

# Wildcat Echo

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## Speech team earns 13 I ratings, sends 3 events to All-State

by Mikaela Reth

Last Saturday, February 7, the large group speech team traveled to Decorah to compete at the state level. They brought 16 events there, 13 of which received an overall Division I rating. Three of those thirteen will also be going to All-State in Ames on Feb. 21. Those three are: Choral Reading "Flirting with the Monster," Solo Mime - Taylor Guthrie "Daycare Drama," and Group Mime "Kites of Hope."

"I was impressed with the way our students supported their speech peers at state contest," stated Mr. DeVore. "The fact that there is a real sense of pride and family when it comes to Maquoketa Valley Speech makes me most proud. Many students showed amazing growth over the two weeks leading up to state and had their best performances in Decorah.

Others receiving an overall Division I rating are: Readers Theatre "How to Kiss a Girl," Short Film: "If You Don't Control Your Mind, Someone Else Will," Ensemble Acting group 1, Ensemble Acting group 2, Ensemble Acting group 3,



Students nominated for All-State include, front row: Kendra Ries, Megan Hogan, Emily LaGrant, Mikayla Callan and Taylor White; second row: Olivia Hill, Natalie Neuzil, Heather Sabers, Laisee Shakespeare and Tiffany Hoeger; back row: Becca Hill, Taylor Guthrie, Danica Fjelstul, McKenzie Lansing, Macy Anderegg and Lea Ries. Not pictured: Megan McNamara and Amanda Fortman.

Solo Mime - Dustin Heims, Solo Mime - Patrick Hansen, Group Improvisation 2 (Digmann/Hogan/Jay/Smith/Wilson), Musical Theatre: Mary Poppins, and One Act Play.

The groups receiving an overall Division II rating are: Television News: WHAT 0.0, Radio Broadcasting STRZ, Group Improvisation 3 (Askeland/Neuzil/Niehaus/Wendt).

## MV hosts vocal jazz contest; Smooth Harmony earns 16th straight I rating



Monday night MV hosted the State IHSMA vocal jazz contest. Smooth Harmony received a I rating (its 16th straight Division I rating) and Jazz Xpress received a II. Members of Smooth Harmony in the photo left to right are: Cassie Schwandt, Lawson Roof, Patrick Hansen, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Taylor Guthrie, Matthew Lansing, Vicky Agromayor and Riley Kay Sternhagen.

# Sports Connection

## Wrestlers send five to districts, compete at duals

by Emily Krapfl

Last Saturday, the Maquoketa Valley Wildcat wrestling team traveled to Troy Mills for the 2015 Iowa High School Class 1A Sectional Wrestling Tournament. Other teams in the tournament were Jesup, East Buchanan, Alburnett, North Linn, Central City, and Cascade. Maquoketa Valley took second place at the tournament, with a team score of 187.5 points. By placing in the top two as a team, this determined that Maquoketa Valley qualified for Regional Duals on Tuesday night. The Wildcats will wrestle at Lisbon against Tipton, Wilton, and Lisbon.

The Wildcats were very successful at the tournament by sending five of their wrestlers through sectionals and on to districts. Sectional champions were Trevor Koopmann (160), Steve Huber (182), and Ryan Parmely (220). Runner-up's in their weight classes were Greg Guetzko (106), and Tanner Parmely (120). Koopmann was 2-0 with a pin and a 1-0 decision, Huber was 2-0 with a pin and a 5-1 decision, and Ryan Parmely was 2-0 with a pin and a 16-0 technical fall. Guetzko was 0-1, and Tanner Parmely was 1-1 with one pin.

Maquoketa Valley also had four third-place finishers, one fourth-place finisher, three fifth-place finishers, and one seventh-place finisher. Taking third place were wrestlers Mason Hermanson (126), Mitch Smith (138), Alec McDowell (170),



MV wrestlers moving on to districts are Tanner Parmely, Greg Guetzko, Steve Huber, Ryan Parmely and Trevor Koopmann.

and Eric Heims (195). Hermanson was 1-1 with a pin, Smith was 2-2 with a pin and a 13-11 decision, McDowell was 1-1 with a pin, and Heims was 1-2 with a pin. Finishing in fourth-place was Dylan Wright (152), who was 0-2. Finishing in fifth-place in the tournament were wrestlers Carson Wright (113), Bryant Meyer-Kemp (132), and Kaleb Kruse (285). Carson Wright was 0-1, Meyer-Kemp was 0-1, and Kaleb Kruse was 1-1 with a pin. Receiving seventh-place in the tournament was Cole Kruse (145), who was 0-2.

Coach Andrews had this to say about his team's performance: "It was good to get all four seniors through to districts along with Tanner. Although getting five through is a good accomplishment the entire coaching staff felt like we had a good possibility of getting more. With that in mind it was kind of heart breaking but then again we must focus on the individuals that did get through and helping them reach the individual part of it this weekend in Jesup. One thing I can take away from the Sectional meet is our guys fought and never gave up and that's been a common theme with this group all season long. The good thing for the entire team is our season is not over yet as we did qualify for regional duals Tuesday night and everyone has another shot at wrestling in Des Moines."

Tuesday night the Maquoketa Valley wrestlers traveled to Lisbon for the 2015 Class 1A Regional Duals. Other teams at the tournament were Wilton and Tipton. Lisbon won the meet and will advance to state duals.

In the first round the Wildcats beat Wilton with a final team score of 48-28. Wrestlers who helped earn these team points were Dylan Wright (pin), Alec McDowell (pin), Steve Huber (pin), Eric Heims (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), Kaleb Kruse (forfeit), Greg Guetzko (pin) and Tanner Parmely (forfeit).

Next, Maquoketa Valley wrestled Lisbon and lost with a final team score of 24-45, causing it to be their last team dual of the season. Wrestler who were successful in this dual were Trevor Koopmann (5-0 decision), Alec McDowell (7-5 decision), Steve Huber (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), and Greg Guetzko (pin).

"I was a very proud coach on how the guys performed and gave everything they had at Regional Duals," stated Coach Andrews. "I couldn't be happier in terms of effort and sportsmanship. It was a good experience for everyone involved and great to get some of these young guys this type of experience in such a tough environment."

The five district qualifiers will wrestle at Jesup tomorrow.

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*—Coach Andrews*

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# what's up?

## What's your favorite love song to play on Valentine's Day?

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Emily LaGrant: The Star-Spangled Banner. It's a love song to our country.

Danica Fjelstul: The Chicken Dance

Katie Sternhagen: The Chicken Dance

Whitney Wison: What's a love song?

Mr. Hadley: "At Last"-- Etta James, "She's Got A Way"-- Billy Joel, or "The Luckiest"--Ben Fultz

Keegan Hayne: "A Drop in the Ocean"-- Ron Pope

Tamala Askeland: "Can You Feel The Love Tonight?"

Aspen Britt: The Hokey Pokey

Trent Reeves: Elmo's World...sung by Elmo.

Lawson Roof: "Wonderful Tonight"-- Eric Clapton

Jillian Thompson: "Cocaine"-- Eric Clapton

Colin Wendt: The Barney Theme Song

Mrs. Temple: "Amazed" by Lonestar

## Cutie



by Nichole Lucas

This week's cutie is a junior.

She is the middle child of three.

She has brown eyes.

Plus you can also find her playing four different sports.

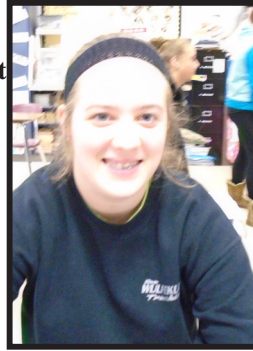
*Last week's Cutie was Zach Salow.*

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Lea Ries

Activity: Large group speech

**What did you enjoy most about your group mime "Kites of Hope"?** The people in my group, having Mrs. DeVore as a coach & the confidence level we had going into each performance.



**What have you learned through this event?** It's important to use the non-verbal communication so the audience knows what you are trying to do.

**What do you think made your mime All-State worthy?** I think we tell the story & use our emotions very well.

Name: Danica Fjelstul

Activity: Large group speech

**What did you enjoy most about your group mime "Kites of Hope"?** I love all the girls in my group and they made it fun to be a part of and Mrs. DeVore is a fantastic coach.



**What have you learned through this event?** To step outside my comfort zone and that actions speak louder than words.

**What do you think made your mime All-State worthy?** We put a lot of hard work and effort into it and kept getting better.

**If you could create a new group mime, what would it be about?** I would make it a funny one because ours is such a serious topic and it would be about ice cream because I love ice cream :)

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Greg Guetzko

Sport: Wrestling

**What weight are you wrestling at this year?** 106

**What are your goals this year?** to make it to state  
**What's the hardest part of wrestling?** running

**What's something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know?** that it is very hard and you've got to push yourself harder.

**What's a great warm-up song?** something that keeps up the beat



Name: Abby Jay  
Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** Center

**What do you enjoy most about basketball?** Spending time with the team and play with Little Ashley



**How does this year's team differ from past teams?**

Almost everybody has been hurt or injured this year.

**What's your favorite drill in practice?** 15 and 4

**What's your least favorite drill?** One on one zigzag

**How do you mentally prepare for the game?**

By dancing, singing, and "telling stories"

**What did you eat for breakfast?**

I drank orange juice

**What's the best motivational song out right now?**

"Hamster on a Piano"

# Quotastic

by Mikaela Reth

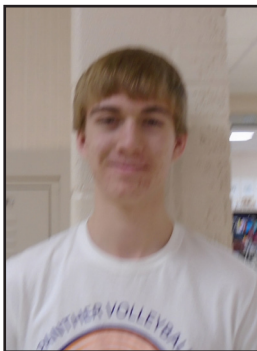
*"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*  
~ Edith Wharton

This quote is pretty straight forward. In life, we should make it our goal to bring light to the lives of other people. We never can know exactly what they are going through, but we can be supportive by giving them a light to follow. Of course, not all of us are great at being the first to bring light to someone else. However, we can always pick somebody who is good at this and reflect their attitudes. Either way, we are able to enlighten others, which is the ultimate goal and the ultimate gift in life.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Colin Wendt*

**You've made an impression on several adults for your willingness to go beyond what's asked of you and for helping others when you weren't asked to. How has that willingness to help been instilled in you?**



I've learned a lot from my family. They put in time to help me and help others, and I've learned that it all pays off if you **pay it forward**, so that's what I try to do.

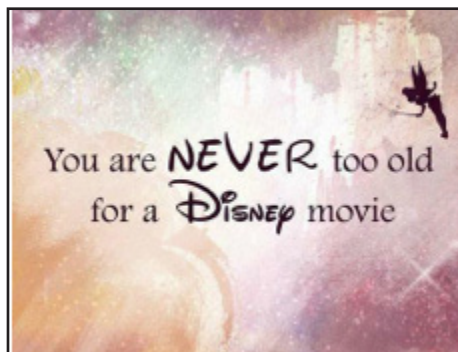
### **Who is one of your role models? Why?**

I look up to upperclassmen and adults who struggle but never complain. It helps me know that many people have greater struggles than I, and they never even show it, so there's no reason I should give up.

**What are ways you volunteer? Why is volunteering important to you?** I volunteer in my community through my church and in Boy Scouts, and in school, all by my own free will. It is important to me because people need help sometimes but don't want to ask for it. So I just help people. Whether they need it or not, they appreciate the offer. They feel good about me, and I feel good about myself.



## Angie's Angle



by Angie Wilson

I have learned from past experiences that Disney movies solve a lot of problems. When things aren't going right or I need a break from reality, Disney, is always there. I pick out one of my favorites like Cinderella, Mulan, or Pocahontas, and let it take my imagination to a different world.



My distance between my imagination and my childhood is becoming larger and larger every day. I remember when I believed I could be Cinderella when I was younger. I remember running around the backyard singing "Colors of the Wind" like Pocahontas. I had a huge imagination of the things I wanted to become and the things I would do for the world. As we get older and we experience those life things, I feel as if our imagination is covered up. It's not gone, just hidden. If you feel like that has happened, don't be afraid to go on an adventure to find that again.

My goal for you is to pop in one of your favorite Disney movies and let it take you to that happy place where you once were when you were little. No one is ever too old for a little imagination and a sprinkle of pixie dust!

## Wartburg Bound

This past weekend Mr. Hadley accompanied Taylor Guthrie and Mikaela Reth to Wartburg to participate in its honor band and clinic.

While the students rehearsed Saturday and Sunday, the high school band directors attended clinics and sessions. The students performed a concert Sunday afternoon.

## Best Buds



**Morgan Manternach & Emily O'Connell**

by Heather Sabers

**How long have you been friends?**

Since we were little munchkins.

**Any nicknames?**

Big Ol' Em Cat and Morgs

**What's your most embarrassing moment together?**

Emily farted in senior study hall (P.S. It's a joke) and Morgan makes fun of Emily.

**Describe your relationship in one word?**

Indescribable

# Cats come out on top as girls end regular season

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

The Cats traveled to Alburnett last Friday and defeated the Pirates 47-34. The Wildcats had a strong start with 15 points in the first quarter and 12 in the second. The score at halftime was 27-18. In the second half MV came back just as strong, scoring another 15 points. Although the last quarter only brought five points for the Wildcats, they managed to keep their lead and win the game. Brianna Mensen led the scoreboard for the Cats, with 17 points, and Abby Jay led rebounding once again, with a total of 8.

Points: Ashley Holtz, 3; Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 5; Brianna Mensen, 17; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Morgan Manternach, 4; Kristi Goedken, 4; Abby Jay, 10. Field goals made: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 2; Brianna Mensen, 7; Morgan Manternach, 2; Kristi Goedken, 2; Abby Jay, 3. Three-pointers made: Ashley Holtz, 1; Brianna Mensen, 1. Free-

throws made: Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Abby Jay, 4. Offensive rebounds: Caitlin Schuman, 1; Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 3; Brianna Mensen, 1; Abby Jay, 2; Caitlyn Gibbs, 1. Defensive rebounds: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 4; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Abby Jay, 6; Caitlyn Gibbs, 1. Assists: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 2; Brianna Mensen, 4; Abby Jay, 2. Steals: Ashley Holtz, 1. Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 7; Morgan Manternach, 2; Abby Jay, 1. Blocks: Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 1; Abby Jay, 2. Fouls: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 3; Brianna Mensen, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 4.

The team starts district play Tuesday night at home. They received a first round bye and will play the winner of the Saturday Wilton-North Cedar game.



**Morgan Manternach puts some pressure on a Pirate shooter last Friday night. The Cats won against Alburnett 47-34. (photo by Shaylyn Trenkamp)**

## Boys end regular season and prepare for district play

The boys basketball team is ending its regular season with a series of road games, and the two most recent games did not end in the Cats' favor.

Last Friday the Cats traveled to Alburnett and lost 32-59. The Cats made a run in the last quarter by outscoring Alburnett 15-14, but it wasn't enough.

Kyle Wilson was the top scorer with nine points followed by Zach Salow

with six. Ryan Goedken and Brock Hillers each added five points. Jacob Bonert, Clint Krapfl and Kody Orcutt each had two, and Garrett Hogan had one point.

Kody Orcutt had seven rebounds, and Hillers had five. Salow had three steals and a block.

This Tuesday, the team made the trek to Easton Valley and lost 23-68. Easton Valley maintained a steady lead over MV.

Hillers led in scoring with five points, and Wilson and Brandon Gudenauf each added four points. Kody Orcutt and Calvin Orcutt each had three points. Salow and Jordan Schindler had two points.

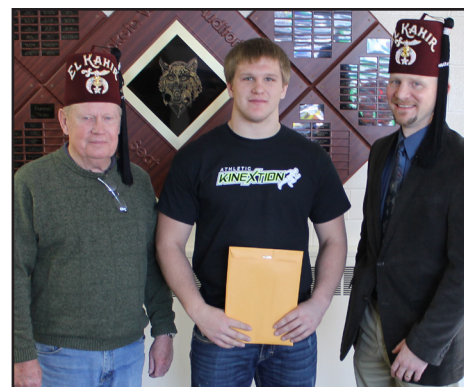
Kody Orcutt led in rebounds with seven and also had one steal and one block. Calvin Orcutt had four.

Monday night the Cats start district play at Ed-Co.

**Parmely selected for elite team**



**Jordan Schindler drives to the basket in the Alburnett game. (photo by Shaylyn Trenkamp)**



Senior Ryan Parmely has been selected to play football July 25 at the UNI-Dome. The Iowa Shrine Bowl Game is an all-star football game between selected pre-college football athletes on each side of a north-south dividing line in Iowa.

The players are selected by a process of nomination by coaches, balloting by state-wide sports media professionals and official invitation from a representative of the Iowa Shrine Bowl.

# The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow for the speech students who rocked it at contest last week-end.



A meow for our All-State speech students.



A meow to the vocal jazz groups. Smooth Harmony even received a perfect score for one of its ballots.



A furball to the returning cold and wind.



A furball to sickness. Use that hand sanitizer! Get your rest!

A furball to ISIS and their practice of senseless killing.



A meow to Mr. Huegel and Mr. Cassutt for making current events a staple in classroom discussions.



A meow to individual speech starting.



A meow to Nurse Mary for creating the health bulletin boards in the lobby, for volunteering to listen to speech students next Friday, and for sending out reminders about how to avoid illness.

## FFA WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED IN TWO WEEKS

### Dress-up days:

Monday, Feb. 23: Cowboy Up

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Official Dress or Favorite FFA shirt

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Camo Day

Thursday, Feb. 26: Tractor Factor Day - support your favorite tractor company

Friday, Feb. 27: Blue & Gold Day

We will also host Ag Olympics on Friday the 28th at 2:15 pm

by Emily LaGrant



This week is all about the beloved children's movie, *The Lion King*. Let's see what trivia these students know about the movie. The contestants are: Justin & Mitch, Mikayla Callan, Travis Knipper and Ryan Parmely.

1) When did *The Lion King* come out?

Justin & Mitch: 1996

Mikayla: 1960

Travis: No clue

Ryan: 1992

A: 1994

2) Who's the protagonist of the story?

Justin & Mitch: Simba

Mikayla: Simba

Travis: A young cub

Ryan: Simba

A: Simba

3) Who is Simba's evil uncle?

Justin & Mitch: Scar

Mikayla: Scar

Travis: It starts with a T

Ryan: Scar

A: Scar

4) What song do Timon and Pumbaa sing?

Justin & Mitch: Hakuna Matata

Mikayla: Hakuna Matata

Travis: No problems

Ryan: Hakuna Matata

A: Hakuna Matata

5) What is the baboon's name?

Justin & Mitch: Mufasa

Mikayla: I don't know

Travis: No clue

Ryan: Mahiki

A: Rafiki

Ryan, Mikayla, and the duo of Justin and Mitch tied for first with three solid points each. Travis got last with zero points.

Looks like our students know *The Lion King* pretty well, even if they don't know Rafiki's name! Great job!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of FEBRUARY 15, 2015

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd 4:00 - 5:00 PM / 3rd-8th 5:00 - 6:15 PM
2. HS FFA Returns From the Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines (2 Vans are back at 4:00 PM)
3. MV Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

1. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball at Cedar Valley Christian - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:40 PM)
2. HS V Boys State Regional Basketball - MV vs Ed-Co at Edgewood - 8:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:45 PM)
3. MV School Board Meeting - MS Conference Room - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

1. HS V Girls State Regional Basketball - HOME (HS Gym) - MV vs North Cedar or Wilton - 7:00 PM

THURS., FEBRUARY 19, 2015

1. Deadline for March Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer in the High School
2. HS Wrestlers to State Tournament in Des Moines (Suburban & Van Leave at 8:30 AM)
3. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multi-Purpose Room) - Springfield - 4:00 PM
4. HS V Boys 2nd Round State Regional Basketball in Elkader - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Prof. Day
2. HS V Girls 3rd Round State Regional Basketball in Cascade - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

1. All-State Large Group Speech Students to ISU in Ames (Bus Leaves at 6:00 AM)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

1. HS Wrestlers Back From State Tournament in Des Moines (Suburban & Van Return at Noon)
2. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd 4:00 - 5:00 PM / 3rd-8th 5:00 - 6:15 PM