

# Wildcat Echo

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## Spanish IV students become teachers

by Tyson Tucker

Aloha, Wildcats! Aloha means hello in Spanish, right? At least that's what some third graders think. Looks like Spanish IV students have some work to do.

Every Friday all six students in the Spanish IV class skip over to the elementary to share our Spanish wisdom with Mrs. Bonert's third grade class. Those involved are: Josy Harmon, Megan Beaman, Brenden Hogan, Dustin Heims, Brock Hillers and Tyson Tucker.

For seven weeks, we high schoolers will travel over and do our best to impart our smarts into the youngins. Teaching topics vary from week to week. The first week was basic conversation, this last week was colors and numbers, and this week we move to days of the week and months. We hope these kids take away some words, but more than anything we hope they find an interest in cultures and the importance of knowing other languages. The kids seem to be enjoying it. At first they were a little shy but are beginning to creep out of their shell.

On the high school student side, seeing the kids laugh and have fun as been reward enough for us. As role models to these kids we understand how important it is to be a positive example. Although, I think I've gotten more from the experience than the kids have. It's been wonderful to go back and be a kid for a bit. Their innocent naiveness and overall free-spiritedness have been something to marvel at. That may be something we lose as we transition into high school with so much going on. It's been refreshing to make a difference for these kids and be kids ourselves for 45 minutes a day.

Tyson Tucker works with an elementary student to help learn some basic Spanish.



Spanish IV students Brenden Hogan and Dustin Heims play a flashcard game with their third grade students.

## MV FFA chapter given 'Making a Difference' award



Last Saturday, the FFA officers volunteered their time to help clean plates from the tables at the annual beef banquet. While there, the "Making a Difference" award was presented to the FFA for our work with planting flowers in communities, donating extra fruit to the pantries, working the pedal pull during Fourth of July in Earlville, and volunteering to help at the Steer n' Stein during the fair. This was a great honor to be recognized for and was unexpected. Pictured above with the award are Mason Kruse, Mrs. Mausser, Shelby Westhoff and Amanda Engelken.



# Sports Connection

## Wrestlers earn fourth at conference; Smith is champ

by Chance Downs

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team wrapped up their regular dual season at Center Point- Urbana against the South Tama Trojans, Maquoketa Cardinals, and of course the Stormin' Pointers of CPU.

The Cats kicked off the night against the highly ranked wrestlers of South Tama. In the end, the powerhouse Trojans were just too much for the Wildcats with the final team score being 60 to 12. Parker Sternhagen earned a pin at 1:57. Cole Kruse received a forfeit.

After a rough start, the Wildcats shook off the dust and went back to work against the host CPU. With a great team effort by the entire line-up the Wildcats were able to knock off the Stormin' Pointers 40 to 36. Those who received a pin were: Evan Elgin at 3:03, Cole Kruse at 2:18, and Michael Feldmann at 0:45. Those who received a technical fall were: Chance Downs 16-0 and Mitch Smith 16-1. Robert Hildebrand and Dylan Happel both received forfeits.

The wrestlers completed their final dual of the season in impressive fashion versus the Maquoketa Cardinals. Earning multiple bonus point wins the Cats put the out of reach completing the final dual 60 to 24. Those who earned a pin were: Tim Harmon at 1:31, Downs at 0:55, Hildebrand at 1:52, Smith at 1:10, Evan Elgin at 4:56, Happel at 2:36, Cole Kruse at 0:34, and



**Mitch Smith has his EB opponent right where he wants him a the conference meet Saturday. Smith went on to finish first.**

Feldmann at 1:58. Dylan Lane and Canyon Richardson received forfeits.

Coach Andrews had this to say about the team's performance. "I was happy to see how the guys responded after coming out and falling short against a very tough South Tama team. The guys fought back and picked up two quality dual meet victories to end the night. They chose to keep fighting and to end the night on two high notes. That shows you the character of these guys and we hope to continue this momentum into conference and the post-season."

Coach Andrews and the Wildcats finished the season with a 23-10 dual team record.

Additionally last week, was the Annual Tri-Rivers Conference Wrestling Meet, held at Alburnett High School. The

Wildcats sent 11 wrestlers Saturday to compete for conference champion. Of those who wrestled, eight were able to make their way to the podium.

"I was pleased with our effort," stated Coach Andrews. "Our guys have made good improvements over the past month. For having three open weights due to sickness and illness I was happy to come away a fourth place finish. We had a number of guys wrestle up at higher weight classes to fill in our line up. Hopefully we can get a little healthier this week so we can make a good run at the post season."

Harmon placed 5th at 138 pounds. Happel also placed 5th at 182 pounds. Richardson placed 4th at 120 pounds. Hildebrand placed 4th at 152 pounds. Elgin placed 4th at 170 pounds. Cole Kruse placed 4th at 220 pounds. Downs placed 3rd at 145 pounds. Carson Wright also placed 3rd at 195 pounds. Feldmann finished as runner-up at heavyweight. Smith was the lone 2018 Tri-Rivers Conference Champion at 160 pounds! Overall, the Wildcats finished 4th as a team with 129.5 points.

The Wildcats officially move into the postseason tomorrow as they compete at their Class 1A Sectionals held in Cascade. Be sure to come out and support your fellow Wildcats! Wrestling starts at noon!

**Cole Kruse looks for the official's sign to start the round last week at CPU. (photos by Lesa Parmely)**



# Girls basketball gets two more conference wins

by Kara Orcutt

Last Tuesday was Senior Night here at Maquoketa Valley, where the Wildcats honored their six seniors this season: Macy Hoeger, Payton Ries, Abby Holtz, Gracie Gellersen, Madison Imler and Kara Orcutt. The Wildcats took on the other Tri-Rivers Wildcats from Central City. The first quarter was very fast-paced, with the MV Wildcats trailing, 15-16. Into the second quarter, the Wildcats were able to take a little more control of the game and outscored Central City, 27-13. After halftime, the MV Wildcats stepped it up a notch compared to the first half. The girls were able to outscore CC, 19-7 leading into the fourth quarter. The MV Wildcats win over the Central City Wildcats with a final score of 77-44 for a senior night victory.

The leading scorer for the night was Sam Wall with 25 points, and Ries following her with 18 points. The leading rebounder was also Ries with 9 total boards, and shortly behind her was Emerson Whitenbaugh with 8 total boards.

Coach Moenck stated, "We need to do a better job of getting off to a quicker start. Our kids responded well to the adjustments made at halftime and came out and really shot the ball well." JV girls also won with a score of 40-18.

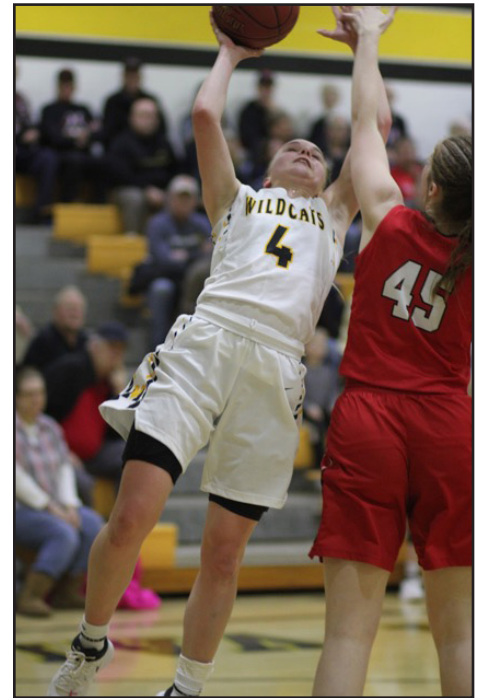
On Thursday, the Wildcats played

in an intense non-conference matchup vs the Monticello Panthers. Finally, the Wildcats came out to a strong and powerful start that the coaches have been waiting to see. After a quick first quarter, the score was 19-14, with Wildcats on top! The energy continued throughout the first half, with the Wildcats outscoring the Panthers, 15-12, leading into halftime with a score of 34-26. Starting the third quarter, the Wildcats relaxed a little, and the Panthers took advantage putting up 22 points to the Wildcats 10. Unfortunately, the Wildcats were unable to keep their lead throughout the fourth quarter, falling to the Panther, 70-61. The leading scorers were Wall with 34 points and Ries with 18 points. Ries led in rebounds with 10 total boards.

Coach Moenck stated, "We really needed a game like this against a very good quality team. This is a big step forward for us going into our tournament run." The JV Wildcats fell short to the undefeated Panthers, 18-20 after playing only two quarters due to sickness and injury.

Stats for Tuesday's win over the Alburnett will be in next week's issue.

Tonight the Wildcats travel to Troy Mills to take on the No. 1 ranked North Linn Lynx! We hope to see lots of Wildcat fans in the stands!



Sam Wall battles against a Monticello defender last Thursday night. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

## Boys basketball battle two foes

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back, Wildcats! The boys played last Thursday at home against Monticello. The boys played hard until the very last second; however, they lost with a final score 49-51.

Leading in points was Tyson Tucker, Trevor Elgin, and Andrew Holtz. Tucker scored 25 points total. Elgin scored 11 total points. Holtz scored 6 total points.

Leading in rebounds was Heath Gibbs, Brian Heims, and Tucker. Gibbs picked up a total of 7 rebounds. Heims had 5 rebounds. Tucker picked up 4 rebounds.

Overall the boys had a great night on the court. The boys only missed one free throw, making 11 of 12. The boys also made 43% of their three-points, leading was Tucker making all five of his three-point shots. The boys also made 50% of their two-point field goals. Leading in assists was Holtz with 4 total. Elgin led in blocks with 3 total.

On Tuesday night the boys trav-

elled to Alburnett to face the Pirates. The boys ended the night with a final score of 42-75, a win for the Pirates.

Leading in points was Holtz, Gibbs, and Elgin. Holtz scored 12 points. Gibbs scored 10 points. Elgin scored 7 points for the team.

Leading in rebounds was Heims, Tucker and Cole Willenbring. Heims picked up 3 rebounds. Willenbring and Tucker each had 2 rebounds.

Holtz did a great job offensively, having 5 assists. They only missed 5 free throws, for a percentage of 66.7%. Holtz also only missed one two-point field goal.

Tonight the boys will travel to face conference leaders, North Linn.



Andrew Holtz jockeys for the rebound against Monticello last week.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kara Orcutt

Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** Guard

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** Being around my teammates.



**What's something about the sport that others may not know about?** Brad's 94-year old grandma can guard anybody, no matter what.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** Doing the can drive this summer and all the cans kept falling out of the back of the truck and we had to stop 3 times to pick them up.

**Who's your basketball role model?**  
Brianna Mensen

Name: Andrew Holtz

Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** I play point guard.

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** Being able to work together with 4 other people to try and accomplish multiple different goals at the same time.



**What's something about the sport that others may not know about?** That it's more than just dribble and shoot it. A lot of different things go on in an offense or defense that help accomplish the overall goal.

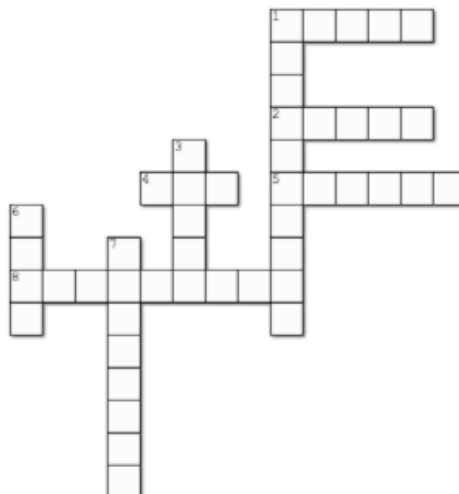
**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** This year when Chop put on Brock's jersey during practice, and winning the 2017 Snow Valley Eastern Conference Championship.

**Who's your basketball role model?**  
Kyrie Irving, and Brock "P for Positivity" Hillers.

by Izzy Niehaus

## Valentine's Day Crossword

Complete the crossword below



### Across

1. The roman god of love and attraction
2. Sweet treat made with sugar: Hint: \_\_\_\_ Crush
4. Valentines day colors are Pink Purple and \_\_\_\_
5. Don't forget to send your love \_\_\_\_
8. Will you be my \_\_\_\_?

### Down

1. You bring her this with the flowers
3. Located in your chest between the lungs
6. I \_\_\_\_ you
7. What month is Valentines day in?

Created with TheTeachersCorner.net Crossword Puzzle Generator

## Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Let's take some time and appreciate everyone's favorite fast food joint. Keep reading to learn more about the iconic golden arches.

- McDonald's started out selling hot dogs.
- There is a Hamburger University where employees go to be trained.
- Almost 7% of potatoes grown in America are turned into fries.
- McDonald's paid Justin Timberlake \$6 million to sing their jingle in a commercial.
- Disney cut their ties with McDonald's in order to not be associated with childhood obesity.
- In 2014, McDonald's made \$27.441300 billion!
- Shania Twain and Rachel McAdams were both employed by the fast food giant.
- They sell nearly 75 hamburgers a minute.
- The first drive through opened in 1975.
- Locations in Israel sell the McFalafel and McKebab.

## Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

**Meet the Robinsons-** I recommend a lot of childhood favorites, but this has got to be one of my favorites. This movie was the first one I ever saw in 3D, and it has stuck with me. It's heartfelt, funny, and so different in every way. There is no way that a person could sit down, watch this movie and not crack a smile at least once. Even the villain is so ridiculous he makes you laugh! So find some time and sit down with your family to watch this movie.

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Where do you take a sick boat?

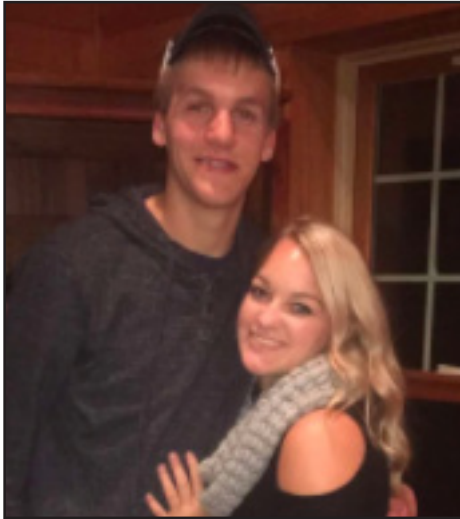
Answer: To the Doc!

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

What did the keyboard say to the computer on Valentine's Day? You're just my type.  
What did the Italian say to his wife? I'm tortellini in love with you.  
What did the Barista say to her favorite customer? I love you a latte.  
What did the sushi say? You are soy awesome.  
What did the lumberjack say? Wood you be mine?

# Cutest Couple



**Hannah Lahr and Travis Kelchen**  
by Kara Orcutt

**How long have you been dating?**

One year

**How did you meet?**

Travis: My cousin introduced us.

Hannah: I started snapping him.

**What is something you like to do together?**

Hannah: Go to the movies or Bdubs

Travis: Go to Snowcross

**What is your favorite memory together?**

Hannah: Prom last year

Travis: Going to JoCo concerts

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Kara Orcutt & Ella Tmler*

**You have been nominated because of your dedication to TEL/TSN. Why do you value these organizations?**

Kara: It's something different to be involved in besides just doing sports.

Ella: It's important for people to know about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. I also want people to know all the bad things it can do to your body and health.

**Why should other students get involved in them?**

Kara: It gives you an opportunity to try new things and you could possibly become closer to others that you wouldn't usually talk to.

Ella: Other students should get involved in these organizations to learn more about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

**Who else in your life shows dedication?**

Kara: My sister

—They were nominated by Nurse Mary.

# Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello,  
Wildcats, and welcome to yet another Hall Smarts. We all love to plug in those headphones during study hall and jam out and this past week-end just happened to be the Grammys. Consequently this week will be about the outcomes of the event with our contestants being Abraham Miles, Andrew Holtz, Brooklyn Sands and Tyson Tucker.



**Who hosted the Grammys?**

Abe: James Corden

Andrew: Ed Sheeran

Brooklyn: The Brit

Tyson: James Corden

Answer: James Corden

**Who won album of the year?**

Abe: Somebody who didn't deserve it

Andrew: Kendrick Lamar

Brooklyn: Bruno Mars

Tyson: Bruno Mars

Answer: Bruno Mars

**Who won the most Grammys?**

Abe: Lady Gaga

Andrew: Bruno Mars

Brooklyn: Miley Cyrus

Tyson: Bruno Mars

Answer: Bruno Mars

**Who had the most nominations?**

Abe: Lady Gaga

Andrew: Jay-Z

Brooklyn: Jay-Z

Tyson: Wheeler Walker Jr

Answer: Jay-Z

**Who dominated the rap category?**

Abe: Eminem

Andrew: Lil Uzi Vert

Brooklyn: Eminem

Tyson: Kendrick Lamar

Answer: Kendrick Lamar

Amazing job to all of our contestants this week. That's all I have for Hall Smarts for now, so come back next week. Until then, have a wonderful weekend and good luck to all of the state speech competitors going to Decorah this weekend.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of February 4, 2018

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

1. IHSMA State Jazz Vocal Festival - HOME - Audi. - 4 PM - Smooth Harmony @ 4:40 / Jazz XPress @ 6 PM
2. Junior High Boys Basketball at Lisbon - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:30 PM)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

1. HS JV/V Boys' Basketball - HOME - East Buchanan - JV @ 6 PM / V @ 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

1. HS FFA Northeast Iowa District Review at Sumner / Fredericksburg - 1:00 PM
2. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

1. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME - North Linn - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

1. School Bus Evacuation Drills - After AM Bus Routes
2. HS Vocal Jazz Clinic at Washington HS in Cedar Rapids (Bus Leaves at 2:20 PM) - Concert @ 7:00 PM
3. Junior High Boys Basketball at Monticello - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

1. "Strut Your Stuff" Dance Camp - MS & HS Gyms & HS Cafeteria 8-Noon / Performance in HS 6:00 PM
2. HS District Wrestling Tournament at Jesup High School - Noon (2 Vans Leave @ 8:40 AM)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

1. MV HS Post Prom Party Committee Monthly Meeting - MS Commons - 6:30 PM

## Birthday Shoutouts!

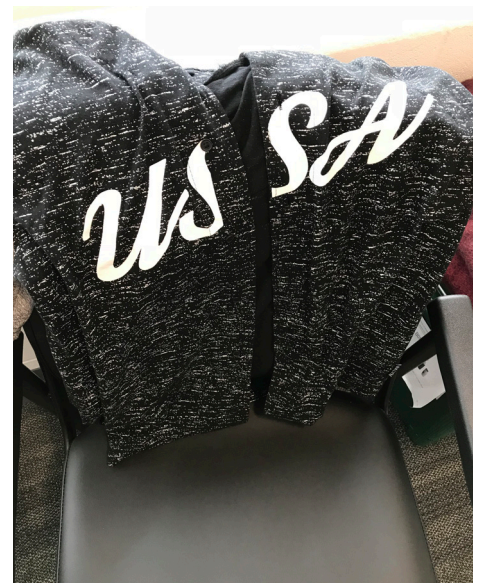
by Chance Downs

*It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!*

This week's birthdays are:

- ♦ Alex McCusker, Austin Snyder - 2/5
- ♦ Zach Digman - 2/8
- ♦ Nicholas Chen - 2/9

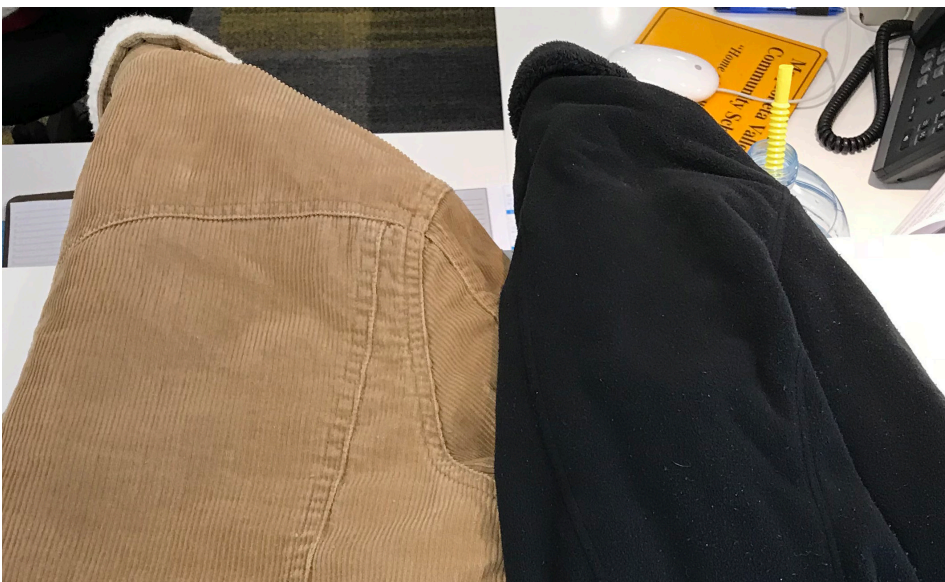




## Lost and Found



## Claim in the office



Adviser's note:

A question was brought up about running pictures of these items: What if someone claims one of these items when it's not his or hers?

My response: That's not the Wildcat Way. We have a culture of trust and support here. People will do the right thing.

My hope: Prove me right.

—Mrs. Temple

There's also a pretty nice insulated cup in the office. If you left one in the study hall room, see Susan to identify it.