

## Fast Eddy: Mr. Edwards' other side

by Andrew Hildebrand

Mr. Edwards, to most who see him walking through the hallways, looks like any other normal shop teacher: boots, jeans, and a flannel shirt. But to those who know, there is another side to this man. This is the man some know as Fast Eddy. Fast Eddy is a purebred, mud slinger, go kart, dirt track racing machine.

Fast Eddy started his racing career back in 2005 when he was just eight years old. His dad used to be a go kart driver, and decided to get his son into the motor sport. He got his feet wet and started racing for a while until 2015 when they sold all of their go karts to move houses. He remembered, "I was sad and I wasn't ready to be done, but we got back into it a few years later."

When he did get back into it later, he joined the Racing team KWE out of Fargo, North Dakota. This team is owned by former NASCAR driver Tony Stewart. He drove for this team from 2015 to 2018. The team paid all of his expenses, and he kept whatever money he won. The most he ever won in one race earned him 5,000 dollars. He enjoyed his time on this team. They had a lot of success, but he didn't like the pressure of being on a big team with a lot expected of him. "There are a lot of variables to go kart racing and the drivers are one of them and I didn't want to screw up." Because of this and because the team was changing directions, Mr. Edwards decided to leave KWE and race on his own.

Mr. Edwards has had a lot of experience over his last 12 years of go kart racing all over the country, and not all of them were good experiences. He tells the story of how he broke his collarbone into three pieces as one of his favorite stories however. He was racing at Brooking, South Dakota on a high speed racetrack. He got locked together with another driver making a dangerous pass for the lead. They flew off the corner locked together and slid into the wall. The other driver flipped against the wall overtop of him. This accident broke his collarbone in two different places, but



no surgery was required. When the go kart was on top of him, the tire was still spinning and ripped the skin off his left shoulder blade.

Fast Eddy has racked up many injuries during his racing career. From the before mentioned accident his collarbone is uneven and he still has a slight scar on his shoulder blade from the tire which has since healed. He also has scars on his right shoulder because the exhaust runs right next to it and has burned him numerous times. Go kart exhausts can get up to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mr. Edwards' advice on go kart racing is straight forward: "If it was easy, everybody would do it. Go kart racing takes a lot of time, energy, and money." He says the most important skills are experience, focus, and knowledge of situational driving. For new racers he advises, "start off small then work your way towards bigger and bigger races." He also says to start with good equipment such as a good kart and safety gear.

You can find Mr. Edwards tearing up the dirt around the Midwest and South. He typically races every other weekend when he can. Make sure to ask when and where his next race is because you don't want to miss it. Don't blink or you might miss, Fast Eddy.

## Throwback Pink Out Nights

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# Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Since New Year's was only around two weeks ago, I thought it would be fun to test a few high schoolers' knowledge of New Year's history.



1. When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop in Times Square?

Keziah Ambundo: When it wanted to

Josie Teymer: 1802

Brianna Hines: 1935

Answer: 1907

2. What is the diameter of the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?

Keziah: A lot

Josie: 3 football fields

Brianna: 1/4 of a football field

Answer: 12 ft

3. How much did the first Times Square New Year's Eve Ball weigh?

Keziah: 500 pounds

Josie: 308 pounds

Brianna: 120 pounds

Answer: 700 pounds

4. How many colors can the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball display?

Keziah: 156

Josie: 47 or 12

Brianna: 6

Answer: 16 million

5. How many light bulbs covered the first Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?

Keziah: 100

Josie: 200

Brianna: 1000

Answer: 100

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

"About 1 in 4 college students report academic consequences from drinking, including missing class, falling behind in class, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall." Don't be part of the statistics.

—NIH

# Life Lasting Impacts

by Emma Ritz

Living in the Midwest, especially as an Iowan, we know how important agriculture and the impacts it has on everyone. Haylee Lau knew this the most. Ms. Lau's adventures in agriculture started as a high schooler where she attended Independence High in Independence, Iowa. She knew in high school she wanted to further her education and make an impact in the lives of others through the things she loves most—teaching and agriculture. After graduation she attended Hawkeye Community College for two years to get her gen ed's done and over with.

Ms. Lau had some good suggestions that seniors could take a listen to. "I would recommend any high school senior to look into a two year college to get your generals done first. I am so glad I decided to go that route. It made my life so much easier, especially financially."

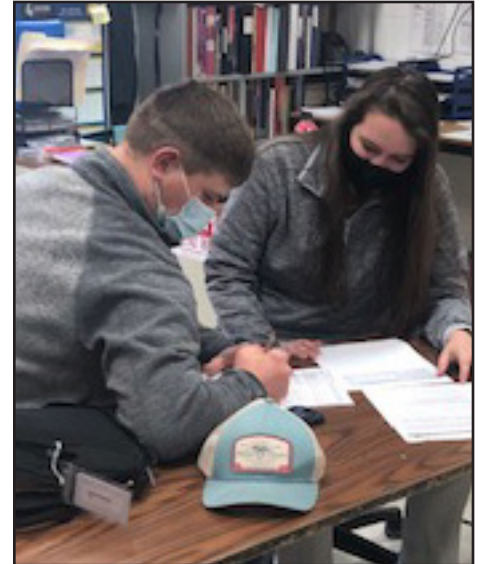
Ms. Lau then decided to go to Iowa State after she completed her generals at Hawkeye. She majored in Agriculture and Life Sciences Education. Ms. Lau says she chose this to be her major because, "I saw the value that my high school ag classes and FFA had on me, and I want to provide that opportunity for other students to learn and grow."

As a college student, Ms. Lau attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa to continue her major in Agriculture and Life Sciences Education.

"I loved Iowa State. I was able to take classes in different subject areas including animal science, agronomy, soils, ag mechanics, and many others. I loved every minute of college and getting to be a part of the College of Animal and Life Sciences at Iowa State!"

After graduation, Ms. Lau moved back to her hometown. Moving back home, especially after graduating, can be an adjustment, but she continues to make the best of it everyday. "Moving back home has definitely been an adjustment but part of growing up is learning how to be versatile and adjust to everything life throws at you."

Ms. Lau is making the most out of her college education. She is a high school ag teacher, an FFA co-advisor, and teaches sixth grade science all here at Maquoketa Valley. Ms. Lau sure is a busy bee but enjoys her job and the quick paced setting it



provides her. "So far I love MV," Ms. Lau states, "I love the community support as well as the teacher support that the school has in all of its activities is awesome!"

Changes are being made at Maquoketa Valley in its agricultural programs, starting with curriculum. Ms. Lau is bringing back curriculum to the school called CASE- Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education. Ms. Lau had nothing but good things to say about this curriculum and the excitement in her voice was shown while describing her plans with this curriculum. "CASE is super innovative and provides a lot of hands-on activities for students. I am excited to see how the students interact with this new curriculum!"

One of the major changes for Maquoketa Valley's FFA and agriculture program is the implementation of co-advisors. Mr. Edwards and Ms. Lau are both the co-advisors for MV's FFA chapter. FFA brings a lot of responsibility, not only for the advisors but for the students as well. "Being an FFA advisor comes with a lot of responsibility along with lots of behind the scenes tasks. Having Mr. Edwards there to help offers more FFA opportunities to students as there are two of us!" Along with changes of new advisors comes new plans to better the program. Ms. Lau definitely has some great ideas when it comes to making the program better now and for the future.

"My goal is to continue growing and being more involved in activities at the chapter, district, and state level. This year alone we have added 20 plus new members to our roster and the number keeps growing!"



## Boys win some, lose some to ranked opponents

by Chantel Crowley

It's been a whirlwind of a January for the boys basketball team with a schedule of six games in nine days (Jan. 7-15), with several of those games against ranked teams.

Jan. 7, the Wildcat Boys' Basketball team played a home game against Independence. MV lost 48-55. Top scorers included Andrew Holtz with 18, AJ Ambundo with eight, Owen Mensen with six, Michael Bojorquez and Avery Holtz with five each, and Mitch Heims and Lucas Orcutt with three each. As for



**A.J. Ambundo makes his way toward the basket in last night's game against Monticello.**

rebounds, Ambundo had eight, Andrew Holtz had four, Bojorquez and Orcutt with two each, and Heims and Mensen with one each. There were a total of eight steals; four made by Avery Holtz, two made by Bojorquez, and one each with Heims and Ambundo.

Jan. 8, the boys' basketball team also played a game against Starmont. Top scorers included Ambundo with 23, Andrew Holtz with 12, Orcutt with four, and Mensen and Avery Holtz with three points each. Ethan Doyle, Devante Strickland, Bojorquez, and Heims had three points each, and Jaccorey Wallace had one. For rebounds, Ambundo and Andrew Holtz had seven, and Wallace and Bojorquez had three each. Landon Deutmeyer, Orcutt, Brock Trenkamp, and Strickland had two each, and Doyl and Mensen had one each. There were 23 steals made by Andrew Holtz (six), Wallace (four), Mensen (three), Bojorquez (three), Ambundo (three), Orcutt (two), and Strickland (two). The boys won 54 to 17.

Rolling into this week on Monday, the basketball team played again, this time against a top conference foe Alburnett at home. Top scorers included Avery Holtz with 23, Ambundo and Andrew Holtz each with 13, Mensen with six, and Wallace, Orcutt, and Bojorquez with 2 each. As for rebounds, Bojorquez had five, Ambundo had four, Andrew Holtz had three, Mensen and Wallace had two each, and Orcutt had one. There were 6 steals; two made by Andrew Holtz, and one each made by Ambundo, Heims, Bojorquez, and Ambundo. The boys won 61 to 52.

On Tuesday, they played fourth-

ranked Springville. Top scorers included Mensen with nine, Avery Holtz with eight, Andrew Holtz and Ambundo with five, and Heims with three. Orcutt and Wallace scored two points, and Tony Offerman scored one. For rebounds, Heims, Orcutt, and Ambundo had four, Wallace, Strickland, and Bojorquez had three, Deutmeyer and Holtz had two, and Offerman and Mensen had one. There were a total of five steals; two made by Ambundo, and one each made by Wallace, Avery Holtz, and Andrew Holtz. The boys lost 35 to 60.

Last night MV played at 3A-ranked Monticello. The Panthers won 66-45.

Tonight MV travels to Ed-Co.



## Girls tally more wins

by Tara Goedken

Last Friday night the Wildcats traveled to Starmont to take on the Stars. The Wildcats came home with a win of 61-20. The Wildcats were able to score 48 points in the first half and 13 points in the second half.

On offense, Taya Tucker and Emerson Whittenbaugh both lead in points with 20 points each followed by Kennedy Rausch with 9 points.

On defense, Whittenbaugh led in rebounds with 6 rebounds followed by Kylie Chesnut, Ella Imler, Tucker, and Pagie Winter with 3 rebounds. Imler led in assists with 7 assists followed by Whittenbaugh with 4 assists. Tucker led in steals with 7 steals followed by Imler with 6 steals and Whittenbaugh with 5 steals.

Coach Moneck stated, "This was a good way to end a busy week of basketball. We are on the down-hill slide to our 7 game schedule in 13 days. You could tell we had some heavy legs in this game so it was very nice to get a lot of kids some good minutes in both the JV and varsity games. I am proud of our kids the way they have battled and hung in there. We have had some very tough games in this four game stretch. To add to it we have had some kids who haven't felt very well either. Starmont is never an easy place to play. We got off to a little bit of a slow start in this game but in the second quarter we dialed in defensively and were able to generate some points with easy baskets. Kennedy Rausch came off the bench and hit three 3's in the second quarter to get us going. We outscored Starmont 32 to 6 in the second quarter. We have three very tough games all on the road this week so we have to make sure we're paying attention to all the details."

On Tuesday night the Wildcats traveled to Springville to take on the Orioles. The Wildcats were able to add another win to the record with a score of 49-38. The Wildcats were able to score 27 points in the first half and 22 points in the second half.

Last night the Wildcats traveled to Monticello to take on the Panthers. MV won 39-24.

Tonight the Wildcats will travel to play the Ed-Co Vikings.

**Taya Tucker and Kylie Chesnut put the pressure on a Panther in last night's game. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)**



## Wrestlers defeat Ed-Co, host Farr Jebens tourney



**Brady Davis waits for the whistle in his match against an Alburnett opponent.**  
(photo by Lesa Parmely)

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The MV Wrestling team wrestled in Alburnett last Thursday. They defeated Ed-Co 36-24, lost to Highland 30-35, and lost to Alburnett 15-54.

Michael Shaul, Brady Davis, and Tim Harmon all ended the night with one pin each. Carter Kruse had one pin and won another match by decision.

Last Saturday the MV Wrestling team participated in its own Farr Jebens Invitational.

Tyreese Crippen, wrestling at 132, placed 6th in the tournament. He earned one pin for the day, and he won by decision, 9-3.

Wrestling at 195, Tim Harmon placed third in the tournament. He earned three pins.

Devin Smith wrestled in the HWT

class and placed 5th. He earned two pins.

Brady Davis wrestled at 220 and earned one pin. He got 6th place in the tournament.

Carter Kruse, wrestling at 182, got 7th place in the tournament. He ended the day with two pins.

Michael Schaul placed 5th and wrestled at 145. He won by decision three times: 8-0, 13-9, and 14-11.

“Our first Farr Jebens Invitational turned out to be a good challenge for us,” Coach Hatfield said about the tournament. “Our kids had a lot of matches. It was a good test. How to be prepared for a long day of wrestling.”

This Thursday the boys traveled to Midland. Results will be in next week’s article.



**Tyreese Crippen works free from an opponent at the tournament Saturday.**  
(photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kody Hoeger

**What position do you play?** Post

**What do you enjoy**

**most about play-**

**ing basketball?** I

enjoy playing as a

team and having

fun with my team-

mates throughout the

season.

**What’s something**

**about the sport**

**that others may**

**not know about?** Basketball is a physical sport and takes countless hours of work to become a good player.

**What’s been a favorite basketball mem-**

**ory?** John Swisher officiating at a home

game is a favorite basketball memory. We

appreciated his calls but the signals he

gave made the team laugh. Throughout

the school days following the game, Mr.

Swisher was the favorite teacher in the

halls because we would imitate the signals

he made during the game to him.

**Who’s your basketball role model?**

My basketball role model is my mom’s

cousin Doug McDermott because I have

always enjoyed watching him play. During

college he played at Creighton and is cur-

rently playing in the NBA with the Indiana

Pacers.

Name: Erin Knipper

**What position do you play?** Post

**What do you enjoy most about playing**

**basketball?** I enjoy

that in basketball we

always are push-

ing one another to

do their best at all

times. Alongside that

comes the forever

bond with the team.

**What’s something**

**about the sport**

**that others may not**

**know about?** Being good at basketball takes time and dedication. You can always improve.

**What’s been a favorite basketball**

**memory?** One of my favorite memories is

going to Spirit Lake with the team and the

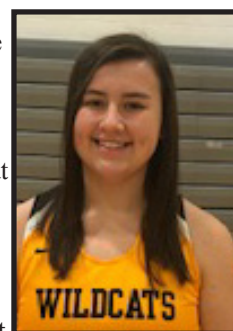
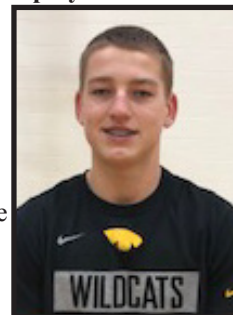
locker room before games.

**Who’s your basketball role model?**

My role models are the seniors this year.

They all have put a lot of time into getting

where they want to go this year.



# Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

Many people view money as something that can fix every problem, but I would argue that it can actually create more problems.

This week's quote is, **"Keep your friends rich and your enemies rich, and wait to find out which is which."** - Tony Stark



So I'm going to be honest, this line was actually said by Ultron in *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, but it is mentioned in the film that Stark created it. And yes, I know that I've already referred to the movie before in my column, I just happen to love Marvel movies. Back to the subject matter, anyone who knows Tony Stark in the Marvel Cinematic Universe knows that he has more than enough money to spare and has no problem with splurging it. While most of us are not under the same circumstances, there is a lesson to be learned about money here.

Money definitely has a way of bringing out who someone truly is. When you go from living an average lifestyle with an average budget to suddenly needing to find somewhere to put your new dollars, you'll need to make some decisions based on your own morals and ethics. This is exactly what Stark touches on.

He brings up a point about friends. Many times, friendships are formed by a basic connection over similar beliefs or enjoyed activities. Even the closest friends usually have slight differences in their personalities. Money places a magnifying glass on those differences. If a "friend" uses their newfound fortune in a way that is modest and humble, they are probably someone you can count on to not forget you and who will have your back. If they tend to be someone who always wants more, they might leave an average person behind for a more high-class lifestyle.

Money can bring out the good, the bad, and the ugly in people depending on what they do with it. It's important to be friends with people who would stick with you through thick and thin, no matter how big their bank account.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Chantel Crowley

**What event are you in for speech?** Radio Broadcasting with Mr. DeVore & Choral Reading with Mrs. Fisher  
**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** It's really fun! The fact



that we get to choose what we want to do & work on makes the whole process fun & enjoyable. Plus, I get to spend time with friends.

**What have you learned through this event?** I've learned how to be more creative & work with others to complete a goal, especially in Choral Reading.

**Who is your speech role model?** I don't know if this is really a speech role model, but my grandma really convinced me to join speech. She always commented on how it's so fun & that a lot can be learned from it.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I would love to judge Radio Broadcasting because it's so creative. There's a lot of room for creativity in this event, too.

Name: Noah DeVore

**What event are you in for speech?** Ensemble Acting and One Act.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** I like hanging out with friends and doing something I'm passionate about.

**What have you learned through this event?** I feel like I've gotten better at interacting with different characters in my events.

**Who is your speech role model?** My parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVore. They've pushed me to be better every practice.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** Improv for sure.



## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands.

"Dear, Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you.

"I've been finding real passion with Stacy. She is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing's, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am.

"But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

"Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so that Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!

"Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

"Love, your son, Joshua.

"P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home!"



# Best Buds

**The Lifting Crew - Parker Sternhagen, Preston Roling, Isaac Zirtzman, Avery Krapfl & Anna Deutmeyer**  
by Amaya Hunt

This week's edition looks a little different... but shows us that our Wildcats are always looking for ways to better themselves! This group lifts together at Parker's house frequently after school, and their progress hasn't gone unnoticed.

**When did you guys first start lifting together?** The boys started lifting in July this summer, but when school started and we all had our individual sports, we split up for a while. After football was over, the guys started lifting together again, and Anna and Avery joined once volleyball ended.

**What made you come together?**

Parker: We always lifted after school together, and on the days when the weight room wasn't opened, we just started lifting at my house together instead.

Preston: We all wanted to lift, follow the Swoly Bible

Isaac: Parker, Preston and I were good friends already and we wanted to get yoked. We wanted to become Alpha and make everyone else look Beta.

Avery: I think we just needed somewhere to lift when the weight room wasn't open, so Anna and I went and it was fun. Plus, now we have a golfing simulator so that makes it more fun to lift at Parker's with the whole group.

Anna: We want to get HUGE.

**Who plays the music? And do they have good taste?**

Parker: Usually Isaac, but I do sometimes, too. "Shower" by Becky G and "Eenie Meenie" by Justin Bieber slap, and you can't tell me otherwise.

Preston: Isaac does- it gets us in the mood.

Isaac: I play the music, and it's straight heat. The others will put some songs on the queue from time to time, but Preston has the worst taste by far.

Avery: Isaac usually plays it, and yes- he has good taste. NEVER LET PRESTON PLAY THE MUSIC.

Anna: Isaac does, and yes, he has good taste.

**Who do you think is the strongest?**

Parker: This isn't even a question.

Preston: Avery without a doubt, just just so swole.

Isaac: Parker by far, because he benches



315 right now and he's ahead of us in every other lift, too. Preston thinks he's stronger than me, but if I had T-Rex arms like him, there's no way he'd bench more than me.

Avery: I would say Parker, but he already knows that and he has a big ego about it lol... so Isaac or Preston.

Anna: I mean... Parker benches 315.

**What's your favorite lift? What's your least favorite? Why?**

Parker: My favorite lift is benching, 100%. My least favorite is anything involving legs. It's a lot cooler to be able to bench 315 than it is to squat it.

Preston: I just love weights. Period.

Isaac: Bench is the favorite lift for everyone because it's the most alpha lift and everyone will agree with me on that one. My least favorite lift is anything that involves squatting- we all hate legs... legs is beta.

Avery: My favorite day is bench day, and my least favorite is leg day because it takes so long and Isaac complains the whole time.

Anna: Squatting is my favorite because it's the only time I'm not the weakest one there. I absolutely hate the military move; it's just awful.

**What's better... leg or arm day?**

Parker: It's not even close- arm day. All Isaac does is complain on leg day, anyway.

Preston: I'm going to pretend that's not a question... arm day, every day.

Isaac: Arm day because curls get girls; there's no saying that thighs get girls.

Avery: Arm day- I think it's more fun. The only one who likes leg day is Anna, and she's crazy.

Anna: Leg day. It's just better.

**Do you prefer cardio or weights?**

Parker: Weights. We don't do cardio here.

Preston: Weights because when you get a PR it's very rewarding and exciting.

Isaac: What's cardio?

Avery: I like both, but if I had to choose, it would be weights because it's fun to lift

with a group of friends.

Anna: Weights. You don't get big doing just cardio.

**Of the group, who would you hate to take on in a fight and why?**

Parker: I could take them all easily, but Preston scares me the least.

Preston: I wouldn't want to fight Parker, and I think everyone knows why.

Isaac: They should all be scared of me.

Preston knows that I'll drop him, and the only way that Parker could beat me is if we wrestle. Mark the date- June 1st, Parker and I at his house at 8 pm.

Avery: I wouldn't want to face Isaac in a fight. Parker and Preston claim that they could fight someone, but I don't think they would. Isaac, however, I think definitely would actually fight someone.

Anna: Isaac, I feel like he can throw hands easily, especially if it's against Preston.

## Cutie

by Matthew Brehm



This week's cutie lives in Delhi. She will be joining choir next semester and likes to watch volleyball and basketball. This cutie loves listening to music and her favorite color is orange. She is also a freshman.

*Last week's Cutie was Kaela Clemen.*