

Wildcat Echo

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A trio of one-acts to be performed tonight, Saturday

Get your tickets today for a series of one-act plays that will make you think, laugh and appreciate your peers' talents. "A Night of One-Acts" will include *Superheroes*, *Selfie* and *Breaking News*. All three shows will be performed tonight and Saturday night at 7:00 in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased in the high school office.

Superheroes is a short comedy by Ian McWerthy. It's a funny, fast-paced series of vignettes that explores how our favorite superheroes deal with life in street clothes.

The short dramedy *Selfie* by Bradley Hayward is about a group of stressed high school seniors who document their year, one selfie at a time, and come to realize life is not about what other people see: it's about the pictures they have of themselves.

Get ready to laugh as Detroit's least-watched newscast makes a last-ditch effort to revive itself by hiring a news director. In *Breaking News*, a comedy by Tim Kochenderfer, this new director plans to make Channel Eight a top-ranked program with a secret plan.



Macy Anderegg and Amanda Fortman rehearse a scene in *Superheroes*.

Seniors recognized at final band, choir concert

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Tuesday night the band and choir performed their senior awards concert with the selections that they will be performing tomorrow at the Large Group music contest.

The choir had a boys chorus, girls chorus, and mixed chorus perform; the band performed two pieces entitled "As

Summer Was Just Beginning" and "Encanto." Riley Sternhagen, Taylor Guthrie, Shaylyn Trenkamp, and Raven Dietiker performed "Source of the Waters" for the audience as well.

After the choir sang and the band played, Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Hadley announced awards for the seniors. Mikaela Reth won the "John Phillip Sousa" award for band and Matthew Lansing received the senior award from Mrs. Mueller. Vicky Agromayor, Audrey Sheehy, Zach Smith, and Greg Guetzko were also recognized as seniors in the choir and received their medals for all of the division I ratings they received over the course of their high school careers. Agromayor received three medals from just this year, Sheehy and Guetzko received four from their four years involved, Smith received six for his high school events, and Lansing received 15 total medals.

The band and choir will be taking the songs they did Tuesday night to Cedar Falls tomorrow, so don't forget to wish all choir and band members good luck.



The concert band, under the direction of Mr. Hadley, performs at the concert Tuesday night.

Girls track competes at Cascade, Independence

by Annie Fjelstul

Last Thursday the girls track team travelled to Cascade where they took on some tough competition. The girls finished sixth out of 12 with 56 points. Cascade won the meet with 150.

The 100 meter dash was filled by Ashley Holtz and Victoria Lane. Holtz finished eighth out of 23 with a time of 14.39 while Lane finished 21st with a time of 16.31. Both Menses sisters ran the 200 meter dash, racing neck and neck. Megan finished third with a time of 28.12 and Brianna finished fourth with a time of 28.78. Aspen Britt, the only runner from MV in the open 400, finished in seventh place with a time of 1:05.82. Mikayla Callan, finishing 12th, ran the 800 meter run in a time of 2:56.94, while Bridgett Massman ran it in 3:35.58, finishing 18th. We also had two girl compete in the 1500 meter run: Casey Fry and McKenzie Lansing. Fry ran with a time of 5:58.13, finishing ninth, while Lansing ran it in 6:43.23, placing 14th. Macy Hoeger and Angela Wendt were neck and neck in the 100 meter hurdles. Hoeger finished just before Wendt with a time of 18.26, while Wendt finished in 18.91. They finished 11th and 12th. Cassy Wilson picked up three points for the team in her sixth place finish in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:13.94. Kara Orcutt placed eighth with a time of 1:18.78. The 4x100 team, consisting of Ashley Holtz, Macy Hoeger, Heather Sabers, and Aspen Britt landed themselves a sixth place finish with a time of 55.99. The 4x200 team had a great time of 1:53.28, putting themselves in second place and gaining the team eight points! The team consisted of Megan Mensen, Heather Sabers, Brianna Mensen, and Morgan Manternach. The 4x400 team (Mensen², Rejji Smith, and Aspen Britt) also had a great time of 4:24.08 with a third place finish. The 4x800 meter team consisted of Jordan Ross, Mikayla Callan, Casey Fry, and Hunter glass. The girls finished sixth with a time of 12:13.55. The sprint medley team (Holtz, Sabers, Manternach, and M. Mensen) placed fourth with a time of 1:59.09. The distance medley team (Schuman, T. Hoeger, B. Mensen, and Rejji Smith) placed fifth with a time of 4:39.51. Finishing in fourth place, the shuttle hurdle team, consisting of Macy Hoeger, Cassy Wilson, Angela Wendt, and Kara Orcutt, finished with a time of 1:14.10.

Madison Imler jumped a total of 14' 8" in the long jump, landing herself in ninth place. Whitney Wilson placed 12th in the shot put with a throw of 30' 04." Alison

Sheehy threw a total of 93' 09" in the discus, putting herself in fourth place.

Then Monday night the girls travelled to Independence, where they didn't get the entire meet in because of rain. Therefore there are only results for about 1/3 of the meet. Out of the events they had, the girls finished seventh out of nine with 19 points. Marion won with 85.25.

To start off the meet, Ali Sheehy threw 102' 09" (WOW) in the discus, placing fourth. Amanda Engelken placed 18th with a throw of 67' 05." Becky Thompson also threw the discus, finishing 20th with a throw of 64' 08." Payton Ries placed ninth in the high jump with a total jump of 4' 04." Madison Imler jumped 12' 9.5" in the long jump, placing tenth. Amanda Engelken and Whitney Wilson finished ninth and tenth with their throws of 28' 4.5" (AE) and 28' 04" (WW) in the shot put.

Ashley Holtz ran the 100 meter dash in a time of 14.27, placing eighth. Ashley Stogdill placed 13th in her run of 14.56. Megan Mensen, Tiffany Hoeger, and Brittany Sabers all ran the 200 meter dash. Mensen finished fifth with a time of 28.93, Hoeger finished 18th with a time of 30.96, and Sabers finished 22nd with a

time of 31.80. Aspen Britt placed sixth in the 400 meter dash in her sprint of 1:05.20. Jordan Ross, Hunter Glass, Mikayla Callan, and Bridgett Massman all ran in the open 800. Ross finished 14th in 3:05.43, Glass finished 16th in 3:12.15, Callan placed ninth in 3:00.04, and Massman finished 20th in 3:35.10. Macy Hoeger and Angela Wendt placed 11th and 12th in the 100 meter hurdles. Hoger ran them in 18.70 while Wendt ran them in 19.08. The varsity 4x200 team (Mensen², Sabers, and Manternach) placed fifth with a time of 1:55.16, while the JV team (White, Stogdill, B. Sabers, Schuman) finished ninth with a time of 2:01.85. Casey Fry, Hunter Glass, Mikayla Callan, and Jordan Ross made up the 4x800 team. They finished fourth with a time of 12:37.07. The shuttle hurdle team (M. Hoeger, C. Wilson, Wendt, and Orcutt) placed fourth with a time of 1:13.43. And the final race they got in, the distance medley, placed fifth with a time of 4:44.53. Caitlin Schuman, Tiffany Hoeger, Brianna Mensen, and Rejji Smith completed this team.

Last night's conference meet results will be posted in next week's issue! The team finished third.

Manchester site for two golf meets

Last Thursday the MV golf teams hosted a meet at Hartridge with Springville. Neither the boys nor the girls team from Springville had enough golfers for a team score. The MV boys finished with a 196, and the girls finished with a 231.

Varsity Boys scores were Dylan Salow- Medalist 43; Jordan Schindler- Runner up Medalist 48; Riley Kloser 51; Logan Fronatt 54; Jordy Downs 60; Cole Willenbring 64

JV Boys scores were Cody Gibbs 65; Nate Lansing 67; Patrick Hansen 76

Varsity Girls scores were: Emily LaGrant- Medalist 50; Riley Sternhagen- Runner up Medalist 53; Megan McNamara 63; Shaylyn Trenkamp 65

JV Girls scores were Gabriella Guetzko 62; Savannah Salow 75; Raven Etaman-Dietiker 76; Olivia Hill 86

Coach Andrews said he was optimistic about this meet. "Overall there were a lot more positives today than there has been at any other meet throughout the year. Looking at the boys and girls scores as a whole we have made huge improvements. I know some of our top golfers throughout the year were not satisfied with their results

today but the good thing is there is still golf to be played in the coming weeks and time to still get personal records."

Monday the boys competed in the Tri-Rivers conference golf meet at Pin Oak. The athletes golfed 18 holds. The team finished ninth with a 403 team score. East Buchanan won the meet with 318.

Individual scores: Dylan Salow placed 16th with a 91; Riley Kloser tied for 39th with a 102; Steve Huber tied for 39th win a 102; Jordan Schindler tied for 51st with a 108; Jordy Downs placed 53rd with a 109; Logan Fronatt placed 59th with a 126.

Chris Cooksley from East Buchanan was Medalist with a 71.

Coach Andrews said it was an "ok" day for the team. "Coming in I thought we'd have a chance to crack the top half of the team standings but came up short of that. We definitely had the potential to do so but it just wasn't our day. Definitely encouraging though as it wasn't our best performance and we were within 20 strokes in a 18 hole tournament of placing in the top half of our conference."

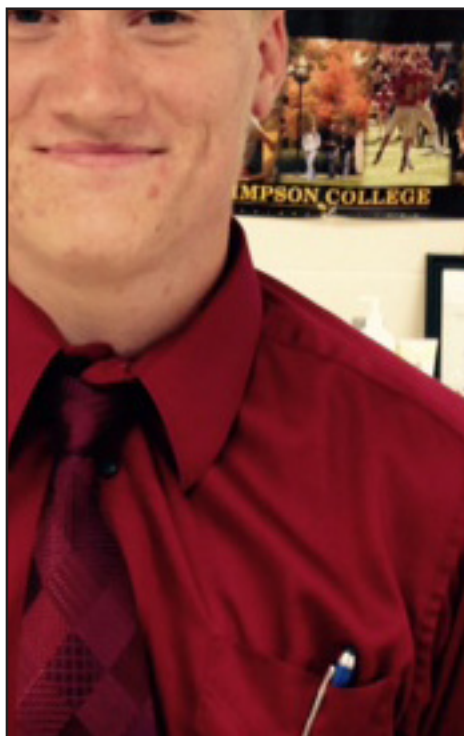
Academic Excellence Banquet held to recognize success

The 8th annual Excellence in Academics Banquet was held last Sunday evening in the high school commons.

Entertainment for the event was provided by the music department. Taylor Guthrie performed her saxophone solo, and the quartet of Raven Dietiker, Taylor Guthrie, Riley Kay Sternhagen and Shaylyn Trenkamp performed their award-winning ensemble contest selection.

The guest speaker of the evening was Laura Zietlow Bohrer, an 1999 alumna of Maquoketa Valley who pursued her education at Wartburg College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center where she earned her Ph.D. in cancer research in 2008. She currently works in Coralville at the John Paul II Medical Research Institute where she is developing a method to isolate cells with chemotherapy to determine which drugs are effective and at what dose. She spoke to the crowd about her educational journey.

Students were recognized because of meeting at least one of the academic criteria: rank in the top 7% of the class, 4.00 GPA the previous two semesters (1st semester for freshmen), IA Assessments/PLAN--97 percentile composite or greater, and/or ACT/PSAT/SAT scores--94 percentile composite or greater.



Taylor Guthrie entertains the crowd with her saxophone solo for which she received a perfect score at contest.



Honored seniors Ashley Holtz, Derek Salow, Heather Sabers, Annie Fjelstul and Vicky Agromayor pose with their mentors.



Dr. Laura Bohrer presented certificates to juniors Shaylyn Trenkamp, Riley Kay Sternhagen, Emily LaGrant, Jeremy Fischer and Sienna Becker.



Sophomores recognized were Colin Wendt, Kendra Ries, Brianna Mensen, Amanda Fortman and Nichole Winter.



Freshmen honored at the banquet were Brody Severt, Brittany Sabers, Macy Hoeger, Heath Gibbs and Amanda Engelken.

Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened"



Today marks the last day our fellow seniors walk the halls of Maquoketa Valley High School. Today marks the end of a life that they have come to know so well, but also marks the beginning of a life that has yet to be found. This time of year is always bittersweet. Seniors gathering their things and saying goodbye to those who have been through it all. Some will look back at these hallways with tears in their eyes. Some will look back with a smile where tears were shed from laughing so hard.

As we go through life there are always going to be those goodbyes. Some, we are given time to say that final farewell and others not so much. But you are given that final farewell so make the most of it!

Seniors. Each and everyone one of you have made an impact on this school. It doesn't matter if you were the captain of the football team, homecoming queen, or the girl who never said a word. You all had a special spark you brought every year you attended school at Maquoketa Valley. My message to you, my final message to the seniors, is to look back on all these memories with a smile. All good things have to come to an end, and when something ends that means there is a beginning just around the corner. Love you all and best of luck in your future!

Forever a Wildcat!

Got Milk?



Chance Franck, Jacob Bonert and Heath Gibbs serve milk during Farm Safety Day.

what's up?

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

What would you choose for your class's graduation song?

Zach Smith: "See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa

Maddy Morgan: Beethoven's No. 1

Adrienne Supple: "Big Girls Don't Cry" by Fergie

Mikaela Reth: "Te Mueves Tú"

Raven Eatman Dietker: "This is How We Roll" by Florida Georgia Line

Danielle Schumen: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Bryant Meyer-Kemp: "My Demons"

Brittney Sabers: "I Really Don't Care" by Demi Lovato

Alex Chavez: "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi

Keegan Hayne: The "Happy Birthday" song

Macy Hoeger: "School's Out"

Cutie



by Annie Fjelstul

This week's cute is a junior. She has brown hair and blue/green eyes. She has a dog named Sparkles. She's very short. She has excelled in contest speech. She's in the one-act plays this weekend. She rocked the ACT, especially the English test.

Last week's Cutie was Ashley Stogdill.

Do's and Don'ts of Performing

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



With the spring one act plays performing this weekend, I thought this would be an appropriate column this week. And for all of you that haven't already, don't forget to buy those tickets and put Friday and/or Saturday's shows into your plans for this evening and tomorrow! Anyway, here are some tips on the do's and don'ts of performing.

Do find some way to perform. This doesn't have to mean on a stage; it can mean on the basketball court or at an FFA convention as well. Find something that you are passionate about enough to share with others through a performance of some kind.

Don't stress the stage fright. It's common, and nerves are a great thing. Being nervous means you care about the outcome of your performance, so use those nerves to give it everything you have.

Do be others' cheerleaders(silent or not). In some situations, such as football games, supporting the "performers" can be done with loud screaming and cheers. In other situations, however, such as this year's spring plays, support can be as simple as telling the actors to "break a leg" and coming to see the show.

Don't seek to stay at the same level for very long. It's always possible to improve, so work on making every aspect of your performance better.

Do step out of your comfort zone. According to the dictionary, to perform is "to carry out, accomplish, or fulfill." In order to accomplish anything, you must be willing to challenge yourself. Test your limits and push yourself to give your absolute best. This is the heart of performing.

Don't be afraid to celebrate your successes afterwards! One of the best parts of performing is the feeling you get after you've achieved your goal. So celebrate! You deserve it.



"When it comes to making a big change in your life, you have to want it more than you fear it."
~Unknown

by **Mikaela Reth**

This is it. This is last time I'll ever write for *The Wildcat Echo*. This is the end.

Monday marked the beginning of my last week of high school. Tuesday brought my last time waking up early for play practice and the night was my last band concert here. Wednesday was my last time going to bell choir after school. With Thursday came the last tests of high school. Today is my last day of high school. Tomorrow will be my last high school band competition and also the last time I perform on Maquoketa Valley's stage.

It all seems so surreal. The last thirteen years of my life have come to an end. I only have 21 days until I move into my summer job. I only 113 days until I move in to college. That's 113 days until the biggest change in my life so far. . . and

Quotastic

it's kind of terrifying. This is why I chose the quote that I did for this week. I've actually been saving this quote all semester just for this moment. Next year is a HUGE change for all of us smalltown seniors and, as the quote says, we're going to have to want it more than we fear it.

I've expressed my concerns about moving on next year with a trusted friend and mentor over the past two, possibly three, semesters. She keeps telling me I'm ready to move on, that I've been ready to move on, but I'm still a little scared. At the same time, I'm excited. I'm 100% ready to meet new people and make new friends. I'm 100% ready to start my job in the planetarium and learn even more about astronomy.

I'm 100% ready to go. . . but I'm not quite ready to leave just yet. I'm going to have to leave behind my school, my puppies, my friends, my church family, my family, and my bell choir. I'm going to miss them awfully. Of course, I'll still be able to keep in touch with all of them and come back home, but the transition is still bitter-

sweet.

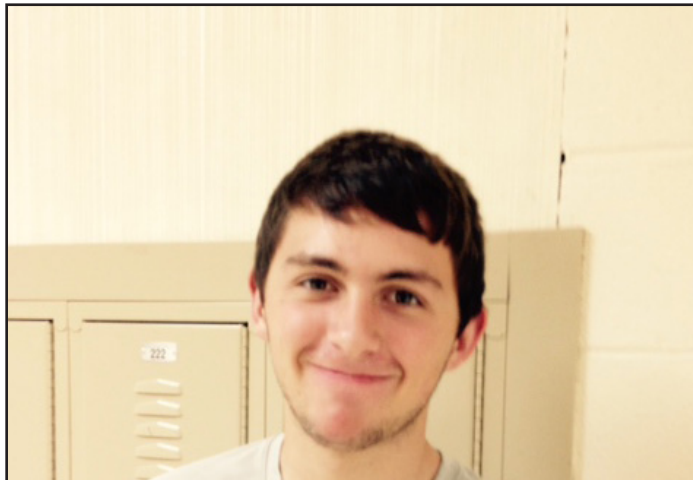
However, if I choose to live in the sadness of it instead of remembering how much fun next year is going to be and the new challenges that it's going to bring academically, personally, physically, and spiritually, the entire experience will be a waste. I'm excited for the new challenges, and I hope my classmates are too. We're not paying hundreds upon thousands of dollars just to get away from our parents and kill brain cells. We're going to better ourselves in many ways.

If you ask me, I'm far more ready to improve myself further than I am scared to leave what I've known my not-quite-eighteen years here. This, my dear readers, is why lasts are so beautiful in certain occasions.

The way I look at it, graduating is just a sunset: we're going to sit and mourn with it for the sadness of the ending day; yet, we're going to admire it with the knowledge of the coming dawn of a new day, a new experience, a new life.

Rain or shine, FFA chapter hosts Farm Safety Day

On Tuesday May 5th, 32 junior and senior FFA members assisted with the annual farm safety day camp. Stations this year were Handwashing, Sun Safety, Tractors, 911, Fire, Seatbelts, Flowing Grain and Chemicals. Students also enjoyed a puppet show with milk served by Delaware County Dairy Princess Alternate Cassie Burkle.



Cassie Burkle and Logan Fronatt explain seatbelt safety to a group of students. Crash test dummies Kristin Brehm and Ryan Parmely assist.

Agronomy team takes 10th place

The MV agronomy team complete on Tuesday, May 5 at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo and earned 10th place. Team members included Kaleb Handel, Kevin Steffen and Cole Kruse. Awards were presented by Kaleb Kruse NE district officer.



The Cat Box

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



A furball to Mrs. Temple who often refers to Jeremy Fischer by his brother Ryan's name. Sorry, Jeremy, for messing up your Student of the Week last week. Ugh.



A meow to the success of Farm Safety Day despite the rain. Way to be flexible!



A break-a-leg meow to the cast and crew of the one act plays.



A proud meow to Raven Dietiker, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Riley Kay Sternhagen and Taylor Guthrie as they perform their Best of Center ensemble at the Outstanding Performance Showcase in Ames on Wednesday.



A meow to Steve Huber who was awarded 2015 Academic All-State Wrestling Team Member -- First Team by The Predicament.



Another wrestling meow to Ryan Parmely for being named to the All-American wrestling team by USA Wrestling Magazine.



A good luck meow to the band and choir as they perform at Large Group contest tomorrow.



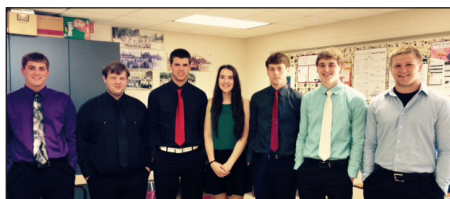
A meow to the success of the music concert and the award winners.



A meow to TEL for their work informing students and track-goers about the prevalence of traffic-alcohol related accidents.



A meow for the English students who dressed up for their mock interviews. Meow.



A meow to Mrs. Grimm for letting Annie Fjelstul pose with her bunnies for a selfie for the play.

Parmely named All-American

Ryan Parmely was recently selected to the Wrestling USA Magazine High School All-American Team. There were 96 All-Americans from across the country named to this year's class which makes it a very "elite" honor. Ryan's accomplishments which led him to this honor include: 203-6 career record, 121 falls, 3.022 GPA, 2 x time champion, 3rd place, 4th place.



Runners gear up for district meet



Clint Krapfl winds up in the discus at the meet Monday in Marion.

The boys track team has been pushing itself lately in hopes of some success at the district meet Thursday at Ed-Co.

The team finished its regular season meets recently at Cascade and Marion. Last night the team competed at home in the Tri-Rivers Conference meet. The team finished second. Results will be in next week's issue.

The boys track team competed at the Cascade Co-Ed meet last Thursday night and finished seventh with 44 points. North Cedar won the meet with 175 points.

Athletes earning points were:

100M Dash: Ryan Parmely, fourth, 11.77
800M Run: Derek Salow, second, 2:02.30
4x200: Ryan Parmely, Jeremy Fischer, Derek Salow, Kyle Wilson; fifth; 1:39.56
4x800: Derek Salow, Kyle Wilson, Austin Stogdil, Colin Wendt; second; 8:33.52
High Jump: Eric Deutmeyer, sixth, 5-08
Shot Put: Ryan Parmely, second, 49-04; Kaleb Handel, sixth, 38-04
Discus: Ryan Parmely, sixth, 114-04
4x200: Angel Rumbo, Tyson Tucker, Brock Hillers, Clint Krapfl; fourth, 1:46.32

This past Monday the team traveled to Marion. No details were available at press time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 10, 2015

SUNDAY, May 10, 2015

1. Baccalaureate - HS Auditorium - 1:30 PM
2. MV Dollars for Scholars HS Senior Awards - MS Multi-Purpose Room & Commons - 3:00 PM

MONDAY, May 11, 2015

1. HS V Girls Conference Golf at Pin Oak in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Van Leaves at 7:50 AM)
2. Pet Safety Presentation by Jo Schreck at Delhi Elementary - 8:30 AM
3. HS Girls & Boys Co-Ed Track Meet at Central City - 4:30 PM (Bluebird Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
4. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, May 12, 2015

1. Deadline for June/July Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer in the HS Library
2. HS FFA to District Floraculture/Landscaping in Waterloo (Suburban & Van Leave at 2:30 PM)
3. JH Girls & Boys to Conference Track Meet at C.C. - 4:00 PM (Bluebird Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
4. MS 6th-8th Band & Vocal Spring Concert - MS Multipurpose Room - 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2015

1. Middle School "Go the Distance Day" - 2:00 PM
2. HS FFA to District Horse Judging Contest in Ellsworth (Van Leaves at 2:00 PM)
3. Maquoketa Valley High School Commencement - HS Gymnasium - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, May 14, 2015

1. Back Pack Delivery - Johnston, Earlville, Delhi Elementary & Middle School
2. HS Girls and Boys District Track at Ed/Co (Edgewood) - 4:00 PM (Bluebird Bus Leaves at 2:30 PM)
3. Earl. 3rd & John. 4th to 5th Grade Band Concert - MS MP Room - 1 PM (Buses Leave at 12:40 PM)
4. MV Preschool Spring Bash / Carnival - MS Multi-Purpose Room/ Commons - 6:30 PM
5. MV FFA Greenhouse Open - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Shaylyn Trenkamp
Activity: One-act play

Which one-act play are you in? *Selfie*

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Wearing a dress and *pretending* to have amazing hair.



What has been your fondest memory of the show? Getting to know the other cast members better than past years since we had such a small cast and since practices didn't conflict with golf.

If you could act on a TV show, which one would it be? *Modern Family*

Name: Annie Fjelstul
Activity: One-act play

Which one-act play are you in? *Selfie*

What do you enjoy most about your role? I love that I not only get to act, but I also get to bring forth larger issues in life that many people struggle with.

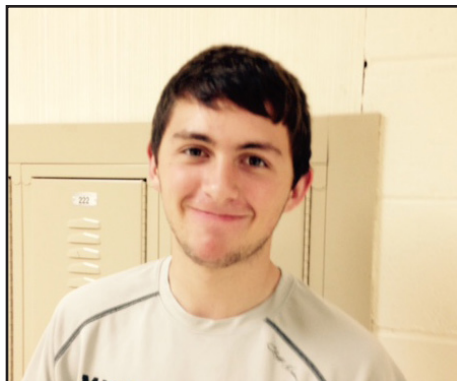


What has been your fondest memory of the show? I love all of it; I love the cast. Taking all of the selfies was pretty fun, especially when we made it super awkward for Eric and Olivia for one of them.

If you could act on a TV show, which one would it be? *One Tree Hill*--arguable the best TV show ever!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mason Hermanson



You have had some success in Advanced Foods. What's your favorite food to prepare?

I enjoyed making Shrimp Alfredo because it tasted amazing.

What's the hardest food you've ever prepared? poached eggs. You have to wait and take them out at just the right time.

What's the most valuable skill you learned in the class? How to cook food by myself.

What's something you learned in this class that you didn't expect to learn? I learned that baking soda puts out grease fires.

"He is always willing to go above and beyond and I can count on him to tackle a more difficult recipe. I am pretty confident that he could make any type of recipe if given the opportunity and hope to see him back next year in the restaurant management class. He works well with others and isn't afraid to take charge to get the work done." —Mrs. Downs

Athletes of the Week

Name: Jordan Schindler
Sport: Golf

What do you enjoy most about playing golf?
Golfing with friends

What's something about the sport that non-golfers wouldn't realize?

Golf is harder than you think.

What are your golfing strengths?
Hitting on the driving range

Favorite memory from the golf course?
Mike Mast breaking my driver

Fine Artists of the Week

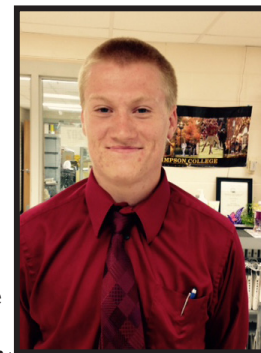
Name: Emily Krapfl
Activity: One-act plays

Which one-act play are you in?
I am in *Breaking News*.

What do you enjoy most about your role? I don't have to change my voice because I play a male character...

What has been your fondest memory of the show? When Mr. DeVore was actually rolling on the floor laughing after the scene where Abby pulls the chair out from underneath me.

If you could act on a TV show, which one would it be? *Criminal Minds*



10th grade trip

Last week the sophomores toured John Deere in Dubuque. They stopped by the Field of Dreams on the way home. No photography was allowed during the John Deere tour.

Kathleen Renquist visits horticulture class

Kathleen Renquist of the class of 1965 shows the horticulture class what work needs to be done to clean up the area. Volunteers are needed to restore the area that is beyond the football field.



by Megan Hogan and Caitlyn Gibbs

The class of 1965 would like to clean up “Emma’s Woods” for their 50 graduation anniversary. Emma’s Woods is 310 acres of timber given to the state of Iowa to be preserved as a woodland. Emma’s Woods is now separated into Silver Lake Park and Brayton Memorial Forest.

There are multiple problems that have been identified within the woods. There are two notable invasive species, Garlic Mustard and Honey Suckle. At one time there was road salt deposit in the woods. This road salt can deter healthy tree

and plant development. There also needs to be a site mapping to take place so the Oak and Hickory saplings can be located. They need to be relocated for protection and growth of other plants.

Ryan Parmely and Alex Britt originally made contact with Kathleen Renquist, a member of the class of 1965, and were supposed to organize a time to clean up and take care of Emma’s Woods, but since they are graduating this won’t be possible. The class of 1965 is looking for any and all volunteers to help restore Emma’s Woods.

TEL students warn of dangerous times



You may have noticed the cupped fence near the score board. 1/3. Were you aware that one third of all teen, alcohol related, vehicle fatalities occur during the Prom and Graduation party season.

In order to curb this statistic, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed a Social Host Ordinance that holds an adult or juvenile responsible for knowingly allowing underage drinking to occur in their home or on their property. Underage drinking is unsafe for parents, their property, and especially for the youth!

This message is brought to you by MV TEL, Teens Eliminating Lies.

Treat Your Mom to Flowers for Mothers Day this Sunday!



Stop by the MV FFA Greenhouse
SATURDAY 7-11 am
and make mom
SMILE!!