

# Wildcat Echo

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## After a year hiatus, jazz band back at it

by Nichole Lucas

The MV jazz band has made its return this year. Last year our school didn't have a jazz band due to the difficulties of trying to find a time everybody could meet.

Mr. Hadley said he is really excited about jazz band being back. Jazz is Mr. Hadley's favorite type of music to teach. He said, "It's really cool how many students are willing to give up their mornings to make music together."

There are 17 students involved with jazz band this year, which is over half of the band. These students rehearse on Tuesdays and Fridays before school.

You can hear them perform at the Parade of Bands concert on March 1st and possibly over lunch hour sometime.



Jazz band members rehearse during first hour. They will make their public debut Mar. 1.

## Students perform with renowned director *Pie auction tonight*

by Tate Trenkamp

While you were preparing for school on Sunday, three of our Choir students were attending Wartburg's Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival. The attendees were: Riley Sternhagen, Taylor Guthrie, and myself, Tate Trenkamp.

Upon arrival we went to registration at the Wartburg chapel. Then came the first of many long rehearsals, after the two hours of rehearsal, we got a break for dinner at 5:00. Dinner was an hour long, with a 30 minute break to unload luggage, and bring it to the dorm rooms we would be staying in that night. After dinner and unloading into the dorms, we went back to it with sectionals, which means the different parts in the songs sang separate with a student from Wartburg's Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth's Chorale, or Kantorei that sang the same part. Then there was a voice master class, which was where three people were chosen to work on their, already great in my opinion, solos. After that another rehearsal, then the Wartburg students had their concert. After their performance there was a games/ free time. Then it was time for bed, keep in mind we're up to three hours and 30

minutes of rehearsal time from starting at 3:00pm.

We woke up, and went to breakfast at 9:00. At this time you were in your second hour class, if you were in school. Then at 9:45 it was rehearsal time again. Then from 11:15 - 1:15 it was lunch, but also sectionals half of the group ate while the other sang then we switched. Then even more rehearsal... Finally dinner time from 5:15 to 7:00.

Then we went and got dressed for the concert. At 7:30 it was finally time for us to perform, and we were told we did great with the songs, by the man who wrote the songs himself, besides one, Eriks Ešenvalds, a renowned director from Latvia. He had attended all of our rehearsals and helped when he could. We ended up singing 10 hours and 45 minutes, which is 2 hours and 45 minutes more than a school day including lunch and WIN time. It was all worth it to see the happy face on Eriks Ešenvalds' face.

It was a great experience, and if you ever happen to get the opportunity take it.



National Honor Society members are sponsoring a pie auction tonight at the basketball games. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

# Girls basketball wins two, loses one

by Kristi Goedken

Last week the Wildcats had another busy week playing three games. On Monday night the girls hosted Monticello in a non-conference game where the Panthers won with a final score of 65-56.

Statistical leaders for the Wildcats were Sam Wall with 16, Erin Digmann with 12, Megan and Brianna Mensen with 8, and Kristi Goedken had 6. The MV girls were able to shoot 10 of 15 from the free throw line for 67%. The Wildcats were able to out rebound the Panthers by 11 boards. Megan Mensen pulled down 8 boards. Erin Digmann had 7, Brianna Mensen 6, and Kristi Goedken contributed 5 boards a piece. On the night, the Wildcats had 14 assists.

"I was very pleased offensively in this game," stated Coach Moenck. "It's probably the best we have run our man offense in a long time. We are getting great looks, sharing the ball well, and we are finishing shots around the bucket. We had stretches where we didn't play smart basketball and it really hurt us. Monticello is a very good team and against good teams you can't have stretches where you don't guard their best player. I truly am proud of these kids. They do play hard, we just need to put a game of 32 minutes together. The girls are continuing to work really hard in practice. It will pay off!"

That next night the Wildcats traveled down to Lisbon to take on the Lions in their last away conference game. The Wildcats were able to get another win with a final score of 59-25.

Offensively, junior guard Brianna Mensen led the way with 15 points. Megan Mensen was close behind with 12 points,

Payton Ries with 10, and Sam Wall with 8 points. The whole Wildcat team was able to see valuable playing time. Though the Wildcats shot 8 of 15 from the free throw line for 53%, the girls were able to use their defense to make up for it. Digmann and M. Mensen were able to pull down 4 boards for the night a piece. The Maquoketa Valley girls were able to get 22 steals and 5 blocks on the night.

Coach Moenck stated, "I was interested to see how our kids would respond in this game coming off a hard fought battle the night before. I was pleased with the start we got off to in this game. It's important that on the road you get off to good starts. I really felt like we shared the ball very well this game, always making the extra pass. I was proud of our effort all around. Every player contributed in this game. We still have some things we need to work on but we are heading in the right direction."

A week ago Maquoketa Valley hosted East Buchanan in another conference game. The Wildcats were able to out score the Bucanneers by a final score of 71-20.

Statistical leaders were Brianna Mensen with 20 points, Digmann with 13, Wall with 9, and Megan Mensen also with 9 points.

"I was not happy with the effort at the start of our game," stated Coach Moenck. "I have to give East Buc credit for coming out and battling. They really hit us hard in the mouth. We played on our heels a lot. I also have to give credit to our kids for buckling down and playing some good basketball the last two and a half quarters. When we are playing hard on both ends of the floor we are so fun to watch. We have yet to put a full game of 32 minutes



**Erin Digmann makes her way around a Monticello defender. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)**

together. When we finally accomplish that, we will be a very though out."

Come out tonight and support both the boys and girls Varsity teams as they take on Alburnett.

## Boys get win over EB

by McKenzie Lansing

Last Friday, the boys played at home against East Buchanan. The boys fought hard with a final score of 43-46, a win for the Wildcats.

The top scorers Friday were Jacob Bonert scoring 17 points, Brock Hillers with 13 points, and Calvin Orcutt with 9 points.

The boys picked up 31 rebounds total. The top rebounders were Jacob with 8 rebounds, Kyle Wilson with 6, and Brock Hillers with 5 rebounds.

"Jacob Bonert had a monster game, getting 8 rebounds and 17 points. As a team we out rebounded them by more than 10 rebounds and held their best player to only 10 points," commented Coach Dunlap. Jacob Bonert made 84% of his free throws. Brock and Jacob made 50% of his two point shots. Jacob and Garrett Hogan had some nice blocks. "Our guys did a great job controlling the game tempo and took care of the ball, limiting turnovers," commented Coach Dunlap, "The biggest thing was finding a way to win a close one. Go Cats!"

The makeup home game against North Linn will be February 11th. The Wildcats will play tonight at home against Alburnett.

## Wrestlers have two conference champs

MV hosted the Tri-Rivers Conference wrestling meet last Saturday and saw two Wildcats take home first place.

Alec McDowell (182) and Eric Heims (220) found themselves at the top of the podium.

Third place finishers for the day were Mason Hermanson at 126, Dylan Wright at 170 and Kaleb Kruse at heavy-weight.

Fourth place finishers were Justin Krapfl at 113, Tanner Parmely at 120, Mitch Smith at 145 and Cole Kruse at 160.

MV finished fourth with 149 points. Other team scores were as follows:

Team Scores 1. Alburnett 222.0 2. Lisbon 208.0 3. East Buchanan 162.0 4. Maquoketa Valley 149.0 5. North Linn 141.0 6. Midland 86.0 7. Central City 22.5

Coach Andrews stated he was pleased overall with how the team performed. "Once again they showed a lot of heart win or lose. Hopefully we can learn from our mistakes over the next week and come out with a little bit better results next week. It was nice to get two conference champions (Alec McDowell 182 lbs and Eric Heims 220 lbs) in such a tough conference."



## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Dylan Wright  
Activity: Speech  
**What events are you in for speech?**

Radio Broadcasting (RUOK)

TV News (QWRK)

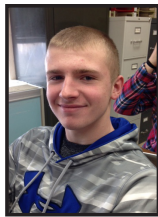
**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** I enjoy the teamwork and watching our radio broadcasting and TV news come together.

**What have you learned through this event?** It has helped me to not care what anyone else thinks of me.

**Who is your speech role model?**

Derek Salow

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Why?** Radio Broadcasting because I know the most about it and I would enjoy listening to them all.



Name: Lawson Roof

Activity: Speech

**What events are you in for speech?** Group Mime and One Act.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** You really get to see others grow and get out of their comfort zones while you get out of yours. And there's no judging. Everyone is there to better not only themselves, but each other. Being involved in speech is definitely a learning experience.

**What have you learned through this event?** I've learned that it's okay to be uncomfortable, and that even if you screw up once or twice, people will not make fun of you. People are only rooting for you; they don't want you to fail. I've learned you can always be louder (but that might not be the best advice for mime).

**Who is your speech role model?**

My speech role model is Mr. DeVore.

Last year in individual speech, he taught me a lot about making people feel certain ways with your words. He also really boosted my self-confidence by helping reveal my talents to me, but he also gave me critique to help me better myself. I also really look up to my senior friends because I see how hard they work. I admire how they don't stop until they get it to be exactly what they want it to be.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Why?**

I think I would want to judge improv.

I would judge improv because you see something new every time. The judge and the participants never know what they're going to get, but that's the exciting part! It's always a new group with new ideas, and that's really cool to me.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Missy Schwandt

Sport: Dance team

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?** I enjoy team bondings and the actual performances the most. Being with all of the girls on the team and watching everyone grow through out the year is a really neat sight.

**What's the hardest part of it?** The hardest part of dance is the practices right before a performance because everyone is stressed and worried. Staying calm and on task can take a bit of patience.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it?** My favorite routine would have to be my first time dancing at state. It was terrifying and exciting. The crowd was huge and I don't remember the dance itself, but the rush was enough to make it a favorite.

**What's something about dance most people don't realize?** A lot of people don't realize the process of dance team. We have to practice for a week before we tryout for the team, and then if you make it on the team there is even more practice before camps. By the time the season starts we have already learned both state routines. During the regular season, we cram as much as we can into our practices and then go home and practice until we hate our music. When we practice for lifts, dropping someone is always in the back of our minds, but we have yet to let anyone hit the floor.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** I have choreographed four dances so far in the time I have been on the team, and my favorite to do would be either Jazz or Kick. My favorite genre of song to use is up-beat pop/R&B songs.



Name: Eric Heims

Sport: Wrestling

**What weight are you wrestling at this year?** 220

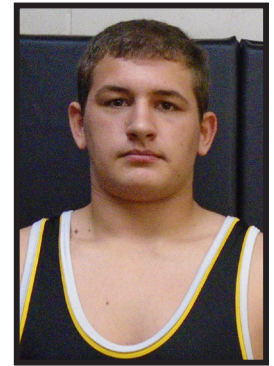
**What are your goals this year?** qualify for state

**What's the hardest part of wrestling?**

You want to give up in practice but you need to get through it  
What's something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know? If not in basketball wrestling will help you with other sports

**What's a great warm-up song?**

"Eye of the Tiger"



# what's up?

**If you could create one holiday, what would it be and when would it be?**

by Emily LaGrant

Amanda Fortman: National Appreciate Your Child Day on March 5

Brendon Hogan: National Go To Space Day on Sept 6

Mrs. Lewin: National I Need a Day Off of School Day on Feb 30

Mrs. Besler: National Wear Sweatpants to Work Day

Natalie Neuzil: National Free Food for Everyone Day at Lunchtime

Laisee Shakespeare: National Ice Cream Day every other Monday

Ryan Dunn: Best Friends Day on June 25

Josie Young: National Josie Day on July 13th

Kristin Lucas: National Free Everything Day April 23rd

Katilyn Deutmeyer: National Cake Day February 13th

Angie Wilson: Glow in the Dark Day on September 4th

Andy Huber: Christmas 2 in the Spring

Mr. Huegel: Bring Your Dog to Work Day

## Grapplers end regular season with 25 dual wins

by Emily Krapfl

Last Thursday night the Maquoketa Valley wrestling team traveled to Center Point Urbana to take on CPU, Maquoketa, and Midland.

The Wildcats started off the night by wrestling Midland and beating them with a team score of 57-21. Wrestlers who were successful during this dual were Canyon Richardson (forfeit), Mason Hermanson (pin), Austin Stogdill (forfeit), Mitch Smith (pin), Norman Wilson (forfeit), Cole Kruse (pin), Dylan Wright (8-3 decision), Alec McDowell (forfeit), Eric Heims (forfeit), and Kaleb Kruse (forfeit).

Next Maquoketa Valley wrestled Maquoketa and also beat them with a final score of 54-27. Wrestlers who were successful during this dual were Justin Krapfl (forfeit), Mason Hermanson (pin), Austin Stogdill (pin), Mitch Smith (pin), Norman Wilson (pin), Cole Kruse (pin), Alec McDowell (pin), Eric Heims (pin), and Kaleb Kruse (pin).

The Wildcats ended the night by beating CPU with team score of 42-39. Wrestlers who helped to win this dual were Dylan Happen (pin), Austin Stogdill (pin), Mitch Smith (pin), Norman Wilson (pin), Alec McDowell (pin), Eric Heims (pin), and Canyon Richardson (forfeit).

Coach Andrews stated, "We ended the regular season dual schedule on a very high note. Winning all three duals and getting two guys back in the line up that haven't been there since early December was a great feeling. Our guys rallied around one another and fought all night long. Very satisfied with how the regular dual season went with the number of injuries we dealt with."

We ended the regular season with 25 dual team victories and only 9 defeats.

**Mason Hermanson puts pressure on his Midland opponent.**  
(photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)



## Angie's Angle

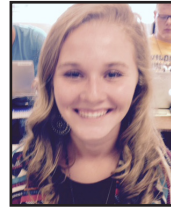
by Angie Wilson

**Running on Fumes**

All my life I have tried to do the right thing, say the right thing, and act the right way. I made decisions based on what others reactions might be. I bit my tongue in times where I needed to stand up for what I believed in. All to keep the peace and stay on the good side of others. I did not put on a mask to do this, I just reserved myself from my own opinions. It wasn't until the beginning of this year where I fully understood my flaws.

**Dr. Steve Maraboli once said, "If you fill your journey on the opinion of others, you are going to run out of gas."**

This quote hits it right on the nail for me. Being a senior in high school, decisions are made on a daily basis. What college? What major? What meal plan? Should I go or should I not? The list goes on and on. My mother has always taught me to do the right thing, but she never taught me to sell myself short. As I answered these questions one by one, a huge weight lifted off my shoulders. I was thinking for me. I wasn't balancing the opinions of what my family thinks, or my friends, or the lady down the street. I was only thinking about my own, and what I want in my future. If you find yourself in my shoes, let me help you out. Let go of the worry of making other people happy, because that will only slow you down. Do what will make you happy and you will fill your journey with an unlimited amount of gas.



## Do's and Don'ts of Politics

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

A year ago, I wanted nothing to do with politics, government, or anything of the sort. As a soon-to-be-voter in Government class now, I actually caucused on Monday night.

Through government class, research, and my recent experience with political events/ideas, some important thoughts have come to mind that I thought I'd share. Here are your do's and don'ts of politics

Do treat other people as human beings. Your party, your candidate, and your opinions are neither right or wrong. And neither are anyone else's! No stance is a stupid one, and everyone should respect others along with their opinions.

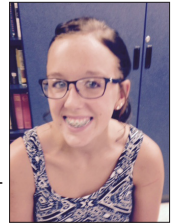
Don't stand on the sidelines. Personally, I never used to care for government-related issues. I also never had an influence over an election until now, though. I realize that every citizen makes a difference. Whomever you support, whatever ideas you may have, stand for what you believe in. Once you are of age, go out and see candidates. Caucus for them. Vote! Keep learning about issues that affect you and stay involved!

Do ask questions. Ask people with more experience and more years of wisdom why they believe what they do. Ask your teachers what certain issues are really about.

Don't start Facebook wars over politics. We've all seen those people who comment nasty stuff on other people's posts. Don't be that person. You always have the right to state your opinion, but do so respectfully. If you really can't stand all the posts a Facebook friend is sharing, simply remove them. This is much better than spreading negativity through social media.

Do vote. You may not believe your vote counts or makes a difference, but it does. Your vote will become part of history. Your vote will help determine our next president. Don't ever think you can't make a difference because you can.

Don't attack other political parties more than you support your own. In my opinion, this can be applied in life as well. You should support your friends more than you trash-talk the people you don't like or agree with. Respect others and they will be more likely to respect you.





## Best Buds



**Josie Harmon & Raven Dietiker**  
by Nichole Winter

**What is your favorite place to go with each other?**

Chinese

**Any nicknames for each other?**

Raven- Jo

Josie- Not Appropriate

**What is a funny memory you have together?**

Raven- Scary driving

Josie- Running through Walmart

**What is your favorite thing about each other?**

Raven- She's okay

Josie- Her hair

## Cutie



by Nichole Lucas

This week's cute is a senior girl. She is a member of the Wildcat Echo staff and lives outside of Earlville. This cutie has one older sister and knows how to play the ukulele!

*Last week's Cutie was Bryant Meyer-Kemp.*



## Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

**Mockingjay Part II:** This epic conclusion to the Hunger Games saga, truly pulled on our heart strings. The movie definitely did justice to one of our favorite books. The movie is action packed and wraps up this series perfectly. Also, Peeta and Gale were pretty hot, and Katniss was pretty cool too, I guess.

Rebekah:

**Brooklyn Nine-Nine:** Andy Samberg and the cast of Brooklyn Nine-Nine make for one hilarious show. Full of humor and some intense drama, making you laugh until you cry. Even when the main character Jake messes up you still love for him. It is a must watch when you have some free time.

**The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk**

**Kidd:** When Lily Owens finally has the guts to take her life into her own hands, she finds a place that she really wants to be. When she meets the calendar sisters she never wants to leave. She lives her life in a constant fear that T. Ray will come and find her. She has ups and downs in her new life, but she finds out who she really is.

42: Following the life of Jackie Robinson you get to see everything that he has had to go through. Seeing the horrendous things that were done to him, but how he persevered is amazing.

Amanda:

**Degrassi: Next Class:** After binge watching all 10 episodes I decided that I truly enjoyed this show. The characters were lively, sassy, and very original. The story reminded me greatly of the original Degrassi and had all the twists and drama of the original Degrassi show. Definitely check this one out.

**The 100 by Kass Morgan:** If you like the show you will love the book. 100 juvenile criminals are giving a second chance at life when they are sent down to earth after years to see if the ground is suitable to live on. These teen have to navigate a world no one has lived on in centuries. This book is full of action, adventure, and love.

**Grease LIVE:** Grease is the word. As an avid fan of the original Grease movie, I was sceptical but it definitely passed by expectations. The music was very good and scene changes were pretty cool. Also Aaron Tveit wearing a leather jacket isn't to bad either.

## Speech Soup Supper

**Come enjoy some delicious soup, sandwiches, drinks and desserts**

**Thursday, Feb. 11**

**4:30-7:30**

**H.S. Cafeteria**

*Proceeds pay for entry fees and performance rights for our speech students.*

## Meet the Freshmen

Name: Kaylynn Smith  
Siblings: a brother and a sister  
Activities you plan to be in: soccer  
Favorite subject: math  
Career aspirations: dental assistant and farmer  
Hobbies: biking, swimming and riding horses  
Something cool about you: I read 40 books in eighth grade.



Name: Canyon Richardson  
Siblings: Brothers Colt and Chance and sisters Christa and Cai'nn  
Activities you plan to be in: cross country, wrestling, track and soccer  
Favorite subject: math  
Career aspirations: to be a welder  
Hobbies: sports, old-fashioned cars, guitars and drums  
Something cool about you: I have a lot of friends who like to hangout with me.



## Meet a new Wildcat

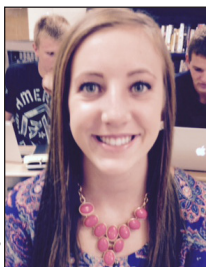


Felicitaciones a la Sra. Ries and her husband on the birth of their daughter Mabelynn Marie on Jan. 23. Mama and bebe are both doing well!

## Hall Smarts

by Shawnae Hoeger

Let's see how well the contestants for this week's Hall Smarts can spell! The contestants are Taylor White, Alec McDowell, Stefanie Hansen and Blake Hogan.



1. Spell excellence  
Taylor: excellence  
Alec: excellence  
Stefanie: exalixe  
Blake: excellence

2. Spell forty.  
Taylor: fourty  
Alec: forty  
Stefanie: forty  
Blake: forty

3. Spell argument  
Taylor: agrument  
Alec: arguement  
Stefanie: argument  
Blake: argument

4. Spell dependent  
Taylor: dependent  
Alec: dependent  
Stefanie: depenate  
Blake: dependent

5. Spell separate  
Taylor: seperate  
Alec: seporate  
Stefanie: separte  
Blake: seporate

Blake came in first place with 4 points. Followed by Blake is Taylor, Alec and Stefanie with two points each. Better luck next time!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of February 8, 2016

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

1. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball at Starmont - 3:45 PM (Bus at 2:35 PM)
2. IHSMA Vocal Jazz Festival - HS Gym, Auditorium, Cafeteria, Library - Performances Begin at 4:00 PM
3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS WR Room - PreK through 4th 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 5th-8th 5:00 - 6:15 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

1. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball at Monticello - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
2. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM
3. HS JV/V Boys Basketball - HOME - Prince of Peace Catholic HS - 6:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

1. MV HS FFA District Review & Interviews at Monticello (Van Leaves Delhi @ 1:25 PM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

1. HS Speech & Drama Soup Supper - HS Cafeteria - 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM
2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - North Linn - JV at 4:45 PM / V at 6:15 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

1. HS Vocal Jazz Clinic at Washington HS in Cedar Rapids (3 Vans Leaves at 7:30 AM) - Concert @ 8:00 PM
2. Back Pack Delivery - Johnston, Earlville, Delhi Elementary & Middle School
3. Post Prom Family Fun Night - MS Multipurpose Room - 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM
4. Post Prom MS Dance for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

1. HS Varsity District Wrestling at Jesup - Noon (Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM)
2. "Glam the Jam" Dance Camp - HS Gym - 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM / Performance - HS Gym - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 -  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 4th 4:00 - 5:00 PM / 5th-8th 5:00 - 6:00 PM