

Vocalists participate in conference festival



MV students participating in the Tri-Rivers conference honor choir Nov. 13 in Central City were, front row: Mianna Gosche, Molly Anderegg, Paige Panosh, Bryllie Pohlman, Madalynne Naab, Rose Havens and Tony Offerman; back row: Nicholas Chen, Andrew Kloser, Jake Hosmer, Lucas Johnson, Brock Trenkamp, Noah Devore and Jackson Hunter-Wagner.

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Dancers compete at state dance



Maquoketa Valley's dance team competed at state dance in Des Moines yesterday. They competed against other schools in their division in both hip hop and pom. MV earned two Division I ratings.

Above and right: The team performed hip hop at an assembly before Thanksgiving break and pom at the home basketball game.



Sports Connection

Winter sports team return several letter winners



Boys basketball returning letter winners are, front row: Jon Seibert, Andrew Holtz and Mason Lubben; second row: Blake Becker, Adam Goedken, Brian Heims and Zac Lansing.

The returning letter winners on the girls basketball team are, front row: Brooke Elgin, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Ella Imler and Taya Tucker; second row: Maddy Anderegg, Brooklyn Sands, Brooke Wilson, Maci Freiburger and Sam Wall.



Returning letter winners for the wrestling team include, front row: Parker Sternhagen, Canyon Richardson, Tim Harmon and Aden Atwell; back row: Evan Elgin, Carter Kruse, Michael Feldmann and Dylan Happel. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple, *The Monticello Express*)

FFA hosts chapter awards

FFA members earning their Chapter Degree Nov. 15 include Holli Hogan, Shelby March, Sara Goedken, Krista Ries, Tara Goedken, Evan Elgin, Luke Richter and Carter Kruse.



Earning their Greenhand Degree Nov. 15 were Anthony March, Courtney Goedken and Jeremy Weber.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Tim Harmon
Sport: Wrestling

What do you enjoy most about wrestling? The discipline and conditioning you have to have to be able to compete throughout all three periods.
What's something about wrestling that others might not know?



Wrestling is 90% Mental and 10% physical.

How do you mentally prepare for a match? I get into the zone. I don't think about who my opponent is or how good they are. All I plan to do is go out on the mat and do my best.

What's your goal this season?

Get to districts and state.

Who's your wrestling role model?

David Taylor

Name: Ella Imler
Sport: Basketball

What position do you play?

Point guard

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

I love being with my teammates every day; my team makes basketball something to look



forward to every day. I also love the intensity the team brings to every game.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? To succeed in basketball you have to put in a lot of extra time and work besides practice.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Going to Spirit Lake and team bonding.

Who are your basketball role models?

Sam Wall and Brianna Mensen

what's up?

by Leah Ries

What was cool when you were young, but not now?

- Kennedy Ott: Silly Bands
- Adrienne Freiburger: Fushigi Ball
- Anni Trenkamp: Doodle Bears
- Alyssa Langel: Twinkle Toes
- Jon Seibert: Me
- Megan Rausch: Silly Bands
- Emma Hills: Lipsmack Rollball
- Allie Knipper: Webkins
- Jenna Nefzger: Bratz Dolls
- Grace Wegmann: Heelys
- Mrs. Temple: beaded safety pins on shoes

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:

- Domarius Strickland - 12/1
- Emma Richter - 12/3
- Jenna Nefzger - 12/4
- Mianna Gosche - 12/6

Learning with gelatin



The AP Physics students were recently challenged to test the laws of physics by building the tallest tower out of gelatin. Above: Mrs. Besler measures the tower built by Kelly Winter, Brooke Wilson and Mady Moenck. (photo by Kelly Winter)

Best Buds



Molly Anderegg and Kennedy Ott

by Paige Winter

How long have you been friends?

Molly: Since 7th grade

Kennedy: Summer before 8th grade

*They fought about this for 7 minutes

What's her favorite school lunch?

Molly: Corn Dogs (Kennedy's actual favorite is taco salad)

Kennedy: Ham and baked potato with cheese (Molly's actual favorite lunch is ham and baked potato)

What's your favorite memory together?

Molly: Ditching a movie in Manchester and walking around Manchester until midnight

Kennedy: Sneaking out of my house and Molly knocked something over and it almost woke up my parents

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Both: Sit in Kennedy's living room play Call of Duty Zombies and eat Ramen

What's their biggest pet peeve?

Molly: When people touch her without permission (Kennedy's actual is when people touch her without permission)

Kennedy: When people chew with their mouths open and you can hear it (Molly's actual biggest pet peeve is when people chew with their mouths open)

What's your favorite thing about each other?

Molly: We think the same and agree on everything

Kennedy: She can relate to literally everything in my life

What is something about them that no one else knows?

Molly: She can make her whole eyelid move back and forth

Kennedy: She has a birthmark on her leg that looks like California.

What is her favorite Dairy Queen Blizzard?

Molly: cookie dough and brownies (Kennedy's actual favorite is cookie dough and brownies)

Kennedy: Oreo (Molly's actual favorite is Oreo)

Meet the Freshmen



Domarius, Ashtyn, Matthew & Kriya

Kriya Atwell

Siblings: 2 brothers (Max and Aden) and one sister (Willow)

Activities you plan to be in: Cross country, track, and softball

Favorite subject: Creative writing

Career aspirations: Being able to catch/profile criminals

Hobbies: Reading, writing, and running

Something cool about you: My strange fashion sense.

Ashtyn Porter

Siblings: 1 (Jaiden Porter)

Activities you plan to be in: Speech

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: A vet

Hobbies: Painting and cooking

Something cool about you: I ride horses out at my grandparents.

Matthew Brehm

Siblings: Kristin and Eric

Activities you plan to be in: Musical, speech, Jazz band

Favorite subject: Science

Career aspirations: Food

Hobbies: Baking

Something cool about you: I play the saxophone.

Domarius Strickland

Siblings: 6

Activities you plan to be in: Football and track

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: Chef

Hobbies: Participating in sports

Something cool about you: I'm a boy.

—typist: Kylie Chesnut

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

There's a one-story house where everything inside is pink: pink walls, pink doors, pink floors, pink ceilings, pink windows, pink curtains, pink chairs, and pink tables. What color are the stairs?

Answer: There are no stairs; it's a one story house.

—DOUBLE DOSE—

Why can't someone living in Maine be buried in Florida?

Answer: Because he's still living!

Cutie

by Faith Hunt

This week's cutie lives in Delhi and has three siblings (one younger and two older). Her favorite movie is the Lion King and her favorite food is steak. Her favorite thing about Christmas is being around family and friends and, of course, presents.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

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What lies at the bottom of the ocean and shakes a lot?...A nervous wreck

The only thing Flat-Earthers fear is sphere itself.

I have this weird irrational fear about two letter words. I get extremely scared just thinking about it.

The swordfish doesn't have any natural predators to fear of...except the penfish, which is thought to be even mightier.

I have a fear of speed bumps. I am slowly getting over it.

Guest Column: The Epidemic of Stupidity

The thrill of life is enough for some people to stay happy. Heck, some people even get off by playing bingo. However, some others need a little extra pizzazz in their life. They require that extra boost to keep them entertained, whether that be through drugs, adventure, near death experiences, or actions that just seem plain stupid to the normal population. Sadly, it seems as though people are going for that final option more than the rest. These (mostly teenage) trends seem to be getting more and more common because of the internet, and the social popularity that comes with the web. But, is it really worth it?

The other day, I was reading an article called "He ate a slug on a dare, became paralyzed and died" by Sandee Lamotte on CNN. In the article, it told the story of a young Australian man by the name of Sam Ballard who was sitting on his front porch with some of his friends. They were drinking wine and having a jolly time until a poor slug came squirming by. Sam's friends dared him to eat it, and like any respectable teenager, he couldn't say no to a dare. However, what he didn't know was that there was a deadly rat lungworm that infected the slug. This creature gave Sam a disease that left him paralyzed, in a year-long coma, and just recently, dead. His friends' dare ended up killing Sam, and these ludicrous activities seem to be turning fatal more and more often.

In today's world, it seems as though teens will do anything for a little popularity, even if it means doing outrageously stupid things. Why are teens eating tide pods? Why are teens trying to eat spoonfuls of cinnamon? Why are teens choking themselves to the point where they pass out? It seems as though the brain cells of teenagers are morphing into the brain cells of an adolescent who doesn't know any better. Any self respecting person should realize that eating laundry detergent will not end well for them. However, it seems as though the attention brought by committing senseless actions is more rewarding than the effects of their actions. To some it may seem as though the conversations between teens may come straight out of a madhouse. "Oh, eating this tide pod may cause me to choke and end up dead? Let's do it!" "Vaping may cause a lifelong addiction that may cost me hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it'll make me 'cool'? Pass it over!" "You want me to snort a condom up my nose and pull it out

of my mouth? Righteous!" C'mon fellow teens, pull it together! Our parents have spent years growing us into unique individuals, yet we nearly kill ourselves just for a little attention? At this rate, the human population will be extinguished within a few generations. And, unlike the dinosaurs, we will have killed ourselves by eating laundry detergent.

These "challenges" taking over the internet, such as the tide pod challenge and the cinnamon challenge, have raised nothing but alarm for the older generations. Why? Because they realize how dumb it is to eat a packet of colored soap. Heck, some stores even keep the detergent under lock and key. How do we get to this point in society? Why must we ruin everything with stupid actions? The answer seems to be simple: trends. Teens today have access to a wider range of technology today than they ever have before, so they don't want to fall behind on the new fad or whatever other stupid activities their friends are doing. However, there must always be that infamous first person who tries something. Those are the ones who are helpless.

The case of Sam Ballard is definitely unique. People say that it is not his fault, because he did not know that there would be a parasitic lungworm in the slug. Shockingly, there is an easy way to avoid this problem: just do not eat the slug in the first place! I don't believe that it would be that difficult to say, "No, I'm not going to eat this slug." After all, it is a SLUG. I'm not sure who would look at a slimy creature like that and imagine it as a high class meal. However, the words of his friends simply meant more to him. Now, I'm not saying that Sam deserved to die, because it is definitely a heartbreaking story. But once again, when are kids going to learn? When are kids going to think before they act? The sad news is that teens will probably always be viewed as dumb, just as every generation of kids have been. Teens seem to be evolving into more and more thoughtless creatures. It will just take time to find out how naive they will become. We'll just have to see if the teens of our future will be drooling space cadets chowing down on some delicious Tide pods.

—by Norman Wilson



Congratulations

to Emerson Whittenbaugh who was named to the Iowa Girls Coaches Association all-district volleyball team for the Class 2A Northeast District



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Emma Hill



You've been nominated because of the perseverance you've shown in chemistry. What is the hardest part of the class for you? Trying to stay focused when stuff gets tough. My class is really good at helping each other and making sure that we all get it before we move on. We all have a hard time but we overcome it. All that matters is you don't get down on yourself and you overcome whatever is in your way.

How have you developed your sense of perseverance? I feel like Mr. B helps me a lot with this. He always tells me that I can do it. If I have a question, I know that I can ask him or anyone in the chemistry class. I also put a lot of time into this class, and try and understand something if I don't get it the first time.

What's the toughest obstacle you've ever had to overcome? Getting down on myself and thinking I can't do it. Chemistry takes a lot of your time; it's not meant to be the easiest class in the world. You have to put work in outside of the classroom in order to see yourself improve in the classroom. Tell yourself you can do it. It's a tough class and you chose to take it. Mr. Bruening is always there to help you. If you need anything, speak up for yourself!

Girls basketball opens with two wins



Brooke Wilson brings the ball up the court at the season opener against Ed-Co. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

The girls basketball season is off to a good start with a 2-0 record.

The team hosted Ed-Co Nov. 20 and won 54-19. The Wildcats dominated the entire game as they ended the first quarter 19-5 and the half, 34-9.

“We really moved the ball well offensively this game but missed to many point-blank shots,” stated Coach Moenck. “I was very happy with our defensive intensity. If we continue to work hard on the defensive end we have a very good chance to be dangerous come tournament time.”

The team was led in scoring by Sam Wall with 16 points. Ella Imler had points, Emerson Whittenbaugh scored seven, Maci Freiburger had six and Taya Tucker added five. Imler had six assists.

The team had 32 rebound, led by Freiburger with seven, and Brooke Elgin and Whittenbaugh with six apiece. Maddy Anderegg had five steals.

Last Saturday, the team participated in Rivalry Saturday at Coe College where the Wildcats took on Sumner-Fredricksburg and won 48-28.

“The thing I was so pleased most about was our energy level for this game from all 17 kids,” stated Coach Moenck. “They all had so much support for one another. That is huge in big games. I really like the make-up of this team.”

Leading scorers were Wall with 12 points, Whittenbaugh with 11, Imler with nine and Freiburger with seven.

Imler had eight steals and four assists. Whittenbaugh was the leading rebounder with six. Freiburger had five.

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

People fear a lot of things. We commonly hear people being afraid of things like spiders, snakes, or heights. However, I asked Brooke Wilson, Parker Sternhagen, Andrew Holtz and Owen Mensen, and Kristin Lucas if they know what’s so terrifying about these phobias.



What do you fear if you have anemophobia?

Brooke: The wild
Parker: Vomiting
Andrew and Owen: Knees
Kristin: Iron
Answer: Wind

What do you fear if you have spectrophobia?

Brooke: Chemistry
Parker: Light
Andrew and Owen: Colors
Kristin: Glasses
Answer: Mirrors

What do you fear if you have linonophobia?

Brooke: Lines
Parker: Nothing
Andrew and Owen: Bananas
Kristin: Linen
Answer: Strings

What do you fear if you have chorophobia?

Brooke: Water
Parker: Fast movements
Andrew and Owen: Rocks
Kristin: Singing
Answer: Dancing

Understandably, no one seemed to really know what these phobias mean. That’s a good thing because that means that these folks don’t have these phobias! That’s all for this week- “catch you on the flip side”!

This Hall Smarts goes out to Andrew Holtz for knowing what hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia means (fear of long words) and how to spell it. He made sure to point that out when I was questioning him....multiple times.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 2, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

1. Jr. High Wrestling at Bellevue - 4:15 PM (Vans Leave at 2:15 PM)
2. Jr. High Girls Basketball - HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) - Springfield - 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at Bellevue Marquette - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. HS JV/V WR - HOME (HS Gym) - Jesup & South Winneshiek - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

1. HS T.E.L. Meeting - Auditorium - during WIN (2:57 PM)
2. MV Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM
3. MV Athletic Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

1. Jr. High Girls’ Basketball at Ed /Co in Colesburg - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
2. MV FFA Monthly Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:00 PM
3. MV All-Elementary Christmas Concert - Multi-Purpose Room - JK-2nd @ 6:15 PM / 3rd-5th @7:15 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

1. Matinee Performance of MS Musical “Annie Jr.” for 3rd - 8th Graders - Auditorium - 1:00 PM
2. Jr. High Wrestling at Lisbon - Lisbon and North Linn - 4:30 PM (Vans Leave at 3:10 PM)
3. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Cedar Valley Christian - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

1. HS V Wrestling Tournament at Aplington/Parkersburg - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:00 AM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball at Lisbon - 1:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 11:30 AM)
3. Middle School Vocal Performance of “Annie Jr.” - HS Auditorium - 2:00 PM