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Wildcats attend art fair, workshop



Winners at the conference art fair include Taylor White, Emma McDowell, Jordyn Kemp, Lydia Helle and Madalynne Naab filling in for Kailyn Hogan. (photo by Cassy Wilson)

Art students from throughout the Tri-Rivers conference shared their best project at the annual conference art fair. This year it was held on April 21 at Springville High School.

Throughout the day, students participated in various workshops and learned from adult artists.

Students also entered their work in a competition, and MV brought home five awards:

- Jordyn Kemp, 3rd, Oil Pastels, "Audrey"
- Emma McDowell, 2nd, Mixed Media, "Done"
- Taylor White, 2nd, Graphic Design, "Political Poster"
- Kailyn Hogan, 3rd, "Other" Sculpture "Ocean View"
- Lydia Helle, 1st, Digital Photography, "Music to My Eyes"

Spring play opens tonight

Stop in the office today to get your tickets to Game of Tiaras which opens tonight at 7:00. There's also a show Saturday night at 7:00.



Prom royalty crowned



Kari Nefzger and Alec McDowell were crowned prom royalty at Saturday night's "A Night Under the Lights" prom. (photo by Amanda Fortman)

Wendt earns several academic honors



Colin Wendt was recognized Sunday in Des Moines at the Governor's Scholars ceremony. He was accompanied by his most inspirational teacher, Mr. DeVore. Colin also represents MV as a KWWL Best of Class senior because of his GPA and standardized test scores.

Academic success recognized Wednesday night

MV's National Honor Society held its induction ceremony Wednesday night. New inductees include, front row from left: Norman Wilson, Josie Young, Brody Severt, Mitchel Neuzil, Brock Hillers and Jon Seibert; second row: Kelly Winter, Maddie Lahr, Kelsey Ries, Brian Heims and Brooke Wilson; back row: Emma McDowell, Sam Wall and Olivia Hoeger.



Our current NHS members recognized for their scholarship, character, service and leadership are: Mikayla Callan, Amanda Engelken, Danica Fjellstul, Amanda Fortman, Heath Gibbs, Rebekah Hill, Macy Hoeger, Abby Holtz, Madison Imler, Clint Krapfl, McKenzie Lansing, Alec McDowell, Brianna Mensen, Kendra Ries, Lea Ries, Payton Ries, Brittany Sabers, Danielle Schuman, Tyson Tucker, Cassy Wilson, Colin Wendt and Nicole Winter.



Seniors recognized at the Academic Excellence Banquet Wednesday night were Colin Wendt and Alec McDowell, who both chose Mr. DeVore as their mentor; Nichole Winter, whose mentor is Mrs. DeVore; and Brianna Mensen, who chose Coach Moenck as her mentor.



Juniors recognized were Macy Hoeger, Dani Schuman, Brody Severt and Amanda Engelken. Not pictured: Heath Gibbs. At the event, Keith Kramer, Executive Vice-President of F& M Banks, and long time supporter of MV was the honored guest and speaker.



Sophomores recognized at the Academic Banquet were, front row from left: Chloe Roling, Hannah Lahr, Emma McDowell and Kelly Winter; back row: Megan Rausch, Jon Seibert, Brooke Wilson, Norman Wilson and Sam Wall.



Freshmen honored at the Academic Banquet were, front row from left: Shelby March, Summer Schmucker, Mason Lubben and Kailyn Hogan; back row: Chance Downs, Jordyn Kemp, Lydia Helle and Carter Hildebrand.

FFA succeeds in multiple events

On April 29th, two MV FFA Ag Mechanics teams competed at district competition in Calmar. The team of Jacob Besler, Avery Tauke and Dan Vorwald earned a fifth place finish. The team of Alex Elgin, Sam Deutmeyer, and Kyle Richter also competed. Individually, Besler received 6th place.



The fifth place ag mechanics team of Jacob Besler, Avery Tauke and Dan Vorwald.

On May 2nd, District Agronomy and Nursery Landscape competed at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. The agronomy team of Amanda Engelken, Cassi Westhoff, Evan Gaul and Cole Wilenbring received fourth place. Amanda Engelken place 10th individually. Two nursery landscape teams competed as well. The team of Kailtyn Goedken, Erin Bonert, and Lauren Goldsmith received 7th place. The team of Jillian Thompson, Josie Young, and Nichole Schilling earned and second place finish. Individually, Nichole Schilling place 4th and Josie Young received 2nd place.



The nursery landscape teams pose with their ribbons.

Co-reporter Cassi Westhoff
Co-reporter Amanda Engelken

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Emma McDowell
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? I'm Belle!
What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? It's so fun and honestly pretty ridiculous at times. And as always, everyone in the cast makes it such an enjoyable show. So much happens off stage and that's where the real memories are made. I also enjoyed all the little inside jokes that were made during this show between some of us.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? Probably the humor. It has quite a few subtle jokes that I hope most people understand. Also, Disney fans are going to love the references to some of their favorite movies.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? *Parks and Recreation* because I love the characters and setting. It seems like such a fun place to be!

Name: Jon Seibert
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? Animated Snowman / Townsperson
What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? Getting to hang out and act with friends during practices, as well as making new friends. Tickling Norm is pretty fun, too.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? They will enjoy the comedy of the storyline. They will also enjoy all the Disney and *Game of Thrones* characters in the play.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? *Pimp my Ride*



Athletes of the Week

Name: Ashley Stogdill
Sport: Track

What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? The 4x1 is by far my favorite race. I just really enjoy running 100's but I also like the sprint med and the 4x2.

What do you think about when you run? I just think that the sooner I finish the faster I can go eat. Normally I'm just trying to say anything to get myself to finish besides when I run 100's it's just so quick I don't really think about much.

How do you mentally prepare for a race? Normally I just freak out right before, but once I get on the track I'm just like "Let's get this over with." I'm not good at mentally preparing myself.

What has track meant to you? Track means a lot to me. I love running and competing and its nice to be on such a supportive team. Its a lot of work and it always pays off. It really has made me more mentally tough and a better athlete.

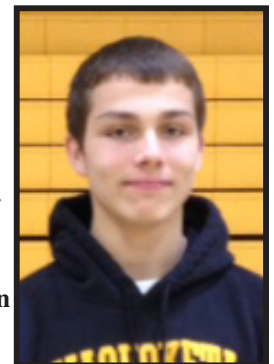
What will you miss most about track? I will miss everything about running here at MV. Its just such a great sport and its very rewarding. I will miss the meets and the team. Everyone works so hard to achieve their goals and its great being on a team that it determined to win.

Name: Daniel Hunter
Sport: Track

What are your favorite events to run at a track meet? 4x100, 4x400, 100 Meter Dash

What do you think about when you run? My mind goes blank mostly but I try to think about how I'm going to do the handoff.

How do you mentally prepare for a race? I relax and stretch by myself for awhile and imagine myself being done with the race and doing well.



Seniors honored at final concert



Above: The band is applauded at the concert. (photo courtesy of JoAnn Winter)

Right: Nichole Winter, Lawson Roof and Colin Wendt were recognized as outstanding seniors in band and choir.



by Lawson Roof

The senior members of the band and choir performed in their final concert Tuesday night, and several music students were recognized for their contributions to the programs.

Mr. Hadley chose to award both Colin Wendt and Nichole Winter with the John Philip Sousa Band Award, an award "given to a senior band member who displays excellence in loyalty, cooperation, leadership, dependability, dedication, and musicianship." Along with Mr. Hadley awarding the senior award to Colin and Nichole, he had the class vote for a representative student from each grade. The

student who received the representative award was the student the rest of the band believed best represents what our MV band can and should be. Jordyn Kemp was awarded the freshman award, Jon Seibert and Kelly Winter were awarded the sophomore award, Ryan Dunn was awarded the junior award, and Lawson Roof was awarded the senior award.

Mrs. Mueller awarded Lawson Roof the senior award sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directors Association in which "the recipient has demonstrated superior musicianship, outstanding leadership, and personal growth in all aspects of the choral arts."

TEL works to educate people on the lies of Big Tobacco



TEL members Brianna Mensen and Chloe Roling pose with the cupped fence message about deaths related to the effects of tobacco.

Companies spread and on the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. Tobacco is the only product, when used properly, kills one half of its users. Tobacco use and second hand smoke kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined.

These are preventable deaths. You

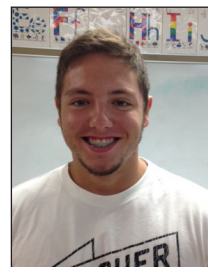
may have seen the cupped fence under the score board at the track meet Thursday. It read 1 every 6 seconds. This represents the fact that 1 person dies every six seconds, from the effects of tobacco, according to the World Health Organization.

This message is brought to you by MV TEL.

Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats! We all know how bipolar the weather in Iowa can get. Shorts one day and wearing blankets in school the next. So this week our questions are about weather, and our contestants are Daniel Hunter, Michael Feldmann, Ali Sheehy and Dani Schuman.



What are the deadliest natural disaster per year?

Daniel: tornados

Michael: hurricanes

Ali: flooding

Dany: flood

Answer: floods

Which clouds generally produce rain?

Daniel: storm clouds

Michael: cumulus

Ali: fluffy ones

Dany: clouds

Answer: cumulus

Is cold or warm air heavier?

Daniel: warm

Michael: cold air

Ali: warm

Dany: warm

Answer: cold

What is grauple?

Daniel: a cow

Michael: broken up rock

Ali: hail on snow

Dany: hail on snow

Answer: hail on a snow flake

How are earthquakes measured?

Daniel: 1-10 scale

Michael: Richter scale

Ali: Wilson scale, oops wrong Kyle

Dany: pH scale

Answer: Richter scale

Totals: Ali: 3 Daniel: 0 Michael: 4 Dany: 2

Good job this week to all of our contestants. I wish I could give you an accurate weather forecast but we all know that's impossible for where we live. I can however tell you school is almost over for the year. Have a great week.

Boys compete at conference golf

The bad weather on Monday forced the boys conference golf meet to be held on Tuesday. Due to the weather on Monday, the meet was moved from Valley Oaks golf course in Clinton to the Bellevue Golf Club. Instead of golfing the traditional 18 holes at the annual conference meet we were forced to golf only 9 this year.

“Although we did not shoot as well as we would have liked overall we still had three out of the six guys get a PR (personal record),” stated Coach Andrews. “Hopefully with this nice week of practice we can have everyone pr at the very tough sectional meet at Clayton Ridge next week.”

The team finished in 12th place with 242. East Buchanan won with a score of 164.

MV results:

Patrick Hansen, 43rd, 58
Jon Seibert, 46th, 59
Derek Mensen, 57th, 62
Austin Snyder, 61st, 63
Matthew Hucker, 67th, 69
Morgan Hermanson, 68th, 75

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What is white when it's clean, but is colorful when dirty?

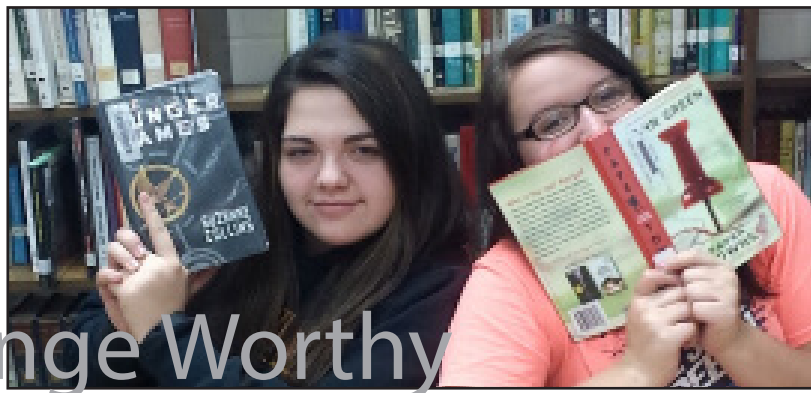
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Cutie

by Nichole Winter

He lives in Earlville and he is a sophomore.

He's involved in wrestling, track, baseball, speech, and football. He is a lifeguard. His favorite song is "Do You Know the Muffin Man?" and his favorite food is pancakes.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda: Bring it On Series: When I was little I remember watching Bring It On at the babysitters. Back then I thought it was the funniest and coolest movie ever, now it has become one of my go to movies. Bring It On is a series that follows a group of cheerleaders as they crawl their way to the top of the cheerleading pyramid. This series is hilarious, dramatic, and very entertaining. Checkout Bring it On, Bring It On Again, Bring it On: All or Nothing, Bring It On: In It to Win It, and Bring it On: Fight to the Finish.

Rebekah:

Speechless: ABC has done it again! Speechless follows the life of Maya, Jimmy, and their three children. J.J. one of their children, has a disability that leaves him in a wheelchair and unable to talk. This show follows their life and the challenges that they face in their day-to-day life. Full of laughs and drama this show is a good one for anyone to watch!

Pretty Young Thing sung by Michael

Jackson: "I want to love you..PYT.. pretty young thing!" I absolutely love this song! Old MJ is the best. This song has a good beat and is one that one that everyone needs to listen to!

Mulan: Mulan is by-far one of my favorite Disney movies! She is such a kick-butt character. To save her father's life Mulan dressing as him and joins the Chinese army. With the help of her ancestors and Mushu, Mulan spends the whole play trying to make sure that her identity is never discovered. Even when they do find out she is still a key asset in the war! An amazing movie with an amazing message.

Amanda:

Liv and Maddie: The Rooneys are a hilarious family who face everyday problems. There family is just a bit different. One of the twin daughters, Liv, is a famous Hollywood actress and when she returns home to reconnect with her family everything for this family begins to change. This family is quirky, funny, and oh so relatable. This show is for the fans of the original Disney channel shows.

Rogue One: Jyn Erso was a young girl when the Empire came for her father. Years later her father, Galen. Is now the lead engineer for the most powerful weapon the galaxy has ever seen, the Empire's Death Star. Her father becomes the key to bringing down the Death Star. Jyn must join other resistance fighters in order to steal the plan for the Rebel Alliance.

Despacito sung by Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber:

This Spanish song has a fun beat and catchy lyrics. Justin Bieber takes this song to the next level. Check out this song, you will be thanking me soon.

A shout-out from Pam



"Thank you to this great group of kids for making the Prom happen and then coming to clean up! It was fun working with you all! Missing from this photo is Kiesha Stelken, Amber Engelken, Hunter Glass, Megan Beaman and Cole Kruse."—Pam, Prom Coordinator

A new band teacher is headed our way

by Maddie Lahr

Look out, Wildcats there is a new band teacher on the loose. He is about 6' tall, has light facial hair and sports medium length light brown hair. Yes, he looks like the guy in the picture. Just kidding: he isn't on the loose. But now that I have your attention, let's get to know a new teacher coming to MV. So, goodbye Hadley (we all know we don't want to see him go), hello Ford. (Pause for the tears). Yes, Ford like the car brand. Keep your eyes open for music students who might be crying.

Our new instrumental music teacher, Travis Ford, is from Wellman, Iowa. He told the first hour band class that he came from a small high school himself. So working with a small band wouldn't be a problem. He graduated from Iowa State last year in December, and he has recently been doing lots of subbing in the Iowa City area. He said he loves subbing, and he knew he wanted to find a teaching job as that is what his true passion is. He says that he subbed anything from science to social studies. He has known since his freshman year in high school when he started working with the percussion section that he wanted to pursue a career as a band director. Mr. Ford says that he wanted to become a band teacher because he wants to see his students grow and progress not just through their music but also as people themselves. Mr. Ford took the job here because he was really impressed with everything that he saw. He likes how the faculty interacts with the stu-

dents and how well the students here learn. He saw Maquoketa Valley as a great environment. He also wants us to know that he is super excited to work here, and he knows it is going to be a lot of fun. If it was his choice he would fast forward the beginning of the year.



This coming fall there are going to be some big changes, from the new renovations to having a new band teacher. So gear up, this coming year is going to be a crazy ride. If you see Mr. Hadley or Mr. Ford around, wish them both good luck they are going to need it!

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:

- 5/10 - Mitchell Stender, Kyle Wilson
- 5/11 - Danica Fjelstul, Maci Freiburger

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 7, 2017

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

- MV Athletic Boosters Mini-Wildcat Track Meet - HS Track - 8:00 AM
- 2. MV HS Baccalaureate for Seniors - HS Auditorium - 1:30 PM
- 3. MV Dollars for Scholars Senior Awards Night - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 3:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

- 1. HS TRC Girls' Golf Meet at Valley Oaks Golf Club in Clinton - 9:00 AM
- 2. HS FFA to Tour Ethanol Plant in Dyersville - 8:00 AM (Bus at 7:40 AM)
- 3. MV Fine Arts Booster Club Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM
- 4. MV FFA Senior Farewell Meeting - HS Rm 307- 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

- 1. HS AP Calculus Testing - HS Library - 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM
- 2. HS FFA to Nursery Landscapes & Agronomy at Hawkeye Tech. in Waterloo
- 3. JH Boys TRC Track Meet at Alburnett - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:30 PM)
- 4. JH Girls TRC Track Meet at Central City- 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

- 1. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM (also May 17)

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

- 1. 1st Class for MV Driver's Ed - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM
- 2. HS Boys & Girls District Track Meet at C.C. - 4:00 PM (Bluebird Bus & Van Leave at 2:15 PM)

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

- HS Seniors Last Day of School
- MV Driver's Ed Class - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM
- 3. HS V Boys' Sectional Golf Meet at Guttenburg Golf & Country - 10:00 AM
- 4. HS Speech & Drama Awards Night - HS Auditorium & Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

- 1. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM (also May 20)
- 2. MV Athletic Boosters Softball Tournament - 8:00 AM
- 3. HS V Softball Scrimmage at Monticello HS - 5:00 PM (Bus Leave at 3:30 PM)