

Spring play to open next Friday

by Rebekah Hill

Cinderella, Belle, and Ellie (not to be confused with Elsa) are the three daughters to the all powerful King. Unlike we would assume, not all these princesses are as sweet as they seem. When the king turns 50, he decides to give up his power and split his kingdom between his three daughters. When the time comes to split the kingdom, tragedy sets in. With the help of characters everyone will recognize, Talking Teapot Lady (Mrs. Potts) and Animated Snowman (Olaf), Prince Charming, Pocahontas, and many others the plot thickens and the hunt for the crown gets tougher. Betrayal, lies, and lots and lots of laughs, *Game of Tiaras* by Don Zolidis is sure to be a hit! With direction from Mrs. DeVore and Mr. Hadley, and the hard work of all involved this play will be a success!

Game of Tiaras will be performed



Cast members rehearse a dance scene for next week's performance of *Game of Tiaras*. (photo by Kiesha Stelken)

by the Maquoketa Valley Drama Department on May 5th & 6th at 7:00 pm. Tickets

are on sale in the office, and they cost \$5 each!

Students learn about tobacco use prevention



Students attending the iSTEP Summit were Maddie Lahr, Kelly Winter, Kristin Lucas, Lexi Deutmeyer, Summer Schmuecker and Emmy Prindle

by Kristin Lucas

On Tuesday, six TEL members attended the iSTEP Summit. Maddie Lahr, Kelly Winter, Kristin Lucas, Lexi Deutmeyer, Summer Schmuecker and Emmy Prindle went with Nurse Mary to Ankeny for the event.

iSTEP, Iowa Students for Tobacco

Education and Prevention, is focussed on educating about tobacco's harmful effects. There were multiple guest speakers and different sessions throughout the day. The day was very interesting and successful. We learned more statistics and facts about tobacco and left with many ideas to try to implement in our community and school.

Sophomores learn about career options



Sophomores attended the annual career fair at West Delaware yesterday. Students visited in small group rotations with professionals in various careers. (photo by Kelly Winter)

Sports Connection

Busy schedule for track girls, Sheehy at Drake

by McKenzie Lansing

The girls competed at West Delaware last Thursday. They placed 13th overall, with a total of 16 points.

In the field events, Alison Sheehy PRed for the second time this week, with a throw of 127', gaining 10 points for the team by placing 1st. She did official qualify for Drake and competed last night at 4.

In the running events, in the 400m Hurdles, Cassidy Wilson ran a 1:13.86, placing 6th.

In the relay events, starting with the 4x200m relay, Caitlin Schuman, Sam Wall, Aspen Britt, and Brianna Mensen ran a 1:55.90, placing 6th. In the 4x400m relay, Kara Orcutt, Mensen, Wall and Britt ran a 4:23.03, placing 5th. In the 4x800m relay, Rejji Smith, Britt, Wilson, and Mensen ran a 10:43.99, placing 6th.. In the Distance-Medley Relay, Madison Imler, Maddy Anderegg, Orcutt, and Casey Fry ran a 5:02.42, placing 6th.

On Monday night the girls started their busy week with a meet at Center-Point Urbana. The girls placed 3rd with a total of 57, points.

Starting with the 100m dash, Mensen ran a 13.80, placing 4th. In the 200m dash, Wall ran a 27.93, placing 4th. In the 400m dash, Britt ran a 1:03.12, placing 2nd. In the 800m run, Wilson ran a 2:43.63, placing 4th. In the 100m hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran a 18.16, placing 5th.

In the relay events, the 4x100m relay team of Ashley Stogdill, Schuman, Mensen, and Britt ran a 53.59, placing 3rd. In the 4x200m relay, Imler, Schuman, Stogdill, and Mensen ran a 1:55.35, placing 3rd. In the 4x400m relay, Orcutt, Mensen, Wall, and Britt ran a 4:17.52, placing 2nd. In the Sprint-Medley Relay, Schuman, Stogdill, Wall, and Britt ran a 1:57.50, placing 2nd. In the Distance-Medley Relay, Stogdill, Danica Fjelstul, Orcutt, and Wilson ran a 4:52.09, placing 6th. In the Shuttle Hurdle relay, Katilyn Deutmeyer, Angela Wendt, Wilson, and Orcutt ran a 1:12.99, placing



3rd.

The girls competed at the Anamosa Co-Ed meet on Tuesday. They had a total of 33 points, placing 9th overall.

In the discus, Sheehy threw a total of 116' 0.50" placing 1st.

In the relay events, starting with the 4x100m relay, Stogdill, Mensen, Wall, and Britt ran a 52.11, placing 1st. In the 4x800m relay, Smith, Fry, Nichole Winter, and Mensen ran an 11:14.43, placing 6th. The Sprint-Medley Relay team of Mensen, Stogdill, Wall, and Britt ran a 1:55.93, placing 5th. The Distance-Medley relay team of Schuman, Fjestul, Orcutt, and Wilson ran a 4:45.40, placing 8th. The Shuttle Hurdle team of Wendt, Olivia Hoeger, Wilson, and Orcutt ran a 1:13.43, placing 4th.

The girls compete at Cascade tonight.

Senior Ali Sheehy earned the opportunity to throw at the Drake Relays yesterday because she qualified as one of the top 24 discus throwers in the state. Although Ali fouled on all four of her throws, she represented MV well and had a strong "Big Al" fan base to cheer her on. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

Winter, Hunt are medalists

by Kelly Winter

Last Friday, April 21st our Golf team had another meet vs Springville at Central City's golf course. The day was a little chilly, but they managed to pull through. The top girl's scorer was Kelly Winter with a 49 and Faith Hunt as runner-up with a 52. Following are the Individual scores:

Varsity Boys

Jon Seibert - 56
Austin Snyder - 60
Derek Mensen - 63
Morgan Hermanson - 58
Matthew Hucker - 63

Varsity Girls

Kelly Winter - 49
Chloe Roling - 54
Faith Hunt - 52
Madison McIntyre - 61
Kelsey Ries - 57

Overall everyone did very well, according to Coach Andrews. "We are becoming a lot more consistent as a team from top to bottom. The boy's are starting to make huge improvements and the girl's continue to golf well."

The next meet will be today, Friday 28th vs Monticello. The girls will be playing in Manchester at Hartridge Golf Course, while the boys are playing at Monticello. This will be their last meet, so go show your school spirit!

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Taylor White
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? Dwarf 1



What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I absolutely love my part, and I love watching others step into their character. It's fun to see.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? There are a lot of funny characters, so I think they'll enjoy all the funny jokes and moments presented.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? *One Tree Hill*

Name: Kristin Lucas
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? Cinderella



What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I love being able to make new friends and talk to people

I usually wouldn't. Theater really helps me break out of my shell and have fun. This show is so funny and we all have tons of fun working together!

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think the audience will really enjoy all the humor! All the characters have their own quirks and fun personalities. The characters aren't the brightest either.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? I would want to star in *Friends*. I love all the characters and it's such a funny show. *Friends* is full of jokes and lessons.

Annual Farm Safety Day Held



The ag students hosted their annual Farm Safety Day even for elementary students today. High school students worked in stations to teach students about various ways to stay safe around the farm and in rural areas. Above: Heath Gibbs teaches about water safety.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Zak Harbach
Sport: Track

What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? 100/200m ~ 4x1 ~ Long Jump

What do you think about when you run?
When am I going to be done?

How do you mentally prepare for a race?
Listen to some Uzi

What's your favorite part of practice?
Watching Clint get angry at Mitch and Evan during our 4x1 exchanges

What did you eat for breakfast?
Whatever the cooks make for us that day



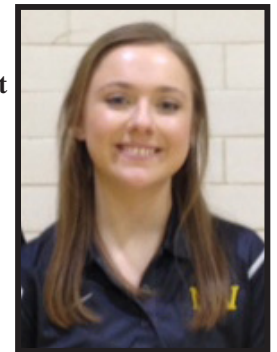
Name: Chloe Roling
Sport: Golf

What do you enjoy most about playing golf? I like how relaxing and calm it is out on the course. I also enjoy how your always challenging or going up against yourself. You are your own biggest opponent.

What's something about the sport that non-golfers wouldn't realize? How much thinking goes into everything you do. Wind direction, which club to use when, green speed, and all that stuff.

What are your golfing strengths? I've gotten good at clearing my head and focusing on the game and not the people around me.

Favorite memory from the golf course? Either golfing with Kelly every day or breaking my personal record and dropping 16 strokes from the first meet of the season.



Students share at World Food Prize competition

On April 24th, eight FFA members (Amanda Fortman, Olivia Schlarman, Brandon Bonert, Evan Gaul, Amanda Engelken, Justin Wessel, Becca Dunkel, and Cassi Westhoff) traveled to Ames to meet with experts on how to fight world hunger.

The World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute is a transformative experience for students held at Iowa State University each April. During this day long event students are able to immerse themselves in the world of food security while presenting their ideas and findings to other students across Iowa. To qualify each participant researched a third world country with food security issues. They also became a Borlaug Scholar and received a \$500 scholarship to Iowa State. Brandon Bonert, Evan



MV students pose with Ambassador Kenneth Quinn.

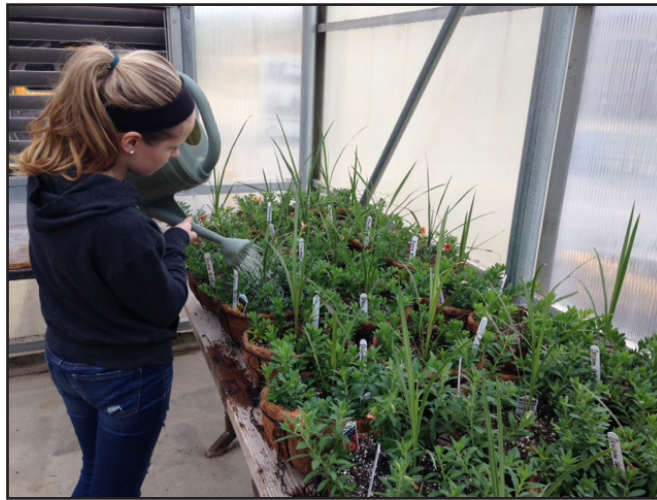
Gaul, Amanda Engelken, Justin Wessel, Becca Dunkel and Cassi Westhoff will also have the opportunity to apply for the Global Youth Institute held in October.

Cassi Westhoff, co-reporter
Amanda Engelken, co-reporter

Greenhouse to open next week

The MV FFA will open its greenhouse next week. It will be open on Wednesdays until May 17 from 3:00-6:00 and Saturdays May 13 and 20 from 7:00-2:00. Thirty variety of plants are available.

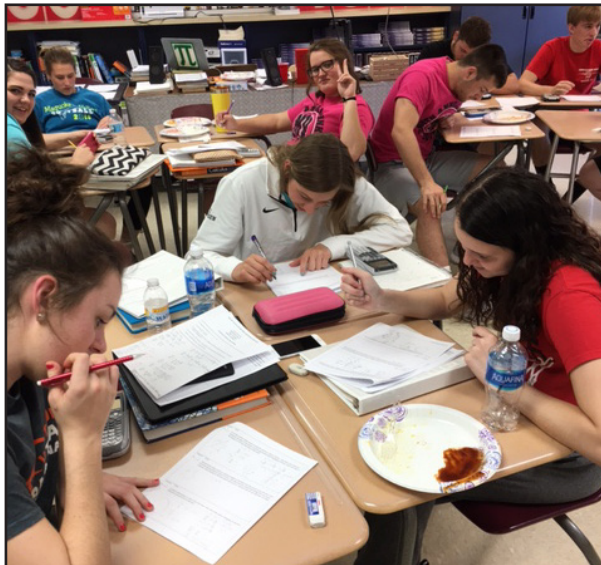
Right: Tiffany Kelly waters some of the plants during horticulture class.



AP Calc students hit it hard

Last Saturday all of the AP Calc students voluntarily attended a student session that lasted into from early afternoon to late evening.

The students will take the Advanced Placement test on May 9. Students will also be taking the AP U.S. History test and the AP Physics test in the next few weeks.



Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

If Teresa's daughter
is my daughter's mother,
what am I to Teresa?

A: Her daughter



What is your biggest pet peeve?

by Nichole Winter

Mac Callan- talking with food in your mouth and crooked pictures and clipping nails

Clint Krapfl- when people walk slow
Brianna Mensen- when people walking next to me cross my path

Sam Wall- when people are loud and obnoxious

Ms. Richter- bottle flipping

Clint Krapfl- when there's corn in tator tot casserole

Holly Offerman- when different colors of wood are in the same room

Alex McCusker- people stepping on my feet

Colin Wendt- when we miss WIN time without being told

Maci Freiburger- when people don't listen to me

Brody Severt- basic grammatical errors
Erika Supple- when people interrupt and the Amish

Matthew Hucker- people chewing with their mouth open

Jenna Nefzger- misleading directions
Chloe Roling- when people say "treadmeal" instead of "treadmill"

Lea Ries- when people chew with their mouth open

Michael Feldmann- when my favorite study hall teacher loses her job

Norman Wilson- when I'm not in the echo

Daniel Hunter- when people interrupt you
Derek Mensen- slow drivers

Cassy Wilson- Norman standing in front of my locker between every class period

Ali Sheehy- when Mr. Lester tries to make conversation with me

Ashley Stogdill- when people poke me!!!

Boys track finishes fourth at home meet

Norman Wilson competes at the home meet Monday night.



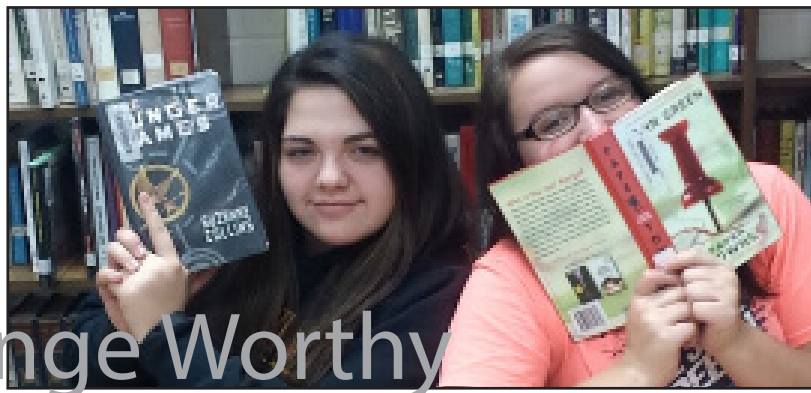
by Chance Downs

This past Monday the boy's track team hosted the Wildcat Invitational. This event displayed 12 teams where the Wildcats placed fourth with a total of 76 points. Points were scored by the following:

Long Jump: Zak Harbach, 3rd, 19-03.00
 Shot Put: Brody Severt, 3rd, 46-11.75
 Discus: Clint Krapfl, 5th, 128-02
 Sprint Medley: 6th, 1:44.26
 3200 Meter Run: Tate Trenkamp, 4th, 11:14.85
 4x800 Meter Relay: 2nd, 8:34.25
 Shuttle Hurdle: 2nd, 1:03.69
 Distance Medley: 4th, 3:57.89
 400 Meter Dash: Alex McCusker, 4th, 54.75; Derek Becker, 6th, 55.28
 4x200 Meter Relay: 4th, 1:38.57
 800 Meter Run: Kyle Wilson, 1st, 2:02.83
 1600 Meter: Brenden Hogan, 2nd, 4:50.17
 4x100 Meter Relay: 4th, 46.57
 4x400 Meter Relay: 3rd, 3:40.00

Last Thursday the team earned a fourth place finish at the Monticello meet.

100M: Harbach, 2nd, 11.56
 200M: Harbach, 2nd, 23.18
 400M: Derek Becker, 3rd, 57.06
 800M: Wilson, 1st, 2:04.85
 110 Hurdles: Brock Hillers, 5th, 16.95
 1600M: Hogan, 6th, 5:00.60
 3200M: Trenkamp, 5th, 11:30.82
 400M hurdles: Colin Wendt, 6th, 1:02.45
 Discus: Blake Becker, 5th, 118-10
 High Jump: Hillers, tied for 3rd, 5-06
 Long Jump: Harbach, first, 20-02.00
 Shot Put: Severt, 6th, 43-03
 4x100: 2nd, 46.13 (M. Neuzil, E. Hoefler, Krapfl, Harbach)
 4x200: 4th, 1:40.25 (N. Neuzil, Hoefler, Krapfl, D. Hunter)
 4x400: 5th, 3:56.72 (Hillers, D. Becker, Wilson, Hoefler)
 4x800: 6th, 9:01.92 (C. Downs, Wilson, D. Becker, Hogan)
 400M Shuttle hurdle: 2nd, 1:04.57 (Wendt, Hillers, Wilson, D. Becker)
 Spring Medley: 6th, 1:48.00 (M. Neuzil, Hoefler, Hunter, A. McCusker)



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda: **HuHot:** This place has great food, and it is a great place to eat with friends! Also, it is kind of cheap which is good considering most of us are spending so much money on prom! If you ever want to sit, eat, and rant with your friends HuHot is a place for all three! Highly recommended.

Rebekah:

Hairspray: Good morning Baltimore! Tracy Turnblad is done hiding in the shadows. She has always loved The Corny Collins Show, singing and dancing have always been her calling. However, she doesn't look like the other girls on the show, so she has a hard time. When an opportunity opens for her to get on the show, she jumps at the chance. She is met with resistance though, her mother doesn't want her to do it and one of the producers will do anything to make sure that she isn't on the show. Race, society's judgement, and acceptance are some of the topics touched in this movie! A great movie that everyone should watch. Plus, Zac Efron is in it, how could anyone pass that up?

The Last Song: Ronnie hasn't seen her father in years, and is now forced to spend the summer with him. When her and her little brother are dropped off, she turns the cold shoulder on her father and ignores his for the beginning of the summer. The only connection that her and her father have is music, but she has shut that part of her life out too. All the attempts her dad does to try and reconnect fail. During the summer Ronnie meets Will and they fall in love. With the help of Will, Ronnie reconnects with her father. Ronnie's father has horrible news for his kids, and their lives are turned upside down. A truly devastating movie that everyone should take the time to watch.

Amanda:

Aladdin: This is my all time favorite Disney movie. Aladin is street rat who barely gets by stealing food. Finding a lamp in the desert changes his life forever. Princess Jasmine would do anything to escape her perfect life as long as she gets to make decisions for herself. When their lives intersect everything begins to change for both of them. This movie is the perfect mix of romance and action. The story has something for everyone to enjoy. Also, the music is incredible. So check out this classic Disney movie today.

The Weekend sung by Brantley Gilbert:

We all do it, count down the days, hours, and minutes until it is Friday and time for the weekend. This song has quickly made it to the top of my most played list. This song has a fun beat and just gets you pumped up. So let's live it up for the weekend!

The School for Good and Evil by So-

man Chainani: Sophie is exactly what you would expect a princess to look like: pink wearing bubbly blonde. Agatha is the complete opposite; a shut-in, gothic loner. By some miracle these girls became friends. Sophie has always dreamed of going to the School of Good and Evil, Agatha just wants to protect her best friend. When they are taken to the School of Good and Evil they are put into the wrong schools. Agatha has to adapt to the life of pink and frill and Sophie to the dark dungeons of the Evil school. This story follows their adventures as they find exactly who they are and do not let stereotypes from letting them be exactly who they are and determine how they live their lives.

Choir, band to honor seniors

by Lawson Roof

It's almost graduation day, and you know what that means... The senior awards concert is next week! On Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m., the seniors in band and choir are honored for all the hard work they have put into the music department throughout their years in high school. Both the choir and band will be performing, and the seniors will receive medals for their performances at contests throughout their years. Separately, two seniors, one from band and one from choir, will be awarded with a special senior award for their true dedication to music and the music department at MV.

It is our last concert of the year, and we would love to have your support!

The Cat Box

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



A meow to Ali Sheehy and the "Big Al" fan club for making MV's presence known at the Drake Relays.



A meow to the cast and crew of the spring play and a bonus meow to all of you who have purchased tickets.

Get them in the office now!



A meow to our senior musicians who are preparing for their final concert scheduled for Tuesday.



A meow to the students who will be inducted into NHS on Wednesday as well as the students recognized for Academic Excellence.



A good luck meow to the golf team as the boys get ready for conference golf.

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:

4/29 - Trent Koopmann

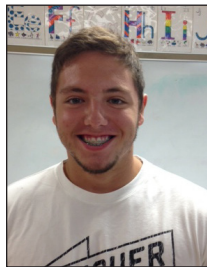
4/30 - Emma Hill

5/4 - Jillian Thompson

Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats, as you all know from this year is this weekend. So it only seems fitting to have a section which was about prom. They will be tangoing with these questions to try and get them correct. This week the contestants will be Abby Holtz, Nichole Winter, Norman Wilson and Derek Mensen.



What is this year's prom theme?

Abby: A night under the lights

Nichole: people under the lights

Norm: city under the lights

Derek: uhh I don't know

Answer: A night under the lights

What was last year's prom theme?

Abby: Burlap and Lace

Nichole: Movie themed

Norm: Birkenstocks with laces

Derek: western

Answer: Burlap and Lace

How much does it cost to attend prom?

Abby: \$1

Nichole: 100 cents

Norm: too much

Derek: a dollar

Answer: \$1

What are this year's prom colors?

Abby: red gold and black

Nichole: pink and yellow, blue

Norm: black and gold, go cats

Derek: uh blue, is it multiple colors?

Answer: Black and red and gold

Who was last year's prom queen?

Abby: Megan Mensen

Nichole: Megan

Norm: not Taylor

Derek: I don't know her name

Answer: Megan Mensen

Good job to Abby Holtz this week. That is all I have for this you readers in this issue of Hall Smarts. The days are ticking down for school and just a reminder to keep your mind on school for the remaining days. Also, a huge good luck to track athletes this week for conference meets.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 1, 2017

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

1. Last Day of MAP Testing in the High School
2. HS TRC Boys Golf at Valley Oaks Golf Club in Clinton - 9:00 AM (Suburban Leaves at 6:30 AM)
3. HS Girls' Track at Independence - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
4. HS Boys' Track at Marion - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
5. JH Boys' Track - HOME - Wildcat Invitational - 4:15 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

1. HS AP Physics Testing - HS Library - Noon until 4:30 PM
2. HS FFA to Nursery, Landscape & Agronomy - Hawkeye Tech., Waterloo - 3:30 PM (2 Vans @ 2:40 PM)
3. JH Girls & Boys' to Co-Ed Track Meet in Central City - 4:15 PM (Bluebird Bus Leaves at 2:55 PM)
4. HS Band and Choir Senior Awards Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

1. MV HS Academic Excellence & National Honor Society Banquet - HS Cafeteria & Auditorium - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

1. HS Boys & Girls' Co-Ed Tri-Rivers Conference Track - HOME - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 - National School Nurse's Day

1. HS AP U S History Testing - HS Library - 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM
2. HS Spanish IV Class Trip to Los Flores in Manchester (Bus leaves at 11:00 AM)
3. HS Spring Play "Game of Tierras" - HS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

1. MV Athletic Boosters Baseball Tournament - 8:00 AM
2. HS IHSMA Lrg Grp Music Fest. @ Tipton (Bluebird Bus & Suburban/Trailer Leave at 7 AM / Hopk 7:10)
3. HS Spring Play "Game of Tierras" - HS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

1. MV Athletic Boosters Mini-Wildcat Track Meet - HS Track - 8:00 AM
2. MV HS Baccalaureate for Seniors - HS Auditorium - 1:30 PM
3. MV Dollars for Scholars Senior Awards Night - MV Multi-Purpose Room - 3:00 PM