

# Wildcat Echo

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## Dancers compete at state solo contest, Stelken earns a Division I

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Shake, rock, and roll, Cats! That's what our very own dance team did last Saturday at the State Solo Dance Competition. The girls traveled nearly two and a half hours to Newton High School to compete, and left with great results!

After almost twelve hours and six great performances by Taylor Guthrie, Melissa Schwandt, Briana March, Kiesha Stelken, Ashley Stogdill and Danielle Schuman, the girls waited for awards. Out of the six performances, Kiesha's was ranked a Division I with a score of 60.4. The rest of the girls gave stellar performances and ranked Division IIs.

About the performances, senior captain Taylor Guthrie said, "The day was great overall. The girls danced very well. We were gone from 10:00am to 10:00pm, but we made sure to make it a very successful day."

If you see any of these ladies in the hallway, make sure to congratulate them on their amazing competition ratings. It doesn't matter if you win or lose; it's what you do with your dancing shoes



## Musical to be presented this weekend



Female cast members rehearse a scene in preparation of tonight's debut. (photo by Nichole Lucas)

by Emily LaGrant

The theatre kids of Maquoketa Valley are grabbing their leather jackets, poodle skirts, and dancing shoes to get ready for an awe inspiring production of the musical Grease this weekend.

Come see Grease as you've never seen it before! This isn't just the classic movie. It's a heart stopping show with fun dance numbers and an array of sing-a-long songs, both old and new. Don't miss the quirky renditions of the classic characters, as Danny, Sandy, and the rest of the gang experience all the ups and downs of high school from new found love to prom night!

All three shows are currently sold out.

The show is directed by Donald Hansen, and the music is directed by Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Hadley.

The cast includes:

Danny  
Sandy  
Rizzo  
Kenickie  
Frenchy  
Doody  
Jan  
Roger  
Marty  
Sonny

Patrick Hansen  
Megan Beaman  
Riley Sternhagen  
Angel Rumbo  
Emily LaGrant  
Brian Heims  
Taylor Guthrie  
Eric Heims  
Jazz Niehaus  
Ryan Dunn

Patty  
Eugene  
Miss Lynch  
Cha-Cha  
Vince Fontaine  
Johnny Casino  
Teen Angels

Megan McNamara  
Brenden Hogan  
Amanda Fortman  
Katilyn Deutmeyer  
Alex McCusker  
Sean Hucker  
Shaylynn Trenkamp  
Tate Trenkamp

Dancers, Cheerleaders, & Students

Katilyn Deutmeyer  
Kaela Chesnut  
McKenzie Lansing  
Kara Leibold  
Ali Sheehy  
Stefanie Hansen  
Emma McDowell  
Gabriela Guetzko  
Cassidy Wilson  
Hannah Clemen  
Garrett Guetzko  
Josy Harmon  
Shaylyn Trenkamp  
Tamala Askeland  
Natalie Neuzil  
Kiesha Stelken  
Rose Havens

Isabel Niehaus  
Mikayla Callan  
Hannah Lahr  
Megan Rausch  
Briana March  
Kristin Brehm  
Victoria Lane  
Kendra Ries

Bryce Askeland  
Cassie Schwandt  
Tate Trenkamp

Dylan Wright  
Adrienne Supple  
Kelsey Ries  
Kristin Lucas  
Shana Timm

Techs  
Hunter Glass  
Nichole Lucas  
Katie Snyder

Ricky Hansen  
Brooke Snyder  
Kelsey Snyder

# It just got *real* for the seniors

Macy  
Anderegg  
makes  
some finan-  
cial deci-  
sions at the  
Real Life  
Academy  
Thursday.  
(photo by  
Nichole  
Lucas)



Yesterday, Maquoketa Valley and Ed-Co seniors had the opportunity to participate in the Real Life Academy at Maquoketa Valley High School.

The Real Life Academy is sponsored by the Delaware Co. School to Work Committee and introduces high school seniors to the real world of day to day finance-making choices, paying bills and dealing with whatever "fate" may hand you.

Participants are assigned one of their chosen professions, their marital status, and whether or not they have children and/or pets. They are also given their monthly salary and a credit card with no outstanding balance. Most students also have a student loan payment. Students are given a checkbook and register and are required to pay taxes, buy or rent housing, purchase vehicles, insurance, fuel, groceries, clothing, make investments and charitable contributions, pay for child care, pay the phone bill, utilities, etc. Local business people will be at tables that the students visit to pay for their monthly expenses. There will also be a "Fate" table, where students draw two cards of chance. Sometimes these are positive or they might be negative. There is also a roaming nurse and police officer who hand out fate cards. In order to exit the Real Life Academy students must meet with a banker who reviews the check register to make sure that the student is on track and has between \$0 and \$200 left in his or her account.

This is the eighth year for the Real Life Academy in Delaware Co.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of **NOVEMBER 8, 2015** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

1. MV HS Fall Musical "Grease" - Auditorium - Performance at 2:00 PM

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

1. Practices Begin for HS Girls' Basketball - 3:30 PM
2. MV Fine Arts Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

1. MV FFA Officer Meeting - HS Room # 307 - 7:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015

1. School Picture Retakes - Delhi Elementary, HS, MS 8:30 AM / Earlville 11:00 AM / Johnston 1:00 PM
2. HS Band to Veteran's Day Ceremony at Earl. Elem. - 10:30 AM

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

1. HS FFA Degree Ceremony & Monthly Meeting - MV Auditorium - 7:00 PM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

1. HS Girls to "Think Pink" Conference at NICC in Peosta (Van at 8:45 AM)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

1. MV Athletic Boosters Boys Basketball Tournament - HS & MS Gym - 8:00 AM
1. MV HS V Girls' Basketball Scrimmage at Cedar Rapids Kennedy HS - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

1. MV HS Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 4:30 PM

# Student teacher joins ag ed department



by Kristi Goedken

**Name:** Ms. Strong

**What college did you attend?** UW-Platteville

**Where is your hometown?** Elgin, IA

**How long will you be at MV?** until the end of the semester

**What are your future goals?** I would like to run a marathon, expand and manage my cattle herd, as well as be an awesome teacher. (:

**What are your hobbies?** running, biking, playing the piano, working on the farm, and being outside

**What is something interesting about you?** I student taught in Lima, Peru before coming to MV. I also played at Wells Fargo Arena for Girls State Basketball!

## DECEMBER 18

- 1ST PERIOD 8:05 – 9:25
- 3RD PERIOD 9:35 – 10:55
- WIN TIME 11:00 – 11:30
- LUNCH 11:30 – 12:00
- 5TH PERIOD 12:05 – 1:25
- 7TH PERIOD 1:35 – 2:55

## DECEMBER 21

- 2nd PERIOD 8:05 – 9:25
- 4th PERIOD 9:35 – 10:55
- WIN TIME 11:00 – 11:30
- LUNCH 11:30 – 12:00
- 6th PERIOD 12:05 – 1:25
- 8th PERIOD 1:35 – 2:55

Semester Test Schedule



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Emily LaGrant & Riley Sternhagen*

**You have recently taken a leadership role in a Femininity/Masculinity unit in Social Issues. Why does this topic matter to you?**

Emily: Feminism covers such a broad range of topics and affects every single person alive, whether that person realizes it or not. It's important to be educated on how it affects people, and how it's changing the world. Feminism is a large part of my future so it's my job to be educated on it.

Riley: It matters to me for the same reason that it should matter to everyone: equality. Whether you're a female, male, gay, transgendered or a different race, we're all equal, and the main goal of feminism is to fight for that equality.

**Why does this class interest you?**

Emily: Social Issues is all about opening your mind to different sides of different issues. I definitely feel more open to opposing sides and more willing to learn because of this class. It helps push me to see another side, another issue, another perspective.

Riley: This class was a great interest for me because I wanted to know more about what was going on in the world around me, and I like hearing everyone's opinion.

**What are some other topics you hope to study in class?**

Emily: We're just starting the unit on privacy rights, and I'm very excited. Just like with feminism, privacy in our country is a topic that has a huge impact on our future. It's our duty as citizens to get educated.'

Riley: LGBT Rights, government transparency (or lack-there-of), abortion, and rape culture would all be great, important topics to discuss.

**What's something this class has made you think about that you hadn't thought of before?**

Emily: The Social Issues class had the opportunity to listen to Mr. Emlet stand for the Democratic Party and Mr. Huber explain the Republican Party. Their explanations were eye opening and helped me realize that there are two sides to every coin.

Riley: It has just opened my eyes overall. It's made me think more in depth about what my opinions are, and why the topics we have chosen are so important. It has really opened my eyes to politics, and issues that I never realized effected me.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Emily LaGrant

Activity: Fall musical

**What role do you play in the musical?** I play Frenchy, one of the Pink Ladies.

**What's your favorite part of the show?** I love getting to sing and dance on the stage-- this show is perfect for that!

**What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?** Trying on all the prom dresses was a lot of fun!

**If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be?** It would be amazing to play Eponine in Les Mis.

**How has participating in the musical affected you?** I know I've grown so much as a performer and as a person from being on stage. Musical has created so many memories and so many friendships for me. Most of all, it's made me step out of my box and be a better me.

Name: Patrick Hansen

Activity: Fall musical

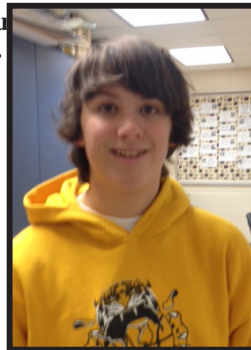
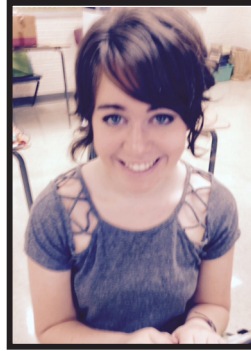
**What role do you play in the musical?**

Danny Zuko

**What's your favorite part of the show?** the last scene

**What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?** Just spending time with all the new people and friends

**How has participating in the musical affected you?** It has brought me closer to a lot of people and really changes the whole experience.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Calvin Orcutt

Sport: Football



**What has your high school football career meant to you?** Hanging up my helmet pads was probably one of the hardest things I have ever had to do, so I would say it meant a ton.

**What will you remember most about this year's team?** We played as a team, not as a one man show.

**Who's your football role model?** Kody Orcutt

**What advice do you have for next year's team?** Don't think you will have another game or another play because sooner or later you won't and it's the worse feeling in the world.

### Winter Wonderland scheduled: Tell your younger friends!

MV's Speech and Drama Department is holding Winter Wonderland activities again this year. This will take place November 21, from 10 am to noon.

This is a come and go event in the high school cafeteria and gym. Students from preschool to 5th grade will have a fun time creating ornaments, making crafts, playing games and winning prizes, making jewelry (for themselves or as a gift for a family member), making and eating sweet treats, visiting Santa, getting nails painted, and much more. All students will leave with many items that they've created, prizes that they've won, reindeer food for Christmas Eve, and a free picture taken with Santa.

Also, students will have a chance to win toys from drawings. Winter Wonderland costs \$10 per student or \$25 for a family. Parents are encouraged to walk around and help their children.

# Meet the Freshmen



**Kelly, Stefanie & Norman**

Name: Norman Wilson  
Siblings: Teri, Taylor, Toni  
Activities you plan to be in: football, wrestling, track, baseball, speech, spring play  
Favorite subject: Science  
Career aspirations: no idea  
Hobbies: hunting, fishing, and sports  
Something cool about you: I became an uncle at 8 years old.

Name: Kelly Winter  
Siblings: Nichole and Paige  
Activities you plan to be in: band, golf, spanish, and speech  
Favorite subject: Math/Spanish  
Career aspirations: Translator or Zoo-keeper  
Hobbies:  
Something cool about you: I was born in Florida.

Name: Stefanie Hansen  
Siblings: Patrick, Ricky, and Nicholas  
Activities you plan to be in: track, volleyball, softball, vocal, band, FFA, musical, speech  
Favorite subject: Literature  
Career aspirations: Animal Control Officer  
Hobbies: reading  
Something cool about you: I lived in Mexico for four years.

—typist: Kristi Goedken

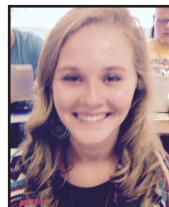
## Speech practice is underway

Contest may still be months away, but the speech team is in full gear. Approximately 120 students are involved in the large group season. Right: Taylor White, Mitch Neuzil, Ali Sheehy and Becky Thompson practice for group improv.



# Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson  
*Free Medicine*



When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried? If you can't remember the last time...we have a problem. Laughing is the answer to every situation. If there is an awkward conversation just start laughing really hard. It will either make it even more awkward, which is funny or others will laugh at your laugh. It works. If you are sad, laugh.

Sometimes I cry and then I start laughing. Nothing is funny, I just force myself to laugh to lift my own spirits. I also laugh when I am in pain. When I sprained my ankle last year by the greenhouse, I dropped down to the ground and cried but laughed at the same time. It caused confusion that I was fine, but after five minutes of Megan Mensen laughing at me she got the point that I could stand up. It made the situation memorable, which is most important part. Another time laughter is a great tool is working for a six pack of abs! Those chuckles take some serious core muscle! Just think if you did that every single day, you wouldn't have to do a single sit up ever again!

On a serious note, laughing is the key to healthy and happy life. I'm not saying you need to force out a laugh to try and make yourself happy or healthy. I'm saying it's okay to let your hair down. Laugh at those jokes that no one else laughs at because trying to to keep laughs internally can result in some weird snort sounds. Just laugh — it's free medicine for the soul and for the mind. At the end of the day, the most wasted day is one without laughter.

# Do's and Don'ts of Thanksgiving

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



I know it's not quite time yet, but before we know it Thanksgiving break will be here. How can you make this Thanksgiving season a success? No worries, I've got the do's and don'ts to make the start of the holiday season one of the best yet.

Do enjoy the family time that this season brings about. Cherish it, and don't miss a second that you don't have to.

Don't neglect your to-do list this season. Keep up on homework, and take advantage of the break we receive to get some things accomplished.

Do get a jump-start on Christmas shopping.

Don't forget the true spirit of Thanksgiving and the holidays.

Do consider starting a countdown(you know, if you want to). Just a fun idea that fits for this season, but it can also be used for graduation, birthdays, etc.

Don't worry about your diet. Live a little and eat that pumpkin pie; you can work it off later.

Do be thankful. Unfortunately, Thanksgiving only serves as an annual one-day reminder to be grateful. Channel the holiday spirit throughout the rest of the year and into the next by showing gratitude for all of your constant blessings!



**What is your favorite type of cereal?**  
by McKenzie Lansing

Caitlyn Gibbs- Fruit Loops  
Rebekah Hill- Reese's Puffs  
Brenden Hogan- Double Chocolate Krave  
Amanda Fortman- Frosted Mini Wheats  
Emily Krapfl- Captain Crunch  
Nate Lansing- Frosted Flakes  
Megan Hogan- Cinnamon Toast Crunch  
Riley Sternhagen- Cheerios  
Eric Heims- Reese's Puff  
Tamala Askeland- Captain Crunch  
Josy Harmon- Life



## Best Buds



**Kara Orcutt and Madison Imler**  
by Nichole Winter

**How long have you been friends?**  
Since 5th grade minus 6th grade.

**What are some funny memories together?**

Madison: Watching Kara road rage in Philip

Kara: Getting Madison's golf cart stuck in a huge hold

**Nicknames?**

Madison: Kira

Kara: Pimp or Maidisoon

**What do you like about each other?**

Madison: She's my only friend

Kara: Her laugh and her crazy, untamed hair

***Walkin' the talk, leading by example***



**Josy Harmon and Victoria Lane**  
by Kristin Lucas

**How long have you been friends?**  
Both: Since we were born

**What's your funniest memory together?**

Josy: Victoria riding in my truck

Victoria: At wrestling and she pushed me around in a garbage can and I fell out.

**What are your nicknames for each other?**

Josy: Victurdia

Victoria: J-dawg

## Cat Attack Flashback

by Becca Hill & Amanda Fortman



**Flashback photo: Sam Wall age 3, Mrs. Ries Age 17- Child Development, Headstart Graduation**

**2010** This Saturday six of our dance team members competed at State Solo. In 2010 six of our students spun into the competition. These six girls were Jessica Huber, Taylor Lubben, Britney Carlson, Jade Hargrafen, Kayla Pins, and Morgan Becker. Only Britney had ever participated, so it was a new experience for five of them. The girls showed everyone what they were made of, and got to see what they were amazing at, and what they needed to work on.

This past week our FFA members went down to National Convention and had a great time.

In 2010 FFA acknowledged Brock White for all his hard work in Equine Science. He was involved in rodeo and also trained other horses. He finished that year ranked 7th for the Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association.

**1995 GREASE IS THE WORD!** As the musical comes up, let's take a look at past performances. In 1995 the drama department put on the show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Some of the students went center to center to tell all the kids about the play and when it was going to be performed, and a little about what it was about.

The state-qualifying cross country runners in 1995 took a running start as they started their competition on Oct. 27. Angie Tumey placed 8th out of 127 runners! Our boys team placed 10 in the teams. One of the top placers was Jeff Mensen who placed 44th out of 128!

**NHS members volunteered their time after school on Tuesday to rake leaves at Lenox College in Hopkinton. (photo by Nichole Lucas)**







## *If you build it...*

The Advanced Construction class under the guidance of Mr. Drew has started constructing a pole building at the Hermansons'. The crew worked on site last Friday morning, and the pictures above show their progress. The students will continue working on this building for the next few months. The students have been involved in the process since the beginning.





# ***THIS is MV***

*photos by  
Flavia Xavier*

