

Wildcat Echo

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TEL encourages students to support GASO *Career Talk*



The third Thursday in November has been celebrated as the Great American Smoke Out by the American Cancer Society for 41 years. MV students recognized the GASO November 16 by wearing black to signify the deadly effects of tobacco.

Tobacco use remains the single greatest cause of disease and premature death in the United States, yet about 43.8 million Americans still smoke cigarettes; nearly one in every five adults. By quitting

— even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life. If they quit for one day, maybe they can quit for two and hopefully for a life time. Nearly 6 million people, world wide, die annually from tobacco use.

If you are a smoker there are quit kits available. Please see Mrs. McDermott or Nurse Mary for details. This important message was brought to you by TEL.



Recently Tim Guyer, human resource manager at Paladin Attachments in Delhi, spoke to the seniors about his background and his career as well as employability skills.

Fruit parade



FFA members worked Monday to unload and sort \$72,000 worth of fruit, meat and cheese.

Band is out and about by Kelly Winter

On November 10th, the High School band played at the Earlville Community Center for Veterans' Day. They took their day off to support the communities and those who have served.

Also on November 10th, some of the band members took a trip to Iowa State University for a concert. They watched the Iowa State marching band, the wind ensemble, and the college's number 1 Jazz band perform. All who went really enjoyed themselves and thought of the trip to be a fun experience with their friends.



Vocal students who participated in the Tri-Rivers Conference honor choir at Lisbon on Nov. 13 were from left: Ryan Dunn, Nicholas Chen, Tate Trenkamp, Jenna Nefzger, Andrew Hildebrand, Kiesha Stelken, Andrew Kloser, Madalynne Naab, Hannah Clemen, Rose Havens and Paige Panosh. Not pictured is Josy Harmon. The students rehearsed in the afternoon and performed in the evening.

Girls basketball starts the season on a good note

by Kara Orcutt

Well Wildcats, it's the most wonderful time of the year! Winter sports here at Maquoketa Valley are starting up again, and will soon be in full swing!

Wildcat Girls' Basketball started off their season a couple weeks ago on November 14th with a Pride Game at Dubuque Hempstead. The game was very close in score throughout, but the Wildcats were able to end up on top, finishing 63-59. Leading scorers during the game were Sam Wall with 33 points, Payton Ries with 13 points, and Gracie Gellersen with 9 points. Coach Moenck said, "Hempstead is a 5A school so for us to compete at that level should breathe a little confidence on our kids. I am excited to see how all our kids grow from this experience."

Last Tuesday, November 21st, the Wildcats had their home opener against East Buchanan. The Wildcats came out with a strong start in the first quarter, outscoring the Bucs 23-10. Continuing into the second quarter, the Wildcats were able to put up 12 more points leading into half-time with a score 35-22. But the Wildcats weren't done yet! 14 more points were put up during the third quarter, outscoring the Bucs who put up 7. The Wildcats walked away with their first W of the regular season, finishing the game with a score of 63-44. Leading scorers for the night were Sam Wall with 21 points and Payton Ries with 20 points along with her total of 14 rebounds. Also contributing to the Wildcats' success was Maci Freiburger with a total of five rebounds and Macy Hoeger close behind with four. The Wildcats worked well together as a team and are excited to work on what needs to be improved. The JV team was also able to get away with a win, finishing 68-7.

Last Saturday, the Wildcats participated in Rivalry Saturday at Coe College. The Wildcats took on the Bulldogs of MFL Mar-Mac, a strong 2A team. Once again, the Wildcats got ahead early, ending the first quarter with a score of 14-8. The pressure remained throughout the second quarter and lead into half-time with a score of 25-16. The Wildcats did not stop there. Coming out to the second half, the Bulldogs were outscored 16-8 by the Wildcats. The girls finished with another win, 50-37. Leading scorers on Saturday were Payton Ries with 17, and Sam Wall following behind her with 15. Gracie Gellersen and



Above: Gracie Gellersen puts pressure on an East Buchanan player.

Right: Parker Sternhagen has the advantage over his opponent Monday night. (photos courtesy of Lesa Parmely)

Macy Hoeger both had four rebounds as well. Coach Moenck said, "This was a neat experience for our kids. I was very pleased with our intensity from all 17 kids in this game." It was a fun and exciting day for the Cats in Cedar Rapids!

Stats for this past Tuesday's close game vs #1 ranked Springville will be posted in next week's issue.

Tonight the Wildcats will take on the Ed-Co Vikings at home with JV starting at 4:30, and Varsity to follow at 6. Come out and support!

Grapplers get started



The JV team wrestled Monday night at a tournament in North Linn. Parker Sternhagen, Isaac Kremer and Chance Kemp finished first, and Evan Elgin finished second.

Tucker commits to play baseball at NIACC



On Nov. 21 Tyson Tucker signed his letter of commitment to play baseball at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. Pictured with Tyson is his mother, Tina Tucker; sister, Taya Tucker; NIACC baseball coach Travis Hergert; and father, Brad Tucker. Tyson is a four-year starter on the MV baseball team, and a three-time all-conference team member. He earned first team all-district honors and third team INA all-state in 2017. Since his freshman year, he has pitched to a 2.94 ERA while striking out 230 batters. As a hitter thus far, he has compiled 134 hits along with 85 RBIs.

what's up?

What do you want most for Christmas?

by Kristin Lucas

Emma Beitz: high quality headphones to block out the haters
 Brodrick Severt: a calculator and a printer
 Lucas Rumbo: new shoes
 Madalynne Naab: new computer
 Mitch Neuzil: cash
 Reese Mensen: pajamas
 Tate Trenkamp: a pickle
 Andrew Kloser: pizza
 Hannah Clemen: better wifi
 Mrs. DeVore: a day off and no homework to grade
 Izabel Niehaus: Passaredo Adidas t-shirt
 Señorita Ries: to sell our house

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jordyn Kemp

You've been nominated because you'll often help other students in physical science. What do you enjoy about the class? I enjoy the complexity of the class. At first glance, the problems you come



across seem impossible to solve but once you get the hand of the concept they're actually really simple.

What is the hardest part of the class for you? The hardest part of the class is knowing how all of the concepts are different from each other. There are so many different things that we need to know in physical science that it is sometimes difficult to keep all of them apart and separate.

Why do you take the time to help others? I take the time to help others because I know that when I need help myself, I appreciate my classmates taking their time to help me. I know that even though there are problems that I don't understand, I can at least help struggling classmates understand some concepts I'm comfortable with at least a little bit better.

—Jordyn was nominated by Mrs. Besler

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Kelly Winter
 Activity: Band

What instrument do you play in band? I play the trombone.



This weekend you are playing in the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association

honor band. What are you looking most forward to? I'm looking forward to meeting fellow students my age who are talented musicians. They're talented because many of the students that go to this honor band have tried out for All-state and just barely missed it. It'll also be pretty cool to hear the final product. That's probably my favorite thing at all honor bands that I've been to: the end. Hearing all of the hard work pay off into some incredible music!

What do you enjoy most about playing in band? What I enjoy most about playing in band is the learning. I love to learn new music and push my capabilities. Every time we get new music, he always tries to make it harder, and I appreciate that. It helps me learn, grow, and become smarter.

What life lessons have you learned by being in band? I've learned that everything doesn't always come easily. I had to push to try and become the best I could be, and I still do. Learning an instrument or reading music isn't the easiest thing to do. But it all pays off in the end, when you get to hear everything you worked so hard for.

If you could join a famous band, which one would it be? Even though I'm in band, I don't really listen to music, so I don't know to many bands... But my dream is to get really good at the violin, so I would probably join an orchestra!

Boys basketball starts season with a win

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back, Wildcat fans! On Tuesday the boys basketball team travelled to Springville to face the Orioles. The fought very hard and came out with a victory with a final score of 64-43, bringing home a win for your Wildcats.

Coach Dunlap states, "The boys really played well at Springville and are off to a great start. We had good play from both our starters and our bench which will be important for us this season, if we can keep it going."

Leading in points was Trevor Elgin with 17 total points. Tyson Tucker and Brock Hillers followed. Tyson had a total of 15 points. Brock had a total of 9 points. "Trevor Elgin and Tyson Tucker both had high scoring games and were above 50% from the field for the game," Coach Dunlap says. "That is outstanding."

Our rebound leader was Heath Gibbs with 10 total rebounds. Following Heath was Brenden Hogan rebounding 8 balls. Tyson Tucker had 7 rebounds.

Brock excelled in assists, having 9 total. Hillers also had 5 steals. Trevor Elgin made 3 of 4.

"Brock Hillers had nine assists in the game, which is the highest number I've seen here at Maquoketa Valley," Coach Dunlap stated. "So we had some really nice numbers, but we also had an awesome group effort. As a team we pulled in 49 rebounds and had nine different kids score. Our bench came in and played physical; in particular Cole Willenbring, Brian Heims and Brenden Hogan impressed me."

The boys will play tonight at home against Ed- Co. They will play next on Tuesday at Central City.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

What do you get when you have oregano, thyme, and paprika at your door during the holidays? Seasons Greetings
 The ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future walk into the Christmas party. It was tense.

What kind of tree would a science teacher put up? A Chemistree.

What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses.

What song do dogs sing in the snow? Dachshund through the snow.

Cutest Couple



Justin Krapfl & Allie Knipper
by Brooklyn Sands
How long have you been dating?
 Over two months

Where's your favorite place to eat?
 Allie: DQ
 Justin: McDonald's

What do you like most about each other?
 He thinks he's funny. He's supportive & deals with me & he kind of smells decent.

Athlete of the Week

Name: Payton Ries
 Sport: Basketball

What position do you play?
 Power Forward

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? I enjoy playing in the atmosphere that the fans provide, and I enjoy the competition in practice and games.



What's something about the sport that others may not know about? It's a lot of hard work and commitment, and I don't think many people understand the time and effort put in.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Getting pulled over by the cop on our way to play basketball in the summer.

Who's your basketball role model?
 Brianna Mensen

Did you know?

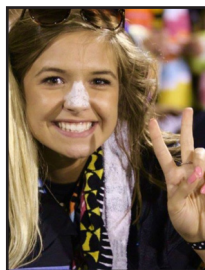
by Emma McDowell

- Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of America instead of the bald eagle.
- Black Friday is the busiest day for plumbers, there's a 21% increase in calls.
- The first Thanksgiving lasted three days.
- 46 million turkeys are cooked for Thanksgiving
- Cibophobia is the fear of food.
- Thanksgiving didn't get its name until 1623.
- Minnesota produces the most turkeys in the country
- Turkey probably wasn't eaten at the first Thanksgiving
- Forks were also weren't used at the feast.
- The first Macy's Day Parade was in 1924.

Josie's Jibber

by Josie Young

Finals are something most worry about, and as there is sometime between now and our stress levels rising, starting to study now can lower our stress levels and maybe even bring up our test scores. I'm going to switch it up a little bit this week and give you a list of some study habits to try this test season.



•Make lists of what you need to study - Use a planner!

•Make your own study materials - Note-cards, outlines, Quizlets, etc.

•Do not cram! Taking breaks can help you absorb more information.

•Try to stay positive about it. I am one to say I'm not going to do good on a test, but it is proven that if you are thinking positively before a test you will have higher scores!

•Use your resources - find websites and apps to help your studying needs!

•Get good nights of sleep, eat healthy, and drink lots of water!

•Study a different subject for 15 minutes every night. This avoids cramming and continues to keep these topics refreshed in your mind!

Remember finals will sneak up on us, so do not wait until the last minute. Happy studying!

Netflix & Chill



by Emma McDowell

Saw- In an intense game of life and death, *Saw* is a rollercoaster of plot twists and gore. *Saw* is a staple in the horror genre and has made a niche of it's own. Gory, thriller movies have made a resurgence in the past decade ever since *Saw* has hit theatres. The movie itself is intense. It leaves you on edge and gives you a genuine feeling of panic. Will the killer get caught? Will the main characters make it out safely? I loved the movie despite some of the blood and guts. However, my only issue with it was that the ending got a bit confusing. Maybe I wasn't paying attention enough or maybe it's just that confusing. Either way, once I finished the movie I was confused by what had just happened. Everything came at you all at once at it was honestly overwhelming. Every minute was something new, and I could've taken some more time to process it all. Despite the confusing ending, I enjoyed the movie. The premise was interesting, and it's the most engaged I've been in a movie for a long time.

Hotel for Dogs- Who said that Disney is the only one who can make good movies? *Hotel for Dogs* is the best example of companies like Nickelodeon and Dream-works teaming up together to make something amazing. The cast includes some pretty iconic people such as Lisa Kudrow (Phoebe from *Friends*) and Emma Roberts. The plot itself is silly but that's not always a bad thing. Five teens convert an abandoned hotel into a, get this, hotel for dogs. Unrealistic? Yes. Are they breaking lots of health rules and business codes? For sure. Nevertheless, you can't help but wish that you worked at that hotel. I truly believe that this movie is one of those you watch as a kid and really enjoy, and then you forget about it. Well, until you see it on Netflix and rewatch it for that perfect dose of nostalgia. So put on your favorite footie pajamas, grab the nearest bag of popcorn, and sit down and relive your childhood through *Hotel for Dogs*.

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

This week's birthdays are:
 Jenna Nefzger - 12/4

Meet the Freshmen



Ella, Layla & Madeline

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Madeline Gellersen
 Siblings: Jake and Gracie
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, speech, choir, band, spring play
 Favorite subject: Fashion Design
 Career aspirations: Go to college and become a doctor
 Hobbies: Biking, making crafts, sewing, playing sports, and being outside
 Something cool about you: I have a pet turkey named Charlie.

Name: Layla Crippen
 Siblings: Tyreese, Carver, and Nyle
 Activities you plan to be in: musical, volleyball, softball, basketball stats
 Favorite subject: Choir
 Career aspirations: Mental health nurse
 Hobbies: Writing and dancing
 Something cool about you: I always want to help people.

Name: Ella Imler
 Siblings: Madison and Isabel Imler
 Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, basketball, track, softball, speech
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: Teacher
 Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and family
 Something cool about you: I play four sports.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

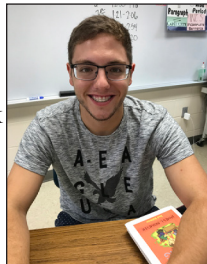
Which is correct to say: "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The yolk of the egg are white?"

Answer: Neither, egg yolks are yellow.

Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome back to Hall Smarts. I know it's been awhile, but let's jump right in. Last Hall Smarts we talked about Marvel superheroes. So this week we will be battling the supervillains with Krista Ries, Eric Deutmeyer, Mr. Drew and Reece Mensen.



Which villain can control metal with his mind?

Krista: Magneto
 Eric: Magneto
 Drew: Iron Man
 Reece: Megamind
 Answer: Magneto

Which movie is Ultron in?

Krista: Avengers
 Eric: Avengers
 Drew: also Iron Man
 Reece: Spiderman
 Answer: Avengers

This villain is made of sand.

Krista: Sandman
 Eric: Sandman
 Drew: Sandman (Iron Man)
 Reece: Sandman
 Answer: Sandman

Which villain has a bionic arm?

Krista: Winter Soldier
 Eric: The Winter Soldier
 Drew: Iron Man's enemy
 Reece: Hydra
 Answer: The Winter Soldier

Which movie is Ronan in?

Krista: Guardians of the Galaxy
 Eric: Guardians of the Galaxy
 Drew: Iron Man
 Reece: Thor
 Answer: Guardians of the Galaxy

Fannnnntastic job, Wildcats. That was a tough one, but in the end you were all triumphant. That's all for this week. Make sure that you don't let first semester grades get away from you; the end is closer than you think.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 3, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

1. MV HS Football Awards Night - HS Cafeteria - 5:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

1. Jr. High Wrestling at Bellevue - 4:15 PM (Suburban Leaves at 2:45 PM)
 2. Jr. High Girls Basketball - HOME - East Buchanan - 4:00 PM
 3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
 4. 5th, 6th & 7th MV Club Volleyball Parent Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

1. Hearing Screening for 6th Graders
 2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at Central City - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
 3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

1. MV Athletic Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

1. Jr High Girls Basketball - HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) - Ed/Co - 4:00 PM
 2. HS JV/V WR at NL (also with C.C., Ed/Co & Central of Elkader) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:00 PM)
 3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

1. Matinee Performance of MS Musical "Seussical Jr." for 3rd - 8th Graders - Auditorium - 1:00 PM
 2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at Lisbon - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

1. HS JV/V Wrestling Tournament at Aplington/Parkersburg - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:15 AM)
 2. Middle School Vocal Performance of "Seussical Jr." - HS Auditorium - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 4-5 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM