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Holiday melodies fill the air at Christmas concert



The high school instrumental and vocal students showcased their talents at last night's Christmas concert. The mixed choir, men's choir, women's choir, jazz band and concert band all performed for a full crowd at St. John's church.



MV gets its paws on social media

by Tyson Tucker

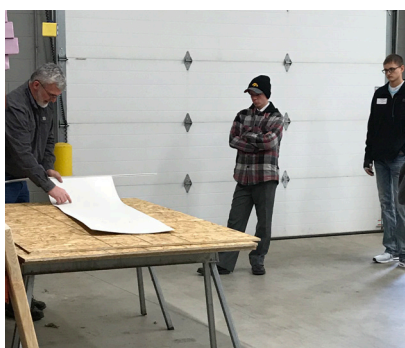
Students I know your phone is already in your hand, but if not grab it anyway and check out twitgram and bookchat! Maquoketa Valley now has a page on both! Okay maybe I was kidding, but there is some exciting news involving Maquoketa Valley and social media.

Thanks to an idea from Mr. Tuetken and some work from Mrs. Scherrman, "Maquoketa Valley Community School District" is now functioning Facebook page. In order to get the page up and running some logistics had to be thought out. After meeting with ITS and the school board to discuss policies and ideas for the page, Mrs. Scherrman decided the page was a go. Mrs. Scherrman said the page was made because "we have a lot of great things happening that parents and community members probably don't know about."

The page will share any and all events going on at Maquoketa Valley, but for protection and security of the students names will be left out unless parents or students tag a student. Fire up the ole' computer and be sure to give them a "Like" on Facebook and share some MV pride!



Students attend Kirkwood Demo Day



Eleven juniors participated in Kirkwood's Demo Day at JREC. Students learned more about various careers including welding, hospitality, IT, engineering and patient care. Above: Brian Heims learns more about welding. Right: Zac Lansing watches a presentation on construction.

Sports Connection

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back Cats! The last basketball games before winter break were in full swing this week. Ending last week with a game at home on Saturday afternoon. The boys battled against Midland and managed to win with a final score of 52-33.

"As a team we played very well," commented Coach Dunlap. "Defensively our positioning was better. This helped us get into less foul trouble."

Tucker led with 14 points. Elgin made 9 points total. Holtz scored 7 points for the team.

Tucker picked up 14 rebounds. Brock Hillers had 8 rebounds. Elgin had a total of 5 rebounds.

The boys did much better with free throws, specifically Tucker, making 8 of 9 free throws total. This is about an 88% success rate. Leading in both assists and steals was Hillers with three.

"I thought Tyson had a really nice night," stated Coach Dunlap. "Tyson also got another Double Double."

Next the boys competed this Monday night at home against Central Elkader. They came out with a loss with a final score of 38- 59.

"Brock and Cole got hurt in the first half of the game which affected us mentally," stated Coach Dunlap. "These guys are a huge part of the team. We just didn't really recover after that."

Tucker scored 14 total points. Heath Gibbs scored 8 points. Elgin followed with 7 points for the team.

Tucker had 10 rebounds. Garrett Hogan picked up 5 rebounds and Brian Heims followed with 3 rebounds.

Leading in steals was Tucker with 4 total. Tucker, Holtz, Gibbs and Brenden Hogan each had 2 assists. Gibbs did a nice job of making his two- point shots, making 4 of 5 shots taken.

The boys played Easton Valley on Tuesday at home. After battling their way through the first 3 quarters, they lost in the end with a final score of 50-71.

"I thought the effort throughout



Brenden Hogan, Tyson Tucker and Trevor Elgin put the triple threat on a Central player. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

the game was great," commented Coach Dunlap. "The boys played fantastic the first three quarters. However, we ran out of gas in the fourth quarter. The amount of injuries we have is really getting to us, but we have to learn how to adjust. Garrett Hogan went down in the second quarter and may have a season ending knee injury."

Leading in points was Tucker with 23 points. Holtz followed with 12 points total. Gibbs scored 7 points for the team.

"I thought Heath had a really nice first quarter scoring," stated Coach Dunlap.

Tucker had 8 total rebounds. Gibbs and Brenden Hogan each had 5 rebounds. Heims followed with 4 rebounds.

Tucker led in assists with 3 total. Holtz led in steals with 3 total. Andrew had a nice night from the three- point line, making 4 of 5 three- point shots. Tyson had a nice night on the free throw line, making 7 of 9 free throws. Overall, the team keeps doing better with their free throws, making 9 of 13 this game.

"I thought Trevor and Tyson played really well," stated Coach Dunlap. "I am really proud of how we had people come in off the bench and play well, especially Brenden Hogan and Brian Heims. I think Andrew Holtz is playing really well. However, I still want him to shoot more."

The boys play again tonight at Calamus- Wheatland. Come out to support your Cats in their final game until after break!

Girls go 3-1 in recent action



Maci Freiburger looks to drive to the basket during the Central of Elkader game Monday night. She had five points, seven rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block for the night.

Last Friday night the Cats took on top-ranked North Linn and lost 30-59. They fired back strong after that and defeated Midland Saturday 56-27, Central of Elkader Monday 66-19 and Easton Valley Tuesday night 67-41.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Alex Elgin & Trevor Elgin



You've been working on building some frames for the stained glass windows. What has that process entailed?

We have to take whole pieces of oak lumber and cut them down to 2.5 inches wide and however long each piece of glass is then run them through the router to give them a detailed finish. Once that is finished we connect the four boards together with the stained glass and the protective plexiglass inside of the frame. Finally we glue the frame up and put eight screws into the finished product to keep it secured together.

What skills have you learned by working on it?

Alex: Each frame has to be constructed to the exact measurements or else the glass will not fit in the frame right.

Trevor: Have someone else carry the glass so you don't have to be responsible for breaking it.

Why does this project matter to you?

Alex: We were given the opportunity to build frames to display inside of the school so the staff and faculty have quite a bit of trust in us to build these correctly.

Trevor: When I come back to watch little Trevor's basketball games I can tell him that I made those frames.

—They were nominated by Mr. Drew.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Allison Dunn

Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? The level of concentration it takes to learn a dance and execute it very well.

What's the hardest part of it? The fact that I have never danced in my life. I have never taken classes or anything. So it is much harder for me to pick up on the choreography as fast and perform it with little error. I just have to work harder and try my very best.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it? The Christmas Spectacular (performed December 19)! It is a mix of kick and jazz. I like this dance so much because there are parts where I get to be really sassy, but in a good way. This routine lets me be myself and not anything else.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? How much it strains your body. Your body is moving in ways it most likely has never before, and that will cause you pain. Just like anything else, if you do not stretch properly, you will hurt something.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I would choreograph a kick. The type of song I would use is a faster one, but still has a great beat to it.



Name: Michael Feldmann

Sport: Wrestling

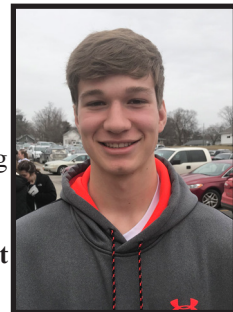
What do you enjoy most about wrestling? Wrestling at meets and supporting my teammates.

What's something about wrestling that others might not know? You have to be very mentally tough.

How do you mentally prepare for a match? I figure out what kind of wrestler my opponent is and how I'm going to wrestle him, like what kind of shots I'm going to take.

What's your goal this season? My goal is to get better and maybe make it to state.

Who's your wrestling role model? My wrestling role model is Alec McDowell.



Name: Madison Imler

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? guard
What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? I love coming together as a team and making each other better. I also love how competitive basketball is.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? Time and dedication is very important. Basketball is a long season and sometimes you have to make sacrifices. In order to be successful you have to put in time outside of practice.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? -On the way to a basketball camp this summer we did a Chinese fire drill and then got pulled over.

-We also had a few problems with the car drive. We were driving down the highway and a bag ripped in half, and a lot of cans went flying everywhere.

Who's your basketball role model? Brianna Mensen and Caitlin Schuman



Name: Tyson Tucker

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? Forward
What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Dropping a 3 ball from the corner

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? The amount of thinking that goes into each play, it's not just running around and shooting the ball.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Last year we played a bunch of overtime games I really enjoyed

Who's your basketball role model?

Clint "Spin and Shoot" Krapfl and Jason Williams



Cutie

by Kelly Winter

This week's cutie plays football, basketball, baseball, and track.

He lives in Earlville, has blue eyes, and two siblings.



Last week's Cutie was Maddy Anderegg.

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:

Kailene Chen - 12/23

Owen Mensen - 12/28

Andy O'Connell - 12/30

Brian Heims - 1/1

Faith Hunt - 1/3

Megan Wulfekuhle, Eric Brehm - 1/4

McKenzie Lansing - 1/5

Sydney Lewin - 1/8

Ty Domeyer - 1/10

what's up?

What's the worst Christmas gift you've ever received?

by Izabel Niehaus

Maci Freiburger: Tool kit for my car

Brittany Sabers: Night gown

Derek Becker: 2 years ago. Spongebob cocoa set from my grandma.

Trayce Klostermann: I honestly got coal from my mean grandpa, and I got a pair of shoes I already had.

Brooke Elgin: Toilet paper

Trevor Elgin: Little girl coloring book

Reji Smith: I got underwear and I cried

Pam Overman: Cooking utensils

Susan Sevart: My now ex-husband got me a scale...

Kim Hunt: Egg poacher (I hate poached eggs) and a stew pot (that X-mas went south)

Blake Becker: Knee-high outdoor socks

Brain Teaser Did you know?

by Mason Lubben

Who is never hungry on Thanksgiving?

Answer: The turkey, because he's always stuffed!

Josie's Jibber

by Josie Young

The holidays. Something many girls, such as myself, go crazy for, while others may hate hearing the ringing of the bells, and inevitable artificial peppermint smell.

While it is easy to get wrapped up within the twinkling lights, the candies or cookies your relatives make, or the never ending mountains of gifts, we need to remember what the holidays are all about: spending time with your loved ones. Gifts are great, but that is not what truly matters in life. You only get one life to live, and you can only take "things" so far in life, but your memories will last a lifetime.

So this holiday season remember to enjoy everyone around you, instead of focusing on what is in that beautifully wrapped box.



Cutest Couple

Garrett Hogan and Sienna Hancock

by Reji Smith

How long have you two been dating?

1 month + 3 months + 6 months + 3 weeks + 7 months = 17 months and 3 weeks

What do you two like to do together?

Garrett: Break up (obviously joking)

Sienna: Garrett likes to talk about Cummins, while his patient girlfriend listens and pretends to know what he's talking about.

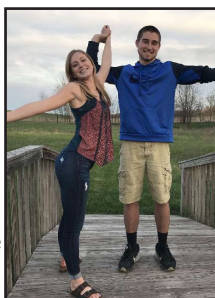
What is your favorite place to eat at?

Both: Fuzzy's Tacos

What do you guys like about each other?

Garrett: She cares, and if she doesn't she pretends to so I don't look so stupid.

Sienna: No matter how busy he is, he always finds a way to make time for me.



by Emma McDowell

Let's look at the numbers of Christmas.

- The average American spent over \$900 on gifts in 2016.
- Parents are spending around \$400 on each child during the Christmas season.
- Nearly 30 million real Christmas trees are bought every year.
- The song White Christmas is a track on 2,196 albums.
- 90% of Americans celebrate Christmas.
- Males reindeers can weigh anywhere from 143 to 529 pounds.
- Candy canes were invented in 1670.
- 85% of 4 year olds believe in Santa, compared to 25% of 8 year olds.
- On average, a person will eat 7,000 calories on Christmas day.
- The most popular gift in 2000 was a Razor scooter.



Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

A Christmas Prince- One of the hallmarks of Christmas is Hallmark movies. They're sappy, cheesy, and downright unrealistic but, man, are they fun to watch. Despite being produced by Netflix, *A Christmas Prince* has all the traditional aspects of a good Hallmark movie. An unexpected romance, family bonding, and self discovery are all abundant. The key to enjoying this movie is just accepting how unrealistic it really is. We all know that in reality a journalist would never go undercover as a tutor in a castle and then fall in love with the prince (and yes that is the plot). The whole point of the movie isn't to make you think it's a real story; it's to make you just feel happy. Sometimes the best way to feel happy is to watch an unlikely romance blossom before your very eyes. *A Christmas Prince* has been a hit with Netflix watchers, and I'm sure it will be a hit for all of you too.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

What do elves learn in school? The Elfabet
If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get? Mistle- toes

One day an elf went to the therapist because he had low- elf esteem.

What do you call an elf that has won the lottery? Welfy

What kind of music do elves listen to?
"Wrap" music

Meet the Freshmen



Tara, Krista, Payton & Emerson

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Emerson Whittenbaugh

Siblings: Abby, Bailey, and Major

Activities you plan to be in: basketball, volleyball, track, softball, and speech

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career Aspirations: Pediatrician

Hobbies: playing sports

Something cool about you: I play four sports.

Name: Krista Ries

Siblings: Kendra and Kelsey

Activities you plan to be in: volleyball,

group speech, FFA, play, and softball

Favorite subject: math

Career aspirations: family practitioner

Hobbies: playing sports

Something cool about you: I get made fun of a lot by my friends.

Name: Tara Goedken

Siblings: Sarah Goedken, Courtney Goedken, and Matthew Lansing

Activities you plan to be in: FFA and speech

Favorite subject: math

Career aspirations: I want to go to college, but I don't know what for.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and being outside

Something cool about you: I am a twin!

Name: Payton Beaman

Siblings: Lanni Beaman, Casey Fry, and Christie Fry

Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, track, softball, speech, choir, play

Favorite Subject: math

Career Aspirations: something with business

Hobbies: Hanging with friends, being outside with family, and being on the lake

Wrestlers continue to improve



Zach Digman gets wrapped up with his Ed-Co opponent at last weekend's North Linn JV tournament. Digman finished second. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

by Chance Downs

Last Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team traveled to Alburnett to take on the Pirates and the Central Elkader Warriors. The Wildcats opened up their night with a bye round followed by a dual against Central Elkader, then Alburnett.

The Warriors' two-man team could not put up much of a fight against the Wildcats resulting in a final score of 72 to 6. Timmy Harmon received a fall at 0:31. Chance Downs, Robert Hildebrand, Mitch Smith, Isaac Kramer, Carson Wright, Cole Kruse, Michael Feldmann, Dylan Lane, Chance Kemp and Deecel Staner all received forfeits.

The Wildcats also handed Alburnett a solid loss with a final score of 66 to 18. Those who received a fall were: Robert Hildebrand at 2:48, Mitch Smith at 0:35, Isaac Kramer at 1:12, Carter Kruse at 1:05, Cole Kruse at 0:49, Michael Feldmann at 0:35, Canyon Richardson at 1:26, Chance Kemp 0:45 and Chance Downs at 1:34.

Also last week, the Wildcats competed at the North Linn Lynx Invitational. Maquoketa Valley finished a tough day of wrestling versus solid 1A, 2A, and 3A, with three finalists and six overall place

winners.

Chance Downs (145), Mitch Smith (160) and Cole Kruse (195) all finished in second place. Robert Hildebrand (152) finished in 4th place. Michael Feldmann (220) finished in 6th place. Dylan Happel (182) finished in 7th place. Maquoketa Valley received a 6th place finish in the team race with 84.0 total points.

North Linn also ran a JV Tournament last Saturday as well. Results include: Dylan Lane - 2nd, Zach Digman - 2nd, Evan Elgin - 2nd, Carter Stahlberg - 1st, Carter Kruse - 2nd, and Carson Wright - 1st.

"Overall I was happy with how the guys competed today," stated Coach Andrews. "We only wrestled seven guys in the varsity division and 6 of them placed. To finish 6th place as a team with only wrestling 7 guys in the varsity division was good. Although we did not have any individual champions in the varsity division I liked how our guys competed against solid competition and am encouraged as we head into the holiday break. I was really impressed with the guys that competed in the junior varsity tournament. They have all been making adequate progress and it's showing on the mat."



Just for Kicks

The MV dance team performed its holiday kick routine at the basketball games Tuesday night.

Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to the last Hall Smarts of the year. I know that we all love to sit back and watch some Christmas movies over our winter breaks each year. So I thought why not do some Christmas movie trivia. This week our contestants are Payton Ries, Iz Niehaus, Devante Strickland and Jon Seibert.



In Rudolph what was the elf's name?

Payton: Hermie

Iz: Harold

Devante: Buddy

Jon: Steve

Answer: Hermie

In Frosty, what is the rabbit's name?

Payton: Abra Kadabra

Iz: Magic

Devante: Hocus Pocus

Jon: Carl

Answer: Hocus Pocus

In Polar Express, what does his ticket say?

Payton: Believe

Iz: Believe

Devante: Lead

Jon: Lead

Answer: Believe

What is Grinch's dog's name?

Payton: Max

Iz: Max

Devante: Max

Jon: Spot

Answer: Max

Who raised Buddy the Elf?

Payton: Santa

Iz: Grandpa Elf

Devante: Papa Elf

Jon: Papa Elf

Answer: Papa Elf

Great job to all of the Wildcat contestants. That was a tricky one and the last one for this year. Go out and spread some cheer until the next issue of the Wildcat Echo. Have a safe break.

Great opportunities abound



Last Friday Mrs. Mueller helped coordinate an open mic during the lunch hour. Left: Brylie Pohlman accompanies herself on ukulele. Above: Nicholas Chen, with back up from Paige Panosh and Andrew Hildebrand, performs "Counting Stars." Tony Offerman also sang a solo.



Norman Wilson, Brody Sevart, Blake Becker and Jon Seibert job shadowed at John Deere last week.



Wednesday was Dress Professionally Day. Students wore clothes they could potentially wear to an interview. Above: Dustin Heims and Rejji Smith are dressed for success in Comp I.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV for the rest of 2018 and into Jan.!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017
 HS Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmage at West High in Iowa City - 9:30 AM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017
 MV Athletic Boosters 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - HS & MS Gym & HS Cafeteria - 8:00 AM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
 1. NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
 2. HS JV/V B & B Basketball at East Buchanan - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018
 1. HS JV/V B & B Basketball - HOME - Prince of Peace High School - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018
 HS Varsity Wrestling - HOME - WILDCAT DUALS