

On to state for 16 large group speech events

by **Brittany Sabers**

This past weekend our Wildcat speech team competed in the District competition at Cascade. As you saw in last weeks echo, we have a lot of talent running through our peers here in the high school. Nine of our events received a two rating and sixteen of our events received a one rating, which means we will have sixteen events moving on to state in Decorah the first weekend of February! Congratulations to all groups for their hard work and good luck to those advancing to the state competition!

State qualifiers include:

9th Readers Theatre -- (Andrew Holtz, Andrew Kloser, Ella Imler, Krista Ries, Miguel Bojorquez, Payton Beaman, Reece Mensen, & Teige Hunt)

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 2 ("Drugs Are Bad") -- (Alex McCusker, Brooke Wilson, & Mason Lubben)

10-12th Group Mime #1 -- (Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jordyn Kemp, &

Kelly Winter)

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 3 ("The Unknown Part of the Ocean") -- Rating I (Abby Holtz & Faith Hunt)

10-12th Group Improvisation #2 -- (Amber Engelken, Brooke Wilson, Emma McDowell, & Tate Trenkamp)

TV News - GOTH -- (Brittany Sabers, Brooklyn Sands, Evan Hoefer, Jordyn Kemp, Josie Young, Kara Orcutt, Megan Rausch, & Michael Feldmann)

Angel Rumbo - Solo Mime "Shattered"

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 1 ("Bul-lies Anonymous") -- (Brody Severt, Kristin Lucas, Lucas Rumbo, Maddie Lahr, Megan Beaman, & Mitchell Neuzil)

9th Choral Reading -- (Allison Dunn, Annisten Trenkamp, Claire Krapfl, Ella Imler, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Krista Ries, Mitch Heims, Reece Mensen, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Taya Tucker, & Teige Hunt) "Peanut Butter & Jelly Brains"

10-12th Group Improvisation #1 -- (Alex McCusker, Angel Rumbo, Brenden Hogan,

& Reiji Smith)

Dustin Heims - Solo Mime "Lost in Imagination"

Short Film - It Can Wait -- Rating I (Adrienne Supple, Brooklyn Sands, Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jenna Nefzger, Kara Leibold, Lane Coyle, Madison Imler, & Sam Wall)

Short Film - The Effect -- Rating I (Alex Digman, Danielle Schuman, Erika Supple, Maddy Anderegg, & Megan Wulfekuhle)

10-12th Readers Theatre -- (Abby Holtz, Brody Severt, Emma McDowell, Hannah Lahr, Jon Seibert, Lydia Helle, Madison Imler, Mason Lubben, Mitchell Neuzil, & Shelby March) "Lip Service"

9th Ensemble Acting -- Rating I (Andrew Kloser & Madeline Gellersen) "Let's Go Already"

10-12th Choral Reading -- Rating I (Adrienne Supple, Chloe Roling, Emma Hill, Emmy Prindle, Faith Hunt, Jaiden Porter, Kelly Winter, Kelsey Ries, Kristin Lucas, Lexi Deutmeyer, Madalynne Naab, & McKenzie Lansing) "Love Letters"

10-12th Radio Broadcasting: 93.14 MATH -- Rating I (Carson Wright, Evan Hoefer, Kelsey Ries, Kiesha Stelken, Lucas Johnson, Megan Rausch, & Norman Wilson)

Division II ratings, which do not advance to state, were earned by:

One-Act "Strong Crazy Ladies"

Musical Theater "How to Eat Like a Child"

Group Mime "Forgive and Forget"

Group Mime "Daycare: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly"

TVN - TRVL TV

Group Mime "Stay With Me"

Solo Mime "A Doggone Night"

Group Improv - Mensen/Niehaus/Deutmeyer/McIntyre

9th Radio broadcasting - 108.3 CWSC

9th Radio broadcasting - 96.8 BABY

Radio broadcasting - 122.5 XMAS

9th Group Improv - Krapfl/Johnson/Mulford

The 9th group improv of Trenkamp/Bojorquez/Panosh/Offerman received a Division IV rating because of a rule violation.

Open mic gives Hucker a chance to shine

by **Kelly Winter**

Last week there were a couple brave souls who stood up in front of the high school and sang during the open mic lunch. One of those talented musicians was Sean Hucker.

Sean expressed that this was his opportunity to show people some songs that he wanted to sing, and he also stated that he wanted to show other musicians' talents, including Jon Seibert and Norman Wilson.

Sean is involved in the choir at school and loves how expressive music can be. After singing for a while, he is still finding out new things about himself, including a wider vocal range. Sean said himself that he's now noted lower than Josh Turner, and he's also able to hit high notes in Eddie Vedder's range (he's a vocalist from Pearl Jam).

"I felt this would help with confidence overall. I don't talk a lot usually,



Sean Hucker, accompanied by Mrs. Mueller, Norman Wilson and Jon Seibert, performed at last Friday's open mic during lunch.

much less in front of a large audience. Talking and singing in front of peers and teachers isn't the easiest thing. I survived it once so what's another time or two?" said Sean.

These students who perform for us are stepping out of their comfort zone, so cheer them on and support your fellow talented musicians!

Sports Connection

Wrestlers go 1-2 at home meet, honor seniors



Carson Wright has control of his EB opponent last Thursday night (photo by Lesa Parmely)

by Chance Downs

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team played host to the East Buchanan Buccaneers, the Ed-Co Vikings and the Lisbon Lions.

“Overall as a team I thought we looked much better tonight then we did at the end of last week,” stated Coach Andrews. “The guys were moving better and thought our overall technique and positioning was better. We did have a couple matches that we let slip away that should have been wins but hopefully we can get learn from them as we head into conference and the postseason.”

The seniors, Robert Hildebrand, Carson Wright, Tanner Parmely, Cole Kruse and Mitch Smith, were also recognized during the event.

“I am very proud of this senior class and what they have accomplished the last four years so ending the night with a quality dual meet victory on senior night was a good way to finish,” Coach Andrews added.

Many great matches were displayed throughout the night, starting off right away: Wildcats versus Buccaneers. In

an extremely close fight the Wildcats fell short 33 to 35. Parker Sternhagen received a pin at 0:56. Those who won by decision were: Michael Feldmann 7-3, Chance Downs 9-8, Mitch Smith 14-8. Those who received a forfeit were: Canyon Richardson, Deecel Stanner and Robert Hildebrand.

The Wildcats then moved on to face Lisbon. The Wildcats did their best but it wasn't enough to take down the Lions, losing their overall dual 56 to 15. Smith won by fall at 2:39. Feldmann won by decision 9-5. Carson Wright received a forfeit.

To wrap up the night, the Wildcats wrestled with the Vikings of Ed-Co. The Wildcats started out slow but finished strong to beat the Vikings 40 to 33. Those who received a pin were: Feldmann at 0:54, Sternhagen at 0:50, Tim Harmon at 3:35, Downs at 0:41 and Evan Elgin at 3:38. Carter Kruse won by decision 11-0 and Cole Kruse received a forfeit.

The team wrestled at CPU last night. Results will be in next week's issue. Tomorrow they compete in the conference meet at Alburnett.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Mitch Smith

Sport: Wrestling

What do you enjoy most about wrestling? Getting the crowd really into the match.

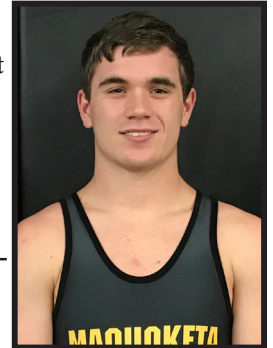
What's something about wrestling that others might not know?

It may look easy when we wrestle at a meet, because of what we do at practice.

How do you mentally prepare for a match? I stay calm and collective, I don't let someone get to me.

What's your goal this season? Get first at conference and making it to state.

Who's your wrestling role model? Jared Coyle



Name: Taya Tucker

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? I play a post and sometimes a guard
What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

I love being with my team and how we play together.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? You put in a lot of time and dedication into basketball.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Playing at Spirit Lake and forgetting Madeline when we went mini golfing

Who's your basketball role model?

Brianna Mensen



Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Allie Dunn

Activity: Speech

What events are you in for speech? I am in Choral Reading

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I enjoy the fact

everyone in the group can become a different person, that is when we do great things.

What have you learned through this event? To step outside of my comfort zone and become a different character.

Who is your speech role model? Mrs. DeVore is my role model. The reason is because she is so enthusiastic about developing her character.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Readers Theater.

"Allie is a great listener. As a result, her character has come to life and she is a joy to watch during the choral reading. I completely believe that she is the 'smartest girl in Quirkville.' I also appreciate that she has stepped up and taken control of the zombie makeup. She has truly created unique pieces of art with them." —Mrs. DeVore



Name: Claire Krapfl

Activity: Speech

What events are you in for speech? Choral Reading and Group Improv

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Getting to know people better and watching all the other performances.

What have you learned through this event? I learned to always have an open mind about new ideas.

Who is your speech role model? All the speech coaches because they try to make everybody better.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Group improv because you see a different story every time, and I enjoy watching them.

"As soon as Claire received her costume for the lunch lady, a character was born. Then when she added makeup, a whole new lunch lady blossomed. Claire is not afraid to take risks, and as a result, others in the choral reading have started stepping outside their comfort zone." —Mrs. DeVore



Basketball continues to work on shooting

by McKenzie Lansing

Happy Friday, Wildcats! The boys ended their week last week with a game at Ed-Co on Friday. Unfortunately, their week ended with a lose with a final score of 29-59.

Leading in points was Brian Heims, Heath Gibbs, Cole Willenbring, and Tyson Tucker. Heims scored 10 points. Gibbs and Willenbring scored 6 points each. Tucker scored 5 points for the team.

Leading in rebounds was Tucker, Willenbring, Elgin, Heims, and Gibbs. Tucker and Willenbring each had 6 rebounds. Elgin and Heims each had 4 rebounds. Gibbs picked up 3 rebounds.

"I thought Brian Heims played really well against Ed-Co," commented Coach Dunlap. "He played really well offensively as a post."

Tucker led in assists with 3 total. Willenbring had 2 blocks total. Heims did an excellent job shooting free throws.

On Tuesday, the boys held a home game against conference opponents of Central City. During this senior night, the boys got into the game too late, and lost with a final score of 41-55.

"I didn't feel like we were ready to play hard," commented Coach Dunlap. "We have to be more positive and learn to play through adversity."

Leading in points was Elgin, Tucker, and Gibbs. Elgin scored a total of 16 points. Tucker had 8 points total. Gibbs ended the night scoring 5 points.

Leading in rebounds was Elgin, Tucker, Willenbring and Gibbs. Elgin



Cole Willenbring goes for the layup against Central City (photos by Lesa Parmely)

picked up 7 rebounds. Tucker had 5 rebounds. Gibbs and Willenbring each had 4 rebounds.

"I thought Trevor hit a nice three-pointer in the fourth quarter, but he kind of struggled with shooting until then," stated Coach Dunlap.

"We didn't score more than four points until almost 12 minutes into the game," Coach Dunlap said. "We need to play harder and finish right away. We also need to make sure we are shooting with confidence. This will help us in the long run. The boys can shoot. They do it all the time. We just have to be ready to shoot more often."

The boys played a game at home last night against Monticello. Those stats will be included in next week's Echo. They will play next on Tuesday at Alburnett.

Girls go 2-1 in recent action

by Kara Orcutt

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats hosted number 1 ranked in 1A Springville Orioles. Springville started off quick, with the Wildcats down 4-13 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, both teams were able to add 11 points each, making the halftime score 24-15. The Wildcats attempting to get on top, put up 12 points in the 3rd quarter, and 13 in the 4th. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to catch up, with a final score of 40-58. The leading scorer was Sam Wall with 16 points and Payton Ries following her with 13 points. Maci Freiburger and Ries were tied for rebounds with 6 a peice.

Last Friday, the Wildcats traveled to Edgewood to take on the Ed-Co Vikings. The game was very close throughout the first half, with the Wildcats leading into halftime 27-23. After halftime, the Wildcats came out with a lot more energy than the first half and put on a tough man defense that the Vikings could not handle. The



Wildcats outscored the Vikings 23-2 in the third quarter. This energy carried over into the fourth quarter, and the Wildcats added another W to their record. The final score of the night was 64-31. Sam Wall was the leading scorer for the night with 25 points, with Ries behind her with 12 points. The leading rebounder was Emerson Whittenbaugh with 8 total rebounds. JV Wildcats also came away with another win, 49-9.

Stats for Tuesday's senior night win vs Central City will be in next week's issue, as well as stats from the game vs Monticello on Thursday! Go Cats!

Cool events

Select members of the band performed a Basketball Stomp Tuesday night. Additionally, Nicholas Chen and Maddy Naab

attended the Meistersingers Honor Choir at Wartburg over the weekend. Nicholas said the best part was meeting new people.



Best Buds



Ryan Dunn, Josy Harmon and Polo enjoy some cards at the Highway 20 Dance event held last Saturday night at West Delaware. The MV FFA helped plan the event. Below: Gracie Gellersen, Amanda Engelken and McKenzie Lansing enjoy some soda at the event.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

What do you call a group of singing dinosaurs? A Tyrannochorus

What kind of shorts do clouds wear? Thunderwear.

What do you call pastries that play basketball? Dunkin' Donuts.

What do you call stationary that plays music? Paper Jam.

What was the baker's philosophy? "All you knead is love."



Tyson Tucker, Heath Gibbs, Brock Hillers & Trevor Elgin

by Rejji Smith

How long have you guys been friends?

Heath: Too long

Tyson: Too long.

Trevor: Long time

Brock: Straight out of the womb

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Heath: Yell at each other during practice.

Tyson: Watch Heath struggle

Brock: Mario Kart Tournament

What's one of your favorite memories you have together?

Heath: Boatin'

Tyson: COD night with Emilio

Trevor: Camp out at Bailey's with Emilio

Brock: Camp out in the summer with our boy Emilio

Cutie

by Hannah Lahr

This week's cutie is a junior and lives a little outside Earlville. He has one younger brother and a chocolate lab. He plays golf.



Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- Back in 1930's, ketchup was used as medicine.
- Audrey Hepburn's iconic black dress from *Breakfast at Tiffany's* sold for \$923,187.
- Mickey Mouse got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1978.
- Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning than women.
- The fear of going to school is didaskaleinophobia.
- If a month begins on a Sunday, there will be a Friday the 13th in the same month.
- It takes more calories to eat celery than it contains.
- Dolly Parton founded her own library to promote literacy.
- You have a higher chance of dying on your way to buy a lottery ticket than you do of actually winning the lottery.
- The blue meth on *Breaking Bad* is actually rock candy.



Netflix & chill

by Emma McDowell

Bring it On - Nothing is better than a movie that's older than most of us high schoolers. *Bring it On* is one of those staple movies of the 2000's that will live on forever. It's spawned many spinoffs and copy cats but as always, nothing is better than the original. If you've never heard about this hilarious movie before, it's about a cheerleading team who is reigning national champs. It follows the new team captain, Torrance, as she tries to lead her team to victory. Like any other teen movie, drama ensues. One of the best things about this movie is the stellar quotes sprinkled throughout the entire thing. A personal favorite of mine is "You put the 'duh' in dumb!" Overall, it's a funny movie that throws back to the good times before Logan Paul and President Trump.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

How do you fix a broken jack-o-lantern?

Answer: With a pumpkin patch!

what's up?

What's your biggest pet peeve?

by Tyson Tucker

Justin Krapfl - Complaining about being given something
Dustin Heims - People assuming things
Mrs. Temple - People not doing what they say they are going to do
Josie Young - Lying to my face
Mitch Neuzil - Lies #FakeNews
Brody Severt - People hating my analogies
Brenden Hogan - People spelling my name wrong
Hunter Glass - Slow walking people
Abby Holtz - Government taking my money
Josy Harmon - Sniffing
Senora Ries - Nail biting

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hunter Glass

You were nominated because of your dedication to band. What instrument do you play in band? I play the Alto Saxophone
What do you enjoy most about playing in band? I absolute-



ly love being in band because of so many different reasons. First off, I love music and being able to pick up an instrument and being able to produce a musical sound that is a very magical feeling for me. It's amazing to see all of the individual notes you know flow together to make something amazing. I also think band is a great way to make new friends and step out of your comfort zone.

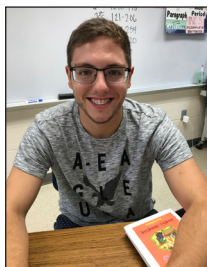
What life lessons have you learned by being in band? One of the biggest lessons I have taken away from being in band is learning how to really give all of your effort to something. In band, yes we play as a whole, but we have to listen to each other and see how our individual parts fit. If one of us makes a mistake, it effects all of us. So in band it is important to take the time to really perfect our parts, and I think that is a universal lesson I will always use.

If you could join a famous band, which one would it be? Green Day

Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello again, Wildcats, and welcome to a *super* issue of Hall Smarts. As many of you may know the conference championships for the NFL were played this past week. So since many of us are football fans I thought nothing else would do for this week. The players taking a tackle at this week's questions are Mitchell Neuzil, Michael Feldmann, Izabel Niehaus and Madison Ott.



Who won the NFC game?

Mitchell: Eagles
Michael: Patriots
Izabel: Eagles
Madison: Patriots
Answer: Eagles

Who lost the AFC game?

Mitchell: Jaguars
Michael: Vikings
Izabel: Vikings
Madison: Eagles
Answer: Jaguars

Where will the Super Bowl be played?

Mitchell: Minneapolis
Michael: Minnesota
Izabel: Vikings Stadium
Madison: Minnesota
Answer: Minneapolis

What Super Bowl number is this?

Mitchell: 51
Michael: 51
Izabel: 38
Madison: 16
Answer: 52

How many Super Bowls have the Eagles won?

Mitchell: Nada
Michael: 1
Izabel: 0
Madison: 1
Answer: 0

Great job, Wildcats. Those questions really tried to juke you all out. That's all I have for you this week. Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you for the next issue of the Wildcat Echo.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of January 29, 2018

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

1. Junior High Boys Basketball at Cedar Valley Christian - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:40 PM)
2. HS 10th Grade Student & Parent Career Clusters Meeting - Auditorium & HS Cafeteria - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at Aluburnett - JV at 4:30 PM / V s at 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton - Teacher Professional Day

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

1. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multi-Purpose Room) - Springville - 4:00 PM
2. HS 12th Grade Student & Parent College Planning Meeting - Auditorium - 5:30 PM
3. HS 12th Grade Student & Parent Financial Aide Meeting - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at North Linn - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

1. HS State Large Group Speech in Decorah (2 Buses, Van, Suburban, Trailer Leave at 5:00 AM)
2. HS Wrestling Sectional Tournament at Cascade High School - Noon (Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM)

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:

Dylan Happel - 1/27
Danielle Schuman, Cassie Westhoff, Madeline Gellerson - 1/31
Casey Fry, Tyson Tucker - 2/1
Maddie Lahr - 2/2