

Management class learns hands-on lesson



Principles of Management students Brooke Elgin, Morgan Hermanson, Madison Ott, Madison McIntyre and Ausin Snyder pose with the food collected.

Mrs. Palmer's high school Management class ran a food drive last week to support the local community by stocking up the local food pantry for the winter months! The class kicked off the event by inviting Kay Harris to explain the importance of this service to our community. She shared touching stories of how this selfless act of kindness brings tears of joys and hugs from the recipients.

The students learned during the winter months people utilize the pantry

more than any other. They were so touched by Kay Harris's stories that they went back and change up their operational plan to encourage more participation using Facebook, Instagram and their SnapChat stories.

The class asked the 6-12 grade students to participate along with the staff. They provided treats for the winning class which went to the senior class with 122 items donated. The combined total was 397 items delivered to the food pantry.

Student council plans team-building day

by Kelly Winter

Get excited, Wildcats! The last day before break is fast approaching and it's going to be filled with fun! To get started the student council is holding class competitions, the Christmas edition, in the gym from 8:03 - 9:15.

Then from 9:20 - 11:00, there will be a variety of games throughout the gym and cafeteria for you to play including: spike ball, coloring station, bean bags, and board games. During this time the juniors will be attending a college panel from 9:20 - 10:05 in the auditorium. After the juniors, the seniors will go from 10:10 - 10:55.

At 11:00 all high schoolers will be getting lunch on paper plates and taking it into the auditorium. There we will watch a lip sync battle! Please sign up ahead of time on the Google document shared to all students. After the lip sync battle is finished, "The Grinch" will start playing until we are dismissed at 1:00! Pam will be providing popcorn during the movie as well.

The student council has worked hard planning all of these games and activities for the student body, it's going to be a fun day! And don't forget to wear your ugliest sweater!

Winter concert showcases MV talent



Fans of MV choir and band filled St. John's church to listen to the students' musical talent Monday night.



Sports Connection

Wrestlers continue to gain experience

The wrestling team continues to battle various opponents, most recently wrestlers at the Aplington-Parkersburg tournament and New Hampton and North Fayette Valley.

This past Saturday MV wrestlers traveled to Aplington-Parkersburg for the Keith Vry Invitational. MV had 5 wrestlers competing in the varsity tournament and 3 of them placed inside the top 5. MV finished 12th with 38 points in the 17 team field.

“Overall I was happy with the guys effort today,” stated Coach Andrews. “This was a great tournament for us to see where we stack with some of the better competition in the state. Although some of the guys were not pleased with how the day went, I’m confident they’ll use this as motivation to get better as we move forward.”

126: Michael Schaul, 3rd
132: Parker Sternhagen, 4th
170: James LeGassick, 5th

Tuesday night MV traveled to North Fayette Valley.

“We had some guys that took a couple steps forward from the week before,” stated Coach Andrews. “Hopefully we can get the other guys healthy and going in the right direction sooner than later. Right now it is important for us to put our attention on each of our guys individual performances from meet to meet and not get caught up in the dual meet scores.”

Against New Hampton, MV lost 3-73. Michael Schaul won in an 8-5 decision.

MV fell to North Fayette Valley 15-57. Earning points for the Wildcats were Michael Feldmann with a pin at 2:00 and Schaul with 13-9 decision and a forfeit for Sternhagen.

Last night the team wrestled Star-mont and North Linn.



Michael Schaul has his opponent right where he wants him. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Basketball teams earn some wins



Brooklyn Sands

In recent girls basketball action, the Wildcats defeated Cedar Valley Christian 73-14, Lisbon 76-37 and East Buchanan 58-40. The team is now 6-1.



Zac Lansing

The boys team is on a four game winning streak as they earned victories over Cedar Valley Christian 61-34, Lisbon 50-47 and East Buchanan 47-44. MV hosts North Linn tonight.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Paige Winter



You've recently completed an art project. Tell us about it. It was a colored pencil still life project for Drawing 1. So Mr. Dunlap just gave us a bunch of objects like corn and glass bottles, then we set them up how we liked them. After that you outline everything in yellow because its the lightest and easiest to go over, then you color everything in.

What do you like most about it? There was a curvy blue glass bottle thing that was in our still life that I thought was going to be really hard but it actually wasn't that bad and it turned out pretty good in my drawing. But I also liked this project because it was mostly independent, we just sat and listened to music and colored, it was nice.

If you could design your own art assignment, what would it be? Probably the same thing except I wish we could pick our own objects to put in our still life instead of Mr. Dunlap picking them.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Mason Lubben

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech? Readers Theater and Ensemble Acting.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I

enjoy being with my friends and stepping out of my comfort zone to try new things.

What have you learned through this event? I have learned how to speak in front of strangers really well. This will be a great lifetime skill going forward.

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model is definitely Mr. DeVore. He can take on the role as anyone he wants. He also has fantastic ideas on new things to try in every event.

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

There are so many different styles you can take with both of these events and it would be fun to watch.



Name: Andrew Kloser

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech? Ensemble Acting and One Act

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Getting the opportunity to work with others that aren't in large productions, as well as working with Mr. and Mrs. DeVore.

What have you learned through this event? Speech has taught me so much when it comes to giving speeches. It has taught me how to give a speech, and not be nervous and how to be comfortable.

Who is your speech role model? Alex McCusker was a senior last year and he taught me so much during individual and large group speech. He was very supportive and always giving good advice.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would probably judge ensemble acting. They aren't crazy long, so I would get a large selection of them to listen to. Also they can be really fun to watch.

Mr. DeVore: Mason and Andrew both come to practice prepared and ready to work. I appreciate their willingness to step outside their comfort zones, as well as their positive attitudes. These gentlemen have met all of their memorization deadlines and are doing a really nice job of developing individual characters for an acting piece with many challenges.



Athlete of the Week

Name: Emerson Whittenbaugh

Sport: Basketball

What position do you play?

Post

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

Being able to use my abilities to the fullest and succeeding with my teammates

What's something about the sport that others may not know about?

You have to be committed, you can't just go out for the sport for the fun of it. It is a lifestyle and it takes time to be successful.

What's been a favorite basketball memory?

I would have to say last year's Christmas party when we ordered an unbelievable amount of wings and we all just sat around eating talking and watching movies.

Who's your basketball role model?

Megan Gustafson



what's up?

What do you want most for Christmas?

By Kristin Lucas

Jordyn Kemp: coffee mugs and socks

Chance Downs: Iowa State to win the Alamo Bowl

Mr. Bruening: a relaxation day with family
Kaela Chesnut: stuff for my college apartment

Daniel Hunter: new clothes

Mrs. Temple: well-written explaining concepts papers and wireless headphones

Noah DeVore: a dog

Zach Digman: a lot of snow

Kylie Chesnut: an Apple watch

Pedro Chavez: a laptop

Morgan Hermanson: that everyone who needs food gets food this holiday season

Paige Panosh: Converse

Kelly Winter: snow

MV FFA SOUP SUPPER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

ADULTS \$6, 12 YEARS AND UNDER \$4
MAQUOKETA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Maldrites, Relishes, Soups: Chili, Chicken Noodle,
Cream of Broccoli & Homemade Desserts

MV Jazz Band: Filled with Soul

by Alex Digman

The Maquoketa Valley High School band has captured the attention of many fans recently via the showing of their amazing marching band performances. Now that marching band season is over, jazz band has begun and showcased its talent Monday night at the Christmas concert.

Since October 23, some band members are a little more soulful. Over half of the band is partaking in the challenge of Jazz Band, and Mr. Ford, the band director, is just as excited as they are.

The Jazz band will tackle three pieces this year: Big Swing Face arranged by Rich Sigler, 3 am by Paul Baker, and Chili Today, Hot Tamale by Rick Hirsch. They will meet two times a week, Tuesday and Thursday at 7 am, and will go until school starts. Students are willing to put in this extra time as Mr. Ford puts the best. "Jazz band is a ton of fun with a lot of educational value. There are many unique parts to jazz band like more individualized parts; a rhythm section with piano, drums, and bass, improvising; and playing with a swing style."

Jazz is not for everyone, however this year has a great turnout. With 22 people wanting to participate in jazz band, its at max capacity. "I think everyone should have some exposure to jazz at some point, but having the full band as a jazz band wouldn't work for a few reasons," states Mr. Ford, "A, jazz works as a smaller group



Mr. Ford directs the jazz band at Monday night's winter concert.

(16 to 20); B, not every instrument "fits" in a Jazz setting, and C, some people just don't dig it, man." Mr. Ford doesn't mind the large number of people out. In fact he's excited about it. "As musicians, we cannot box ourselves into a corner and say, "I only play this type of music," we have to play it all, or at least we should if we want to be the best possible musicians we can be. Jazz teaches the importance of taking risks, making mistakes, breaking the rules, and playing as a cohesive group. I would love to have a Jazz 2 that meets after school for those who are interested in trying but don't want to fully commit to the competition or early mornings. I know that some just wouldn't be interested, however, and that's totally okay."

Mr. Ford is not the only one excited for Jazz band, as many students can't wait to be back at it again making memo-

ries and playing some sweet, sweet jazz. Many students are playing completely different instruments used to their usual instruments, like Allie Dunn and Lucas Johnson playing trumpet, and Maddie Lahr playing trombone. Both the songs and the challenge of learning a new instrument intimidates them, but they are willing to take on the challenge. Some of the memories that stick with the students are when Mr. Ford talked about driving away in a stiletto instead of a limo.

Mr. Ford plans on having five jazz performances. Three of which are competitions where the jazz band will be judged and given a rating much like speech on a 1-5, one being the best. These include, The UNI Tallcorn Jazz Festival, The Coe College Jazz Summit, and The NEIBA District Jazz Contest. This is the first time that the jazz band will compete. If they place top two in the district the jazz band could go to Jazz Championships, at the Iowa State University campus.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?...Santa Jaws

What is a snowman's favorite breakfast?...Ice Crispies

What do you call a chicken at the North Pole?...Lost

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?...Claus-trophobic

What do you call an elf that can sing?...A wrapper

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?...Because it soots him.

Cutie

by Faith Hunt

This week's cutie lives in Delaware and has one sibling. Her favorite thing about MV is that it has the small school environment. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because of the time she gets to spend with her family. A fun fact about this person is that she loves animals!



Last week's Cutie was Emma Hill.

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:

- ◆ Holli Hogan - 12/14
- ◆ Jacob Leytem - 12/15
- ◆ Mitch Heims, MacKenzie Hoefler,
- ◆ Aspen Kraus - 12/16
- ◆ Evan Elgin - 12/17
- ◆ James DeMoss - 12/18
- ◆ Kailene Chen - 12/23
- ◆ James LeGassick - 12/26
- ◆ Owen Mensen - 12/28
- ◆ Brian Heims - 1/1
- ◆ Kylie Chesnut - 1/2
- ◆ Faith Hunt - 1/3
- ◆ Eric Brehm - 1/4
- ◆ Sydney Lewin - 1/8
- ◆ Ty Domeyer - 1/10

Meet the Freshmen



Courtney, Leah, Brock & Ashton Brock Trenkamp

Siblings: Shaylyn, Tate, Annie, Cecily
Activities you plan to be in: Speech, track, basketball, musical, play, cross country, soccer

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Math educator

Hobbies: Playing video games, lifting, reading

Something cool about you: I almost died before I was born. I only have one kidney, and I've had the poison control called because of me multiple times when I was three years old.

Ashton Goldsmith

Siblings: Ava and Evan

Activities you plan to be in: Cross country, track, scouts

Favorite subject: History (WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War)

Career aspirations: Combat Medic for the U.S. army

Hobbies: Gaming, camping, kayaking, history, shooting, stop animations

Something cool about you: I can tell you an entire timeline of WW2.

Leah Ries

Siblings: Caden and Natalie

Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, dance, track, softball, speech, TEL, and Wildcat Echo

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: Trauma surgeon

Hobbies: Gymnastics, 4H, Spend time with friends

Something cool about you: I've met Marshal Yanda.

Courtney Goedken

Siblings: Sara and Tara Goedken, and Matthew Lansing

Activities you plan to be in: FFA and Speech

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Vet Assistant

Hobbies: Hanging out with my friends and being outside

Something cool about you: I live on a dairy farm.

—*typist: Kylie Chesnut*

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

Well, it's official. We only have one week left before Christmas break! I don't know about you, but I am ready for a little time off. Christmas has always been a holiday of tradition; however, things weren't always as we know them today. In this week's Hall Smarts, I asked Emma Richter and Sarah Goedken if they could tell what Christmas used to really be like.



True or False: "Jingle Bells" was originally written for Thanksgiving.

Emma: False

Sarah: True

Emma: True

Answer: True

True or False: The first Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer had a red-nose.

Emma: False

Sarah: True

Emma: False

Answer: False

True or False: The first artificial Christmas tree wasn't a tree.

Emma: True

Sarah: False

Emma: False

Answer: True

True or False: First Christmas trees were decorated with apples, nuts, and dates.

Emma: True

Sarah: True

Emma: True

Answer: True

Looks like we learned some new things about Christmas this week. I think we should bring back the apple, nut, and date decorations. That's all for this week—"catch you on the flip side"!

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa when she looked up at the sky?

Answer: Looks like rain, dear.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 16, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

1. MV Athletic Boosters Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament - MS & HS Gyms

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

1. HS Students to JREC Academy Expo Day at Kirkwood in Monticello (Bus Leaves at 9:20 AM)

2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at Central of Elkader - JV @ 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

1. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at Central City - JV @ 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

1. Selected HS Students Take Accuplacer Tests - HS Library - 8:15 AM -11:15 AM

2. MV MS 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Vocal & Band Christmas Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 1:30 PM

3. Maquoketa Valley School Board Meeting - HS Conf. Room - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

1. HS JV/V Wrestling at Anamosa (also with Monticello & CPU) - 5:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:30 PM)

2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - Alburnett - JV @ 4:30 PM / Varsity at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018

EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton

2. The College Panel - Auditorium - 8th @ 8:30 AM / 11th @ 9:20 AM / 12th @ 10:10 A

3. HS Class Competitions - HS Gym - 8:03 AM until 9:20 AM

4. HS Individual Games - HS Gym & HS Cafeteria - 9:20 AM until 11:00 AM

5. HS Lunch, Lip Sync & a "Grinch" Movie - Auditorium - 11:00 AM (MS Lunch - Noon)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

through WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

1. NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018

MV Athletic Boosters 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - HS & MS Gym, HS & MS Cafeteria - 8:00 AM