

Wildcat Echo

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The tradition continues: The Eagle returns from IE speech contest

by Kelly Winter

This past Monday was the first Individual Speech Contest. Conference was held at Cedar Valley Christian High School. MV brought home the conference champion trophy, the Eagle. All of our performers have been practicing for a few weeks now getting ready for Districts this Saturday, which will be held here at Maquoketa Valley. Go out and watch a few of the events. These students have worked super hard! Below are the Conference Speech results:

9th Grade:

I rating

Emerson Whittenbaugh (storytelling)
Claire Krapfl (storytelling)
Andrew Kloser (storytelling)
Krista Ries (prose)

II rating

Kailene Chen (poetry)
Kim Sellner (original oratory)
Paige Panosh (review)
Kailene Chen (acting)

10-12th Grade:

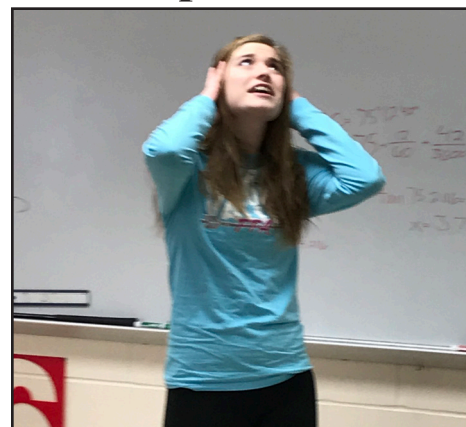
I rating

Kiesha Stelken (poetry)
Allie Knipper (literary program)
Shelby March (acting)
Alex McCusker (storytelling)
Jaiden Porter (public address)

Emma McDowell (after dinner speech)
Emma Hill (literary program)
Kristin Lucas (acting)
Tate Trenkamp (public address)
Jordyn Kemp (radio news announcing)
Alex McCusker (improv)
Angel Rumbo (improv)
Katilyn Deutmeyer (after dinner speech)
Brooke Wilson (after dinner speech)
Adrianne Supple (public address)
Megan Beaman (solo musical theatre)
Grace Wegmann (poetry)
Mason Lubben (storytelling)
Hannah Lahr (expository)
Shelby March (storytelling)
Chloe Roling (original oratory)
Lydia Helle (original oratory)
Kailyn Hogan (review)
Lexi Deutmeyer (original oratory)
Hannah Lahr (review)
Kelsey Ries (acting)
Faith Hunt (review)
Amber Engelken (prose)
Kelly Winter (literary program)
Brenden Hogan (spontaneous speaking)
Chloe Roling (expository)
Faith Hunt (acting)
McKenzie Lansing (expository)

II ratings

Lane Coyle (prose)
Hannah Clemen (radio news announcing)



Senior Megan Beaman rehearses her musical theater number.

Maddie Lahr (radio news announcing)
Katilyn Deutmeyer (improv)
Nicholas Chen (solo musical theatre)
Emma McDowell (spontaneous speaking)
Erika Supple (poetry)
Sean Hucker (spontaneous speaking)

Each judge picked outstanding performances as Best of Centers. Here are MV's winners:

Chloe Roling - Original Oratory
Lydia Helle - Original Oratory
Faith Hunt - Review
Mason Lubben - Storytelling
Shelby March - Storytelling
Hannah Lahr - Expos
Alex McCusker - Improv
Faith Hunt - Acting
Tate Trenkamp - Public Address

Gettin' Jazzy

The jazz band performed last Friday at the Tall Corn Jazz Festival held at UNI. The band performed for comments only. Following their performance, the judge worked with the band. The jazz band will showcase its talents later this spring at a home concert.

You can hear the 5-12 bands at the Parade of Bands concert March 8 at 7pm.



Sports Connection

Downs, Sternhagen pick up wins at State

Maquoketa Valley's entries in the State Wrestling Tournament both wound up with 1-2 records, but took different paths to get there.

Both Wildcats wrestled their matches Feb. 15 and 16 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Chance Downs, wrestling at 145 pounds, won his opening round match Thursday evening 6-4 in overtime over Bryson Freeberg of Tri-Center. Downs scored a reversal with 1:12 left in the third period to tie the match 4-4, then scored the winning takedown with 13 seconds left in the first overtime period.

Downs lost his next two matches, however, getting pinned by Garret Thompson of Logan-Magnolia in the quarterfinals on Thursday, and losing by technical fall to Colin Schrader of Wapsie Valley in the consolation round on Friday.

"I was very pleased with Chance and Parker's efforts at the state tournament. I know they will both do whatever it takes to get back again next year and aim to be toward the top."

—Coach Andrews

Parker Sternhagen lost a 7-2 decision in the first round to Seth Thompson of English Valleys Thursday. Sternhagen came back later Thursday evening with a pin in 4:24 over Bryce Kafton of Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto in the consolation first round, but lost 9-1 to Casey Baker of Interstate 35 to finish his run at State on Friday.

"I was very pleased with Chance and Parker's efforts at the state tournament," Coach Andrews said. "They both came away with victories and came up one win short of getting on the podium. I know they will both do whatever it takes to get back again next year and aim to be toward the top."

Downs finished 41-13 on the year; Sternhagen was 23-6.



Above: Chance Downs competes in the first round of the state wrestling tournament. He won in overtime.



Left: Parker Sternhagen meets his first opponent of the tournament. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

Season ends with loss to S-F

by Kara Orcutt

The Wildcats started off their district play here in Delhi Feb. 13, hosting the Sumner-Fredericksburg Cougars.

The girls were well prepared and ready to play. As usual, the game started off very fast paced! At the end of the first quarter, the score was 23-18 with the Wildcats trailing. Attempting to put the game in their control, the Wildcats were able to take over the third quarter, outscoring the Cougars 13-12, leading into halftime down by 4 points. Coming out after halftime, the girls were ready to put up a fight and give it their all. During the third quarter, the Wildcats put up 16 points to the Cougars 12 and tied

the game. Into the fourth, the game was neck and neck. Each Wildcat basket was followed by a Cougar basket down til the last few seconds. Unfortunately, the Wildcats fell short, finishing the game 60-62.

The leading scorer of the game was Sam Wall with 22 points, and Gracie Gellersen with 12 points. Sam also received her 1000th career point during the game! Leading rebounders were Sam Wall with 8 rebounds, and Macy Hoeger with 6 rebounds. The girls finished their season with a record of 17-6. The Wildcats wish to thank the fans for all the support throughout the season.

Day on the Hill: Students meet with elected officials

The MV delegates to Day on the Hill, Emma McDowell, Shelby March, Kara Orcutt, Ella Imler and Madison Imler, pose with Sen. Zumbach.



by Emma McDowell

This year Kara Orcutt, Madison Imler, Shelby March, Ella Imler and Emma McDowell had the honor of going down to Des Moines for the day to meet with their local legislators. There were many agendas and issues to discuss, ranging from a proposed increased beer tax, to recreational marijuana. Everyone had something that they wanted to speak about. As a group, we mostly concerned ourselves with how available substances like marijuana and alcohol are to teens.

When we first got to Capitol Hill, we went to a quick meeting about what the issues were for the day, and how to discuss those issues with legislators. The main point that I personally got from the meeting was that we are our representatives eyes and ears, and it's our job to educate them about the problems concerning their constituents. Once we were done learning how to talk to our legislators, some speakers ran over some facts about substance abuse in teens. We were taught about the effects of marijuana on the brain, and the risks of drinking underage.

Once we were done with the meeting, we went to the capitol and called Dan

Junior Emma McDowell was one of the featured speakers at Day on the Hill Wednesday. Nurse Mary accompanied the students.



Zumbach and Lee Hein to meet and talk with them personally. They met with us and some students from Ed-Co, West Delaware and Monticello. We discussed our thoughts on the beer tax and substance accessibility to teens. Not only did they provide great answers to our questions, but also great insight into politics and peer pressure.

After all the meetings and tour of the building, we gathered in the rotunda for a press conference. I was chosen as a youth speaker for the group and prepared for my speech. I spoke of the successes of MV TEL and how people should implement education groups in their own schools and communities.

All the girls who went along on the trip would agree with me when I say it was a true honor to go to the capitol and meet with our representatives. The building was beautiful, the people were nice, and the cause was good.

what's up?

If you could go on vacation right now for free, where would you go?

by Maddie Lahr

Alex Digman: Alaska
Evan Hoefer: Jamaica
Kristin Lucas: Outer space
Allie Dunn: Hawaii
Hannah Clemen: Brazil
Zach Digman: Japan
Hunter Glass: Ireland
Ryan Dunn: The past
Andrew Kloser: A cavern in the ocean
Mr. Ford: Montenegro

Athlete of the Week

Name: Annisten Trenkamp
Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? I love the team bonding, especially at state!
What's the hardest part of it? The weeks leading up to state are the hardest because



we have to clean everything, and we have to learn how to be in sync.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? Any of the hip-hop routines that Katilyn choreographs because even if you're just watching, they make you want to get up and dance along.
What's something about dance most people don't realize? We are just like the other sports teams which means we work to make ourselves stronger physically and mentally. Some people don't realize how much we practice, and how much dancing strains your body.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?

I would probably do jazz to some Lady Gaga or "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. "Annisten brings such a chill vibe to dance. I have really enjoyed getting to know her this year." —Coach Teymer

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:

Adrienne Supple, Lucas Johnson - 2/24
Lydia Helle - 2/25
Pedro Chavez, Kylynn Clary - 3/2
Mason Kruse - 3/6
Jackson Smith - 3/9
Megan Rausch - 3/16

Cutie

by Hannah Lahr



This cutie lives in Delhi, and she has four siblings. She made it to Individual All-State speech her freshman year, and she is the Hartwick Husky's ski show director.

FFA week celebrated



FFA members recognized FFA Week with various dress up days, including Thursday's Official Dress Day. This year's theme is "I Can. We Will." Several MV FFA members competed in Northeast Subdistrict contest Thursday night at Beckman. This afternoon FFA members will host the Ag Olympics in the gym.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

The 2018 winter Olympics end this Sunday, so let's close out this great event with some fun facts!

- This yet the Olympics winter mascot is a white tiger named Soohorang and an Asiatic black bear, Bandabi
- The last time the gold medals were actual solid gold was 1912.
- This year's Olympics cost about \$10 million, five times less than when it was held in Sochi four years ago.
- This year there are 102 gold medals up for grabs, which is the first time a Winter Olympics has had more than 100 medal events.
- For the first time in Olympic history, the Nigerian bobsled team will compete at the Winter Olympics.
- The average age of an Olympic female gymnast is 20 years old.
- "Passion. Connected." is the official slogan for the 2018 Olympics.
- Due to scheduling conflicts, this is the first the NHL aren't participating.
- PyeongChang is the smallest city to host the games ever since Lillehammer, Norway in 1994.

Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

Zumbo's Just Desserts- This week I looked for something a little different than the childhood classics that I normally recommend. I've seen this baking show on Netflix before, but I've never felt compelled to watch it. I was scrolling through, trying to find something to watch, and I decided to give it a try. I don't know if any of you have watched cooking shows before, but they're amazing. Not only is it hunger inducing to watch, but super addicting. You get so sucked in watching these people compete, it's great! I personally love *Zumbo's Just Desserts* for three things; everyone had an Australian accent, it's all about desserts, and it has a fun Willy Wonka vibe. The whole set is colorful, and so are the people. All the contestants are regular people, no professional pastry chefs here! In fact, there's actually a car salesman as a contestant, so they really accept anyone onto this show. Overall, if you're looking to unwind, this is the show for you. There's something about watching people drizzle chocolate over a beautifully cooked puff pastry that is so satisfying.



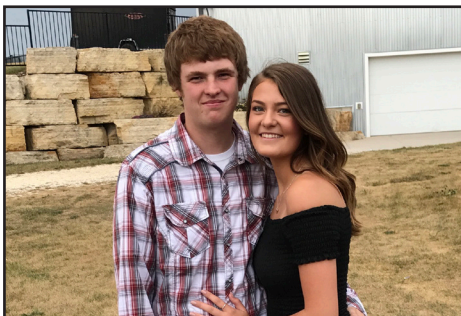
Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What do you call pigs that write letters to each other?

Answer: Pen Pals!

Cutest Couple



Adam Kelchen & Madison McIntyre

by Brooklyn Sands

How long have you guys been dating?

9 months

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Watch Netflix (Friday Night Lights)

Where's your favorite place to eat?

Buffalo Wild Wings

What's your favorite memory?

Madison: When Adam's truck got a flat tire and we had to stand in the snow storm waiting to fix it.

Adam: When she gets freaked out because of my driving.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

In ancient Roman history, where did milk learn to fight to the death? The calcium

What did the pregnant lady say while thinking of a pun? I have a pun in the oven.

What kind of social media do Harry Potter fans use? Snapechat

Why did the banana go to the doctor? He wasn't peeling well.

What kind of bird sticks to a sweater? A vel-crow.

Spanish students study Carnaval

Last week the Spanish students studied Carnaval, the week that Lent starts. As part of their project, the Spanish IV students found costumes and created a float for a Carnaval parade. Pictured are Megan Beaman, Brenden Hogan, Dustin Heims, Tyson Tucker and Brock Hillers.



Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to another issue! I don't know about you but I love the hitting the slopes. So this week I found it only fit to take a look at the Winter Olympics. This week our contestants will be Polo Pillon, Kristin Lucas, Michael Feldmann and Tara Goedken.



Where is this year's contest?
Polo: PyeongChang
Kristin: PyeongChang, South Korea
Michael: Pyongyang
Tara: Py-somethin, South Korea
Answer: PyeongChang, South Korea

Which sport involves shooting?
Polo: Biathlon
Kristin: Sniping
Michael: Cross Country
Tara: Air target
Answer: Biathlon

What sport is head first sledding?
Polo: Luge
Kristin: Luge
Michael: Skeleton
Tara: Luge
Answer: Skeleton

How many men on a bobsled?
Polo: 4
Kristin: 4
Michael: 5
Tara: 5
Answer: 4

Where was the last WO held?
Polo: Sochi, Russia
Kristin: Russia
Michael: Moscow, Russia
Tara: Tokyo, Japan
Answer: Sochi, Russia

Awesome job to all of this week's contestants. That's all I have for you this week, Wildcats. Have a great weekend and have some fun in the snow.

Cutie

by Kelly Winter



This cutie lives outside of Hopkinton. He has blue eyes, and plays in football and baseball. His favorite season is summer, favorite color is blue, and his favorite movie is *Anchorman*.

Last week's Cutie was Emma McDowell.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Feb. 26, 2018

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

1. Johnston Elementary to "Dragons Love Tacos" at UNI in Cedar Falls (3 Buses Leave at 8:20 AM)
2. JH TRC Vocal Festival at N.L. in Troy Mills - 2:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 1:00 PM) - Concert at 7:00 PM
3. MV School Board Meeting - High School Conference Room - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

1. MV HS Boys' Basketball Awards Night - High School Cafeteria - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

1. SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES taken at Johnston Elementary & Earlville PreSchool Gold, JK & Kndg.
2. MV Dance Team Family Fun Night - Middle School Commons - 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

1. MV Athletic Boosters Youth Volleyball Tournament - HS & MS Gyms & HS Cafeteria - 8:00 AM

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day