be a new fitness room added so the public doesn't have to walk all over the school to use them. The current fitness room will become storage. Also in that area the district is required to install an elevator.

There will also be changes seen in the auditorium. They plan to push out the wall closer to the sidewalk to create more space for storage and set design. The band storage room is planned to become a green room for musicals and plays. The current set design room will become band storage. Then the wall in the band room will also be pushed out

towards the sidewalk, creating a nook for the percussion section of the growing band.

Mr. Tuetken said he also would like to raise the roof over the cafeteria to bring in more natural light. Another change you will see in the cafeteria is the concession stand is moving to where it current television is. This will create a larger concession stand and allow more storage for the gym. The storage areas right as you walk into the gym will be taken back a couple feet to keep the athletes from getting hurt. Another change in the school you will see is that the locker rooms are getting a complete gut and remodel. The freshmen locker rooms will no longer exist. The girls and boys locker rooms will still be there, but they are adding a football locker room for extra storage space and necessities.

There will be other minor changes in the future found in the high school with the remodeling of the science rooms and the FCS room. A new roof is also a thing to look for in Mr. Drew's shops. New bleachers will coming to the high school gym as well as new floors. Mr. Tuetken said it makes sense to install a new gym floor after the rest of the remodeling

is done to protect the finish of the floor. New boilers at Earlville can be expected in years to come. There might be rooms with carpet as well as other small updates around the school to make things more efficient. The middle school is also expected to get new carpet.

These construction changes are expected to last about a year and a half. This time frame is not permanent yet. They have paperwork to fill out and go over to get a concrete a time frame. The construction will happen throughout parts of the 2016-2017 school year as well as the 2017-2018 school year. They hope to start in April and end at some point in October. The construction is planned to happen mainly in the summer to help allow the school year to flow better. There will still be school in session when changes start to happen. With all these upcoming changes, the district has to stay within a four million dollar budget.

There are manly exciting changes to come to the school. This will affect everyone, from the drama department to everyday classes. These new changes can not go unnoticed.

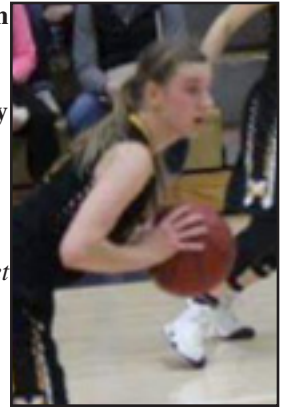
Sports Connection

Basketball players receive conference, state honors

Junior Brock Hillers received second Team All Conference honors and Jacob Bonert got Honorable Mention All Conference for boys basketball. (photo courtesy of Wilson Photography)



Brianna Mensen was voted 1st Team All-State Utility Player by the INA (Iowa Newspaper Association)



"I am truly honored that I get the opportunity to write about this outstanding young lady.

I'm so proud of Brianna for being voted 1st Team All-State Utility by the Iowa Newspaper Association. This award was earned and very well deserved. Not only is Brianna a gifted athlete on the court but also it's what type of person she is off the court that makes her so special. I have had the privilege of working with Brianna for the past eight years. This outstanding young lady constantly strives to do whatever it takes to succeed on and off the playing field and her passion, unbelievable work ethic, and positive attitude are just a few of the qualities that help her achieve this success on a daily basis. I honestly can't put into words what Brianna has meant to our program. What the fans don't get to see on a daily basis is what type of teammate Brianna is in practice, in the locker room, and in the hallways at school. Brianna is involved in so many activities at Maquoketa Valley so her schedule is very busy to say the least. In all my years of being around Brianna I have never heard her complain once. Brianna is leaving our basketball program one of the most decorated basketball players we have ever had at Maquoketa Valley. I know this for a fact that Brianna would give all the awards and accomplishments back for the opportunity for her and her teammates to play at the state tournament. That is the kind of person Brianna is."

—Coach Moenck



Brianna Mensen
First Team

Sam Wall
First Team

Payton Ries
Second Team

Gracie Gellersen
Honorable Mention

Wrestling awards presented at banquet

This past weekend the wrestling team held its banquet to recognize the achievements of the team. Awards presented:

State qualifiers: Chance Downs, Norman Wilson, Eric Heims, Alec McDowell

100 wins: Eric Heims

150 wins: Alec McDowell

Most pins: Eric Heims

Most wins: Alec McDowell

Most takedowns: Alec McDowell

Track teams open season at Wartburg indoor meet

This week the track teams competed at their first indoor meet at Wartburg.

In the field events, Brody Severt and Tyson Tucker both competed in shot put. Brody Severt threw 42' 3" and placed 14th overall. Tyson Tucker threw 40' and placed 21st overall. Zak Harbach jumped 19' 3.5" and placed 4th in the long jump.

In the running events, in the 55m dash, Chad Neuzil ran in 7.31s and placed 3rd in his heat. Zak Harbach also ran in the 55m dash. In the finals he ran in 6.96s, placing 3rd overall. In the 200m dash, Norman Wilson and Blake Becker both competed. Norman ran in 27.08s, placing 42nd overall. Blake ran in 27.70s, placing 47th overall. In the 400m dash, Alex McCusker ran a 1:02.84, placing 38th overall. Isaac Kramer ran a 1:03.25, placing 40th overall. In the 800m run, Kyle Wilson ran a 2:06.31, placing 1st overall. Chance Downs ran a 2:24.51, placing 15th overall. In the 1600m run, Tate Trenkamp ran a 5:35.69, placing 20th overall. Sean Hucker ran a 6:28.26, placing 37th. In the 3200m run, Trenkamp ran an 11:38.68, placing 11th overall. In the 55m hurdles, Colin Wendt ran in 10.04s, placing 5th in his heat. Tyler Britcher ran in 10.05s, placing 6th in his heat.

In the 4x200m relay, our team ran in 1:45.12, placing 18th overall. The runners in this relay were Mitchell Neuzil, Evan Hoefler, Clint Krapfl, and Derek Becker. In the 4x400m relay, our team ran a 4:01.87, placing 19th overall. This team included Norman Wilson, Wendt, Daniel Hunter, and Brenden Hogan. In the 4x800m relay, our team ran a 9:13.64, placing 6th. This team included Downs, Kyle Wilson, Brenden Hogan, and Derek Becker.

The girls also competed. In the field events, in the shot put, Lydia Helle competed throwing 28' 2.5", placing 26th overall. Jenna Nefzger also competed in the shot put, throwing 23' 7.5", placing 41st overall. In the long jump, Brooke Elgin jumped 12' 2", placing 24th overall. Kailyn Hogan jumped 11' 5", placing 30th overall.

In the running events, in the 55m dash, Ashley Stogdill ran in 8.26s, placing 4th in her heat. Allie Knipper ran in 8.84s, placing 7th in her heat. In the 200m dash, Aspen Britt ran in 31.64s, placing 36 overall. Taylor White ran in 33.59s, placing 44th overall. In the 800m run, Cassiddy Wilson ran a 2:47.57, placing 12th overall. In the 1500m run, Mikayla Callan ran a 6:24.35, placing 28th overall. In the 3000m run, Nichole Winter ran a 13:13.17, placing 16th overall. In the 55m hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran in 9.91, placing 6th overall. Angela Wendt ran a 10.24, placing 3rd in her heat.

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Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Kelly Winter

Activity: Speech

For what event did you qualify for All-State?

Literary Program. My piece is called "Defining Kindness."

What do you enjoy most about individual speech?

I enjoy watching all of the others in speech, especially the funny ones. I also enjoy being able to advance my speaking skills in a fun way. And this is a way that I can express myself.

What have you learned through this event?

I've learned a lot from Mrs. DeVore being my coach. Good eye contact, how to use good facials, express myself by smiling, and much more. I really appreciate Mrs. DeVore and thank her for being an amazing coach!

What other event would you like to try and why?

I would like to try storytelling or one of the speeches that you have to write because I would like to get better at writing.

How will speech help you in the future?

Speech will help me in the future because I am learning how to speak well in front of an audience, and almost all careers you will have to speak in front of a crowd at least once.

Name: Chloe Roling

Activity: Speech

For what event did you qualify for All-State?

Review

What do you enjoy most about individual speech?

Probably going to state and staying at the hotel with friends.

What have you learned through this event?

Don't wait until two days before the first competition to get the final draft of your speech done.

What other event would you like to try and why?

I'm honestly not sure, I'm kind of up for anything. I didn't even want to be in review and ended up loving it.

How will speech help you in the future?

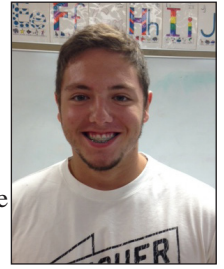
How won't it help me? Being able to speak comfortably in front of large group of people, even though it's really intimidating, is a good skill to have. Speech helps you with that; it makes you more confident in yourself.



Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, all of you Wildcat Echo patrons. If any of you are wondering what Hall Smarts will be about this week you are in the right place. That is because you are reading Hall Smarts. This week our questions are about some animal fun facts. Our contestants are Caleb Thompson, Carson Wright, Rylie Aldrich and Adrienne Supple.



What color is a polar bear's fur?

Caleb: white

Carson: white

Rylie: white

Adrienne: white

Answer: transparent

Which shark can swim up freshwater rivers?

Caleb: cow shark

Carson: bull

Rylie: hammer one

Adrienne: great white

Answer: bullshark

What is a group of lions called?

Caleb: pride

Carson: pride

Rylie: group

Adrienne: lions

Answer: a pride

How many compartments in a cow's stomach?

Caleb: 36

Carson: 4

Rylie: 1 or 2

Adrienne: 23

Answer: 4

What animal can distinguish 7 million colors?

Caleb: human

Carson: chameleon

Rylie: iguana

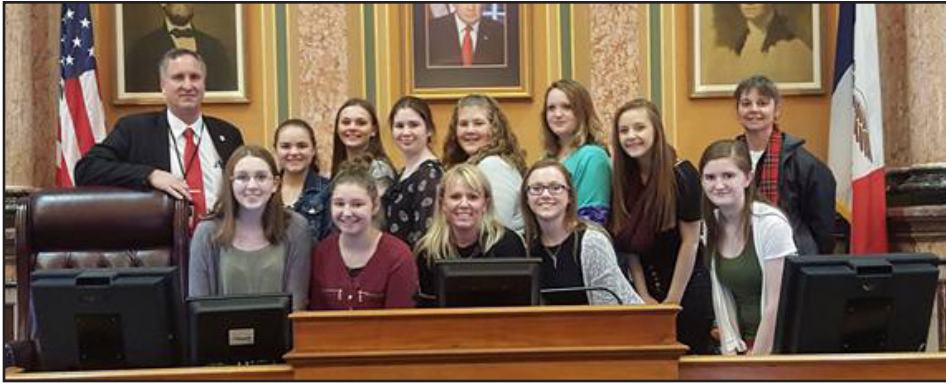
Adrienne: a person

Answer: human

Totals: Caleb: 2 Carson: 3 Rylie: 0 Adrienne: 1

Well, Wildcats, our contestants were amazing again this week. That's all we have for you this week. Have a great weekend and prepare for fourth quarter.

TEL members visit capitol



MV TEL members pose with Lee Hein at the Iowa capitol.

by Kristin Lucas

On Feb. 23, four TEL members travelled to the capital for the Day on the Hill convention. Chloe Roling, Izabel Niehaus, Maddie Lahr and Kristin Lucas spent



the day speaking with our senators about drug and alcohol laws and prevention.

The day started with a short presentation to learn more about these topics. Then they had the opportunity to discuss these topics with Dan Zumbach and Lee Hein. The four girls also had the chance to tour parts of the capital. Chloe mentioned her favorite part of the day was getting to tour the capital with Dan Zumbach's son, Alex, who is a page at the capital.

"It was very fun and I learned a lot." Maddie said. All four TEL members agreed it was a very informative and fun day and would all like to be able to do it again next year.

TEL students visit with Dan Zumbach.

Spanish students study, celebrate Carnaval



by Taylor White & Amanda Fortman, alumnas de Español IV

On Feb. 28, which was Fat Tuesday (the day before Lent starts), the Spanish IV class celebrated Carnaval by having a fiesta and putting on a parade for the whole high school to enjoy! Carnaval is five day period of partying, parading, and enjoying

life that comes before Lent. The first festivals date back to 1723. During Carnaval more than 2 million people are on the street everyday. The largest Carnaval parade is held in Rio de Janeiro and the next largest is in New Orleans. Carnaval is a great way to kick off the Lent season and to immerse yourself in the Spanish culture!

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

This five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is it?

Answer: short

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Some random trivia for you!

- Ailurophobia is the fear of cats.
- In some careers, whistling is considered bad luck.
- Fedoras were originally meant for women.
- The moon rotates 10 miles per hour.
- Bruno Mars requests wet wipes and a bottle of wine backstage when he performs.
- The color yellow has a stimulating effect on people and helps with studying.
- In 1995 nearly 46% of people playing Game Boys were female, the highest percentage of women playing on a gaming console.
- The first chocolate bar was invented in 1847 by Joseph Fry.
- There's no correlation between astrological signs and dating compatibility.
- Russia has the world's longest railroad, clocking in at 5700 miles.
- There's a fear of the color red; it's called erythophobia.
- Over 100 species of roses exist.
- Nearly 3 million emails are sent each day.
- The most popular emoji is the "face with tears of joy" emoji.
- Petting dogs can actually lower your blood pressure.
- Kim Kardashian was the most googled celebrity in 2008, beating out Britney Spears who had held the title for four years.
- Soccer balls are actually more oval shaped, however the pattern makes it look like a sphere.
- Often times your favorite song is one you associate with an emotional time in your life.
- Dead people can get goosebumps.
- The animated movie Tangled cost more to produce than Avatar.

Best Buds



**Emma Hill & Grace Wegmann
by Rebekah Hill**

How long have you two been friends?

-Since second grade.

What do you guys do for fun?

-Watch movies, take pictures, and eat.

Most embarrassing memory?

Emma: When I burnt seven grilled cheeses at her house.

Grace: Her grilled cheese (she is terrible at making food)

Which one of you is funnier?

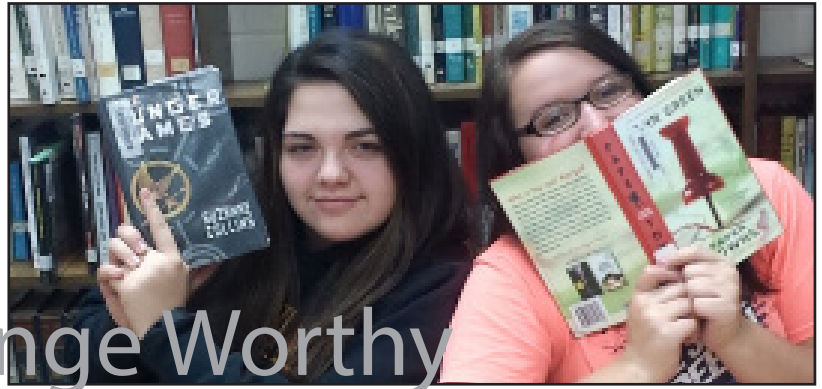
Emma: Me

Grace: Me

New Wildcat welcomed!



**Elaina Mary Besler arrived on
Mar. 13! She weighs 7 lbs 3 oz.
Congratulations, Mrs. Besler!**



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini: Two women from two very different lives are brought together by circumstance and war. For all of Mariam's life she has known nothing but the small kolba she grew up on. Being an illegitimate child meant that her life wasn't really going anywhere. When her mother dies, she is married off to a man more than twice her age. Her life becomes even worse as war rages in Afghanistan. Down the street a girl is born. Years later Laila and Mariam lives are thrust together and their only hope of survival is to stick together.

Rebekah:

Best Day sung by Taylor Swift: This song shows the love between a mother and a daughter. Talking about all the struggles a girl has while growing up and how her mom is always there for her. A song that I connect to perfectly. This is a song everyone should listen to.

Fifteen sung by Taylor Swift: As you can tell, I love old Taylor Swift. This song shows the struggles of 15 year olds as they start high school. It shows the way their view of the world changes. An amazing song with an amazing message!

Dancing with the Stars: Since the new cast has been revealed I am going to take this opportunity to talk about the love I have for it. Celebrities we see as perfect, stepping outside of their comfort zones and messing up. Friendly competition, drama, laughs, and tears. A show that everyone should watch at least once. You'll see some pretty cute guys too!

Amanda:

The 5th Wave: After aliens invade and slowly take over in waves, Cassie Sullivan will do anything to get back to her brother. The first wave takes out the power. The second wave shakes their world. The third wave disease is spread. The fourth wave left them trusting no one. The fifth wave no one saw coming. This movie is high action with the perfect mix of family and love. Also why would you not want to watch Nick Robinson and Alex Roe on screen.

Nikita: Division trained her to be one of the most deadly assassins in the world. They Never expected her to to come back to bring them down. After three years in hiding Nikita's only goal is to bring down the organization and those that it has created. This show is perfect for fans of spy movies and action. Every turn leaves readers sitting on the end of their seat. This show leaves readers guessing until the very end!

Track, continued

In the relay events, the 4x200m relay team ran a 1:59.05, placing 8th overall. This team included Stogdill, Madison Imler, Maddy Anderegg, and Caitlin Schuman. Next, is the 4x400m relay. This team included Orcutt, Brianna Mensen, Brooke Wilson and Britt. They ran a 4:24.91, placing 4th overall. The 4x800m team ran a 11:51.50, placing 18th overall. This team included Cassiddy Wilson, Olivia Hoeger, Casey Fry and Mensen.

The teams will compete in their second indoor track meet tonight at Cornell in Mt. Vernon.

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:

3/5 - Alexandra Chavez

3/6 - Mason Kruse

3/9 - Jackson Smith

3/14 - Kari Nefzger

3/15 - Brianna Mensen

3/16 - Megan Rausch

Mr. Tuetken to become shared superintendent

Mr. Tuetken announced this week that next year his position will look a bit different. He will be a shared superintendent with Maquoketa Valley and Midland Community School district in Wyoming, Ia.

In an email sent to MV staff, Mr. Tuetken explained the financial savings to both districts. "In our current climate of limited resources we have to be creative when it comes to generating revenue. And with the Revenue Estimating Committee projecting less tax receipts for the remainder of the fiscal year it only made sense to try and find ways to reduce expenditures and increase revenue. With the advent of operational sharing a few years back, this will give us an that opportunity."

With this change in Mr. Tuetken's position, MV will need to hire a high school principal. Mr. Tuetken stressed that despite adding a new administrative position, MV will still experience a substantial saving because of the operational sharing.



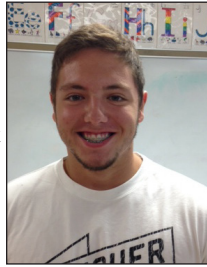
What is your favorite TV show?

by McKenzie Lansing

Dustin Heims- Bones
 Brenden Hogan- Bates Motel
 Nathan Weber- Diesel Brothers
 Brooke Elgin- Any show on Hallmark
 Trent Koopmann- Hell on Wheels
 Tina Richter- Walking Dead
 Madison Imler- Jane the Virgin
 Jackson Smith- Shameless
 Becky Thompson- Shameless
 Mitchell Neuzil- The Office
 Kara Orcutt- One Tree Hill
 Amber Engelken- Grey's Anatomy
 Megan McNamara- Office, New Girl, and Jane the Virgin
 Eric Deutmeyer- Shameless
 Brooklyn Sands- Vampire Diaries
 Cole Kruse- Ridiculousness
 Izabel Niehaus- Orange is the New Black and Jane the Virgin

Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart



Hello,
 Wildcats, the days are ticking away and summer is nearing. But that doesn't mean we can't have plenty of Hall Smarts to come. This week we will be asking our contestants to complete some jingles/catch phrases. Competitors this week include Michael Feldmann, Sam Wall, Cassy Wilson and Abe Miles.

The best part of waking up is _____ in your cup.

Michael: coffee
 Sam: Folgers
 Cassy: Folgers
 Abe: drinking a cup
 Answer: Folgers

Ba da ba ba bah _____.

Michael: I'm loving it
 Sam: I'm lovin it
 Cassy: I'm lovin it
 Abe: I'm lovin it
 Answer: I'm lovin it

Skittles, taste the _____.

Michael: rainbow
 Sam: rainbow
 Cassy: rainbow
 Abe: rainbow
 Answer: rainbow

Alka-Seltzer- plop plop fizz fizz, oh what a _____ it is.

Michael: relief
 Cassy: relief
 Sam: relief
 Abe: joy
 Answer: relief

Give me a break, break me off a piece of that _____ bar.

Michael: Kit-Kat
 Sam: Kit-Kat
 Cassy: Kit-Kat
 Abe: Cliff
 Answer: Kit-Kat

Totals: Michael: 4 Cassy: 5 Sam: 5 Abe: 3

Good job to our competitors this week. Another week down and May 25, 2017 is getting closer and closer. Have a great weekend everybody.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of MARCH 20, 2017

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

1. MV School Board of Directors Regular Meeting - MS Conference Room - 6:00 PM
2. 5th Grade Band "Open Stand" Recital Night - MS Gym - 6:30 PM
3. A.C.T. Review Class - F & M Bank in Manchester - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

1. HS Large Group Pictures Day - High School Gymnasium - 8:00 AM
 Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton
2. Bid Opening Meeting for MV New Construction Project - MS Conference Room - 2:00 PM
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences - HS Gym & MS Gym (All elementary Conferences are in Delhi) - 3 to 7 PM
4. MV District Wide BOOK FAIR - MS Commons - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 305 with Mrs. Moorman - After School until 4:00 PM
2. HS Sports Media Day - High School Gymnasium - 3:15 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences - HS Gym & MS Gym (All elementary Conferences are in Delhi) - 3 to 7 PM
3. MV District Wide BOOK FAIR - MS Commons - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
2. MV HS Speech to All State at UNI in Cedar Falls (3 Vans leave @ 8:00 AM)
3. JV/V G & B Golf with Easton Valley @ PlumRiver Golf Course in Preston - 4 PM (Vans Leave @ 1:45 PM)
4. A.C.T. Review Class - F & M Bank in Manchester - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Students excel at state speech, 10 events to All-State

The Maquoketa Valley Individual Events Speech Teams are in the final stretch of their contest season. On Saturday, March 11, the 9th grade and 10-12th grade teams traveled to Waldorf University in Forest City to compete at State Contest.

The 9th grade team had a total of 11 performances. Those on the 9th grade team receiving an overall Division 1 include: Mason Lubben (AC), Lydia Helle (PO & OO), Grace Wegmann (PR & OO), Shelby March (ST), Emma Hill (LP), Jaiden Porter (PO), Lexi Deutmeyer (LP), and Cloie Wilson (PR). Erika Supple (PR) received an overall Division 2 rating.

The 10-12 team had a total of 34 performances. Those who received an overall Division 1 rating include: Amanda Fortman (RV), Kiesha Stelken (PO), Alex McCusker (IM), Adrienne Supple (PR), Kendra Ries (ST), Faith Hunt (AC & EX), Kristin Lucas (OO), Blake Becker (PR), Brooke Wilson (EX), Angel Rumbo (AC), Danielle Schuman (ST), McKenzie Lansing (PO), Hannah Lahr (OO), Maddie Lahr (RNA), Chloe Roling (RV), Kelly Winter (LP), Brittany Sabers (PO), Mikayla Callan (PR), Megan Beaman (SMT), Hannah Clemen (RNA), Madalynne Naab (LP), Cassidy Wilson (ADS), Megan McNamara (ADS), Kelsey Ries (PA), Maddy An-



Students selected for All-State individual speech include: front row from left: Hannah Lahr, Kendra Ries, Shelby March and Chloe Roling; second row: Alex McCusker, Brooke Wilson, Faith Hunt, Kelly Winter and Angel Rumbo.

deregg (PA), Colin Wendt (RNA), Lawson Roof (LP), and Katilyn Deutmeyer (ADS). Five students received an overall Division 2 including: Brianna Mensen (PA), Rebekah Hill (OO), Brody Severt (SS), Lane Coyle (AC), and Izabel Niehaus (IM).

This past Monday afternoon All-State nominations were announced. MV had ten events selected: Alex McCusker (improvisation), Angel Rumbo (acting),

Brooke Wilson (expository address), Chloe Roling (reviewing), Faith Hunt (performing in expository address & nonperforming in acting), Hannah Lahr (original oratory), Kelly Winter (literary program), Kendra Ries (storytelling), and Shelby March (storytelling). All-State is Monday, March 27 at the University of Northern Iowa.

TEL members promote Kick Butts Day

by Brooklyn Sands, TEL member

Wednesday was national Kick Butts Day, cigarette butts that is! Kick Butt's day is a special day celebrated by the youth to recognize saying no to tobacco. Although this is something we should do every day, Kick Butt's Day is used to help educate kids on the harmful effects that tobacco causes and how to avoid it.

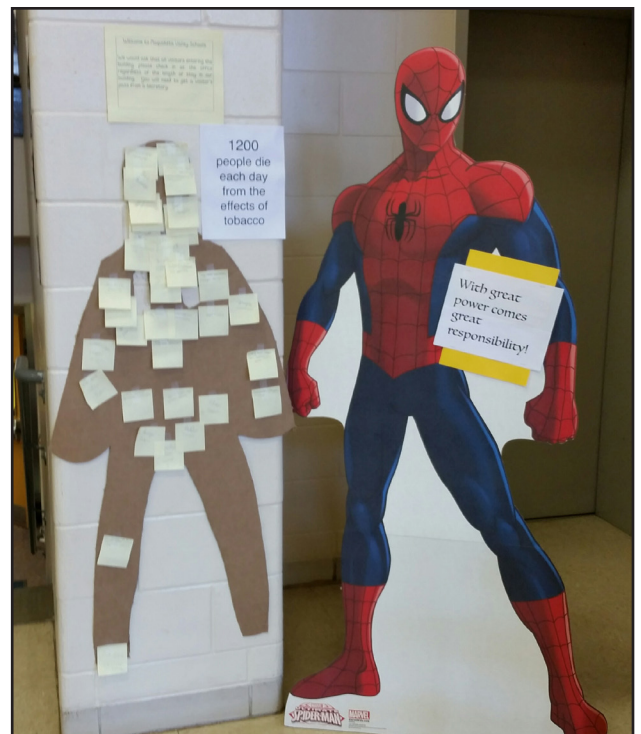
MV TEL, Teen Eliminating Lies, is showing their support by having a graffiti wall in the cafeteria. You may have already signed it, but if not, please feel free to sign your name and write a small message telling everyone why you choose to be tobacco free.

Superhero cardboard cutouts were also placed in the elementary and middle school hallways to encourage young kids to not even start using tobacco products.

By eliminating tobacco use, we would eliminate the number one cause of preventable deaths in the world. If we are educated, we can make smart and healthy choices in our lives. This will keep us on the right path!

This message is brought to you by MV TEL.

Superhero cutouts were placed throughout the elementary and middle school to promote healthy choices.



FFA competes at districts, holds banquet, attends luncheon

The MV FFA has been busy in the past few weeks with contests, a banquet and National Ag Day festivities.

On Mar. 11, MV competed at District contest at Monticello. Results include: Chapter FFA Test (individual): Josie Young, gold, second place; Shelby Westhoff, gold, 10th place; Grant Hoeger, silver; Becca Dunkel, silver; Cassi Westhoff, silver; Nathan Weber, bronze.

Farm Management (team): Amanda Engelken, Seth Deutmeyer, Evan Gaul, Brandon Bonert; gold, second place.

Chapter FFA Test (team): Josie Young, Shelby Westhoff; gold, third place.

Farm Management (individual): Amanda Engelken, gold, fourth place; Brandon Bonert, silver; Seth Deutmeyer, silver; Evan Gaul, silver.

Greenhand Test (individual): Mason Kruse, gold; Matthew Hucker, bronze; Aaron Knipper, bronze; Michael Feldmann, bronze;

Creed Speaking: Lauren Goldsmith, silver.

Job Interview: Justin Wessel, silver.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Cole Kruse, bronze.

Greenhand Test (team): Mason Kruse, Matthew Hucker; bronze, ninth place.

Elected New District Officer: Shelby Westhoff, vice president.

This past Tuesday night, the chapter hosted over 300 FFA members (including some from the Aplington-Parkersburg chapter), families and supporters. At the event, FFA members were recognized for their success throughout the year.



FFA members visit one of the booths set up at the National Ag Day celebration in Manchester.

Sweetheart court was announced, and MV's own Jacob Bonert and Amanda Fortman were crowned Sweetheart King and Queen because of their dedication to FFA and their ability to make members feel welcome.

Students recognized for earning their Iowa Degree were Amber Bonert, Nick Bagge Tommy Lehmann, Amanda Engelken, Gabriela Guetzo, Seth Deutmeyer, Justin Krapfl and Alex Elgin.

Amanda Engelken, Josie Young, Cassi Westhoff, Cole Kruse and Thomas Lehmann were also celebrated as state proficiency winners.

Former students awarded their American Degree were Jenna Beitz, Kody Orcutt, Dylan Salow, Matthew Lansing, Clay Willenbring and Emily O'Connell.

New FFA officers were also installed.

Yesterday, several MV FFA members attended the National Ag Day celebration in Manchester.



Amanda Fortman and Jacob Bonert were crowned FFA Sweetheart Queen and King at the banquet Tuesday night.

Vocal jazz, band share talents at concerts



Above: All MV bands performed in a joint concert Mar. 7.

Above, the high school band plays.

Left: The vocal jazz groups and jazz band hosted a concert last night. Keisha Stelken solos on one of the Jazz X-Press songs.