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# Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## !Hablemos español!



Students in the Spanish IV class put their Spanish to the test at Las Flores in Manchester last Friday. While eating Mexican cuisine, the students conversed in Spanish. Sra. Ries and Ann Grant accompanied the group.

## FFA has busy week of competitions



This week several FFA teams competed in a variety of contests.

The floriculture teams with MV students Kristi Goedken (5th place team) and Amanda Engelken, Amanda Fortman, Josie Young and Minnie (4th place team) competed Tuesday.

Earlier this week the food science team also competed. Pictured above is the

second place team of Grace Willenborg, Becca Dunkel, Abby Hoefler and Cassi Westhoff. Cassi finished eighth overall.

State FFA Horse Judging was held yesterday at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. The Maquoketa Valley Team of Gabriela Guetzko, Abby Gravel, Josie Young and Olivia Schlarmann finished 26th in the state and earned a Silver rating.

## Large groups perform well by Nichole Winter

Last Saturday the band and choir competed at the music contest in Tipton, IA. Each was judged by three judges.

The band performed two pieces by Brian Balmages entitled, "Rippling Watercolors," and "Moscow, 1941." The band received an average of 34 points out of 40 for a division 2 rating for their performance on Saturday. Mr. Hadley says, "I'm very proud of our band's progress and growth, especially how sensitively and musically we performed. Thanks to the seniors for their musicianship. It will be a tough class to lose, but I know that the band will continue to grow."

The girls choir performed three songs called, "The Water is Wide," "Alleluia," and "Warrior." The boys choir performed "Money," "For the Fallen," and "I'll Kiss Thee Yet." The mixed choir performed "Danny Boy" and "Lamentations of Jeremiah."

Mrs. Mueller said, "Top to bottom, this was one of our best performances. We have a very strong group of guys, and none of them are graduating. Also, the number and quality of boys in choir is increasing. The senior leadership will be missed."

## Graduation to be held 5/18 by Emily LaGrant

Today marks the last day of school for the seniors. After four very long (but still very short) years, the seniors will be moving on, but first comes graduation.

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 18th in the high school gym at 7:30. All are welcome to come and celebrate with the class of 2016 as they walk across the stage. Student speakers will include the student body president, Calvin Orcutt, the class president, Angie Wilson, and valedictorians Sienna Becker, Emily LaGrant and Shaylyn Trenkamp. The Five Star Award will also be handed out at the ceremony.

Other notable events include baccalaureate this Sunday at 1:30 and Dollars for Scholars at 3:00.

## LaGrant finishes fourth at conference

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Last Tuesday, May 3rd, the girl's golf team traveled to the Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Winthrop, Iowa, to compete against the East Buchanan Buchaneers. Taking first place in team scores was East Buchanan with a 222. Our MV girl's team finished with a score of 250. The Buchaneers awarded medals for the top three performers. Winning the first place medal was Jaci Francios with a 48, second place was granted to Becca Walthart, who scored a 57, and third place was given to Kelsey Ries, who also scored a 57.

Team Scores:

East Buchanan- 222

MV- 250

Maquoketa Valley Individual Scores:

Kelsey Ries- 57

Faith Hunt - 58

Madison McIntyre- 63

Chloe Roling- 72

This past Monday, May 9th, the girls traveled to Valley Oaks Golf Course in Clinton, Iowa, to perform in the Tri-Rivers Conference Girl's Tournament. Maquoketa Valley placed 5th out of 11 teams, scoring a 477, and our very own Emily LaGrant placed 4th in 57 golfers, scoring a 103. Taking the first place trophy for team scores was Easton Valley with a 418.

About the meet, Coach Andrews said, "I was really happy with the results that we had at conference. To see Emily come in 4th and have us finish 5th as a team with 3 out of the 4 scores being freshmen says a lot about where this girls' program is heading. Hopefully we can get a few good practice rounds in this week before we head into Regionals next Monday at Jesup."



**LaGrant golfed a 103 to finish fourth at the conference golf meet.**

Maquoketa Valley Individual Scores:

Emily LaGrant- 103 (fourth place)

Faith Hunt- 119

Kelsey Ries- 125

Kelly Winter- 130

Chloe Roling- 163

## Girls track takes second place at conference

by McKenzie Lansing

Last Thursday, the girls had The Tri-Rivers Conference Outdoor Co-ed meet at Central City. They placed 2nd with a total of 112 team points.

Starting out with the running events, in the 100m dash, Ashley Stogdill ran a 13.88, placing 5th, gaining 4 points. In the 200m dash, Megan Mensen ran a 28.02, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points. In the 800m run, Casey Fry ran a 2:47.99, placing 8th, gaining 1 point. In the 1500m run, Rejji Smith ran a 5:36.39, placing 8th, gaining 1 point. In the 3000m run, Nichole Winter ran a 13:15.11, placing 6th, gaining 3 points and Mikayla Callan ran a 14:25.08, placing 7th, gaining 2 points. In the 100m Hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran a 17.05, placing 1st, gaining 10 team points and Cassiddy Wilson ran a 17.95, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points. In the 400m Hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran a 1:09.53, placing 1st, gaining 10 points and Cassiddy Wilson ran a 1:15.01, placing 5th, gaining 4 points.

In the relay events, Ashley Stogdill, Megan Hogan, Caitlin Schuman, and Aspen Britt competed in the 4x100m relay. They ran a 55.00, placing 4th, gaining 5 points. Megan Mensen, Ashley Stogdill, Brianna Mensen, and Caitlin Schuman competed in the 4x200m relay. They ran a 1:53.04, placing 4th, gaining 5 points. Me-

gan Mensen, Brianna Mensen, Kara Orcutt, and Aspen Britt, competed in the 4x400m relay. They ran a 4:16.40, placing 1st, gaining 10 points. Rejji Smith, Olivia Hoeger, Brianna Mensen, and Casey Fry, competed in the 4x800m relay. They ran a 10:42.53, placing 2nd, gaining 8 points. Caitlin Schuman, Madison Imler, Ashley Stogdill, and Aspen Britt competed in the Sprint Medley. They ran a 1:58.96, placing 4th, gaining 5 points. Caitlin Schuman, Brooke Wilson, Aspen Britt, and Rejji Smith competed in the Distance Medley. They ran a 4:38.81, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points. Megan Mensen, Angela Wendt, Cassiddy Wilson, and Kara Orcutt competed in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay. They ran a 1:11.76, placing 1st, gaining 10 points.

In the Field Events, Alison Sheehy and Rose Haven, both competed in the Discus throw. Alison threw 105' 4", placing 1st gaining 10 points. Rose threw 72' 11", placing 8th, gaining 1 point. In the Shot put, Rose Haven threw a 28' 11", placing 7th, gaining 2 points. In the High Jump, Brianna Mensen jumped 4' 10", placing 6th, gaining 3 points.

Unfortunately, their meet at Central City this Monday was cancelled due to weather and it will not be re-scheduled. They competed at districts yesterday at West Union.

## Boys track takes third in Tri-Rivers

by Tate Trenkamp

The boys conference track meet was Thursday, May 5th at Central City. The team came in third with 73 points. Lisbon won with 187 points.

Here are the results:

100m dash: 3rd Zak Harbach 11.87 6 points  
200m dash: 3rd Zak Harbach 24.01 6 points  
800m run: 1st Kyle Wilson 2:03.58 10 points

110m hurdles: 4th Alec McDowell 17.53 5 points

3200m run: 7th Tate Trenkamp 11:30.29 2 points,

400m hurdles: 6th Brenden Hogan 1:02.27 3 points

Discus: 4th Clint Krapfl 112-11 5 points;  
7th Blake Becker 99-08 2 points

Shot put: 3rd Brody Severt 40-06.00 6 points

4x100: 4th 48.15 6 points

4x200: 6th 1:40.21 3 points

4x400: 3rd 3:39.76 5 points



**Kyle Wilson was the 800 meter run conference champion.**

4x800: 3rd 8:43.19 6 points

440 Shuttle Hurdle Relay: 3rd 1:07.99 6 points

1600 Distance Medley Relay: 7th 4:01.03 2 points



## A note from the adviser

This 27th issue of the year marks the last one for our senior staff writers: Shawnae Hoeger, Emily LaGrant, Nichole Lucas, Riley Kay Sternhagen, Angie Wilson, Flavia Xavier, Kristi Goedken and Shaylyn Trenkamp. Whether they have contributed to 20 issues or 100 issues, they have all left their mark at MV. The Wildcat Issue serves more of a role than just some Friday morning entertainment; it's maintaining a history of what it means to be a Wildcat. I am grateful for each news, feature and sports article that these students have written to help preserve a picture of what attending MV from 2012-2016 was like. Their talent as writers and their sense of responsibility will leave an impact here. Every article matters. Even the What's Up tells a story of who we are at this time of our lives! Flavia has captured pictures that will forever tell the fashion and hair styles of the year. Kristi, Riley and Nichole have kept us informed on what's happening and who the freshmen are. Emily and Shawnae have kept students on their toes with Hall Smarts, and Angie and Shaylyn have opened their hearts and shared what matters to them. I pray each of these seniors know that they and the work they have done for the Echo matter to me.

—Mrs. Temple

## A special meal

The Club 109 students (Kaleb Handel, Mason Hermanson and Austin Stogdill) hosted the senior class to a meal Thursday. (photo by Kristi Goedken)



## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Shaylyn Trenkamp  
Activity: Spring play

**You have just finished starring in your last high school production. How do you feel?** Well, I feel like I could start bawling at the mention of it, to be honest.

It's bittersweet in the worst way, but even the sweet -- the amazing memories, experiences, and lessons learned -- only contribute to the bitter sadness of having to leave it all behind.

**What did you enjoy most about being a part of this cast?** This year was one of my favorite casts to be a part of because everyone gave 100% and cared about the rest of the cast. I loved seeing connections grow between our characters and between ourselves.

**What skills will you take away from being involved in drama?**

I know now how to be confident, how to try new ideas, how to communicate with others through more than normal conversation, how to appreciate other perspectives, how to dedicate time and effort beyond what's expected, and how to be grateful for all that others do for me, unknowingly and knowingly.

**If you could star in any TV show or movie, what would it be?**

*Glee, Divergent, or Modern Family*



## Athlete of the Week

Name: Faith Hunt  
Sport: Golf

**What do you enjoy most about playing golf?**

I like how quiet and laid back it is on the course when you are by yourself.

**What's something about the sport that non-golfers wouldn't realize?** Golfing 9 holes takes forever and golfing 18 is one of the hardest things you'll ever do.

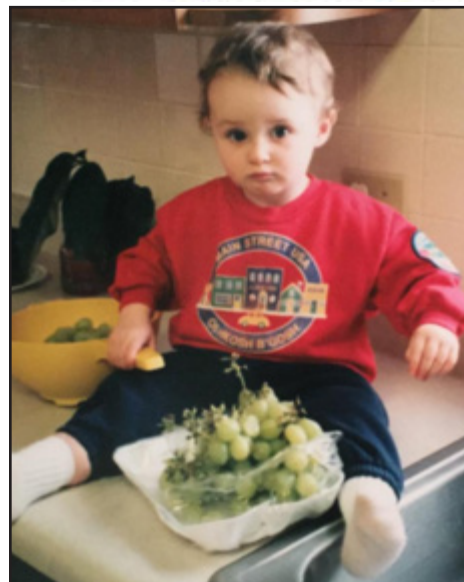
**What are your golfing strengths?**  
My irons and chipping.

**Favorite memory from the golf course?**

Golfing with Madison and Kelsey, or riding around with coach looking for stuff I lost throughout the course.



# Cutie



This week's cutie is a freshman. She's involved in track, speech, academic excellence, and basketball to name a few activities.

She has brown hair and brown eyes.

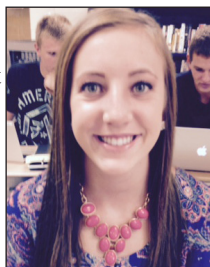
This cutie has four siblings.

*Last week's Cutie was Shaylyn Trenkamp.*

# Hall Smarts

by Shawnae Hoeger

This is my last Hall Smarts. It was a really fun experience, and I am very glad I picked it up! This week is all about spring! Let's see if Andy Huber, Cole Kruse, Jordan Ross and Hannah Lahr can answer the following spring riddles correctly.



1. What season is it when you are on the trampoline?

Andy: spring

Cole: spring

Jordan: summer

Hannah: summer

Answer: Spring-time

2. Why are frogs so happy?

Andy: it's warm out

Cole: idk

Jordan: because they can jump

Hannah: I have no idea

Answer: They eat whatever bugs them!

3. What falls but never gets hurt?

Andy: rain

Cole: leaves

Jordan: leaves

Hannah: rain

Answer: rain

4. What did the summer say to spring?

Andy: I am right around the corner

Cole: I'm springin' towards you

Jordan: Hi

Hannah: idk

Answer: Help, I am going to fall!

5. What flowers grow on your face?

Andy: Pansies

Cole: Tulips

Jordan: dandelions

Hannah: rose

Answer: tulips (two lips)

Looks like Andy, Hannah, and Cole came in first with 1 point each. Jordan came in last with no points. But it's okay, this week was tricky! I hope everyone has a great summer :-)

# Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

All that is Left is a Memory



Let me let you in on a little secret of mine that most people don't know. I am really really slow. You may laugh, but you won't be laughing if you are caught behind me in the hallway. I like to take my time with a lot of things. I don't get a lot of jokes and sometimes will ask you the same question fifty times. I am usually the last to know the school gossip or the last to realize the obvious. It's not a bad thing, that's just me.

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Well, as I sat down to write this column I realized something. Today is my last day of school. Today is my last day of being a student at Maquoketa Valley High School. Period. I am done. It's over. This is my very last column. Everything is starting to finally sink in. I thought I would feel more excited than this, but I don't. I feel sad, sad because I have to say goodbye. I have to say goodbye to my home. This is the place where I spent most of my days early in the morning to late at night. I made mistakes here, I learned lessons, created life long relationships and have grown as a person. Today marks the start of a new journey.

I want to say thank you. Thank you for the support of this passion of mine. Writing is an escape for me and I'm glad I could share that with all of you. Before I finish my final Angie's Angle I want to give you all one last message. "Choose the world you see, see the world you choose." Your world is a blank canvas and you hold the endless amounts of colors. It is your job to fill that canvas how you want it to look. I am closing the door to one adventure, and I hope to add more colors as I start anew. Maquoketa Valley is now a glorious memory. Goodbye and thank you.

# Do's and Don'ts of Peace Out

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Okay, as my last Wildcat Echo column, this week's will not be the usual advice. Instead, I'd like to write about the advice that's helped me, what I've learned, and what I still feel the need to say. Read on for my last words before I say "peace out, MV."



Do I regret anything? No. I have always given 110% at everything and would encourage you all to do the same. When you dedicate yourself completely to each new task and drive it with all the passion you can, you soon find out what makes you happy and what doesn't.

Don't I need to thank everyone again? You betcha. HUGE thanks go out to my teachers, especially Mr. and Mrs. DeVore, Mrs. Temple, Mr. Hadley, Mrs. Mueller, and Señora, for each inspiring me in different ways but together in every way possible. Thank you to the classes that came before me and the classes that follow; you have made many high school experiences greater. Lastly, thank you to my friends and family who have somehow stuck with my crazy, strange self this long. And thank all of you who read my column, I appreciate it! :)

If there's one last time I can say it, I will: Do your work (and try not to procrastinate... I'm still working on that one!) Be a team player on projects, stay motivated, and get your work in on time! You owe it to your peers, you owe it to your teachers, you owe it to your parents... but most importantly, you owe it to yourself. Do what you are capable of and more and you will receive much more out of it.

Do mistakes get me down? More than they should. But that's what happens when you truly try and give your all. Don't be afraid of mistakes; they might drag you down a bit at first, but when you get back up, you'll be stronger and smarter than before.

Don't ever stop supporting your MV fam. I'll be back for games, contests, concerts, shows, and more to keep showing my Wildcat spirit, but it's even more important when you are still in high school. Go to the musical, come to cross country meets, pig out at the dessert concert (MV's Got Talent). Have your fellow Wildcats' backs and they will have yours. In fact, they already do.

**{Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat}.**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 15, 2016

SUNDAY, May 15, 2016

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 16, 2016

1. HS V Girls Regional Golf at Jesup - 9:00 AM (Van Leaves at 7:50 AM)
2. 5th Grade Band Concert - MS Gym in Delhi (Buses Leave Earlville & Johnston at 12:45 PM)
3. MV Board Meeting - Johnston Elementary - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, May 17, 2016

1. HS FCS & Head Start to Fish Hatchery & Bailey's Ford (Bus @ Hopk. 10 AM / Delhi 10:15 AM)
2. HS Seniors' Graduation Practice - High School Gym - 10:00 AM - Lunch to Follow
3. Delaware County Historical Society Presentation to 6th Graders - Noon to 1:30 PM
4. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM
2. HS Dance Team Awards Night - MS Commons - 6:00 PM
3. Maquoketa Valley High School Commencement - HS Gymnasium - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, May 19, 2016

1. All Elementary Grades & Employability Skills DUE to be completed
2. MS (Grades 6th, 7th & 8th) Band & Choir Spring Concert - MS Gym - 1:30 PM

FRIDAY, May 20, 2016

1. Semester Exams for High School - change of schedule for both HS & MS
2. Delhi Elem / MS "Go the Distance" Day - 5-6th 10:30 AM / JK-4th 1:00 PM / 7-8th 2:15 PM
3. 5th & 6th Grade Mini-Cat Track Meet - HS Track - 12:30 PM



Rebekah & Amanda:

**New Girl:** This T.V. show has definitely become one of our favorites. New Girl follows the life of Jess as she starts a new adventure of moving in with three male roommates. We see the ups and down of their relationships, life, and struggles with living together. Jess is quirky, fun loving, and definitely a character you will connect with and love.

Rebekah:

**Girl Meets World:** People change people. This tv show is full of life lessons that everybody needs to live by. Riley and Maya are the best of friends and they take on their lives together. Them and their groups of friends go through drama, learn how to control feelings, and go on adventures with one another. This is one of the cutest shows that I have seen. It has made me both laugh and cry. An altogether amazing show.

**You're Gonna Miss This by Trace**

**Adkins:** As our senior friends are on the roadway to graduation we look back on our lives. High school is said to be one of the best times of our lives and it goes by way too fast. This song shows us how fast life moves, how we may wish away or time, but in the end we are going to want it back. A very emotional song as our seniors leave us.

**Criminal Minds:** Looking into the minds of criminals, figuring out the way that they work, and solving crimes. This group of intelligent people travel the country solving crimes that others need help with. Able to crack codes, able to walk in the shoes of the criminals. A show full of drama, suspense, love, and Shemar Moore.

Amanda:

**Landlines by Rainbow Rowell:** Georgie's marriage is falling apart, after she is offered a new job, her and her husband decided to spend Christmas apart. She stays in California, her husband and kids leave for Omaha. But one night she finds an old fashioned way to reconnect with her husband that she is losing.

**X-Men: Days of Future Past:** And out comes my inner nerd. I have literally loved the X-Men for forever. Hugh Jackman as Wolverine, nothing could be better, and Jennifer Lawrence as Mystique, one word amazing. Days of Future Past is probably one of my favorite X-Men movies. This is for the simple reason that it seamlessly weaves the old and new X-Men classes together. When the future is in peril the X-Men must send Wolverine back in time to save both mutants and humans. This is definitely one movie that you will love.

**Anna and the French Kiss:** This is a little out of the norm for me but this is my favorite girly book of all time. Anna's life is flipped upside down when her family sends her to France for her senior year. But how do you start again when you don't even know how to speak the language. This is a light fluffy read, that is definitely a feel good book.





# ***THIS is MV***

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