

NHS blood drive held during Red Cross Month



MV's NHS chapter hosted its annual blood drive yesterday afternoon and early evening during Red Cross Month. Left: Senior Destiny Clayborne does her part to save lives. Above: National Honor Society members work at the canteen.

Smooth Harmony earns 2nd place

by Lawson Roof

On Tuesday, March 29th, Maquoketa Valley's a cappella vocal jazz group, Smooth Harmony, traveled to West Des Moines Valley High School to compete in the 2017 Iowa High School Vocal Jazz Championships. The group gave "their best performance of the whole season," Mr. Hadley said, and in turn earned second place in the 2A division.

Along with earning 2nd place, Lawson Roof received an outstanding musicianship award and Patrick Hansen received the Outstanding Male Soloist award for the class 2A.



Students learn about the hazards of tanning



Laura Duerr, an oncology nurse at Finley Hospital in Dubuque, spoke to the student body during WIN on Tuesday about the hazards of tanning beds. Afterwards, over 50 students signed a pledge not to use tanning beds. Some students also got to look at their skin through a dermascan which showed the health of their facial skin.

Left: Amanda Engelken gets ready to look in the dermascan.

Community clean-up day scheduled for next Friday

On the afternoon of April 7, high school students and staff will do their part to beautify our district.

Students and staff will be working in six different teams. Teams will go to Earlville and Hopkinton as well as various sites in Delhi: Delhi City Park, Delhi/St. John's cemeteries, Delhi Flower Garden and Hobbs Park.

This project marks the third year the administration has organized this service project.

Golf teams ruled by underclassmen

The MV golf teams may be young, but they are certainly filled with promise.

Coach Andrews returns as head coach for the fourth year, and Mr. Besler is once again the assistant coach.

The girls team finished fifth at conference last year and returns several golfers with experience including senior Megan McNamara and sophomores Faith Hunt, Kelsey Ries, Kelly Winter, Chloe Roling, Maddie Lahr, Madison McIntyre and Katie Snyder.

Coach Andrews said one strength of the team is the number of returners with varsity experience. "This mixed in with a nice sized freshman class should make for an exciting year."

Coach Andrews said the girls teams from Easton Valley and East Buchanan will be top conference contenders this year.

The boys team this year includes returning key golfers Jon Seibert, Austin Snyder and Pedro Chavez.

"We have a very young team and look forward to making improvements every day and see how much better we can get throughout the course of the season," stated



Returning letter winners for the golf teams include, front row from left: Kelly Winter, Chloe Roling, Megan McNamara, Jon Seibert, Kelsey Ries and Faith Hunt.

Coach Andrews. "Our biggest strength this year is the camaraderie all the guys have. Everyone seems to get along nicely and hopefully this benefits us from a practice and competition standpoint."

Coach Andrews admitted the lack of experience for the boys will be a challenge. "Hopefully as our experience builds, we can compete consistently on a daily basis."

The golf teams opened their season Monday with a dual against Easton Val-

ley. Due to schedule conflicts, MV did not field a boys or girls team.

Jon Seibert and Austin Snyder golfed in the varsity meet and scored a 51 and 73, respectively. Derek Mensen golfed in the varsity meet and scored a 71. Maddie Lahr was the lone female golfing, and she earned a 62 in the JV meet.

"The golfers who competed did a very good job for their first time out, and we have a lot to look forward to for the foreseeable future," stated Coach Andrews.

Boys track team has good mix of veterans and newcomers

The 2017 Track and Field season features 30 male athletes. There are sixteen returning letter winners returning from last year's squad. The team has fourteen upperclassmen which should allow it to compete more favorably than previous teams which was primarily made up of underclassmen. This team has a good mix of seasoned veterans and talented newcomers.

The strengths of this team would be the sprints (100, 200), hurdles (lows, highs, shuttle hurdle relay), shot and discus, 800 and the long jump. Kyle Wilson returns as one of the premier area runners in the 800. Zak Harbach is poised to have a championship season in the sprints and long jump. Throwers Clint Krapfl and Brody Severt will be some of the areas best in the discus and shot put, respectively. Colin Wendt and Brock Hillers will anchor a talented group of hurdlers. Brenden Hogan and Tate Trenkamp look much improved in the distance events. Another strength of this team will be its depth which allows us to put together pretty good relays.

The conference race looks to favor Lisbon. They have been 1A State Champi-



Returning letter winners for the boys track are, front row from left: Norman Wilson, Tyler Britcher, Blake Becker, Brody Severt and Mitchell Neuzil; second row: Tate Trenkamp, Bryant Meyer-Kemp, Daniel Hunter, Brock Hillers, Canyon Richardson and Brenden Hogan; back row: Alex McCusker, Evan Hofer, Zak Harbach, Clint Krapfl and Kyle Wilson. Not pictured: Alec McDowell

ons the past two years. The Wildcats were 2A last year but have move down to 1A this year where they look to compete more on an equal footing. Teams to look for in the conference race will be Lisbon, Maquoketa Valley, and North Linn. Steady improvement throughout the year will have a lot to do with who captures the prize.

The coaches returning from last year are Pat Meehan and Curt Feldt, who have close to 75 years of coaching experience between them at Maquoketa Valley. Joining the staff are Sara Dever who coaches the distance events, and Jason Helle who works with the throwers.

FFA chapter hosts test driving fundraiser

During conferences last Thursday, the FFA chapter earned \$1800 through its Drive One 4 Ur Community program offered through Ford and Runde Auto Group and out of Manchester. Josie Young is shown signing up drivers. FFA members accompanied test drivers.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Aspen Britt
Sport: Track

What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? 4x200, 4x100, 4x400

What do you think about when you run?

Catching the person in front of me or running for time. I think about a lot of things actually: how much pain I'm in or how I'm going to throw up

How do you mentally prepare for a race? By freaking out and people telling me I can do it then I repeat to myself "I can do it"

What's your favorite part of practice? Icing and jamming with Cassy Also messing with Coach Dunlap

What goals do you have for this season? Making it to state in four events, getting a faster time for a 400, and the team taking a lot of events to state

Name: Brooke Wilson
Sport: Track

What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? The sprint med and 4 by 1.

What do you think about when you run?

I tell myself to catch the girl in front of me.

How do you mentally prepare for a race? I pace and walk in circles around people.

What's your favorite part of practice? When we're done with the workout.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Josie Young

You recently helped organize the FFA fundraiser Drive 4 Ur Community. What made you decide to do that?

My dad is the manager at Runde's and was telling me all of the schools/organizations that they could have this fundraiser benefit and he mentioned FFA. I thought it would be great to do something for the chapter that has had a major impact on my life. The opportunity to earn the amount of money was a great opportunity for us.

What leadership skills did you have to use to make that event a success?

The leadership skills I used was organization, dedication, positivity, and communication. Being the operator of social media outlets as well as my communication skills helped get the word out about the event, and allow everyone to be present. Throughout the process I kept a positive attitude which showed through the amount of money we earned and the attendance at the event.

What do you enjoy most about FFA?

I enjoy how unique of a situation we are in with our chapter being split between two schools. I have had the opportunity to make some of my closest friends through the FFA. The FFA has introduced me to things I would never have been able to complete or do. I had the opportunity at Starmont to join FFA my seventh grade year ,and I'm thankful for every extra year I have been granted with.

Food drive planned

by McKenzie Lansing

The Principles of Marketing class is planning a food drive to help families in need before the Easter season. We are asking students and faculty to donate any non-perishable food as well as other necessities. A list of items to donate will be provided to every student and faculty member.

This will not only be a time of donating but also a class competition. The seniors' drop off place will be in Mrs. Spellerberg's room. The Juniors will drop their items off in Mr. Huegel's room. The sophomores will drop their food off in Mrs. Lewin's room. The freshmen will keep their food in Mrs. Besler's/Mrs. Grant's room. The faculty can find boxes in the temporary teacher's lounge in room 103. At the end of the week, the marketing class will count the food brought in from each class. The class who delivers the most food will receive treats from the marketing class.

Items needed:

Fruit, vegetables,	Pudding & Jello
tuna, chicken, etc.	Fruit Snacks
Pickles, olives, etc.	Popcorn
Pasta	Pancake Mix/Syrup
Crackers	Condiments
Pasta Sauce	Salt & Pepper
Fruit Juices	Bottled Water
Peanut Butter	Laundry Soap, Dish
Ramen Noodles	Soap
Cereal	Toilet Paper
Peanuts	Paper Towels
Mac & Cheese	Napkins
Chips	
Oatmeal	

Girls team poised to make an impact



The returning letter winners on the girls track team are, front row from left: Ashley Stogdill, Kara Orcutt, Rejji Smith, Casey Fry and Kaitlyn Deutmeyer; second row: Olivia Hoeger, Maddy Anderegg, Brianna Mensen, Nichole Winter, Mikayla Callan and Danica Fjelstul; back row: Angela Wendt, Cassy Wilson, Ali Sheehy, Aspen Britt, Brooke Wilson, Caitlin Schuman, Sammy Wall and Maci Freiburger. Not pictured: Madison Imler

The girls track team is gearing up for a big year after finishing second at the conference meet last year and returning several strong athletes.

Coach Dunlap noted several key returners including seniors Brianna Mensen, Aspen Britt, Caitlin Schuman, Angela Wendt, Cassy Wilson, Ashley Stogdill and Ali Sheehy along with juniors Rejji Smith, Kara Orcutt and Casey Fry.

“We have a great group of experienced athletes who have been in big meets including the state meet in Des Moines,” stated Coach Dunlap. “There is a core group of multiple-year state qualifiers who are good leaders and who are ambitious and

want to win.”

Coach Dunlap, who has predicted the Wildcats to win the conference meet, stated that this team should be able to compete with any of the talented track teams around. He noted that the freshmen will be able to fill in the gaps that were left with last year’s graduates.

“They are supportive of each other, and there is an exciting winning atmosphere,” Coach Dunlap added.

Coach Dunlap, who is in his fifth year as head coach, is assisted by Mr. Helle, who brings experience as a thrower to the team.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

“The Captain is my brother,” testified the soldier. The Captain claims he doesn’t have a brother. Who is telling the truth?

Both- The soldier was his sister.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are ten fantastic fun facts for you today.

- If you fear going to school then you might have didaskaleinophobia.
- Humans spend almost 25 year of their life sleeping.
- The world’s largest family is a man with 39 wives and 94 children.
- Science shows that when jazz musicians improvise, their brains ignore the areas that are linked to self censoring which allows them to freely express themselves.
- As a brand, Harry Potter is worth \$15 billion dollars.
- There’s a world zombie day on October 8th.
- On average a teen sends 10 texts per hour during the day.
- Songs that you get stuck in your head are called “earworms.”
- Somewhere between 40-80% of the population of ancient Athens, Greece were slaves.
- Premature babies have a higher chance of being left handed.

TEL chapter hosts “Hidden in Plain Sight”



Last week during conference, parents could tour a 12’x12’ bedroom that has “hidden” signs of a child’s substance abuse. Officer Matt Menard, of the Delaware County sherriff’s department, showed parents warning signs of substance abuse. TEL members who volunteered along with Nurse Mary were Kelly Winter, Mason Lubben and Nichole Winter.

Best Buds



Izabel Niehaus & Madison Imler
by Nichole Winter

How long have you been friends?

Since we went swimming in Macy's pool when we were 4

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Gossip in study hall

Why are you friends?

We don't know.

What is your funniest memory together?

Being Best Buds in the Echo!

Cutest Couple



Zach Cornell & Katie Snyder
by Brooklyn Sands

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Both: go fishing and going out to eat

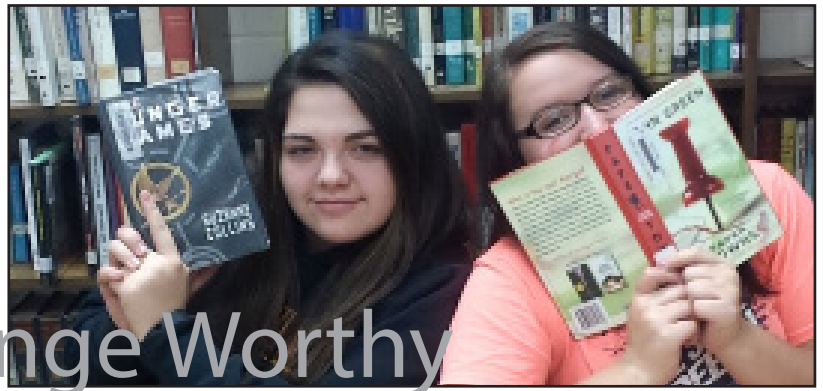
How long have you been dating?

Both: 6 months

What do you like most about the other?

Katie: His personality and how caring he is

Zach: Her quality jokes and her personality



Rebekah & Amanda: **Moana:** This movie has recently come out on DVD, and we have both recently fell in love with it. A Disney movie with a different approach. We meet Moana when she is young, and when she is a teen her story begins. The island that her and her people live on is dying, and there is only one way to fix the problem, return the heart. Moana is the chosen one, and we watch her adventure of Maui the demigod, and return the heart to where it belongs. Her dad doesn't want her to go, but her grandma pushes her to make the right decision. A movie with amazing songs, beautiful colors, and an amazing story!

Rebekah:

The Hypnotist's Love Story by Liane Moriarty:

The book quickly became one of my favorite books. We see the story told from two different viewpoints: Saskia and Ellen. Ellen, an upbeat hypnotist, is in love with her love, her job. The only thing she yearns for is a man. Saskia has a different outlook on life. She is cold, distant, anti-social, shut off. We see the life that Ellen has, and how Saskia got to where she is and how she copes. Along the way we are introduced to many other characters that amplify the story. It's an amazing book that everyone should take the time to read.

Don't Blink sung by Kenny Chesney:

This song has become one that is close to my heart. As graduation is fast approaching for the seniors, I can't stop thinking about how fast life goes. We think we have time for everything we want, we get bored of high school and can't wait to get out. This song brings a new perspective to life and about how quickly time moves.

Happy Gilmore:

Adam Sandler, in my opinion, is one of the funniest people. His movies always have me in tears from laughing so hard. I love any movie that he is in. Happy Gilmore is one of his earliest movies, and it is hilarious. Following the life of Happy, we see the route he takes to get his grandma's house back. To do this he needs to make money, so he starts to golf. We see characters that hate him and characters that love him. A movie that will constantly have you laughing!

Amanda:

Now You See Me 2: As a child I loved magic shows. I was always amazed and curious about how they did their tricks. When the first Now You See Me movie came out I was super excited and I was not disappointed. After the end of that movie the four horsemen have gone into hiding and it is finally time for them to resurface. This time they are here to pull off their most daunting show yet. This performance that takes them around the globe will be the one that proves that they are innocent.

Hawaii Five-O: After an international terrorist murder Steve McGarrett returns to his childhood home in Oahu. Upon his arrival the governor offers him the opportunity to run his own task force. He recruits detective Danny Williams, lieutenant Chin Ho Kelly and Kono Kalakaua. Five-O is there to help anyone and everyone. The team has its own problems but above all else they put their family.

#scandal by Sarah Ockler: Rumors, gossip, and drama the makings of every high school. Lucy has always known the price of bad price ever since her sister Jayla Heart has become Hollywood's new bad girl. Lucy has kept under the radar most through most of high school. But when her best friend Ellie asks her to go in her place to prom she can not refuse. The only problem is Lucy has had a crush on her best friend's boyfriend for as long as she can remember. When photos leak from prom night that incriminate half the students but also show Lucy kissing her best friend's boyfriend, much changes in Lucy's life.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A proud meow to Chance Downs and Alec McDowell for representing Maquoketa Valley and Iowa at the NHSCA wrestling tournament over spring break.



A meow to spring break. Ah...



An apprehensive meow to the start to the remodeling project. It'll be exciting to see some changes, but we'll all have to be flexible during the remodeling.



A meow to the students who signed the petition to not tan and in return protect their skin.



A meow to F&M Bank for once again providing students with ACT study prep materials and training.



A meow to the students who donated blood and to the NHS members who worked at the blood drive.



A meow to Smooth Harmony for its success at state. Congrats, Patrick and Lawson for your individual awards!

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

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

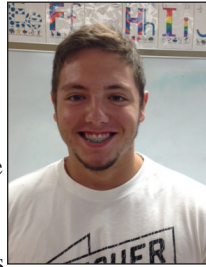
This week's birthdays are:

- 3/18 - Lexi Deutmeyer
- 3/19 - Tanner Parmely
- 3/20 - Madison McIntyre
- 3/21 - Amber Engelken
- 3/26 - Blake Becker, Taylor White
- 3/28 - Cody Gibbs, Josy Harmon
- 3/29 - Payton Ries
- 3/31 - Kaela Chesnut, Trevor Elgin, Sean Hucker

by Brody Sevart

Hello,

Wildcats, and welcome to another edition of Hall Smarts. Since I have been unable to see the new Beauty and the Beast movie in theaters, I decided that this week's questions would be about Disney princesses. This week our contestants are Cole Kruse, Megan McNamara, Matthew Hucker and Emma Hill.



Which Disney princess ate a poisoned apple?

Cole: Rapunzel

Megan: Snow White

Matt: Snow White

Emma: Snow White

Answer: Snow White

Which princess is a mermaid?

Cole: Ariel

Megan: Ariel

Matthew: the little mermaid

Emma: Ariel

Answer: Ariel

Who is the princess in Beauty and the Beast?

Cole: Belle

Megan: Belle

Matthew: Beauty

Emma: Belle

Answer: Belle

Which princess dressed as a man to fight in a Chinese war?

Cole: Mulan

Megan: Mulan

Matthew: Mulan

Emma: Mulan

Answer: Mulan

Jasmine is the princess in which movie?

Cole: Aladdin

Megan: Aladdin

Matthew: the one with the flying carpet

Emma: Aladdin

Answer: Aladdin

Totals: Cole: 4 Megan: 5 Matthew: 2 Emma: 5

Good job to all of our contestants this week. That is all for Hall Smarts in this week's issue of The Wildcat Echo. Have a great weekend and be sure to keep up on your grades, fourth quarter will go by faster than you may think.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of April 3, 2017

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

1. 1st & 2nd Graders to UNI Bluedorne for "Seussical the Musical" - 10:00 AM (3 Buses Leave @ 8:30 AM)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

1. HS Girls' Track to J-Hawks Relays in Jesup - 4:30 PM (Bus at 2:45 PM)
2. HS V G & B Golf to Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Winthrop with E.B. - 4 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:45 PM)
3. HS Boys' Track to the Raider Invitational Relays in Anamosa - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

1. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

1. HS Boys' Track to the Mustang Invitational Relays in Independence - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

1. HS TAG Students to ISU in Ames for show of "Little Women" (Van Leaves at 7:00 AM)
2. MV HS District-Wide Service Day - 12:30 PM (Buses Leave Delhi for Earlville & Hopkinton at 12:10 PM)
3. HS V G Golf at Lone Pine Golf Course with Ed-Co - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:45 PM)
4. HS V B Golf at Woods Edge Golf Course with Ed-Co - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:45 PM)
5. MV Jr. High Vocal "Spectrum" - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

1. HS V Boys' Golf to Ed/Co Invitational at Woods Edge Golf Course - 8:30 AM (Van Leaves at 7:20 AM)
2. A.C.T. Given at M.V. - MS Multipurpose Room & MS Commons - 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM
3. Dollars for Scholars Dueling Pianos/ Karaoke Night Fundraiser - Pin Oak Country Club - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

MV HS FFA to State FFA Convention at ISU in Ames - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 1:00 PM)
2. HS Girls' Basketball Banquet - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

McDowell, Downs earn All-American wrestling honors

While some students were getting some extra sleep, working a few extra hours or taking a family vacation, Maquoketa Valley freshman Chance Downs and senior Alec McDowell were competing in the National High School Coaches Association wrestling tournament in Virginia Beach, Va. where they wrestling their way to the podium to earn All-American status.

Downs and McDowell finished eighth in their respective brackets at the event held Mar. 24-26.

McDowell earned his invitation to participate in the tournament because of his first place finish at the state tournament in February. His bracket was filled with 66 of the nation's best 182-pound wrestlers in 12th grade.

Downs, as a freshman, could compete against other freshmen in the 145-pound bracket because of his berth to the state tournament where he finished seventh.

“This is the toughest tournament in the nation.”
—Alec McDowell, senior

Over the three-day tournament, both athletes had seven matches and finished 4-3.

“This is the toughest tournament in the nation,” said McDowell.

Both wrestlers had motives for attending.

“I wanted to travel and reach the next level of wrestling opponents,” said Downs. “I want to see what I can do nationally for my weight division and see how I rank and how I can improve.”

McDowell concurred. “I wanted to win, especially against guys from around the country, not just Iowa wrestlers. Ultimately, it was for the experience and getting better.”

McDowell noted how wrestling styles vary throughout the country.

Downs added that wrestling against opponents from throughout the country was beneficial. “I got to wrestle opponents with different styles from what I’m used to.”

Downs and McDowell described East Coast wrestlers’ style as “funky,” as in



they don’t like to be as physical and they like to scramble.

Downs was able to travel with his father, and McDowell was accompanied by his mother, uncle and grandfather. Both wrestlers recognized how this trip was more than just about wrestling: they enjoyed traveling and spending time with their family and going to the beach.

This weekend the two will wrestle at the USA Wrestling Folkstyle tournament in Cedar Falls.

After the tournament this week, both wrestlers said they would take a break. Will their quest for All-American status end there?

Downs said he’s going to keep improving and aims to win a national championship.

McDowell plans to continue wrestling at college. He has not committed to a school yet.

“I want to see what I can do nationally for my weight division and see how I rank and how I can improve.”
—Chance Downs, freshman

Outdoor track season opens for boys, girls compete indoors



The boys competed in their first outdoor track meet Tuesday and showed their talent by finishing fourth place.

Finishes earning points:

100M dash: Zak Harbach, first, 11.78;
Mitch Neuzil, second, 12.26
200M dash: Harbach, fourth, 24.29
800M run: Kyle Wilson, third, 2:03.25
1600M run: Brenden Hogan, fourth, 5:02.4
400M hurdles: Colin Wendt, seventh, 1:03.4

Zak Harbach takes a great leap in the long jump at West Delaware Tuesday night. He finished third. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

Discus: Clint Krapfl, third, 133-01
Long jump: Harbach, third, 19-10
Shot put: Brody Severt, third, 43-06; Tyson Tucker, fifth, 39-10.5
4x100 relay: third, 47.97
4x100 weightman's relay: second, 53.24
4x200 relay: fifth, 1:40.19
4x400 relay: fifth, 3:46.93
4x800 relay: third, 9:18.98
440M shuttle hurdle relay: fourth, 110.38

The boys are scheduled to compete next on Tuesday at Anamosa.

Girls finished fourth in TRC

The girls competed at Cornell for their second indoor track meet on the 17th. The team placed 4th, with 54 points at the Tri-Rivers conference indoor meet.

In the field events, Lydia Helle placed 6th in shot put. She threw 26' 11," gaining 3 points for the team.

In the running events, Maddy Anderegg placed 6th in the 55m dash. She ran a 8.64, gaining 3 points for the team. In the 200m dash, Ashley Stogdill ran a 29.57, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points for the team. In the 400m dash, Allison Knipper ran a 1:14.29, placing 8th, gaining 1 point for the team. In the 800m dash, Rejji Smith ran a 2:52.88, gaining 3 points for the team by placing 6th. In the 60m hurdles, Cassidy Wilson ran a 10.97 and Angela Wendt ran a 11.21. Cassidy placed 4th, gaining 5 points and Angela scored 6th, gaining 3 points.

Starting with the 4x200m relay for the relay events, the team of Madison Imler, Danica Fjelstul, Wendt, and Caitlin Schuman ran a 2:04.19, placing 6th and gaining 3 points for the team. In the 4x400m relay, Kara Orcutt, Brianna Mensen, Olivia Hoeger, and Aspen Britt ran a 4:27.94, placing 1st and scoring 10 points for the team. The 4x800m relay team of Wilson, Britt, Nichole Winter and Mensen ran an 11:12.45, placing 2nd and scoring 8 points for the team. In the Distance Medley relay, Stogdill, Caitlin Schuman, Orcutt, and Smith ran a 4:54.64, placing 2nd and gaining 8 points for the team.

The girls meet at West Delaware last night was cancelled, so they will compete next on the Tuesday at Jesup.

Remodeling project begins



Changes in the high school started Thursday with the emptying of the faculty workroom. Soon Mr. Tuetken's will find a new homebase while Mrs. McDermott moves to the middle school; Mr. Kudrna, to the small office off of Susan's office; and Pam, to the supply closet in the commons.

Students and staff need to get ready for some changes because the remodeling project is underway.

Mr. Tuetken announced that Monday evening the Board of Directors approved the low bid from Tricon Construction for the high school remodel and addition project. The base bid from Tricon includes a new elevator, a set-building room, a locker room remodel, a weight and fitness addition, restroom and offices remodel, concession stand relocation and remodel, entrance remodel and clerestory, kitchen hood, lights and air handling, instrumental and green room remodel, ventilators and thermostats, cement work and/or

sidewalk replacement and some site work to the north side of the building. Exterior signage and updates to the casework for the auditorium sound booth will also be done.

As a part of the project over the next couple of summers the district will be replacing the gym floor and bleachers, updating the science and consumer science classrooms, working on roofs throughout the district, fixing boilers and replacing the gym floor at Earlville. "Along with these projects we will continue to provide appropriate technology for our kids as well as purchase buses and have the needed dollars to maintain our facilities," stated Mr. Tuetken.

