

Six speech groups selected for All-State

by Brittany Sabers

The Maquoketa Valley speech team once again had incredible performances this past weekend. The team performed in the state competition at Decorah High School. Groups that received an overall I rating on Saturday are as follows:

Group Improvisation 1: Alex McCusker, Angel Rumbo, Brenden Hogan and Rejji Smith

Solo Mime (Lost in Imagination): Dustin Heims

Ensemble Acting (The Unknown Part of the Ocean): Abby Holtz and Faith Hunt

Radio Broadcasting (93.14 MATH): Carson Wright, Evan Hoefer, Kelsey Ries, Kiesha Stelken, Lucas Johnson, Megan Rausch and Norman Wilson

Choral Reading (Love Letters): Adrienne Supple, Chloe Roling, Emma Hill, Emmy Prindle, Faith Hunt, Jaiden Porter, Kelly Winter, Kelsey Ries, Kristin Lucas, Lexi Deutmeyer, Madalynne Naab and McKenzie Lansing

Group Improvisation 2: Amber Engelken, Brooke Wilson, Emma McDowell and Tate Trenkamp

Readers Theatre (Lip Service): Abby Holtz, Brody Severt, Emma McDowell, Hannah Lahr, Jon Seibert, Lydia Helle, Madison Imler, Mason Lubben, Mitchell Neuzil and Shelby March

Short Film (It Can Wait): Adrienne Supple, Brooklyn Sands, Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jenna Nefzger, Kara Leibold, Lane Coyle, Madison Imler and Sam Wall

9th Choral Reading (Peanut Butter and Jelly Brains): Allison Dunn, Annisten Trenkamp, Claire Krapfl, Ella Imler, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Krista Ries, Mitch Heims, Reece Mensen, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Taya Tucker and Teige Hunt

Short Film (The Effect): Alex Digman, Danielle Schuman, Erika Supple, Maddy Anderegg and Megan Wulfekuhle

Ensemble Acting (Bullies Anonymous): Brody Severt, Kristin Lucas, Lucas Rumbo, Maddie Lahr, Megan Beaman and Mitchell Neuzil

TV News (GOTH): Brittany Sabers, Brooklyn Sands, Evan Hoefer, Jordyn Kemp, Josie Young, Kara Orcutt, Megan Rausch and Michael Feldmann

Ensemble Acting (Drugs Are Bad): Alex McCusker, Brooke Wilson and Mason Lubben

The following groups received an overall II on their performances:

9th Ensemble Acting (Let's Go Already): Andrew Kloser and Madeline Gellersen

Group Mime 1 (Shady Acres): Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jordyn Kemp and Kelly Winter

9th Readers Theatre (Jack vs. Jill): Andrew Holtz, Andrew Kloser, Ella Imler, Krista Ries, Miguel Bojorquez, Payton Beaman, Reece Mensen and Teige Hunt

Solo Mime (Shattered): Angel Rumbo

By the end of the day Maquoketa Valley had six groups nominated for Large Group All-State. The following groups are performing:

Ensemble Acting (Drugs Are Bad)

Readers Theatre (Lip Service)

Choral Reading (Love Letters)

9th Choral Reading (Peanut Butter and Jelly Brains)

Nonperformers are:

Ensemble Acting (The Unknown Part of the Ocean)

Group Improvisation 1

All-State will take place Feb. 17 in Ames. Congratulations on one amazing season and best of luck to all those advancing to All-State!

Dance team extravaganza to be held Saturday



by Hannah Lahr

Hey, Wildcats! This Saturday will be the dance team's annual Strut Your Stuff showcase. The show starts at 6 p.m. in the high school gym and will feature some routines the team has performed this year and one routine that has never been seen before.

The theme for the night is "Good Vibes Only."

The team will also host a camp earlier that day and invite K-8th graders to come learn routines and perform those routines that night also. This show will be very exciting with fun performances and a little surprise at the end. We encourage all to come!

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Sports Connection

Seven wrestlers advance, MV wins sectionals

by Chance Downs

Last Saturday the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team traveled to Cascade for Class 1A Sectional #4. Here each Wildcat had the opportunity to continue their post-season by placing top two in their respective weight class, advancing them to Districts that are going to be held tomorrow in Jesup. Also, the top two teams out of each sectional are chosen to compete in regional duals with the goal of making it to the State Dual Tournament.

Maquoketa Valley sent 13 wrestlers to compete for their chance to advance. At the end of the day the Wildcats were fortunate enough to send seven wrestlers on to compete at Districts. At 120 pounds, Parker Sternhagen punched his ticket with a super slick spladle in his finals matchup. Chance Downs, Robert Hildebrand, and Mitch Smith all received a bye and two falls on their way to a Sectional Title. Carson Wright placed second at 195, earning him spot on the bus to Jesup. We also saved room for the big boys, as Cole Kruse and Michael Feldmann both placed second allowing them to advance to one step closer to their goals of a State Tournament berth.



The wrestlers and coaches pose to celebrate their sectional win last Saturday.

Coach Andrews had this to say about his team's performance after a solid day of wrestling: "Overall I was very satisfied with how the guys came out and competed today. To come away as team champs was a pretty awesome feeling knowing what our team has been through this year with sickness and injuries. Coming into Sectionals our goal was to win this tournament and to qualify for regional duals and we did that. Our guys did not make excuses

and came out and did what they had to do. To have seven qualifiers for districts is also a great accomplishment. I was happy to see all four of our seniors moving on and giving themselves the opportunity to reach their ultimate goal. I'm very proud of the guys that competed today and how they represented Maquoketa Valley from beginning to end."

For those who didn't make it Districts, the wrestling still wasn't over. As I mentioned earlier, the top two teams at each sectional move on to Regional Duals. This year the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team was crowned champions of the Class 1A Sectional #4 which means they wrestled Tuesday at Denver High School versus Wapsie Valley.

Giving up extra bonus points against the Warriors was what made the difference in the end. The Wildcats were defeated 36 to 31. Those who received a win were: Tim Harmon 12-0 and Parker Sternhagen 7-1. Carson Wright, Cole Kruse, Michael Feldmann and Dylan Lane all received forfeits. Congratulations, Wildcats, on a fantastic dual season!

Robert Hildebrand is all smiles after earning his way to districts. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Girls end regular season with one win, one loss

by Kara Orcutt

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats traveled to Alburnett to battle the Pirates. The game took off to a quick start as usual, with the score being 19-15 with your Wildcats leading. During the second quarter, the Wildcats gained more control over the game, outscoring the Pirates, 20-10 leading into halftime, 39-25. The Wildcats came out after the break still fired up and put up 22 more points to Alburnett's 14. And to finish off the game, the girls outscored the Pirates once more in the fourth quarter, 14-4. The final score of this Tri-Rivers matchup was 75-43.

The leading scorers for the night were Gracie Gellersen with 20 points and Sam Wall with 17 points. Leading in rebounds were Macy Hoeger and Maci Freiburger with 7 each.

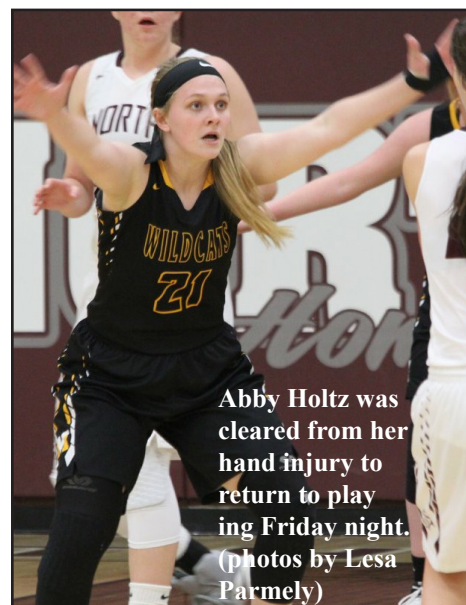
Coach Moenck stated, "I felt we played really well in this game, especially on the offensive end. We had a lot of kids who scored for us and a lot of kids who shot the ball really, really well." JV Cats also won.

The Wildcats wrapped up their

regular season conference play last Friday by traveling to Troy Mills to take on the North Linn Lynx! The game started off to a slower pace with both teams trying to gain control over the game. After the first quarter, the Wildcats trailed 10-14. Continuing to play tight, both team put up 8 more points, leading into halftime with the score being 22-18. Unfortunately, the Wildcats relaxed a little too much during the third quarter, and the Lynx took advantage of it putting up 18 points to the Wildcats' 5 points. In the fourth quarter, the Wildcats outscored the Lynx 21-18 but we unable to come out on top. The final score for the night was 44-58.

The leading scorers were Sam Wall with 17 points and Payton Ries with 11 points. Macy Hoeger and Emerson Whittenbaugh were the leaders on the boards with 7 rebounds each.

"I really felt in the locker room or kids were ready to play," stated Coach Moenck. "In the third quarter we kind of lost our way for 3 to 4 minutes in North Linn took advantage of that. To our kids as credit they never gave up." The JV Wild-



Abby Holtz was cleared from her hand injury to return to playing Friday night. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

cats finished their season with another win, beating North Linn 34-18.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats will play round 2 of districts here at home vs the winner of the Sumner-Fred vs Starmont game which will be played tomorrow night. The theme for this game will be WHITE OUT. Come out and show your support!

Boys end regular season play, gear up for districts

by McKenzie Lansing

Hey there, Wildcat fans! Last week, the boys travelled to face conference leaders, North Linn. The boys put up a good fight, but unfortunately lost with a final score of 33-82.

Leading in points was Trevor Elgin, Heath Gibbs, Brock Hillers, and Brian Heims. Elgin led the team with ten points total. Gibbs followed with seven points.

Hillers and Heims each had five points.

Rebound leaders of this game were Elgin, Gibbs, Hillers, and Cole Willenbring. Elgin led the team with five total rebounds. Gibbs, Hillers, and Willenbring had three rebounds each.

Hillers did an excellent job on the offensive side, leading the team with four assists. As the boys continue to improve on free throw shots, the team missed a total of

three free- throws. Heath improved on his shot percentage, making 60% of his two-point shots.

On Tuesday, the boys ended their regular season with a game at home against East Buchanan. The boys played hard from the start and ended the night with a win with a final score of 47-39.

Leading in points was Elgin, Gibbs and Andrew Holtz. Elgin scored a total of 23 points. Holtz ended the night with a total of nine points. Gibbs had four total points.

Rebound leaders were Hillers, Elgin, Gibbs, Heims, and Willenbring. Hillers and Elgin each had seven rebounds. Gibbs had five total rebounds. Willenbring and Heims had three rebounds each.

Hillers, again, had a great night offensively with five assists. Elgin had a good night defensively with four steals. As a team, they made 76% of their free throws.

The boys will begin their post season on Thursday at Wapsie Valley.

Senior Brock Hillers returned the court after an extended injury. He scored five points against North Linn.



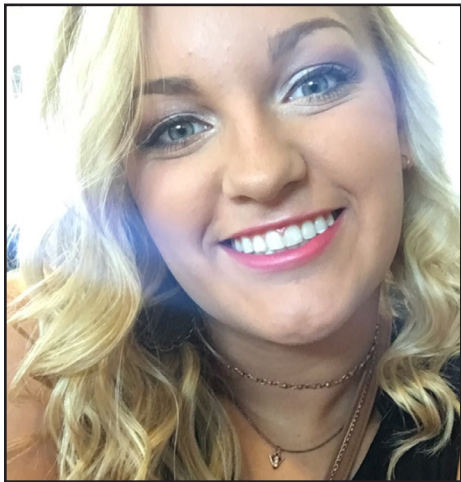
Cadaver lab



Juniors Lane Coyle and Maddie Lahr participated in NICC's Career Learning Link at the UNI Synthetic Cadaver Lab. Students got to work with the synthetic cadavers to if they want to further explore the healthcare or science field.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hannah Lahr



You've been nominated because you are a leader in class and ask good questions. What advice can you give students who are afraid to ask questions in class? Don't be afraid to talk in class. The teachers like when students ask questions, and they will always answer them. Asking questions makes you look like you are engaged in the class.

When you think of your favorite class, what about it makes it your favorite? My favorite class is Anatomy because I like learning new things about my brain and body. It's not a super hard class, and we do a lot of fun things such as dissect a sheep brain

What are your post-MV plans? I don't really know, yet. I'm thinking about UNI for business or education.

—She was nominated by Mr. Bruening

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- Valentine's Day cards starting being mass produced in 1840.
- 55% of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day
- Almond trees are a symbol of lasting friendship and love.
- Flowers is the most popular gift to give.
- Research shows that couples that are too similar don't last very long.
- 100,000 pounds of candy hearts are produced per day.
- 15% of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- 141 million cards are exchanged every year on the holiday.
- Falling in love and taking cocaine release similar sensations of euphoria.
- 9 million people buy their pets gifts on Valentine's Day.



Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

Guardians of the Galaxy- I have only seen a handful of superhero movies in my lifetime, but by far this is one of the best ones. It draws viewers in with classic songs from the 80's that give a fun vibe. The oldies also give an interesting contrast to the futuristic world that the movie exists in. Another draw to the movie are the fantastic actors. I for one love anything that Chris Pratt is in. At times the story of the movie gets slightly confusing. There are so many names and stories to keep track of that sometimes you'll miss key points. But if you pay attention and are able to remember strange names like Nebula, Gamora and Drax, then you'll have no problem understanding the movie.

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Athletes of the Week

Name: Cole Kruse

Sport: Wrestling

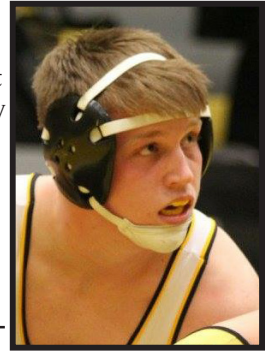
What do you enjoy most about wrestling? I enjoy going to battle with the guys and mental breaking a kid during a match.

What's something about wrestling that others might not know? Wrestling is a mental sport. You don't have to be the smoothest guy out there; you just have to have the will not to give up.

How do you mentally prepare for a match? Listen to music and clear my mind

What have you been most proud of this season? Sectional champs as a team and making it to regional duals

Who's your wrestling role model? My role model would be Coach Wegmann. He is a great coach and is willing to help anyone.



Name: Kaitlyn Deutmeyer

Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? Spending time with my friends and dancing to fun routines!

What's the hardest part of it? It can get stressful if you can't figure out a move. Cleaning a routine can be hard. Also when scheduling doesn't always match up.

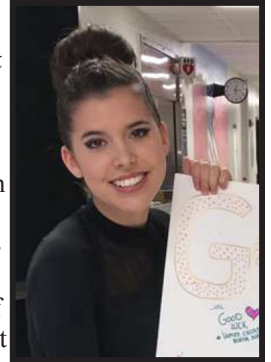
What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? My favorite routine so far is state pom this year. It is really upbeat and fun to do. It was also easier to clean since it was pom.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? You can be doing many moves per second.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I'm choreographing a hip hop routine and using multiple songs for it.

"Kate is not only a great dancer & choreographer, she's also a really nice girl!"

—Coach Teymer



Best Buds



Megan Raush and Kaitlyn Deutmeyer
by Kelly Winter

What do you like to do together?

Megan: Drive around and go to Pancheros

Kaitlyn: Go out to eat

Which one of you is most likely to become famous?

Megan: me

Kaitlyn: Megan for committing a crime and being on the news

Favorite memory together?

Megan: Me pitching to her in softball, hitting her in the face, and she got a black eye

Kaitlyn: when Megan fell on her rip stick and tore up her elbow

What do you think the other one will do when they grow up?

Megan: She'll be something with programming and computers

Kaitlyn: an advertiser in Arizona

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What's the worst type of vegetable to take on a boat?

Answer: A leek!

Cutie



by Kristin Lucas

This cutie is a brunette junior.

She lives outside of Delhi and has two cats.

She is involved in speech, plays, musicals.

She also participates the Echo and TEL.

A new Wildcat to meet

by Kelly Winter

As some of you may know, we had a new Wildcat join the junior class this past month, Tyler Wallace. He originally is from Iowa, but moved to Hudson, New Hampshire for a couple years until he moved back here to be closer to his family. He attended Alvirne High School while he was there.

So far Tyler likes Maquoketa Valley and plans on joining many sports that we offer here, including: track, cross country, basketball, and football. After high school he is planning on going to college and get a good job, then go from where he is at that point in his life.

A few interesting facts about Tyler: his favorite movie is either Ted or Friday, and his favorite tv show is Family Guy. Please help me in welcoming Tyler Wallace to Maquoketa Valley!

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:

Mitchell Neuzil - 2/10

Kelsey Ries - 2/12

Cole Kruse, Randy Thompson - 2/13

Olivia Hoeger, Chance Kemp - 2/14

Brooke Elgin - 2/15

FCA kick off held: fun, fellowship and faith shared



The student leaders from MV's newly formed Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held its kick off Sunday afternoon with some kickball, spikeball, and cards coupled with some food and faith development. All students are welcome to attend. Look for invitations to the next huddle!

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Emerson Whittenbaugh

Activity: Speech

What event are you in for speech? Choral Reading and Storytelling
What do you enjoy most about individual speech?

Being able to see how people act and how they can really show their true selves

What have you learned through this event? It is okay to act weird and step outside of the box

What other event would you like to try and why? One act because it could really help me get into a character

How will speech help you in the future?

It will help me to understand how to talk to people and feel more comfortable.

"I've been very impressed with Emerson this speech season. She's smart: she listens, digests what she's heard, & then goes above & beyond what is asked of her. In large group, she was memorable as a zombie. So far in individual, she nearly has her storytelling memorized & has put thought into her characters. I can't wait to see what she continues to do!" —Mrs. DeVore



Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Hello, Wildcat's, and welcome to another outstanding week at MV. There are a number of words that we use constantly, but it is always beneficial to expand your vocabulary. Our contestants will be spelling some tricky words. This week's contestants are Cole Willenbring, Maddy Anderegg, Susan Sevart and Pam Overman.



Spell plethora

Cole: plthera

Maddy: pleathura

Susan: plethera

Pam: phlathera

Definition: a great amount

Spell loquacious

Cole: laquatios

Maddy: loquacious

Susan: loquacious

Pam: laquatious

Definition: Talkative

Spell somnambulist

Cole: somnambulist

Maddy: somnambulist

Susan: somniambulist

Pam: somnambulous

Definition: a sleepwalker

Spell petrichor

Cole: petrichor

Maddy: petricore

Susan: petrachore

Pam: petrochore

Definition: the smell after rain

Spell syzygy

Cole: syzygy

Maddy: siseagea

Susan: sizage

Pam: sizzage

Definition: alignment of celestial objects

Great job too all of this week's spellers. Those were extremely difficult. We can all use more intricate words in everyday life. However, this is all I have for you this week. So have a wonderful time until next week's issue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of February 11, 2018

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

1. High School Boys & Girls Track Practice Begins
 2. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball at Starmont - 4:00 PM (Bus at 3:00 PM)
 3. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

1. 6th, 7th & 8th Graders to All State Large Group Speech Performances - HS Auditorium - 1:05 PM
 2. Jr. High 7th & 8th Boys Basketball at Lisbon - 4:00 PM (Bus at 2:30 PM)
 3. HS V Girls Regional Basketball - HOME (HS Gym) - MV vs Starmont or Sumner/Fredericksburg - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

1. State Individual HS Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines (Suburban & Van Leave at 8:30 AM)
 2. HS V Boys Regional Basketball at Wapsie Valley in Fairbank - 8:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:30 PM)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day
 2. HS Vocal Jazz Festival in Solon (4 Vans Leaves at 6:00 AM) - Concert at 7:30 PM
 3. HS Jazz Band to Tall Corn Jazz Festival at UNI in Cedar Falls (Bus Leaves at 1:40 PM)
 4. HS V Girls State Regional Basketball at Beckman High School in Dyersville - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

1. All-State Large Group Speech Students to ISU in Ames - 8:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 5:00 AM)
 5th & 6th to Young Musicians Honor Band Festival at Prairie HS in Cedar Rapids (Van Leaves at 7:00 AM)
 3. HS Wrestlers Back From State Tournament in Des Moines (Suburban & Van Return at Noon)

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

Laffy Taffy Jokes for this sweet Friday

Why is a bad joke like a bad pencil? Because it has no point.

Why do hamburgers fly south for the winter? So they don't freeze their buns.

Why was the cat afraid of the free? Because of its bark.

How do you get a baby alien to sleep? You rocket.

Why couldn't the shoes go out and play? They were all tied up.