

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

what's up?

Do you want to go back to school? Why or why not?

by Paige Winter

Landen Deutmeyer: Yes, I'm bored and lonely and I miss track

Krista Ries: Yes and no, I would love to see my friends and teachers, but I also feel like it will be hard to get back into the swing of things

Tony Offerman: Yes, I miss having a life, and having stuff to do. I'm out of motivation.

Kaelynn Clark: No! It may be boring at home, but I'm loving the time with my family and sleeping in.

Carlie Lewin: Yes, I want to go back to vocal jazz. We have made it so far and the group deserves it after our hard work

Kennedy Rausch: Yes because I will be able to see all of my friends again and it will put me back on a schedule so I won't be as bored

Jackson Hunter: As much as it pains me to say, I'd love to go back to school. I miss having a routine and seeing my friends every day. I even miss all the teachers.

Nolan Ries: Eventually yes, to see my friends and maybe have a track season

Zach Halverson: No, because I'm keeping myself busy and making money painting and fixing cars in our garage

Annisten Trenkamp: Yeah, I definitely want to go back to school. I miss seeing everyone and having a certain schedule

Matthew Brehm: No, I'm making a lot of money and doing things I've always wanted to do at home and I enjoy sleeping in

Preston Roling: Yes because it would give me something to do during the day and I could go out with friends

Saige Hunt: I would want to go back because I miss seeing friends every day; however I wouldn't mind not going back because it means we have a longer summer

Emma Hill: Yes, I want to go back because I miss the teachers and my friends. Also my schedule is so messed up so it will be nice if I had a routine

Keeping busy: What have you been up to?

by Paige Winter

We know we have some voluntary learning activities to do, and we can all enjoy time with our family. Many of us have also been working extra hours, especially those of us who work at care centers and grocery stores.

But what else has kept Wildcat spirits up?

Molly Anderegg: "Most of my time is being taken up by watching every version of 'The Vampire Diaries' that there is and reading books. Though there are many things I enjoy doing during this time, these two are my absolute favorite."



McKenna Thompson: "I've been playing with my new puppy! We found her at a nearby camp ground dirty and hungry. She's the sweetest girl and we're very excited to have her. Her name is Luna!"



Kendra Hillers: "Since I can't hang out with friends I spend a lot of time with my dog"



The search is over

Mr. Tuetken announced that a contract has been offered and accepted by Dave Hoeger to be our next Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Hoeger served as high school principal at Western Dubuque and recently has been the superintendent at Montezuma. "He will be a great addition to both districts," stated Mr. Tuetken. "Once he gets to the districts this summer, please make sure you take a some time to welcome him to our communities."

Positive News

compiled by Paige Winter

While this time of uncertainty may fill us with fear, disappointment, frustration, and stress, we can also see some positive news in our world today.

Though because of Covid-19 Girl Scouts aren't able to sell cookies in person, they have created an online store to continue sales. Plus, more than 60,000 boxes have been donated to NYC hospital, healthcare workers, and their families. Many Girl Scouts are also helping the community by making homemade face masks. —CNN

In Michigan, a man used \$900 of savings to buy gas for nurses and other healthcare workers. He stood outside a gas station with a sign that said "Free Gas For Nurses" when he ran out of money he held a sign that said "Thank You for All That You Do." However, he inspired others and another woman decided to help out. With renewed funds he was able to fill the tanks of even more healthcare workers. —CNN

Because aquariums are closed, some animals are allowed to explore the hallways and "get a taste of what it's like on the other side of the glass." In a Chicago Aquarium, penguins are allowed to wander the park and say hello to all the other animals. Search online for the videos of penguins roaming the aquarium, you will not be disappointed. —CNN

Some animals are coming back from the brink of extinction. Blue Whales were spotted in "unprecedented numbers" in the 2020 survey. There were 36 sightings which added up to 55 whales record, compared to the previous one sighting in the 2018 survey. Bees in Notre Dame are recovering and "thriving" after the fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in 2019. There were 3 hives of bees living in the rafters that "miraculously survived the fire and are now doing great according to their beekeeper. The grey wolf is expected to be reintroduced into Colorado this year if the ballot passes which is likely according to polls. Wolves have been almost extinct in the US but now thanks to many reintroductions programs the predators are allowed to live freely in some areas. This is good for the environment because wolves change the environment when reintroduced. They change the behavior of other animals. For example, they keep herds of elk moving and leave meals for scavengers like eagles and bears. <https://www.positive.news/environment/three-good-things-animals-making-a-comeback/>

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grace Wegmann & Allie Knipper



Since COVID-19 hit, you've been taking classes online, including Comp II and Intro to Lit, and doing well. What has been your key to staying organized?

I have actually created a whole new schedule during this time that works with everything on my schedule, so I usually get my homework done in the mornings and during my free time. My planner is my baby right now with everything that needs to be done, which is how I'm staying organized and knowing what needs to get done during the week.

What's been the hardest part about online classes?

Not being able to talk to the teachers face to face about the assignments and making sure you are doing the right thing for the assignment. Also, not getting as much feedback and being able to talk through things with classmates.

What do you miss most about face-to-face classes?

The laughs and getting "off-topic" during class is something that I miss the most. Having that connection and really just talking to the teachers and other students during the school day is probably the toughest thing about this virus and the school closing.



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I just always have mental notes in my head about what I need to do to keep my grades up during this time. I also make Monday my homework day so I stay on task.

What's been the hardest part about online classes? Having to teach myself and gain knowledge from the task I'm doing. Also keeping my family quiet when I have ZOOM meetings!

You've also been doing some of the voluntary learning? Why is it important that you do that? I want to finish my high school career strong, doing all that I can, and if we go back I don't want to be behind.

What do you miss most about face-to-face classes? Being able to ask questions right away and not waiting for an email to get an answer. I also miss the interaction between myself, other students, and the teacher.

On This Day In History: April 17th

compiled by Paige Winter
2011: “Game of Thrones” premieres on HBO
1929: Babe Ruth married his second wife
1790: Benjamin Franklin Died
1860: The first “world championship” boxing match lasted for 42 rounds and over 2 hours
2012: Europe’s oldest intact book, “The 8th Century St. Cuthbert Gospel” is purchased by the British Library for 9 million pounds (11,350,395 USD)
1970: Paul McCartney’s first solo album is released
1704: First successful US newspaper is released in Boston, published by John Cambell
1817: The 1st school of the deaf in the United States is opened
1869: 1st pro baseball games
1911: Clarence DeMar runs the 15th annual Boston Marathon with a time of 2:21:39.6 and wins for the 1st out of 7 times

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

By age 15, about **29.8%** of teens have had at least one drink.

Information came from NIAAA’s “Underage Drinking”

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What jokes are allowed during quarantine?... Inside jokes

NASA: Congratulations, your mission is complete! You may now return to Earth. Space crew: Thanks but no.

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in nine months, and then, one day in 2033, we will witness the rise of the QUARANTEENS.

Me: *Normally never leaves the house*

Government: You have to stay home.

Me: Well, now I don’t want to.

Cutest Couple

Mckenna Thompson & Andrew Kloser
by Amaya Hunt

How long have you two been dating?

Mckenna: Just over four months.
Andrew: 134 days... or 4 months :)

What’s your favorite thing to do together?

Mckenna: I love to do all things with him- he makes everything better. But if I had to pick one, I like when we are just in the car and one of our favorite songs comes on and we can start singing and be total idiots together.
Andrew: Netflix, or going out to eat and driving around.

What’s your favorite quality about one another?

Mckenna: He has so many, but I love his smile. Especially if he’s doing something that he loves- he just looks like he has so much confidence in himself.

Andrew: Her supportiveness in everything I do. She’s my own personal cheerleader.

In your opinion, what is your version of the perfect date?

Mckenna: We go boating all day and then at night we just sit by a bonfire looking at the stars.

Andrew: Dinner and a movie, although I know that’s not what Mckenna would say.
Despite the pandemic, how are you two staying connected?

Mckenna: We FaceTime a lot.

Andrew: We FaceTime ALL the time.
If the pandemic allows, what are you two most looking forward to doing together this summer?

Mckenna: Spending good quality time together and being on the lake.

Andrew: Doing everything on the lake.

If there was one word that you would use to describe the other, what would it be and why?

Mckenna: “Best friend” - If I could pick someone to do almost anything with, he’s the one that I want to experience things with and do things with.

Andrew: Irreplaceable, there is no one else in the world like her, no one else could be the person that she is in my life.



Teacher Cutie



by Allie Knipper

This week’s teacher cutie loves the color blue, Disney World, and Mexican food. She has two brothers. In the summertime, she would be found at the pool rather than camping.

Did You Know?

Teacher Edition

by Allie Knipper

Did you know **Mrs. Lewin** loves Mickey Mouse?

Did you know **Mr. Bruening** likes to build things by hand?

Did you know **Señorita** won Delhi Days lip sync contest when she was 11?

Did you know **Mr. Cassutt** originally was going to school to be a meteorologist?

Did you know **Mrs. Temple** can recite the Greek alphabet?

Did you know **Mr. Huegel** worked on the CRANDIC Railroad for two summers while in college? He was on the tie gang.

Did you know **Mrs. Palmer** was attacked by a bull on her farm at the age of 14 then later had back surgery at the age of 17 because of it.

Did you know **Mr. Drew** was in a Drum & Bugle corps?

Did you know **Mr. Andrews** bowls really well?

Brain Teaser

by Paige Winter

A man is looking at a photograph of someone. His friend asks who it is. The man replies, “Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man’s father is my father’s son.” Who was in the photograph?

Answer: His son

Best Buds



Brooke & Trista Elgin

by Amaya Hunt

When did you two go from sisters, to best friends as well?

Brooke: Around Trista's 8th grade year but we have really gotten close this year.

Trista: Towards the end of my 8th grade year.

Favorite thing to do together?

Brooke: We like to go out to eat or watch movies.

Trista: Go out to eat together.

Best memory created?

Brooke: When Trista broke her bed after celebrating a little too hard from making a basket with her little basketball hoop behind her door.

Trista: When I got chocolate all over her bedspread and her.

Where's your favorite place to go together?

Brooke: Panch

Trista: Pancheros

What do you love most about each other?

Brooke: I know I can always count on her through all the good and the bad.

Trista: Nothing.... Jk ;) . She's always willing to help me with anything.

Biggest pet peeve about one another?

Brooke: Trista likes to come in my room and literally lie right next to me just to annoy me and make me mad.

Trista: When she makes me start her car for her in the morning.

Where do you see the other in 5 years?

Brooke: Trista will either still be in college or close to being done with college.

Trista: Brooke will probably be working as a dental hygienist somewhere.

Cutie



by Paige Winter

This cutie is a sophomore who has hazel colored eyes and loves Disney movies. Her favorite animals are dogs. She has three younger sisters and her favorite activity at MV is being involved in band.

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle



I have some more fun facts coming your way this week because who doesn't need to know that cherophobia is the fear of happiness?

The average person will spend six months of their life waiting for a red light to turn green.

A bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 100,000 slices of bread.

The inventor of the frisbee had his ashes turned into a frisbee when he died.

The world's most successful pirate was a woman.

Cap'N'Crunch's full name is Horatio Magellan Crunch.

That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side!"

Arnold runs helmet competition



Although Mr. Arnold is somewhat new to Maquoketa Valley, there's no Wildcat who could question Mr. Arnold's love of all-things football. So while the weight room lies dormant and the football field and track only see lights on Friday night for a minute for each day we've missed to show support for students, Mr. Arnold kept

football alive by organizing a 2020 Iowa High School Helmet Battle Twitter poll. He opened the nominations to anyone in the state, set up a bracket, and the voting began.

MV had some good support, but the Wildcats lost to Lisbon.

The final winner was the Lewis Central Titans.