

Large group speech team continues winning tradition

The Maquoketa Valley High School 9th grade and 10-12th grade large group speech teams began their season of competition this past Saturday. These teams have been practicing since mid-October.

9th Grade Team

Those involved in Choral Reading, a scripted event focused on voices, include Allie Knipper, Amber Engelken, Emma Hill, Emmy Prindle, Erika Supple, Grace Wegmann, Jaiden Porter, Lexi Deutmeyer and Summer Schmuecker.

Freshmen have one Radio Broadcasting: BOOO 66.6 - Aden Atwell, Chad Neuzil, Derek Mensen, Jaiden Porter, Kailyn Hogan and Michael Feldmann.

The Readers Theatre, a scripted event focused on characters, consists of Allie Knipper, Carter Hildebrand, Emma Hill, Emmy Prindle, Erika Supple, Kailyn Hogan, Lydia Helle, Mason Lubben, Morgan Hermanson, Shelby March and Summer Schmuecker.

KMOB is the 9th grade TV News consisting of Carter Hildebrand, Carter Stahlberg, Ci'Ann Richardson, Cloie Wilson, Derek Mensen, Lexi Deutmeyer and Michael Feldmann.

In Ensemble Acting, students perform a short play that cannot be over 15 minutes and must be memorized. MV 9th has one group made up of Lydia Helle and Shelby March.

Finally, one freshman is involved in solo mime, and that's Cloie Wilson.

10-12th Grade Team

Those involved in Choral Reading are Cassiddy Wilson, Chloe Roling, Danica Fjelstul, Danielle Schuman, Faith Hunt, Kelly Winter, Kelsey Ries, Kendra Ries, Kristin Lucas, Lane Coyle, Lucas Rumbo, McKenzie Lansing, Mitchell Neuzil, Rebekah Hill and Taylor White.

The Readers Theatre consists of Abby Holtz, Ali Sheehy, Brody Severt, Brooke Wilson, Clint Krapfl, Hannah Lahr, Megan McNamara, Mitchell Neuzil, Taylor White and Tyson Tucker.



Members of the varsity readers theatre rehearse prior to conference contest.

MV has two TV News groups this year. The first group, FTNS, consists of Blake Becker, Josie Young, Kara Orcutt, Katie Snyder, Kelsey Ries, Maddy Anderegg, Norm Wilson and Reiji Smith. POSI-TV is the second group consisting of Brooklyn Sands, Carson Wright, Danielle Schuman, Evan Hoefer, Gracie Gellersen, Kara Leibold, Mac Callan, Maddie Lahr, Madison Ott and Nichole Winter.

Alex Digman, Alex McCusker, Blake Becker, Brenden Hogan, Brittany Sabers, Brooklyn Sands, Cassie Schwandt, Chloe Roling, Colin Wendt, Emma McDowell, Gracie Gellersen, Hannah Clemen, Hannah Lahr, Izabel Niehaus, Josie Young, Katie Snyder, Lawson Roof, Maddie Lahr, Maddy Anderegg, Maddy Naab, Madison Imler, Megan Rausch, Olivia Hoeger, Payton Ries, Raven Eatman-Dietiker, Sam Wall, Tate Trenkamp and Wyatt Kuhns perform in One Act, a category where students have lines memorized and use costumes and props.

In Short Film, students create a storyline that is filmed and edited. Two groups are involved in this area. Group one (I Am with You) includes Alex Digman, Cassie Schwandt, Dustin Heims, Kara Orcutt, Lea Ries, Lucas Johnson, Madison Imler, Megan Wulfekuhle, Sam Wall, & Victoria Lane. Group two (Tears Leave No

Scars) consists of Adrienne Supple, Cassi Westhoff, Colin Wendt, Hannah Clemen, Kiesha Stelken, Macy Hoeger, Maddy Naab and Sean Hucker.

In Ensemble Acting, MV has three ensemble groups: #1 - Faith Hunt & Jon Seibert; #2 - Amanda Fortman, Clint Krapfl, Danica Fjelstul, Kendra Ries, Rebekah Hill and Tyson Tucker #3 - Abby Holtz, Kristin Lucas and Megan Beaman.

Radio Broadcasting has two teams: DSNY - Brianna Mensen, Cassi Westhoff, Izabel Niehaus and Madison McIntyre; and RIPT - Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefer, Jon Seibert, Lucas Johnson, Lucas Rumbo, Norm Wilson and Tate Trenkamp.

In Musical Theatre, students sing, act and dance. MV has one team, which includes Angel Rumbo, Megan Beaman, Patrick Hansen, Raven Eatman-Dietiker and Sean Hucker.

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Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

1/27 - Dylan Happel

Wrestlers compete at NL, Cascade

Senior Alec McDowell competes at the Cascade tournament last Saturday. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boost-



Last Thursday night the wrestlers faced some tough competition at North Linn as they took on the Lynx as well as Midland and Lisbon.

MV defeated North Linn 42-36. Chance Downs won by fall as did Eric Heims. Trent Koopmann, Robert Hildebrand, Zach Cornell and Alec McDowell all won by forfeit.

The Wildcats defeated Midland 48-27. Hildebrand won by 3-2 decision. Norman Wilson pinned his opponent in :49. Heims won by a 5-1 decision. Canyon Richardson, Aden Atwell, Downs, Cornell, McDowell and Cole Kruse won by forfeit.

The tables turned when MV competed against a tough Lisbon team. Lisbon out scored MV 59-12. Heims pinned his opponent in :47. McDowell earned points by forfeit.

"Coming into tonight I knew we would have our hands full with #1 Lisbon and very tough North Linn team," stated Coach Andrews. "Although the Lisbon dual did not come out the way we wanted I was happy to see the guys bounce back in our last dual victory versus North Linn. The

true sign of a good team is to see how the team responds when adversity strikes. If last night is any indication I thought we responded well after the tough loss to Lisbon."

Saturday the Cats came out strong at the tournament at Cascade. MV finished fifth behind Western Dubuque, Mount Vernon, Central DeWitt and Dubuque Wahlert.

"Overall I really liked what I saw today," stated Coach Andrews. "All six wrestlers competing placed in the top four in a very tough tournament. I was happy to see Mitch get his first championship and other guys respond well to awesome competition. This was a great measuring stick for our team as we move into the final weeks of the season."

Finish include:

First: Mitch Smith at 160

Second: Eric Heims at 220; Alec McDowell at 182; Zach Cornell at 152

Third: Chance Downs at 145

Fourth: Cole Kruse at 195

Last night the team competed at East Buchanan. Results will be in next week's issue.

Boys basketball teams go 1-1 last week

Last Thursday the boys got a solid win over Starmont 60-48.

The two teams kept it close through the first half with a half-time score tied at 29. The Cats hit it hard third quarter and out scored the Stars 15-6.

Junior Brock Hillers was the high scorer with 15 points. Six of those points were from behind the arc. He also had two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Garrett Hogan added 10 points along with six rebounds, one assist, four steals and two blocks.

Clint Krapfl also hit double digits with points with 10. He had eight rebounds and a steal and an assist.

Trevor Elgin came off the bench

to add 10 points, five rebounds and a steal.

Other scorers were Jacob Bonert with six points, Kyle Wilson with five and Tyson Tucker with four.

Saturday night the Cats took on the undefeated West Delaware Hawks and lost 39-63.

Tuesday night's game with Springville has been rescheduled to Jan. 23. Tonight the team hosts Calamus-Wheatland.

Girls basketball wins two

Last Thursday night the Cats hosted the Starmont Stars and won 68-22.

"I was very pleased with how we came out in this game," stated Coach Monck. "I really felt we shared the ball well. We're doing a good job of making the extra pass to the open person. We had 7 girls score in this game. Each game we're improving defensively."

Leading scorers for the night were Brianna Mensen with 19, Olivia Hoeger with 13, Gracie Gellersen with 12, Sam Wall and Payton Ries with 9 each.

Saturday night the Delaware County match up of MV and West Delaware ended with a Wildcat win, 68-57.

"This was a great environment for our girls to play in," stated Coach Monck. "Both teams had very nice crowds and when you play in games like this, you can throw out the records. This was really good for our kids because it was a tournament like atmosphere. Both teams really got after it. Again, I thought we really did a nice job of moving the ball and making the extra pass to the open teammate. We have a ways to go but I am very proud of the progress we have made thus far."

Mensen was once again top scorer with 30 points. Wall added 15 while Ries had nine. Gellersen added eight.

Dance marathon fun



Following the West Delaware-MV games, several MV students participated in the dance marathon. Shown above are Mac Callan, Kendra Ries, Lea Ries, Danica Fjelstul, Rebekah Hill, Amanda Fortman and Cassy Wilson.

Large group speech, continued

Three teams of Group Mime perform. Kelly Winter, Lawson Roof, Lea Ries and Mac Callan present "Carnival Chaos." Adrienne Supple, Brittany Sabers, McKenzie Lansing, & Megan Wulfekuhle perform "Don't Date This Wolf! A Modern Version of The Three Little Pigs." Nichole Winter, Kiesha Stelken, Madison Ott, & Megan Rausch present "An Adorkable Friendship." Three students are involved in Solo Mime: Katilyn Deutmeyer, Dustin Heims, & Patrick Hansen.

Three teams are involved in Group Improvisation: #1 - Alex McCusker, Amanda Fortman, Angel Rumbo, Brenden Hogan and Rejji Smith; #2 - Ali Sheehy, Cassiddy Wilson, Heath Gibbs and Megan McNamara; and #3 - Brianna Mensen, Brooke Wilson, Emma McDowell, Katilyn Deutmeyer and Madison McIntyre.

The first contest for the MV speech team was held Saturday, January 14 at East Buchanan High School. The 10th-12th team won the Eagle, the conference championship trophy. The 10th-12th grade team performed in 22 events and earned 21 Division 1 ratings and 1 Division 2 rating. Maquoketa Valley's 10-12th grade team earned the conference title with 108 points.

Overall, the 9th grade team performed in 6 events: earning 4 Division 1 ratings and 2 Division 2 rating.

Six groups received first place in their categories: 10-12th Readers Theatre, 10-12th Choral Reading, Ensemble Acting #2, FTNS, 9th grade BOOO 66.6 Radio Broadcasting, and One Act. Seven groups earned 2nd place in their categories: 9th

FFA students learn from speaker with autism



Last Thursday night, five MV FFA members traveled to New Hampton High School to listen to Temple Grandin speak. Temple is an advocate for both the ag industry and those with disabilities. Temple has always been labeled as autistic; however, she never let this label keep her from her goals and dreams. She now spreads the message to except others for their differences. "Different..Not Less."-Temple Grandin



Megan McNamara and Ali Sheehy rehearse for readers theatre.

grade Readers Theatre, Group Mime #2 (Don't Date This Wolf!), Patrick Hansen's Solo Mime, Ensemble Acting #3, Short Film #1, POSI-TV, and Group Improv #1. Four groups collected third place in their categories: Group Mime #2 (An Adorkable Friendship), Katilyn Deutmeyer's Solo Mime, Short Film #2, and RIPT Radio Broadcasting. Two students received acting awards in the One Act category: Best Supporting Actress - Hannah Lahr and Best Actor - Colin Wendt.

The speech teams will compete at District Large Group Contest on Saturday, January 21 in Cascade. Those who earn Division I ratings will continue on to State Contest which will be held at Dubuque Senior High School.

what's up?

If you could choose any talent to have, what would it be?

by Nichole Winter

Kara Orcutt: Sing
Pablo Ostos: Flying
Dustin Heims: Able to lose weight
Jack Smith: Math
McKenzie Lansing: Photographic memory
Madison Imler: Sleep with my eyes open (like in class)
Brooklyn Sands: Singing and dancing
Isabel Niehaus: Sleeping at the wheel
Brooke Elgin: To be invisible
Cloie Wilson: Dance
Megan McNamara: To be able to pick good men
Gabriela Guetzko: To talk to animals
Cassy Wilson: Being as fast as Usain Bolt
Ali Sheehy: Read people's minds
Sam Wall: To be invisible
Raven Eatmen-Dietiker: To breathe underwater
Matthew Hucker: To be good at football
Maddy Anderegg: Be invisible
Cassi Westhoff: Superpowers
Mr. Osterhaus: To be able to cure cancer

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

You leave home, take three left turns, and see two men with masks. Who are they?

Answer: A catcher and an umpire.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of January 22, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

1. HS Vocal to Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly (Van Leaves at 11:00 AM)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

1. HS JV Wrestling at Center Point / Urbanan - 5:00 PM (2 Vans Leave 3:15 PM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Springfield - JV at 4:30 PM / V s at 6:00 PM (Rescheduled was 1-17)
3. HS FFA Meeting - Mv HS Room # 307 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

1. 10th Graders to Kirkwood Community College JREC in Monticello - 8:45 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:15 AM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME (Parents' Night) - Lisbon - JV at 4:30 PM / V s at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at Monticello - JV at 4:00 PM / V s at 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

2. HS JV/Varsity Wrestling at Maquoketa (also with CPU & Midland) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves 3:30 PM)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at East Buchanan - JV at 4:00 PM / V s at 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

1. Tri Rivers Conference HS Wrestling Tournament at North Linn - Noon (Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM)

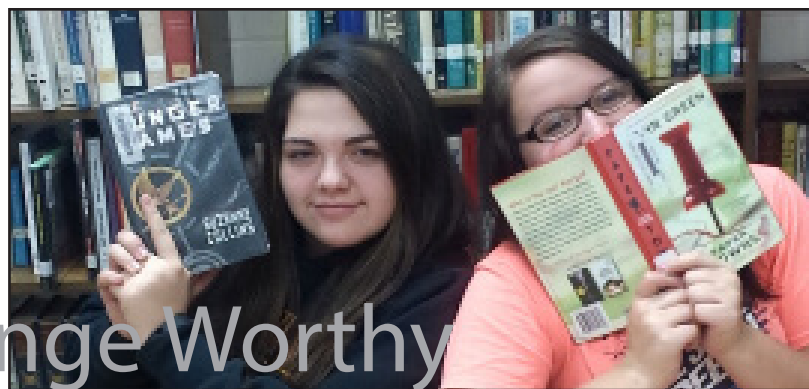
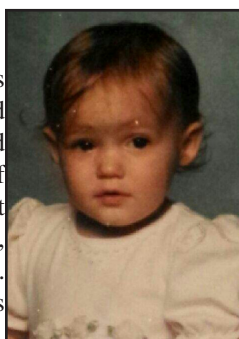
2. MV "Strut Your Stuff" Dance Camp - HS Gym - 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM

3. "Strut Your Stuff" Dance Camp Performance - HS Gym - 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM

Cutie

by Kelly Winter

This Cutie has brown hair and brown eyes and lives outside of Earlville. When it comes to brothers, she only has one. Her favorite soda is Dr. Pepper.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda: A Series of Unfortunate Events (Netflix Original) This is not a story for the faint of heart. If you are expecting a happy ending stop now, don't continue reading, this is not the series for you. Originally a 13 book series, comes the new Netflix Original series. In the first season of the A Series of Unfortunate Events, we see the first three books come to the big screen. Sunny, Violet, and Klaus Baudelaire have been met with nothing but tragedy. After their parents die in a house fire, the Baudelaire orphans will do anything to find a new home. However, Count Olaf will do anything to keep this family from a happy ending. I highly recommend this series to anyone who enjoys the books and also highly recommended to anyone who is a fan of shows without happy ending.

Rebekah:

Neighbors: Zac Efron and Dave Franco. These two mixed would only be able to make a good movie! A funny movie (maybe not one for young kids), that has you constantly laughing. Mac and Kelly are new parents with a new house. To their surprise a fraternity from the local college lives in the house right next time. They try to be cool, and even hang out, with the frat boys, but nothing seems to work. They eventually get into a feud with the frat guys. A hilarious movie, where there is never a dull moment.

The Fault In Our Stars by John

Green: "You don't get to choose if you get hurt in this world, but you have some say in who hurts you." This book is heart-wrenching, and will leave you wanting more. We follow the life of Hazel Grace as she is battling through cancer. We eventually meet Gus Waters in a cancer support group, and he is enveloped into the story. An amazing book with countless twists and turns, and moments you don't see coming. Love, drama, sickness, laughs, this book has everything. A must read for any teenager (especially teenage girls)!

This Town sung by Niall Horan: There is no real reason I picked this song, except I love Niall Horan! He is quite possibly the best human to walk the face of this earth. He sings of a girl that he messed things up with. He misses her, and even though she has moved on he would do anything for her. A great song! Listen to it, you won't regret it!

Amanda:

Alice Through the Looking Glass: Alice Kingsleigh has returned to Wonderland in this epic sequel to Alice in Wonderland. After becoming a ship captain like her father she returns to Wonderland in order to save the Mad Hatter. In order to save the Hatter, Alice must go back in time and chance events that will alter the future. If you're a fan of fairy tales and adventure this is definitely a movie for you to watch.

Sherlock: This modern retelling of Sherlock Holmes takes us into London in the 21st century. When Dr. John Watson returns home from Afghanistan, he never interned for his life to get entangled in this web of mysteries. Sherlock Holmes, the brilliant yet unusual detective for Scotland Yard, is sometimes too smart for his own good. The part goes on epic adventures as they try to save London from some of the most formidable forces. This show is perfect for all crime lovers and those that love shows with lots of sass. Also, who doesn't love Benedict Cumberbatch.

Outlander by Diana Gabaldon: Imagine you're thrown back in time hundred of years, what would you do? Claire Randall, a combat nurse in 1945, wanted nothing more than a second honeymoon with her husband in the Scotland Highlands. However, when Claire is hurled back in time to 1743 her vacation seems to turn into more of a permanent stay. In this gripping novel we see Claire do anything to survive this new and dangerous life.