

Wildcat Echo

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FFA chapter sends events to districts

by Kristi Goedken

On February 24th, members of the Maquoketa Valley FFA headed up to Clayton Ridge to compete at the Sub-District contests. 16 members from Beckan and MV competed. What a great way to celebrate FFA week then to have all 16 members qualify for Districts! The hard work and dedication members are putting in is paying off!

The Conducts of meeting team consisted of Amanda Engelken, Rejji Smith, Garrett Hogan, Cole Kruse, Josie Young, Amanda Fortman, and Andy O'Connell. They received a gold rating to advanced to districts.

Freshman Heath Gibbs competed in the Creed and received a gold to move on. Job Interview was done by Kaleb Kruse who received a gold and advanced.

Trent Westhoff of Beckman participated in Radio Announcing and received a gold to also advance.

Senior Emily O'Connell competed in Public Speaking and advanced.

Extemporaneous Speaking was done by Andrew Palmersheim who received a Gold and moved on.

Beckman Officer Jay Wessels competed in Ag Sales and will advance to



The MV FFA chapter had a strong representation at subdistrict FFA contest Tuesday night in Guttenburg.

Districts.

To end out the night, 3 Freshman competed in the Greenhand Test. Tanner Parmely received a bronze rating, Alex Elgin received a silver and Cole Willenbring also received a silver rating. All 3 test-takers advanced to District Convention which will be held in Van Horne on March 14th!

Also a big thanks to all the members who dressed up for FFA week. This organization does tremendous things for our youth! See you all at Ag Olympics today!

All-State=All That



All-State mime honoree Taylor Guthrie shows her excitement about finger painting while she rehearses before her performance at the All-State Festival last Saturday in Ames. A group mime and choral reading group also performed and received feedback.

TEL students meet with city council

At the Delhi City Council meeting on Feb. 14, four MV TEL members had a mission: convince the city council to make the Delhi City Park, not just the shelter, tobacco free. And they did just that.

Sienna Becker said that although she was a bit nervous about presenting to the council, she knew her cause was worthwhile. "I want to make the community as safe and family friendly as possible."

Shaylyn Trenkamp concurs: "I've grown up in Delhi; this community is very important to me. I know the people who live here and they deserve for their community to be improved for their safety and well-being."

Shaylyn noted that the council was open-minded about this proposal. "They made me realize how important this project is and how worth it it will be when completed."

So is this team done? Hardly. Members of the TEL group are going to a Hopkinton City Council meeting soon, and then they will meet with the Earlville and Delaware council. "We would like to make all of the parks in surrounding towns to tobacco free," Sienna stated.

Other members presenting to the Delhi City Council were Brianna Mensen and Megan Mensen.

Parmely makes MV history, team has success at state tourney

It's not that anyone doubted it was possible, but that doesn't change the excitement that filled Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines Saturday night when senior Ryan Parmely became Maquoketa Valley's first wrestler to become a two-time state champion.

"This was another very successful state wrestling tournament for the Maquoketa Valley Wildcat wrestling program," stated Coach Andrews. "To come away with two medals and one of them being gold is always outstanding and one heck of an accomplishment. This is not only an accomplishment for Ryan (winning his second state championship and fourth medal overall) and Steve (winning a fifth place medal) but the entire Maquoketa Valley community. This was Ryan's second gold medal and the programs third gold medal in the last two years. This is something not a lot of programs throughout the state can say they have conquered."

Ryan finished his career with 203 career victories which puts him in the top 10 of all time career wins. He also had over a 120 pins which is another crazy accomplishment. Ryan also ended his career with 105 straight wins which is amazing within itself. "Words or stats cannot describe how much the four seniors (Greg Guetzko, Trevor Koopmann, Steve Huber, and Ryan Parmely) has meant to this program and coaching staff," stated Coach Andrews.

Another MV wrestler also found himself on the podium: Steve Huber at 182. "Steve will also go down as one of the best wrestler's Maquoketa Valley has ever had as well," stated Coach Andrews. "He was a two-time state qualifier and fifth place medalist and this is something not a lot of former Wildcats can say they were able to accomplish."

Two other wrestlers also competed. Freshman Tanner Parmely at 120 and senior Trevor Koopmann at 160.

"Although Tanner did not come away with a victory it was an accomplishment within itself just to make it down to the state meet especially as a freshman," stated Coach Andrews. "Trevor's bid to attain a medal came up just one match short. He had a heart breaking loss in the first round and then came back with an injury forfeit on the first night. He then had to go up against a former state champ in the wrestle backs and came up short. Although Trevor did not earn a medal at state his leg-



photos courtesy of Beth Lutgen, Dyersville Commercial
acy within the Maquoketa Valley wrestling program will carry on forever."

Overall Coach Andrews was pleased with his athletes' performances: "I could not have asked for a better group of guys to head down to Des Moines with and come back with a couple medals. These memories will last a life time and hopefully the program can build off these performances in the future and get more kids out that want to be a part of something so great."

Meet details:

120-
Championship Round 1- Skylar Solko (Alta-Aurelia) over Tanner Parmely Fall 1:07
Consolation Round 1- Ryan Szalat (St. Edmond) over Tanner Parmely Fall 3:47

160-
Championship Round 1- Logan Peed (South Central Calhoun) over Trevor Koopmann Decision 10-9
Consolation Round 1- Trevor Koopmann over Noah Bouse (Okoboji) Injury Forfeit
Consolation Round 2- Caleb Wedeking (North Butler) over Trevor Koopmann Ma-



for Decision 9-0

182-
Championship Round 1- Steve Huber over Kaleb Reeves (Sigourney Fall :18)
Quarterfinals- Steve Huber over Conner Holmes (Marcus-Meridan-Cleghorn/RU Fall 1:28
Semifinals- Austin Laabs (Guthrie Center) over Steve Huber Dec. 6-5
Consolation Semi-Finals- Derek Kohlmeier (Sumner-Fredericksburg) over Steve Huber Dec. 1-0
5th place Match- Steve Huber over Colton Massengale (BGM) Fall 2:22

220-
Championship Round 1- Ryan Parmely over Tate Vandyne (Southeast Warren) Fall :48
Quarterfinals- Ryan Parmely over Dustin Brown (West Lyon) Fall 1:33
Semifinals- Ryan Parmely over Clay Meinders (AGWSR) Dec. 11-7
1st Place Match- Ryan Parmely over Andrew Petersen (Woodbury Central) Major Decision 12-2)

Speech students keep the Eagle, earn 10 Best in Center awards

by Mikaela Reth

Monday, February 24, the individual speech team loaded the bus to go to Tri-Rivers Conference Speech Competition at Lisbon. 54 events competed, 38 earned Division I ratings, 15 received Division II ratings, and one event came out with a Division III rating. Maquoketa Valley brought the eagle soaring back home to its nest with 189 total points, topping Lisbon's 106, which barely topped North Linn's 104. MV also claimed 10 out of 18 best of center titles.

Individuals receiving a Division I rating and a best of center title are: Abby Jay (Acting), Bailey Lubben (Expository Address), Mikaela Reth (Radio News Announcing), Heather Sabers (Storytelling), Sienna Becker (Reviewing), Emily LaGrant (After Dinner Speaking), Jazz Niehaus (After Dinner Speaking), Shaylyn Trenkamp (Reviewing), Colin Wendt (Literary Program), and Nicole Winter (Storytelling).

Others earning a Division I rating are: (Acting) Mary Feldmann, Briana March

and Kiesha Stelken; (After Dinner Speaking) Annie Fjelstul; (Expository Address) Macy Anderegg; (Improvisation) Megan McNamara; (Literary Program) Tiffany Hoeger and Emily Krapfl; (Original Oratory) Olivia Hill, Ashley Holtz and Kendra Ries; (Poetry) Caitlyn Gibbs, Rebekah Hill, Lawson Roof and Patrick Hansen; (Prose) Shawnae Hoeger, Nichole Lucas, Hannah Clemen and Patrick Hansen; (Public Address) Laisee Shakespeare and Angie Wilson; (Radio News Announcing) Kinsey Johnson and Josie Young; (Reviewing) Amanda Fortman; (Solo Musical Theatre) Taylor Guthrie; (Spontaneous Speaking) Riley Sternhagen; and (Storytelling) Taylor White and Abby Holtz.

Individuals receiving a Division II Rating are: (Acting) Mikayla Callan; (Expository Address) Natalie Neuzil; (Improvisation) Tamala Askeland, Alison Sheehy and Alex McCusker; (Literary Program) Danielle Schuman; (Poetry) Sean Hucker and Adrienne Supple; (Prose) BrieAnna Nielson and Sean Hucker; (Radio News Announcing) Megan Mensen; (Solo Musi-



Briana March receives some feedback on her acting piece from her judge Monday night.

cal Theatre) Zach Smith; and (Spontaneous Speaking) Raven Eatman-Dietiker, Brianna Mensen and Brody Severt.

In storytelling, Mitchell Neuzil received a Division III rating.

Great work to all team members and best of luck at District competition in Independence tomorrow!

Name: Megan Hogan

Activity: Large group speech

What did you enjoy most about your group mime "Kites of Hope"?

The practices before we performed the day of contest. We can never find a time where all six of us can meet to practice and when we finally do it's never a serious one. We are always laughing and having fun although our mime is the complete opposite. The goal may have been to make people cry, but we always managed some way to make it fun.

What have you learned through this event? You don't have to be serious in practice just because your mime is a serious one. You have got to learn to have fun!

What do you think made your mime All-State worthy? We don't let the topic



Fine Artists of the Week

of our mime drive it. We take the emotion and make it real for the audience.

If you could create a new group mime, what would it be about? A first date with a deaf and blind person.

Name: Megan McNamara

Activity: Large group speech

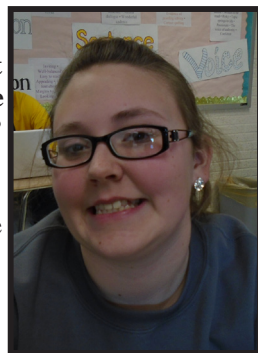
What did you enjoy most about your group mime "Kites of Hope"?

Making so many inside jokes and laughing when we should be doing our mime

What have you learned through this event? That it's hard for some of us to be serious.

What do you think made your mime All-State worthy? The preparation and the emotions we put into it.

If you could create a new group mime, what would it be about? Something fun-



nier and a little less depressing.

Name: Mikayla Callan

Activity: Large group speech

What did you enjoy most about your group mime "Kites of Hope"? I enjoyed the people in my group.

What have you learned through this event? I have learned that you have to push yourself because you can always get better.

What do you think made your mime All-State worthy? Everyone worked together and we kept pushing ourselves to get better.

If you could create a new group mime, what would it be about? I think I would make mine another serious one because people can usually relate with them.



Quotastic

by Mikaela Reth

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." ~ Leo Buscaglia



Many actions such as those listed above truly are underestimated. We may think what we say or do is so small and insignificant that it will not matter to anyone at all. However, I want you, dear readers, to think about when you have been on the receiving end of such gestures. How many times have you seen a friend smiling at you and it turned your entire day around? How about if you've been having a rough day and someone comes and asks, truly, how you are feeling?

Perhaps they placed their hand on your shoulder, knee, or other Ditter-approved areas. (If you do not have any experience with camp, you will not understand. Just Google search Bob Ditter if you happen to be curious.) Maybe a friend even came up to you and just knew and gave you a hug. Maybe it was a simple, "Hang in there."

All of these things can turn somebody's day around in a heartbeat. Personally, I am lucky to have many people who do realized the impact of these simple gestures and use them without hesitation.

I only hope that everyone else is lucky enough to know the effect of these. However, this is not a perfect world, so some are probably not. If you are familiar with the effect, just remember how it feels on the receiving end when you think that something so simple might be inadequate. It is all so small, but the impact can be huge.

Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson
Agree to Disagree

What's your favorite color? Where do you stand about homosexuality? Is it right to judge someone based on their background? What motivates you? Would you want to be home-schooled? As you are reading these, opinions are most likely stimulating through your brain. You are thinking how you would answer them and what you believe. Now, look around you. The individuals around you will either agree or disagree.

Debates and disagreements are good to have. It helps one another realize or come to the assumption that there really are different views on different topics. That's the beauty of everyone having their own personality. Although there is an ugly side to that beauty. There are obtuse people out there. Bull-headedness takes over and there is only one path in their brain, the path of their own. Some are so set on proving that their belief is right. Why waste energy? Why go through the time to fight with someone who only listens to the sound of their own voice?

My solution, to those of you who have encountered or even been in an argument with these people, is to nod and smile. Be the better person, and hold your own. The argument will die out when you agree to disagree.



Do's and Don'ts of The End of the Season

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Inevitably, every season must come to an end, no matter how much we wish it wouldn't. The end doesn't have to be hard though, not with these handy tips on how to end it right.



Do congratulate the basketball players, wrestlers, and speech participants on their great seasons. Special shout-outs to Ryan Parmely for his state championship, Steve Huber on his 5th place state finish, Tanner Parmely for making it to state, Taylor Guthrie for her solo mime All-State performance, Kites of Hope group mime for their All-State performance and Flirting With the Monster choral reading for their All-State performance.

Don't skip out on the next season. Get involved with play, track, golf, or whatever suits your interest.

Do (for varsity basketball players): Hit me up if you'd like a DVD of pictures from this season! They'll be \$5 and if you tell me you're interested, I can make sure to include more pictures of you!

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss (Just your inspirational quote for the day)

Do support individual speech and FFA students going to districts: Congratulations!

Don't slack off. The end of the quarter is also near, so be organized and finish strong.

Do practice for next year's season. Practicing in the off-season is some of the most beneficial type of practicing.

Cutie

by Annie Fjelstul

This week's cutie is a senior. She plans to attend Iowa State University next fall. She has many brothers and sisters. She has blue eyes.



Girls end basketball season at Cascade

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

The third round of district play for took place at Cascade last Friday, where Maquoketa Valley faced their last defeat of the season 50-43.

The Wildcats began strong against the Cougars, with Megan Mensen leading the scoreboard by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Abby Jay began shining even more and continued to do so offensively throughout the game. As a team, however, the Cats struggled to complete their shots and ended the half behind 20-12.

The third quarter brought some trouble with passes for the Wildcats and although they raised their score, they found themselves still behind 32-23. The last quarter was the ultimate battle and Maquoketa Valley took it seriously. MV continued to tear down the Cougars' lead, getting as close as 42-40. However, Cascade gained it back offensively and won the game by scoring another eight points while holding the Cats to only three more.

Points: Ashley Holtz, 4; Erin Digmann, 6; Megan Mensen, 4; Brianna Mensen, 14;

Annie Fjelstul, 3; Morgan Manternach, 4; Abby Jay, 8. Field goals made: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 4; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 1; Abby Jay, 3. Three-pointers made: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 1. Free throws made: Ashley Holtz, 1; Erin Digmann, 3; Megan Mensen, 2; Brianna Mensen, 6; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 2; Abby Jay, 2. Offensive rebounds: Ashley Holtz, 2; Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 1; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 1; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 5. Defensive rebounds: Erin Digmann, 3; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 1; Annie Fjelstul, 3; Morgan Manternach, 4; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 5. Assists: Erin Digmann, 3; Brianna Mensen, 4; Kristi Goedken, 1. Steals: Erin Digmann, 5; Brianna Mensen, 1; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 1; Abby Jay, 4. Blocks: Ashley Holtz, 1; Abby Jay, 3. Fouls: Ashley Holtz, 4; Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 5; Brianna Mensen, 3; Annie Fjelstul, 3; Morgan Manternach, 1; Abby Jay, 4.



Senior Abby Jay and junior Megan Mensen worked together to pull down a rebound last Friday night in the Cats' third round district game against the Cougars. Maquoketa Valley lost against Cascade 50-43.

Promposal

Travis Knipper & Kristi Goedken

by Megan Hogan

What made you want to ask Kristi to prom?

We have been talking awhile and we are great friends

Who gave you the idea for the basketball?

I thought since we were both out for basketball it might work.

Are you guys going with group or by yourselves?

We are going with a group.



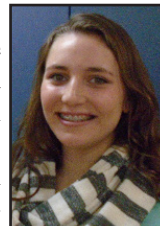
Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegg

Finally, we are almost done with our third quarter of our 2015 school year. At this point in time, students are involved in many things such as individual speech, track, play, FFA, vocal jazz, and other activities throughout our district.

Also, this is the time of lent for Catholics Christians. Lent is a time that Catholics give up a habit, or something that would be a challenge to not do for 40 days to show their devotion to their faith. Even though many of us are not Catholics, I encourage many people to take on this time of Lent to push yourself past your normalities and bad habits.

Maybe a few of these could include being involved in the listed activities above. It's never too late! Show everyone what you got. :)



Cutest Couple



Dylan Wright & Taylor White

by Heather Sabers

How long have you been dating?

About two weeks

What do you do for fun?

Hang out at Taylor's house.

What is your favorite memory together?

Taylor: When he asked me out and asked me to prom.

Describe your relationship in one word.

Abusive (not really)

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to the speech team for its conference success Monday night. Good luck tomorrow!



A meow to our state wrestlers who have once again made the school so proud. You've shown hard work pays off.



A meow to all the fans of ALL events who make the athletes and participants feel as if what they do matters.



A meow for the NHS members who are stepping up to help with Contribute to Klostermann day.



A HUGE meow to the FFA members who have shown their spirit by actively participating in events this week. A proud meow to the FFA members who competed at subdistrict contest Tuesday. It takes talent and guts--what to make MV proud!



A meow to vocal jazz. Go get 'em!

Hat Day next Friday:

Support a Wildcat in need

On April 13, 2014 the lives of Eric and Val Klostermann, both MV Grads, was forever changed. Eric was playing a routine basketball game when he fell head first in the padded wall under the basket, breaking two vertebrae in his neck. He has undergone multiple surgeries at the University of Iowa Hospitals and is bound to a wheelchair with very limited movement at this time. A benefit is being held on March 28th in Marion to help raise funds to support Eric's ongoing rehab expenses.

Our school would like to contribute to the benefit. On March 6th, we have declared that this will be "Contribute to Klostermann" day.

Staff may participate by making a contribution to wear jeans for the day.

Students may help out by paying \$1 (or more, if you'd like) to wear a hat during school. National Honor Society members are helping with the collection and promotion of this fundraiser.

So please consider participating and helping one of our own.

by Emily LaGrant



It's been a while since 8th grade geography but I think it's time for a refresher. Let's see what these students know about geography. The contestants are Jake Jones, Brianna Mensen, Jordy Downs and Savannah Salow.

1) On what peninsula is Cancun located on?

Jake: What? The southern hemisphere
Brianna: Yucatan
Jordy: Mexico
Savannah: Yucatan
A: Yucatan

2) How many great lakes are there?

Jake: 5
Brianna: 5
Jordy: 5
Savannah: 5
A: 5

3) What ocean is the Ring of Fire located in?

Jake: Indian
Brianna: Pacific
Jordy: Pacific
Savannah: Atlantic
A: Pacific

4) What body of water separates France and Great Britain?

Jake: Mississippi
Brianna: The English Strait
Jordy: Mediterranean Sea
Savannah: Mediterranean Sea
A: English Channel

5) How many mountain ranges are in the USA?

Jake: Too many
Brianna: 2
Jordy: 2
Savannah: 2
A: 2

Savannah and Brianna tied for first with four points each. Jordy was third with three points and Jake was last with just one point. Great job, Wildcats! Looks like everyone really knows their stuff. Keep it up!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV for the week of March 2, 2015

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

1. MS Vocal to TRC Choir Festival at Alburnett - 2:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 1:00 PM) - Concert at 7:00 PM
2. MV Pre-School Advisory Committee Meeting - Middle School Conference Room - 5:30 PM
3. MV HS Dance Team Try-Out Practice - HS Gym - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

1. Delhi Elementary Kindergarten Round-up
2. Earlville & Johnston Elementary Spring Pictures
3. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM
4. MV HS Dance Team Try-Out Practice - HS Gym - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
5. Parade of Bands Concert for Grades 5th - 12th - HOME (Middle School Multipurpose Room) - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

1. Delhi Elementary/Middle Spring Pictures
2. MV HS Dance Team Try-Out Practice - HS Gym - 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
3. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM
4. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

1. MV HS Dance Team Try-Out Practice - HS Gym - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
2. HS Boys' Basketball Awards Banquet - HS Cafeteria - 6:00 PM
3. HS FFA Officers' Meeting - HS Room # 407 - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton (End of 3rd Quarter)
2. Awards Assembly - Middle School Gym - 10:45 AM
3. MV HS Dance Team Try-Out Practice - HS Gym - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

1. MV HS Dance Team Try-Outs - HS Gym - 8:00 AM to Noon

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

1. Daylight Saving Time Begins - Turn Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour



photos by Shaylyn Trenkamp

MV crowd: LOUD AND PROUD



FFA Week 2015



Camo Day



Cowboy Day



Official Dress Day

Snowcoming...it's coming soon...

what's up?

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

What's your favorite season?

Lawson Roof: Paprika
Cassie Schwandt: Fall
Vicky Agromayor: Summer
Matthew Lansing: Summer
Patrick Hanson: Spring
Megan McNamara: Sugar
Gabriela Guetzgo: Garlic
Macy Anderegg: Fall
Sienna Becker: Spring
Logan Fronatt: Spring