

Mensen commits to national champ Eagles



Senior Brianna Mensen has signed a letter of commitment to play basketball at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. The team won the junior college national tournament last season and finished 37-0. Pictured with Brianna are her parents, Sandy and Mike Mensen (seated) and, back row, Jordan Mensen, Kirkwood head coach Kim Muhl, MV head coach Scot Moenck and Megan Mensen.

Baccalaureate service held



The area churches in conjunction with senior leaders organized a baccalaureate service held Sunday. Dan Hillers, MV class of 1998, was the guest speaker.

Band, choir compete at large group contest

by Lawson Roof

The Maquoketa Valley band and choir traveled to Tipton High School on Saturday to perform at the IHSMA Large Group Festival.

The band received a Division III. "I was satisfied with how the band played," Mr. Hadley said. "We played more than just the notes and rhythms, we played the emotions behind the music."

The bass clef choir received a Division I rating. "Playing for the choir, it was definitely the strongest men's group I've seen since I've been at MV," Mr. Hadley stated. The mixed choir received a Division I rating, as well, and the treble clef choir received a Division II rating.

Seniors presented DFS scholarships



Forty seniors received scholarships at Sunday afternoons Dollars for Scholars awards presentation. Students were awarded \$61,800 in scholarships from DFS.

Graduation to be held Wednesday night

by Nichole Winter

Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 in the high school gym. Seniors should arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 to meet in the library for final instructions and medals/pins. The doors open for the public at 6:30 p.m., and seat-

ing is first come first serve.

During the ceremony, the choir will perform "I Lived" by One Republic. The band will perform "Metamorphosis" by Andrew Boysen Jr., "Fanfare & Processional" by Edgar, and "Hope, Honor, and Glory" by David Shaffer.

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:

5/13 - Derek Becker

Sports Connection

Wildcats finish first, fourth in conference meet

Girls team wins title

by McKenzie Lansing

The girls competed at home for the Tri-Rivers Conference meet last Thursday. The placed 1st overall, with a total of 133.25.

Starting with the field events, Payton Ries placed 6th with a jump of 4' 4" receiving 1.25 points for the team. In the Discus, Ali Sheehy threw 114' 2" placing 1st and gaining 10 team points. Lydia Helle also threw in this event, with a throw of 96' 2" placing 3rd and gaining 6 team points.

In the running events, starting with the 100m dash, Brianna Mensen ran a 13.38, placing 6th and gaining 1 team point. In the 200m dash, Sam Wall ran a 26.63, placing 2nd and gaining 8 points. Brianna Mensen also ran in this event, placing 4th with a run of 27.60, gaining 4 team points. In the 400m dash, Aspen Britt ran a 1:03.21, placing 3rd and gaining 6 team points. In the 800m run, Rejji Smith ran a 2:42.03, placing 5th and gaining 2 team points. In the 100m hurdles, Kara Orcutt and Angela Wendt both ran in this event.



Nichole Winter competes in a relay at the conference meet. The girls won the meet.

Kara ran a 16.78, placing 1st and gaining 10 points. Angela ran a 17.62, placing 5th and gaining 2 team points. Cassidy Wilson and Kara Orcutt both ran in the 400m hurdles. Kara ran a 1:11.26, placing 1st and gaining 10 points. Cassidy ran a 1:13.42, placing 4th and gaining 4 team points.

In the relay events, starting with the 4x100m relay, Madison Imler, Caitlin Schuman, Sam Wall, and Aspen Britt ran a 53.52, placing 3rd and gaining 6 team points. In the 4x200m relay, Ashley Stogdill, Sam Wall, Caitlin Schuman, and Brianna Mensen ran a 1:49.23, placing 1st and gaining 10 team points. In the 4x400m relay, Kara Orcutt, Brianna Mensen, Brooke Wilson, and Aspen Britt ran a 4:16.59, placing 2nd and gaining 8 team points. In the 4x800m relay, Cassidy Wilson, Casey Fry, Nichole Winter, and Rejji Smith ran an 11:20.01, placing 3rd and gaining 6 team points. In the Sprint Medley relay, Ashley Stogdill, Caitlin Schuman, Sam Wall, and Aspen Britt ran a 1:54.12, placing 3rd and gaining 6 team points. In the Distance Medley relay, Madison Imler, Danica Fjestul, Brooke Wilson, and Cassidy Wilson ran a 4:43.76, placing 3rd and also gaining 6 team points. In the Shuttle Hurdle relay, Katilyn Deutmeyer, Angela Wendt, Cassidy Wilson, and Kara Orcutt ran a 1:12.16, placing 2nd and gaining 8 team points.

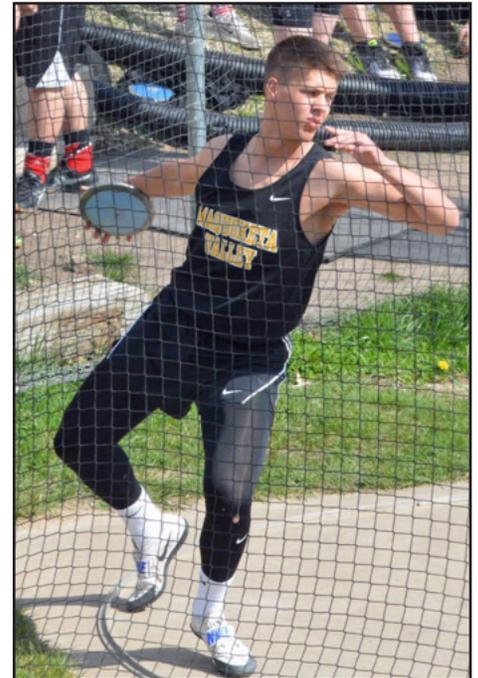
The girls competed last night at Central City for Districts and earned a first place team finish. You can find those stats in next week's Echo!

Boy earn fourth

by Chance Downs

At the Tri-Rivers Conference Boys Track Meet, the boys finished with 87 points earning them a 4th place finish. They earned 87 points. Lisbon won the meet with 193 points. Events who scored points include:

3200 Meter Run: Tate Trenkamp, 5th, 11:03.31; Bryant Meyer-Kemp, 6th, 11.28.31



Clint Krapfl winds up in the discus at the conference track meet. He finished fourth at the meet. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

4x800 Meter Relay: 3rd, 8:27.15
Shuttle Hurdle: 2nd, 1:04.03
Distance Medley: 2nd, 3:45.37
400 Meter Dash: Derek Becker, 2nd, 54.96
4x200 Meter Relay: 4th, 1:37.56
110 High Hurdles: Brock Hillers, 2nd, 16.20; Tyler Britcher, 8th, 18.22
800 Meter Run: Chance Downs, 5th, 2:10.18
400 Meter Hurdles: Brock Hillers, 7th, 1:01.17; Colin Wendt, 8th, 1:01.85
1600 Meter Run: Brenden Hogan, 4th, 4:46.06
4x100 Meter Relay: 4th, 46.82
4x400 Meter Relay: 4th, 3:45.63
Discus: Clint Krapfl, 4th, 125-05
Blake Becker, 7th, 112-02
Shot Put: Brody Severt, 4th, 45-07.75
Tyson Tucker, 7th, 40-09.5
Congratulations to all!

The team also competed at districts last night.

FFA represented well at Hawkeye

On May 9th, fourteen FFA members travelled to Hawkeye Community College to participate in two more district competitions. In the floriculture CDE, many of our ladies found success. Individually, Josie Young placed 3rd, Amanda Fortman placed sixth and Kaitlyn Goedken placed 8th. The team of Josie Young, Amanda Fortman and Amber Engelken placed third. Our freshman team of Kristi Bries, Erin Bonert, Lauren Goldsmith and Kaitlyn Goedken received ninth place.



The food science teams pose with their ribbons.

The two food science teams also found success in their competition. The team of Evan Gaul, Amanda Engelken, and Mason Kruse came in fifth place. The team of Grace Willenborg, Becca Dunkel, Cassi Westhoff and Abby Hoefler placed fourth. Individually, Abby Hoefler placed 9th, Becca Dunkel placed 7th and Cassi Westhoff placed 6th.



The floriculture teams pose with their ribbons.

Congratulations to all competitors! The FFA chapter is extremely proud of all of it's member achievement throughout the spring. On to summer events!

*Co-reporter Cassi Westhoff
Co-reporter Amanda Engelken*

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Mr. Hadley
Activity: MV Awesomeness



What made you decide to become a band director? I have always loved music. I come from a really musical family so I grew up with everyone singing and playing every family get-together or holiday. I had some great music teachers that encouraged me and helped me find something I was passionate about all while having fun, and I just wanted to be that teacher for other people. I always looked forward to providing that class where everyone plays and no one has to sit on the bench. We only succeed when everyone contributes. "Some people dream of meeting their favorite musicians, I get to teach mine."

What made you decide to teach in Tokyo? Aside from music, my next biggest passion is travel. Music was what sparked my interest in seeing the world. I was lucky enough in college to spend 8 weeks touring and performing around Europe and Australia with the Wartburg concert band and jazz band. That experience led to a life-long interest in seeing new places and learning about other cultures. When the Tokyo job presented itself, it was too hard to pass on because it combines my love for music and for travel. I think it will be a significant challenge in many ways but also a really exciting opportunity.

You've made a tremendous impact on the fine arts at MV with your involvement in the musical, spring play, speech, band, vocal jazz and choir. What have you enjoyed most about your time at MV? MV has had a tremendous impact on me as well! It sounds like a cop-out answer, but I have really enjoyed it all. I loved being able to conduct the band and make music every day and still get the chance to work with other students as well. I have some great memories from speech and drama seasons that I wouldn't trade for anything. Watching our students from the first practice to last performance is SO cool and makes for some proud moments seeing the growth. My biggest enjoyment, though, has been getting to wave my arms in front of some truly awesome people who have shared their gift of music with me every day.

Who on staff could possibly fill your role as the Teacher with the Best Fashion Sense? There are several days when Mr. Huegel is a worthy opponent, but others give him a run for his money like when Mr. DeVore shows up with a pair of joggers or Mr. Tuetken wears a bow tie. Gentlemen of the student body, ditch the white socks unless you're wearing sneakers and if your pants have belt loops, wear one -- you're welcome.

Athlete of the Week

Name: Cassidy Wilson
Sport: Track



What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? The shuttle huddle relay and D-Med.

What do you think about when you run? I try to tell myself not to give in and turn all my negatives into positives.

How do you mentally prepare for a race? Depends on the race. If it's hurdles I think a lot about the race and try to vision myself clearing each hurdle perfectly. If it's an 800 it's best not to think about the race itself (it freaks me out) so I think about beating the competition and gaining points for the team.

What has track meant to you? More than what I think I could express in words without sounding psycho. :)

What will you miss most about track? Because I am running next year I will not miss the sport; however, I will miss my teammates who have been there with me since the beginning, especially my middle distance training buddies.

Español IV puts Spanish to the test



The Spanish IV class dined at El Rio Blanco last Friday and enjoyed using their Spanish in an authentic situation.

Girls golf team finishes third in conference

by Kelly Winter

The girls competed at the Tri-Rivers Conference Golf meet last Monday the 8th, at the Valley Oaks golf course in Clinton, IA. Mr. Andrews stated, "I was very happy with our performance today as the girls competed at a high level at a very tough course. Hope we can carry this momentum into postseason play on Monday at Wapsie Ridge in Fairbank."

The team got 3rd overall, and the top 10 girls got medals. Kelly Winter got 10th at the meet with a 107. Following are the individual scores for 18 holes:

	1st 9	2nd 9	Total
Kelly Winter:	53	54	107
Chloe Roling:	56	55	111
Kelsey Ries:	55	57	112
Faith Hunt:	48	65	113
Megan McNamara:	56	57	113

Next Monday the 15th, the girls will go to the Regionals and compete at Fairbank golf course. Go support, this is their last meet, and it would be truly appreciated!

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

When you need me, I'm dropped
 When you no longer need me
 I'm picked up again
 What am I?

A: An anchor

Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Hello,

Wildcats, another Hall Smarts is here so let's get started. This week I felt like talking about something related to summer because it's so close. We also have many baseball fans and players at our school. So our contestants will be swinging at these questions and they are Ashley Stogdill, Carter Hildebrand, Chloe Roling and Heath Gibbs.



Whom did the Cubs beat to win the 2016 World Series?

Ashley: Cardinals
 Carter: Cleveland Indians
 Chloe: the Redskins
 Heath: Cleveland Indians
 Answer: Cleveland Indians

Who won the 2015 World Series?

Ashley: not the Cubs
 Carter: Kansas City Royals
 Chloe: the mets
 Heath: the Indians
 Answer: Kansas City Royals

What does HBP stand for?

Ashley: hit by pitch
 Carter: hit by pitch
 Chloe: hitting batter percentage
 Heath: hit by pitch
 Answer: hit by pitch

How many innings in a high school game?

Ashley: 6
 Carter: 5
 Chloe: 7
 Heath: 7
 Answer: 7

What's the most common high school players' snack?

Ashley: sunflower seeds
 Carter: sunflower seeds
 Chloe: popcorn
 Heath: sunflower seeds
 Answer: sunflower seeds

Good job to all the people who stepped up to bat this week. Have a great week to all of you. Only two weeks of school left so make sure you are wrapping everything and preparing for finals.

Best Buds



Chloe Roling & Emma McDowell

by Kristin Lucas

How did you become friends?

Emma- it just sorta happened
 Chloe- about two weeks ago

What's your favorite memory together?

Emma- sitting on my roof one summer night and stargazing
 Chloe- when she almost got us killed by pulling out in front of someone

What's your favorite favorite thing to do together?

Emma- eat food
 Chloe- do nothing

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV
the week of May 15, 2017**

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

1. Deadline for June/July Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer at Johnston Elementary
2. MV Driver's Ed Class - HS Room # 310 - 7:00 AM
3. HS V Girls Regional at Wapsie Ridge Golf Course in Fairbank - 10:00 AM (Suburban Leaves @ 8:05 AM)
4. MV Board of Directors Regular Meeting - MS Conference Room - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2011

1. 5th Grade Band Rehearsal - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 12:15 PM
2. 5th Grade Band Concert for Grades 3rd & 4th - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 12:45 PM
3. HS Softball/Baseball Media Day - MV Softball/Baseball Diamond Complex - 5:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

1. HS Seniors' Graduation Practice - High School Gym - 8:30 AM
2. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 305 with Mrs. Moorman - After School until 4:00 PM
3. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
4. Maquoketa Valley High School Commencement - HS Gymnasium - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

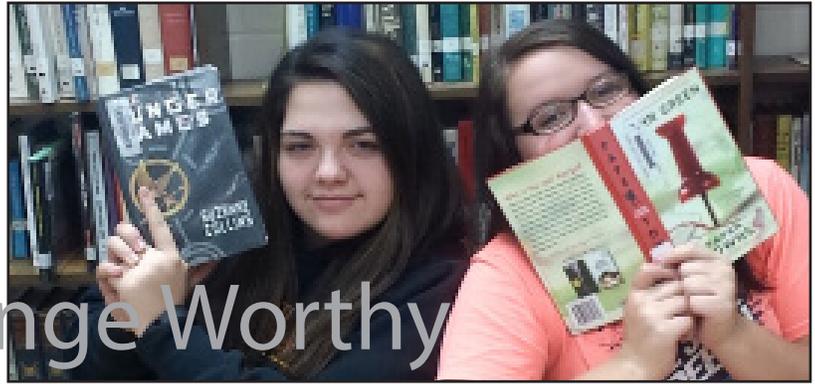
1. State Boys & Girls Track Meet in Des Moines
2. Jr. High Girls Softball Team Practice Begins - After School - 3:30 PM until 5:15 PM
3. MS (6th-8th Grades) Spring Music Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 1:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

1. State Boys & Girls Track Meet in Des Moines
2. Jr. High Spring Awards Assembly - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 11:30 AM (During WIN)
3. Delaware County Dairy Council Presentation to 4th Grades - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 20 2017

1. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM



In honor of it being our last week here at MV we would like to write about our all-time favorites!

Rebekah & Amanda:

Glee: If you have ever read Binge Worthy you should know that we are crazy about Glee. I mean how can't you be? Amazing music, fun characters, lots and lots of drama. It is literally like our high school but people randomly singing. It is great. It follows the life of McKinley High's Glee Club as they fight to get started and then fight to stay a group. Finn, Rachel, Quinn, Artie, Mr. Schu, Sue, and many many more characters make this show great. They sing classic songs such as "Jessie's Girl" and they also sing modern songs such as "Uptown Funk." This is a show that everyone needs to watch because along with music it also has great messages! A must see!

Rebekah:

All the Bright Places by Jennifer

Niven: This is my all time favorite book. Engaging characters that everyone can relate to at one or more points in their lives. As Finch and Violet start to be in each other's lives more they take a new look at their own lives. Realizing what they feel, why they feel it, and how they can change. As the two help one another navigate through life's struggles there are unexpected twists and turns. An AMAZING book! I believe that everyone should take the time to read this book, you won't regret it.

The Way I Used to Be by Amber

Smith: Eden is a freshman in high school and she is looking forward to the next four years of her life. That is until, she is raped. This story follows Eden's life after she is raped throughout her four years in high school. It shows her inner and outer struggles, her mini triumphs, and her war that she can only face alone. This story does an amazing job of showing the effects of such abuse and is a chilling story. This is a book that everyone should take the time to read. It is amazing and one of my favorite books!

Moana: I loved this movie so much that I had to go see it in theaters twice. If you don't like Disney, think again. This is an amazing, heart-felt movie. Following the life of Moana, the daughter of the chief of the island, we watch her make her own path. She has always been told to stay away from the water, because it is dangerous. However, when her island starts to die she must decide whether to listen to her father or save her people. An amazing soundtrack that goes along with an amazing story. A MUST SEE!!

Amanda:

An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Ta-

hir: Let's start off with my favorite book of all time! Laia lives a simple life, until the day the Empire came for her family. When her family is killed before her eyes, Laia sets out on a mission to bring down the Empire and Mask soldiers. Elias has it all: friends, skill, and the top of his Mask class. Only he doesn't want any of it. When these two meet their lives become intertwined forever. Together they must bring down the Empire and everything it stands for.

The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne

Collins: We have all heard about the Hunger Games and if you have not you probably live under a rock. So instead of a summary I thought I would share why I like this trilogy. The Hunger Games was probably one of the first books that I bought on my own and I loved it. It was a creative story that truly captured the love of a sister. I mean there are parts of the story that tear out my heart and make me angry. However, it will forever be one of my favorite books series of all time.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Az-

kaban: I have loved all the Harry Potter books and movies but by far the Prisoner of Azkaban is my all time favorite. Harry Potter think he might have a normal year however, when he accidentally blows up his uncle's sister and runs away from home it becomes far from normal. Sirius Black has escaped from prison and he is coming for Harry. When strange things begin happening around Hogwarts Harry and his friends begin to fear the worst. This is one of the most exciting and adventurous Harry Potter movies. Definitely a must see!