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Drama students present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

by McKenzie Lansing

Tonight is the night! The cast, crew and directions of this year's musical have been working very hard for the past few months on their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

This is a tough production with the majority of the piece being singing. This year we also included a pit orchestra under the direction of Mr. Ford.

High school students involved on stage in the production are: Megan Beaman and Nicholas Chen- Narrators, Lucas Johnson- Jacob, Tony Offerman- Joseph, Tim Harmon- Reuben, Brenden Hogan- Simeon, Brian Heims- Levi, Kristin Lucas- Nathali, Andrew Kloser- Issachar/Pharoah, Jenna Nefzger- Asher, Kiesha Stelken-Dan, Logan Johnson- Zebulun, Jordyn Kemp- Gad, Mitch Heims- Benjamin, Andrew Hildebrand- Judah, Hannah Clemen,



Madalynne Naab, Shelby March, Alex McCusker, Emma McDowell, Layla Crippen, McKenzie Lansing, Kylynn Clary, Emma Beitz, Paige Panosh, Allie Dunn, Emma Gray and Jasmine Rossi- chorus and multiple supporting roles.

The following elementary students will also be in the production: Karl Zumbach, Noxx Lewin, Rylee Reed, Audra Burbridge, Brielle Kuhns, Jeanie Teymer, Lucy Hucker, Colin Smith, Kenyon Baker, Taryn Burbridge, Madison Thompson and Maya Smith.

Admission to the show is \$5 per person. You can get tickets in the office or buy them at the door. You can see the show on Friday and Saturday at 7pm, doors will open at 6:30pm. You can also see the show on Sunday at 2pm. Doors will open at 1:30pm.

The plot is based on the "coat of many colors" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. During the show, you will learn to keep your dreams even when others tell you yours aren't true.



Cast members perform a dance during rehearsal while Mrs. Mueller plays piano.

Food drive/bake sale planned

by Brittany Sabers

It is now the month of November, a time for giving. Let's do our part and give back to our community by donating to our local food bank.

Mrs. Spellerberg's Management class is hosting a food drive and a bake sale. The food drive will take place the week of November 13th. Please drop off your non-perishable items (such as canned food, cereal, soap, paper towels, etc.) to your designated classroom. These items will be tallied at the end of the week and the class who brought in the most items will receive treats.

On Tuesday and Thursday morning of that week we will be selling hot chocolate, and those afternoons we will be selling baked goods in the cafeteria. These proceeds will be donated to the food bank for them to buy the perishable items that we can't donate, like milk, eggs, and meat.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Phase 1 of construction project nearing completion

by Kelly Winter

We're getting there, Wildcats! Slowly but surely the construction projects are coming to a close.

The new entry way is now in full function, with new glass cases which were installed on Tuesday. Everyone is now moved into the new offices where you can find Pam and Susan during the day. And as everyone probably knows, you can now use the bathrooms off of the new entry way. The elevator shafts are coming along and should be done soon. With only touch-ups left, the construction should be completed on time. The new weight room and fitness

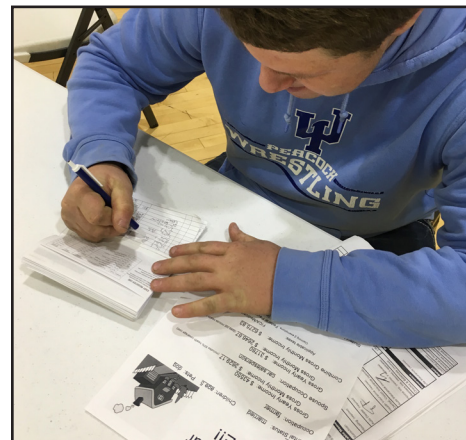
room should be open soon. It's been a work in progress, but now that this phase almost done, we can really appreciate it.

Parents and district patrons are invited to tour our new facilities anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 during Parent-Teacher Conferences next Tuesday and Thursday

The next phase of the construction process is also underway. The bid process to finish phase two of our facility which includes a new gym floor, gym bleachers, updated science classrooms, new carpet and paint and a new roof on the Earlville gym has begun.

Seniors, juniors plan for the future with face-to-face experiences

Right: Gracie Gellersen, Sean Hucker and Trevor Elgin get information on insurance at the Real Life Academy. Far right: Tanner Parmely fills out paperwork during the Real Life Academy. (photo by Tyson Tucker)



The seniors participated in The Real Life Academy at MV Wednesday. The Real Life Academy introduces the seniors to the real world of day to day finance-making choices, paying bills and dealing with whatever "fate" may hand you. Participants are assigned one of their chosen professions, their marital status, and whether or not they have children and/or pets. They are also given their monthly salary and a credit card with no outstanding balance. Most students also have a student loan payment. Students are given a checkbook and register and are required to pay taxes, buy or rent housing, purchase vehicles, insurance, fuel, groceries, clothing, make investments and charitable contributions, pay for child care, pay the phone bill, utilities, etc. Local business people will be at tables that the students visit to pay for their monthly expenses. There will also be a "Fate" table, where students draw two cards of chance. Sometimes these are positive or they might be negative. There is also a roaming nurse and police officer who hand out fate cards. In order to exit the Real Life Academy students must meet with a banker who reviews the check register to make sure that the student is on track and has between \$0 and \$200 left in their account.

—Miss Hollinrake

The juniors participated in a career day Monday. Mrs. DeVore and Mrs. Moenck prepared the students with interview skills while Holly Maurer with NICC lined up speakers. Each junior visited with four different professionals.

Several of the professionals were MV alumni.

Right: Ty Domeyer, Adam Goedken and Alex Digman visit with Dylan Wright and Alex Vorwald with Price Electric.



All-Conference Volleyball

First Team
Payton Ries
Maci Freiburger

Second Team
Abby Holtz
Macy Hoeger

Honorable Mention
Emerson Whittenbaugh

All-District Football Awards

MVP
Tyson Tucker

First Team
Norman Wilson
Brock Hillers

Second Team
Michael Feldmann
Garrett Hogan

Honorable Mention
Mitch Smith
Robert Hildebrand
Heath Gibbs
Cole Kruse
Andy O'Connell

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

You bought a cute little girl mouse at the pet store. This mouse can breed once every month, 7 babies at a time. So how many mice will you own in exactly twelve months?

A: One, you need two mice to breed!

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

- What does a nosey pepper do? Gets Jala-peno Business
- The baker was super successful after adding leaves to his recipe. He raked in the dough.
- What did the Horse say when he fell down? "Help! I can't giddy-up!"
- Humpty Dumpty had a terrible summer. Don't worry, he will have a great fall
- A scarecrow's job isn't for everyone. But hay, it's in their jeans.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Mr. and Mrs. DeVore would like to recognize several students who were instrumental in getting the costume room and shop ready.

Tyson Tucker and Lane Coyle helped move materials a week ago Monday night so that the shelves and closet system could be installed on Tuesday. Lane was just driving by and decided to stop in and ask if we needed some help.

The following students gave up their Friday night, spending six hours assembling numerous items, moving material out of the old prop/tool room, organizing everything in the new rooms, and cleaning: Brody Severt, Brenden Hogan, Carson Wright, Tate Trenkamp, Mason Lubben, Maddie Lahr, McKenzie Lansing, Alex McCusker, Mitchell Neuzil, Rejji Smith and Jon Seibert.

"Every single one of these students were vital in the transition from one space to the other. There is no possible way we could have done this without each and every one of them! They all worked hard and NEVER complained. We can't thank them enough."

—Mr. and Mrs. DeVore

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

This month's birthdays are:

Brock Hillers - 11/5

Rejji Smith - 11/6

Heath Gibbs, Madison Imler - 11/7

Erika Supple - 11/11

Summer Schmuecker, Tony Offerman - 11/12

Jasmine Rossi - 11/18

Nicholas Gibbs - 11/19

Claire Krapfl - 11/21

Kailyn Hogan - 11/27

Bryan Wilson - 11/29

Fine Artists of the Week: Fall musical

Name: Madalynne Naab

What role do you play in the musical? Bilah, one of Jacob's wives.

What's your favorite part of the show? The Pharaoh's Song because it's a fun song and dance.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? Hannah (fake) fainting and almost hitting her head on the stage because Brian wasn't there in time to catch her.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Mia in *La La Land*

How has participating in the musical affected you? It has opened my eyes to how much work goes behind these productions and taught me how to budget my time well.



Name: Hannah Clemen

What role do you play in the musical? I play Leah, one of the mothers.

What's your favorite part of the show? I like Pharaoh's song because it is a lot different than the rest of the music in the show.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? The conversations we have before practice are hilarious and the stories to explain the random noises in the auditorium are even better.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I have always liked this musical and have wanted to be in this show forever.

How has participating in the musical affected you? Musical has helped me become more confident in front of a crowd of people.



Name: Lucas Johnson

What role do you play in the musical?

I am Jacob, the father of the brothers

What's your favorite part of the show?

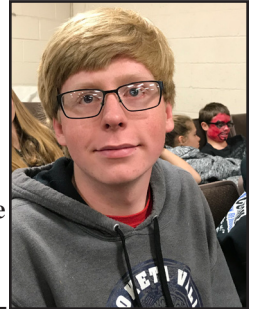
The intro

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? Trying to figure out the "s" formation in the beginning

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be?

Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*

How has participating in the musical affected you? I have become a better singer and dancer because of the musical.



Name: Jenna Nefzger

What role do you play in the musical? I play Asher, a brother in the play.

What's your favorite part of the show? My favorite part of the show is when I get to dance with Kristin Lucas to "Go Go

Go Joseph." She's a great partner to dance with and always helps me find my place in the show.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? Whenever anyone would fall it's always memorable. Sounds kind of mean but no matter what someone always seems to attempt to fall off the stage at least once.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I'm really happy with the role I was casted with and wouldn't want a different one!

How has participating in the musical affected you? It affects how I can hide feelings if needed and put on the 'big girl panties' when I don't want to do thing I know I have too. It has also helped with my public speaking in speech class.



FFA members have the time of their lives in Indianapolis

Early in the morning on October 24, 17 members and three chaperones loaded up the vans headed towards Indianapolis, Indiana.

After four hours in the car, the students stopped at Steak and Shake to enjoy an early breakfast before arriving in Indianapolis. When the students arrived in Indianapolis, the four agriscience students set up their displays for the contest the next day. The evening meal was pizza night at the hotel. Contest students also studied for their respective competitions the next day.

On Wednesday morning, contest students competed in their events while non-contest students visited the Indianapolis zoo. After the zoo, the students enjoyed walking around the career fair and meeting with college representatives. That evening, all of the students enjoyed a concert performed by Runaway June and Rascal Flatts.

Thursday non-contest students toured Conner's Prairie which is a museum about the history of agriculture. At the National Agriscience Banquet, Mason Burlage was named one of the top three finalists in the Plant Science division and Avery Tauke was named one of the three finalists in the Power Structure and Technology division. Shelby Westhoff received 4th gold while Justin Wessel received 9th Silver. Later on stage on Friday, Burlage received 3rd place and Tauke was named CHAMPION in his division. That evening, all of the students enjoyed a night of mini golf, arcade games, and bowling.

Friday was a day of results and service for MV FFA. Non-contest students



Above: The MV FFA national convention participants pose for a picture.

Left: The vet science team of Mason Kruse, Amanda Engelken, Nicole Schilling and Lauren Goldsmith display their plaque.



donated their time at days of service at the local food pantry sorting food. The vet science team of Amanda Engelken (Silver), Mason Kruse (Bronze), Lauren Goldsmith (Bronze) and Nicole Schilling (Bronze) finished with a bronze medal. Friday night, students enjoyed supper at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Saturday morning, six members received their American Degree, the highest award an FFA member can receive. Members were Kaleb Kruse, Kristi Goedken, Andrew Palmersheim, Jay Wessels, Trent Westhoff, and Jenna Bonert. After the ceremony, students packed the vans for home with lifelong memories.

*Amanda Engelken, co-reporter
Cassi Westhoff, co-reporter*



Mrs. Mausser poses with MV alumni Kaleb Kruse and Kristi Goedken who earned their American FFA Degree.

Los muertos viven



The Español I-IV students have been studying Dia de los Muertos in various ways this week. Above: Jon "Habanero" Seibert plays some Day of the Dead Bingo.

Meet the Freshmen



Taya, Teige & Reece

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Teige Hunt

Siblings: Faith, Amaya, Saige, Kash

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, large-group speech, track, and baseball

Favorite subject: Lunch

Career aspirations: Snowmobile and mountain guide

Hobbies: Fishing, kayaking, snowmobiling

Something cool about you: I love to go back country snowmobiling

Name: Reece Mensen

Siblings: Derek Mensen

Activities you plan to be in: Cross country,
speech, play, track

Favorite subject: Lit and English

Career aspirations: Nurse

Hobbies: Reading and skiing

Something cool about you: I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty.

Name: Taya Nicole Tucker

Siblings: Tyson and Easton

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, volleyball, softball, track, speech (large group), choir

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Elementary teacher

Hobbies: Playing sports, being outside

Something cool about you: Watching my brother play sports is my favorite thing to do.

Halloween Fun



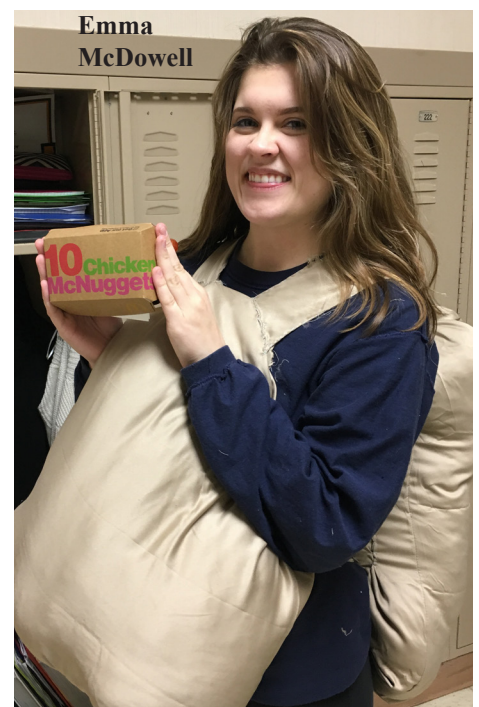
The student council sponsored a costume contest on Tuesday for Halloween. Winners were Jenna Nefzger, Angel Rumbo and Mrs. Hunt.



**Daniel Hunter, Evan
Hoefler, Cassi Westhoff and
Katilyn Deutmeyer**



**Jenna
Nefzger**



Emma McDowell

Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevalt

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to a marvelous week of Hall Smarts. This week we are going to be looking at some questions which revolve around popular Marvel movies and superheroes. The heroes who are suiting up to try and defeat these evil questions are Robert Hildebrand, Emma McDowell, Morgan Hermanson and Tara Goedken.



What movie is Star Lord in?

Robert: The Incredibles

Emma: Guardians of the Galaxy

Morgan: Star Trek

Tara: Star Wars

Answer: Guardians of the Galaxy

Which superhero carries a shield with a star on it?

Robert: Captain America

Emma: Star Lord

Morgan: Captain America

Tara: Captain America

Answer: Captain America

Who is Thor's stepbrother?

Robert: The Joker, IDK

Emma: Loki

Morgan: Gladicaus

Tara: Lucky

Answer: Loki

Which character can grow back limbs?

Robert: Deadpool

Emma: Deadpool

Morgan: Deadpool

Tara: Deadpool

Answer: Deadpool

Which hero becomes microscopic?

Robert: Ant-Man

Emma: Ant-Man

Morgan: Ant-Man

Tara: Spider-Man

Answer: Ant-Man

Super job to our contestants this week they all kicked some butt. That's all that I have for you this week, Wildcats. Have a super weekend and if you see someone who needs some help you can be there hero, whether you are super or not.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Happy fall everyone!

- In the month of November, you are much more likely to get in a car accident involving a deer.
- Kids born in fall months are more likely to do better in school.
- They're also expected to live longer than winter, spring, or summer babies.
- Autumn used to be referred to as harvest.
- November is sweet potato awareness month.
- The second week of November also celebrates national split pea soup week.
- Ancient Saxons used to sacrifice animals during November, so they called it "blood month."
- Some people believe that catching a falling leaf is good luck for the next year.
- Dendrophobia is the fear of trees.
- 200 million pumpkin spice lattes have been sold by Starbucks.

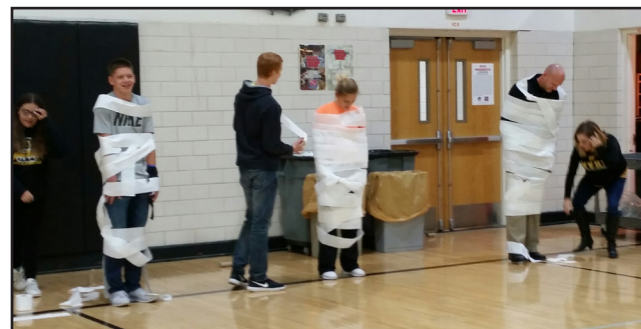
Tales of TPing

by Reiji Smith

You're tripping

We tried running into the cornfield to escape from a car we thought were the cops. It turns out the owners had low barbed wire fences around the fields. I tripped over them and face planted (kind of like being clotheslined from the shins down). As I lay in the tall grass, it was then that I decided the cops could have me. I was NOT getting up, my legs were bleeding and I didn't want to move them. I decided I could take the heat and let my friends getaway.

Moral of the story: Set a "safe place" before the TPing begins. That way, everyone knows the quickest way to the best hiding place.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of Nov. 5, 2017

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

1. MV HS Girls' Basketball Pop Can Drive Fund-Raiser for all MV Towns - 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM
2. MV HS Musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" - Auditorium - 2:00 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

1. HS Girls' Basketball Practice Begins - After School
2. Jr. High Girls Basketball - HOME - Alburnett - 4:00 PM
3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earl. & Hopk. -
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences - All Centers - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM
3. Jr. High Wrestling at Central City (with Ed/Co) - 4:30 PM (Suburban Leaves at 3:10 PM)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earl. & Hopk. - P/T Conferences Parent/Teacher Conferences - All Centers - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM
2. Jr. High Girls Basketball at Central City - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:55 PM)
3. Jr. High Wrestling at Starmont (with North Linn) - 4:30 PM (Suburban Leaves at 3:10 PM)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

1. HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage at Cedar Rapids Kennedy HS (Bus Leaves @ 7:30 AM)
2. MV Athletic Boosters Boys' Basketball Tourney - MS & HS Gym - 8:00 AM

Tailgate fun

TEL sponsored

an indoor tailgate event last Friday as a culmination of Red Ribbon Week. Students and staff enjoyed some fun games in addition to a special chicken lunch.

Students recognized for academic achievements

Several students were recognized Tuesday for their academic accomplishments at the annual Academic Awards ceremony. The district awarded letters and certificates to 59 sophomores, juniors and seniors who met the cumulative grade point average requirements.

To receive the Awards, sophomores need to have at least a 3.600 cumulative grade point average. Juniors and seniors need to have at least a 3.400 grade point average.

The following students received awards:

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Maddy Anderegg
Carter Hildebrand
Megan Beaman
Evan Hoefer
Blake Becker
Kailyn Hogan
Lane Coyle
Jordyn Kemp
Chance Downs
Allison Knipper
Katilyn Deutmeyer
Mason Lubben
Alex Digman
Shelby March
Amber Engelken
Jaiden Porter
Maci Freiburger
Emmalee Prindle
Gracie Gellersen
Canyon Richardson
Brian Heims
Summer Schmuecker
Lydia Helle

SECOND YEAR AWARD

Hunter Glass
Kelsey Ries
Olivia Hoeger
Payton Ries
Faith Hunt
Chloe Roling
Hannah Lahr
Jon Seibert
Maddie Lahr
Rejji Smith
Kara Leibold
Adrianne Supple
Kristin Lucas
Tate Trenkamp
Emma McDowell
Samantha Wall
Abe Miles

THIRD YEAR AWARD

Amanda Engelken
Mitch Neuzil
Heath Gibbs
Brittany Sabers



Brooke Wilson
Madalynne Naab
Norman Wilson
Megan Rausch
Kelly Winter

Josy Harmon
Danielle Schuman
Brock Hillers
Brodrick Severt
Macy Hoeger
Tyson Tucker
Abby Holtz
Carson Wright
McKenzie Lansing
Josie Young