

## NHS sponsors toy drive to honor work of MV alumnus

by Kelly Winter  
NHS will be holding a toy drive during the month of December. You will be able to donate any NEW toys or money from December 5th through the 12th. Every year the fire department holds a toy drive and the donations all go the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. And after the toy drive ends here a Maquoketa Valley, we will be giving them to the fire department.

The group decided on this activity in honor of Alex Salow, a graduate of Maquoketa Valley, who passed away last year. Alex was a fireman and used to help out with the toy drive. According to a Facebook post about the drive, he wanted to help anyone and everyone who needed it because of his grand heart. Please help out by donating toys and/or money for the kids at the hospital! Look for donation boxes in the lobby and the library.

## Cocoa for a cause



Lucas Johnson supports the student council by purchasing hot cocoa from student council member Chance Downs. The student council will also sell hot cocoa before school next Friday to raise funds to sponsor a family for the holidays.

## Student Council holds bake sale



The student council held a bake sale last week to raise funds for the family it plans to sponsor this holiday season. Student council member Lydia Helle is pictured. (photo by Kelly Winter)

## Winter concert to be held Monday night

by Faith Hunt

For the past 11 months Christmas has been lurking in the back of our heads, and now the most wonderful time of the year is finally here!! What better way to kickoff this year's Christmas celebration than attending a truly phenomenal Christmas concert performed by our very own friends! Come to St. John's church at 7:00 Monday, Dec. 10 to celebrate the talent of MV students.

Maquoketa Valley band and choir have been preparing for two months for their Christmas concert. I have attended this Christmas concert for the past two years and it was one of the best concerts I've seen. The students are so into the music and I think you all should make the time to go out and support them! If you won't take my word for it a few the musicians give us more reasons to go.

Brian Heims wants us all "to support our fellow Wildcats for what we love to do." Noah DeVore added that "you get to

experience fun Christmas music and a little bit of jazz from the jazz band."

"Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "Sleigh Ride," and "O Holy Night" are just some of the tunes you can expect to hear during the concert.

Jaiden Porter also tells us that "all of the songs are really good" and adds that she feels that "everyone supports sporting events, so why not go support the arts?" Madeline Gellersen feels that "the church really magnifies our sound and lets the music aspect be heard." Gellersen also says, "Both the band and choir has been working very hard to get all of our rhythms correct to perform in front of our families and classmates. And if you want to get in the Christmas spirit this would be the concert for you!" So why not take all this advice?!

The performers also invite everyone to join them in the fellowship hall for cookies and punch at the end of the concert. Admission is free! Go out and support the arts next Monday everyone!

## Announcing the 2018 MOS US National Championship Fall Qualifier

Congratulations to senior Cody Hunter who is currently second in the state in a competition to qualify for the US National Championship in Orlando in 2019. Hunter scored a 871 on the Microsoft Office Specialist exam in PowerPoint.

In order to be named a 2018 MOS State Fall Qualifier Champion, students must earn the highest score in their state on one of the following Microsoft Office Specialist exams in Word, Excel or PowerPoint.

The contest is over 12/14.

# Wrestlers go 3-2 in Cascade, 1-1 at home

by Holly Offerman

Last Friday night the Wildcats competed at the Cascade Duals and went 3-2 for the night, giving them a third place team finish.

Coach Andrews was pleased with how the team performed at this very good dual team tournament. "I was very happy to see some of the young guys compete in their first high school wrestling competition and have success," stated Coach Andrews. "This group of guys is a lot of fun to be around and should make for an exciting year."

In the match against Clayton, Maquoketa Valley won 45-25. Michael Feldmann pinned his opponent in 3:19. James DeMoss won 6-5. Winning by forfeit were Anthony March, Canyon Richardson, Michael Schaul, Parker Sternhagen, Tim Harmon and James LeGassick.

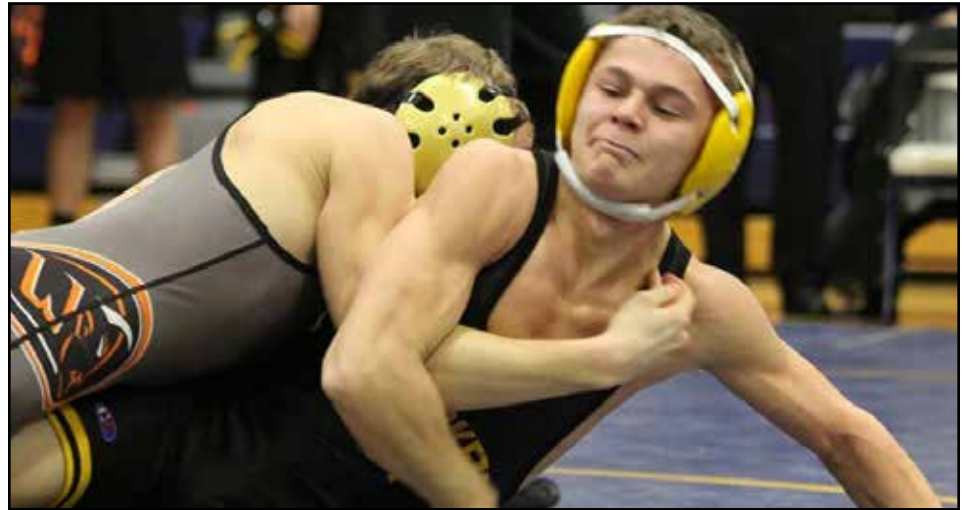
In the second match Maquoketa Valley defeated Bellevue 41-40. Winning by pin were LeGassick in 1:28, Evan Elgin in 0:53, and Feldmann in 0:35. Carter Kruse won 12-2. Winning by forfeit were March, Schaul and Sternhagen.

Washington defeated Maquoketa Valley in the third match 64-18. Winning by pin was Schaul in 2:30. LeGassick and Feldmann won by forfeit.

MFL-MarMac took the win over MV 63-12. Harmon won 10-6, and Elgin won 2-0. Schaul earned points by forfeit.

In the match against Cascade, MV won 39-36. Sternhagen earned a pin in 1:38, Cruse won by fall in 3:15 and Feldmann pinned his opponent in 0:29. LeGassick won 8-2. Devin Smith, Elgin and March won by forfeit.

On Tuesday, MV hosted South



Canyon Richardson wrestles in the Cascade Duals last Friday night.

Winneshiek and Jesup. MV took a 60-10 win over Jesup and fell 21-48 to South Winneshiek.

Overall I was proud of the team's attitude and effort," stated Coach Andrews. "Although we came up short against South Winn I felt like we learned a lot about where we are at as a team and where we need to get to."

Earning points in the Jesup match were Harmon who won by pin in 0:41, and winning by forfeit Elgin, Feldmann, March, Schaul, Sternhagen, DeMoss, LeGassick, Cruse and Smith.

In the South Winn match, Feldmann won by 3-1 decision, Schaul won by pin in 1:09, Sternhagen won by pin in 0:31, and Kruse won by pin in 0:24.

MV will travel to Aplington-Parkersburg tomorrow.

**James LeGassick works his South Winn opponent Tuesday night. (photos by Lesa Parmely)**



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Michael Feldmann  
Sport: Wrestling



**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?**

I enjoy the people I am around and the coaches.

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

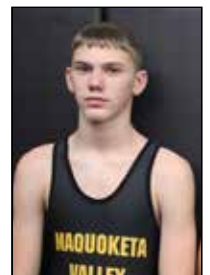
How much hard work, time and dedication you have to put into it.

**How do you mentally prepare for a match?** I wake up my muscles and lock into focus.

**What's your goal this season?** Make it to the state tournament.

**Who's your wrestling role model?** My wrestling role model is Kyle Snyder.

Name: Michael Schaul  
Sport: Wrestling



**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?**

What I enjoy about wrestling is that it's a tough sport and it makes me a better person.

**What's something about wrestling that others might not know?** The feeling that you get when you step on to the mat with your opponent.

**How do you mentally prepare for a match?** I usually find a quiet spot somewhere and listen to some of my music.

**Who's your wrestling role model?** My wrestling role model is Tony Ramos.

# what's up?

by Leah Ries

## What is one of your best talents?

Jordan Hogan: Watching too much Netflix  
Devin Smith: Football  
Kylie Chestnut: Baking  
Isaac Zirtzman: Golf  
Emma Bietz: Cheering people on  
Maci Freiburger: Not being afraid to talk to new people

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Ashtyn Porter*

**You have recently created an ink drawing.** What was your favorite part of the process?

My favorite part was working next to my friends, and seeing my ink drawing come to life.

**What do you enjoy most about art class?** I love how you're able to draw your own way with your own style, you're not forced to draw just like the teacher.

**What will you work on next?** I'm drawing a still life picture.

—Ashtyn was nominated by Mr. Dunlap.



## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I can bring a smile to your face, a tear to your eye, or even a thought to your mind. However, I can never be seen. What am I?

Answer: A memory

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

I just wrote a book on reverse psychology. Do *\*not\** read it.

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

I invented a new word! Plagiarism!

What do you call a magic dog?...A labracadabrador

## Fine Artists of the Week



Last Saturday, Madeline Gellersen, Kelly Winter and Jaiden Porter participated in the Northeast Iowa Bandmaster Association's honor band. The students play in one of two bands made up of 250 of the most talented musicians in this part of the state. The students rehearsed all day for the concert held in Oelwein.

**You participated in NEIBA this past weekend. What did you enjoy most about it?**

Kelly: I enjoyed the aspect of getting to play with great musicians. It really is quite amazing how talented these high schoolers are, and I'm honored that I get to be a part of that. The concert is great from only a couple hours of practice, but even at the beginning of the day, our first few notes together sound amazing.

Madeline: I enjoyed how I got to play with other musicians from different school districts, along with playing with 120 band members. I also liked how we had a guest conductor who taught us some different techniques.

Jaiden: I enjoyed meeting new people. All of the other clarinet players were really nice, and we all helped each other with our auditions. Normally everyone is fighting for the best chair placement, but it surprised me when they asked if there was a part in the music I wanted help with. We all worked together to become the best clarinet section in the band.

**What did you learn?**

Kelly: I learn a lot when I attend honor bands. From this one specifically, I learned that I'm not the best. Playing with 150 other high schoolers really opens your eyes. There are amazing musicians out there who definitely try harder than me. And I realize that and want to push myself to be as good as them. They gave me something to work for.

Madeline: I learned that when you play with such a large group each part is important and that you must come prepared to play each day.

Jaiden: I learned that it takes hard work and dedication to put together a concert in one day with strangers. Our director was a little bit crazy, but she pushed and pushed us until we were truly doing our absolute best.

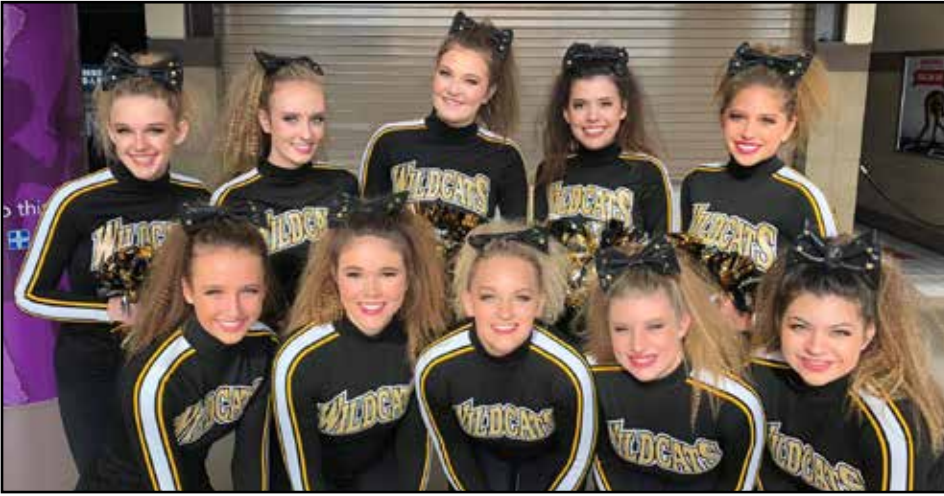
**What do you enjoy most about band in general?**

Kelly: I enjoy the process of adding the "fun" stuff. I consider the fun stuff like dynamics, articulations, and just playing with your heart. That's what I enjoy most; when everyone just feels the music and we create something beautiful.

Madeline: I like how we can express ourselves without using words, and how each piece has a story to tell in its own way.

Jaiden: I enjoy hanging out with friends and playing the clarinet in general.

# MVDT goes to State!



**Brian Heims** brings the ball down the court last Friday night in the game against Prince of Peace. MV lost 31-64. This Tuesday the Cats defeated Bellevue Marquette 58-46. The girls beat Prince of Peace 75-20 and lost to Bellevue Marquette 64-77.

## Cutie

by **Faith Hunt**

This week's cutie lives in Earlville and has five siblings. Her favorite sport to watch at Maquoketa Valley is basketball because everyone gets so into it. A fun fact about this person is that she drinks Dr. Pepper as if it's water. Last week's Cutie was Emerson Whittenbaugh.



by **Allie Dunn**

On Nov. 28, the Maquoketa Valley Dance Team competed in the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association's annual competition. They took two routines, both stemming from the 2000's era, Pom and Hip-Hop. They earned a Division one in both categories.

For seniors, it was their last time at state. Hannah Lahr said that she is "very proud of the team and the hard work everyone put into these routines." Megan Rausch added, "It was a very bitter sweet moment."

All said and done, they are excited to get back to the gym and start prepping for their basketball season.

## Football awards

Freshman of the year--Caleb Livingston  
 Scout Team Defensive--Caleb Livingston  
 Scout Team Offensive--Parker Sternhagen  
 Offensive Player of the year--Derek Becker  
 Sophomore player of the year--Andrew Kloser  
 Junior player of the year--Matthew Hucker  
 Senior player of the year--Brian Heims  
 Most Improved--Daniel Hunter  
 Best Teammate/ Defensive Player of the year--Norm Wilson  
 Biggest Hitter--Michael Feldmann  
 All District:  
 Honorable Mention--Daniel Hunter, Alex Digman  
 2nd Team--Matthew Hucker, Evan Hoefler, Derek Becker  
 1st Team--Michael Feldmann, Brian Heims, James LaGassick, Norm Wilson

# Cutest Couple



**Reece Mensen and Chad Neuzil**  
 by **Holly Offerman**

**How long have you been dating?**

Reece: a year and almost two months

Chad: over a year

**What was your first date?**

Reece: McDonalds with my brother and Emma Hill

Chad: I think McDonalds

**What's your favorite place to eat?**

Reece: Joe's diner

Chad: Joe's diner

**How did you meet?**

Reece: from going to school for years together

Chad: homecoming dance

**What's your favorite thing about this person?**

Reece: he gets me

Chad: everything about her

**What's your favorite memory together?**

Reece: whenever were in the car and he starts singing

Chad: driving around and stuff... good conversations, I don't know

**What are some things you like to do together?**

Reece: hangout watch movies

Chad: go out to eat, I like to eat... and watch movies

## 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:

Kriya Atwell - 12/9

Allison Dunn - 12/11

Dylan Lane - 12/12

## Meet the Freshmen



**Nolan, Carissa, Kendra & Michael**

Michael Hoeger

Siblings: Anthony and Jake

Activities you plan to be in: Soccer

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Engineer

Hobbies: Video games and making stuff

Something cool about you: I am Michael John Hoeger, and I own an M4 Garand.

Carissa Sabers

Siblings: Heather and Brittany

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, volleyball, softball, track, musical, play, speech

Favorite subject: Algebra

Career aspirations: Teacher

Hobbies: Playing with my dog, Fibi, and hanging with my friends

Something cool about you: I get my strawberry-blonde hair from my grandma.

Nolan Ries

Siblings: Lea and Payton Ries

Activities you plan to be in: Cross country, basketball, track, baseball, speech

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Forensic Scientist

Hobbies: Shooting hoops in my shop, watching Youtube, being active

Something cool about you: My red hair.

Kendra Hillers

Siblings: Brock Hillers

Activities you plan to be in: Musical, speech, sports

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: I have no clue what I want to be.

Hobbies: Sports and the musical

Something cool about you: My brother and I learned how to do Ross and Monica's dance from the show *Friends*.

—typist: Kylie Chesnut

## Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

JOY TO THE

WORLD it's almost

Christmas! Since it's

December, I've decided

to kick off this holi-

day season with some

good ol' Christmas

carols. This week I

asked Krista Ries, Avery Krapfl and Mrs.

DeVore if they could guess the Christmas

song based off of its wacky alias.



What song could also be named "My

Only Desire for the Christmas Holiday is Another"?

Krista: All I Want for Christmas is You

Avery: All I Want for Christmas is You

Mrs. DeVore: All I Want for Christmas is You

Answer: All I Want for Christmas is You

What song could also be named "Moving Noise-Makers"?

Krista: Jingle Bells

Avery: Jingle Bells

Mrs. DeVore: Jingle Bells

Answer: Jingle Bells

What song could also be named "My Darling, the Temperatures Have Dropped in the Wilderness"?

Krista: Baby It's Cold Outside

Avery: Let It Snow!

Mrs. DeVore: Baby It's Cold Outside

Answer: Baby It's Cold Outside

What song could also be named "My Elderly Family Member was Injured by the Hooves of a Unicorn"?

Krista: Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer

Avery: Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer

Mrs. DeVore: Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer

Answer: Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer

I am happy to say that we have some Christmas carol aficionados! I hope all of you are as excited for Christmas as I am! That's all for this week—"catch you on the flip side"!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 10, 2018

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

1. HS Band & Vocal Christmas Concert - St. John's Catholic Church, Delhi - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

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

1. MS & HS Hour of Code - in the Classrooms - Periods 3rd & 4th

2. HS JV/V Wrestling at North Fayette HS (also with New Hampton) - 5:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

3. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at East Buchanan - 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:25 PM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

1. T.E.L. "Escape Room" Meeting - Auditorium - during WIN (2:57 PM)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

1. HS JV/V Wrestling at Starmont - 6:00 PM (Bus at 4:00 PM)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

1. MV FFA Soup Supper - HS Cafeteria - 4:00 PM until 7:30 PM

2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - North Linn - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

1. HS JV/V Wrestling Tournament at North Linn - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)

## 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

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