

Coach Moenck celebrates 300 (+) wins

by Paige Winter

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Springville, Girls Basketball Coach Scot Moenck made history by reaching 300 wins here at MV!

Coach Moenck has built a very successful program here to make this possible. The girls basketball team is about family, sticking together, and working hard to accomplish big goals. These goals make this program and Coach Moenck so successful for so many years.

In Coach's words, he stays humble and puts the credit for his success on the girls who have been through the program. "It's 100% the student athletes, their parents, and our administration over the years," Moenck stated. "They have bought into the program and one another and have done things the right way over years and it's worked out. Our parents being supportive is a huge part of our success as well."

Coach Moenck also puts a lot of the credit with his family: "My wife Audrey and my daughters are all very supportive. I'm not home a lot during the winters so it can be tough some days. I know my wife at times feels like a single parent. She is the reason I am able to coach at Maquoketa Valley."

Another big reason that the basketball program is successful is the family like atmosphere the coaches have created in the team.

Senior Ella Imler credits the success on the stability that the coaching staff has and says that she thinks the program is special because of "the bond between the players and the coaches" and "how we treat one another like a family, the friendships that are formed, and the everyday lessons that we will use throughout our lives."

It's not just veteran players who think this way. New to the team freshman Haley Ronnebaum says that her favorite part of the program is that everyone has your back, "on and off the court." Carissa Sabers also said that in her opinion the team is special because of "how close we



This year's team, managers and coaches pose with Coach Moenck after the game Tuesday where he was recognized for reaching this coaching milestone. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

are to one another. When you are getting criticized on things that you can do better on, you know it is not because they just want to yell at you, but instead they know how good you can be and want you to get there."

The family dynamic of the team is carried throughout the girls that play and the coaches. Coach Moenck claimed, "I have been lucky to have the same coaches with me for a long time which has really helped. Brad Huber, Ali Scherrman, Jesse Wooten and Heidi Hoeger have been with me a long time and all truly care about kids."

Coach Moenck pins the success of the program on the athletes, the coaching staff, and his family. However when asked about Coach Moenck some of the players had some heart warming responses. Carissa Sabers responded, "Moenck and the other coaches obviously have a passion for the game which carries over to all of their players, which is another reason why we are so special. Everybody enjoys where we are at and has fun being around each other."

Imler added, "Outside of basket-

ball he has taught us a lot of valuable lessons. He has always been there for all of us, especially during the tough times, and he always pushes us to be our best."

Ronnebaum added she thought the success of the program was due to the great leaders and coaches that team has every year.

However it's not just the coaches who make an impact on the players; according to Coach Moenck, it goes both ways. "I have been lucky to coach a lot of amazing kids over the years, most who have impacted my life in so many positive ways."

The amazing people involved, the dedication of the players and coaches, and working hard together, is what makes this program so successful. Everyone involved has a big impact on the team. It's obvious that this program is like a second family for most people involved. The 300 wins is a big accomplishment for this program, but this team has no problem setting big goals. If you see him in the halls make sure to congratulate Coach Moenck on this awesome achievement!

Pink Out theme used to raise funds for MV family



MV's traditional Pink Out looked a bit different this year, but the sentiment of helping those battling cancer stayed constant. Donations were collected at Tuesday night's basketball game and Thursday night's wrestling meet. The money collected was given to the Scott and Jill Crowley family. Scott is undergoing chemo treatment for pancreatic cancer. Both Scott and Jill are MV alumni. Above: Dance team coach Jen Teymer recognizes the family.

Mr. Dunlap: Diving beneath the cover

by Kim Sellner

Most people form their opinion of someone based on their first glance or impression that they receive from the person's appearance or behavior. However, this conclusion that's formed from a single observation can be completely inaccurate. From only looking at someone, you can't form an understanding of who they are because you don't know anything about their past. You are only getting to know the persona that the person wants you to. This goes back to the old saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover." The same can be said for Mr. Dunlap.

The students of Maquoketa Valley know Mr. Dunlap as the joking, energetic, and carefree art teacher. Mr. Dunlap infects everyone he walks past in the hallways with his ever-present smile and cheerfulness. Every student knows that this is just how Mr. Dunlap is; however, most students don't know one important factor in Mr. Dunlap's past that has shaped who he is today. This important factor was being a part of the United States Army.

In the United States Army, Mr. Dunlap served as a captain in the field artillery and acted as a battle captain when he was deployed overseas. While overseas in Afghanistan, Mr. Dunlap took part in a transition team or MiTT team. This meant that he trained the Afghanistan soldiers or police on how to protect and govern themselves. Mr. Dunlap never saw any action;



however, he was put in a position where it could have happened on any given day that he was deployed. This constant uncertainty about whether or not you will live to see the next day is why most people don't join the army or any other branch of the military. However, Mr. Dunlap braved this uncertainty for the betterment of our nation, which speaks volumes about his character. Mr. Dunlap explained in an uncharacteristically serious voice why he joined the army, "I was a teacher at the time and I thought I needed some change, so I decided that I would join the army. I'm very patriotic, which I believe stems from my family. My grandparents, uncles, and brother were involved in the military as well."

Mr. Dunlap joined the army and put his life at risk, even though he already had a career as a teacher. As Mr. Dunlap stated earlier, he thought that he needed

some change in his life. Mr. Dunlap confessed, "I mean I'm kind of a clown anyway, but when I first started teaching I thought I was kind of young and immature and just not ready to teach. I needed some adventure in my life."

Being in the army allowed Mr. Dunlap to gain the "maturity" that he thought he was missing earlier. Mr. Dunlap accomplished this by sharpening some essential skills that improved his teaching capabilities. One advancement he has undergone includes the revision of his communication and his ability to relate with others. Mr. Dunlap reminisced about these changes: "I learned to be a person in the army. Some teachers are very rigid and don't connect really well. In the army, you have to connect well with people otherwise you will struggle with whatever you do.

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Boys go 1-1 in recent play



Senior DeVante Strickland wowed the crowd Tuesday night with his dunk against East Buchanan.

by Chantel Crowley

Coach Conner returned to his alma mater Friday night as his Wildcats took on the Ed-Co Vikings. The Vikings came out on top 65-44. It was the fourth game the team played last week.

Leading scorers were Andrew Holtz with 14 points and A.J. Ambundo with 13. Andrew Holtz had two assists, and Avery Holtz had five.

Leading rebounders were Heims, Andrew Holtz and Lucas Orcutt with four apiece.

Mitch Heims had two steals as did Avery Holtz. Andrew Holtz had a block.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats played a home game against East Buchanan. MV won 62-42.

Top scorers included Andrew Holtz with 19, Avery Holtz with 16, Owen Mensen with nine, Ambundo with seven, and Orcutt with three. Miguel Bojorquez, DeVante Strickland, Jacorrey Wallace, and Ethan Doyl scored two each.

For rebounds, Ambundo had seven; Avery Holtz, Andrew Holtz, Bojorquez, Orcutt, Tony Offerman, Brock Trenkamp, and Wallace had two each, and Strickland and Mensen had one each. There were a total of 16 steals; five made by Ambundo, three made by Avery Holtz.

Tonight the Wildcats travel to Troy Mills to take on North Linn.

Wrestlers embracing 'nothing to lose' attitude



Michael Schaul takes on his opponent at Saturday's tournament. Schaul finished second. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Last Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley Boys' Wrestling Team traveled to Midland for their meet. They wrestled against Midland and Central City. Against Central City, the boys won 30-9. Tyreese Crippen had one pin. Wrestling against Midland, the boys, however, lost 54-18.

Last weekend, on Saturday, the team traveled to MFL-MarMac for an invitational.

Wrestling at 145, Michael Shaul placed second in the tournament. He earned one pin and won by decision, 9-6.

Also getting second place in the tournament was Carter Kruse who wrestled at 182. He earned one pin for the day.

Brady Davis wrestled at 220 and placed sixth in the tournament. He had to opt-out of two matches due to injury.

At 285, Devin Smith placed sixth. He earned one pin for the day.

Tyreese Crippen, who wrestled at 132, and Aidan Salow, who wrestled at 160, didn't place in the tournament.

Tim Harmon wrestled at 195 and placed third in the tournament. He three pins to finish his day.

"Today was a good day for us," said Coach Hatfield about Saturday's tournament. "We went into this tourney with the attitude of having nothing to lose. It showed we wrestled very well. The kids have it in them. I see it in the wrestling room every day. I think they are starting to believe in themselves as much as we do."

Last night the Wildcats hosted Lisbon and East Buchanan. Results will be in next week's issue.

The team will wrestle at Louisa Muscatine tomorrow.

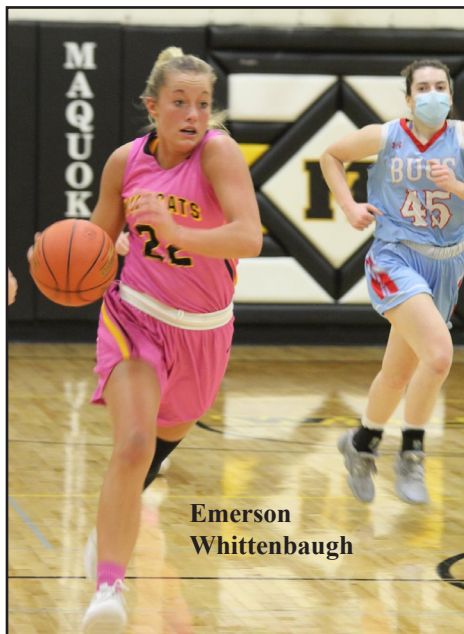
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"I take some of this back with me in my teaching and I feel like I connect a little better than I did before."

Even though Mr. Dunlap gained some essential skills that he needed to improve his teaching abilities, he doesn't regret leaving the army. Mr. Dunlap expanded on this by explaining, "I met a lot of really awesome people in Afghanistan that I'll probably never see again, so I think that's what I miss the most about the army. There was a lot of stuff that I didn't like though. I was in my 30's, and they were still treating me like a kid or a new private who thought that he could do anything he wanted to. I also missed my first kid's birth because I was out of the country. I don't miss that little stuff, but the army did make a big difference in my life."

First impressions are often inaccurate because they are formed from a brief interval of time that you see someone, instead of spending an elaborate amount of time with them. By walking into Mr. Dunlap's classroom, it's apparent that he has a great gift when it comes to connecting with people. Mr. Dunlap possesses the uncanny ability of understanding students and finding ways to incorporate fun in the classroom, but still deliver the material effectively. Because of this, the students of Maquoketa Valley know without a doubt that Mr. Dunlap chose the right career as a teacher. However, most people would never have guessed that this comical man gained this great gift from being ex-military personnel. This proves that you should never judge a book by its cover, even one that you've seen countless times until you actually dive in and distinguish what's hidden beneath the cover.

Girls continue their winning streak



Emerson
Whittenbaugh

by Tara Goedken

Last Friday night the Wildcats traveled to Ed-Co to take on the Vikings. The Wildcat came home with a 59-34 win over the Vikings. The Wildcats were able to score 21 points in the first half and 38 points in the second half of the game.

On offense, the senior trio led in points starting with Ella Imler led with 19 points, Taya Tucker with 18 points and Emerson Whittenbaugh with 17 points.

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

On Tuesday night the Wildcats hosted the East Buchanan Buccaneers. The Wildcats added another win to their record with a score of 49-23. The Wildcats were able to score 29 points in the first half and 20 points in the second half of the game.

Whittenbaugh put up 15 points while Tucker had 14. Imler and Kennedy Rausch each had nine. Imler had six assists. Whittenbaugh was a force defensively with a steal and six total rebounds until a twisted ankle took her out of the game in the fourth quarter. Tucker had eight rebounds, a block and two steals. Imler pulled down six rebounds and also had two steals.

Tonight the Wildcats travel to take on the North Linn Lynx.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Adrienne Freiburger

What event are you in for speech? TV News and Radio Broadcasting

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Getting a chance to take a break from school and having fun with people.

What have you learned through this event? To go with the flow and not let problems stop you from progressing.

Who is your speech role model? Definitely Mrs. DeVore for her ability to roll with the punches and always be there to support you.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Short film or Reader's Theater



Name: Leah Ries

What event are you in for speech? One-Act

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Getting to know other students that I normally do not spend time with.

What have you learned through this event? How to develop into a character that is nothing like myself.

Who is your speech role model? I would have to say myself because I never thought that I could step out of my comfort zone and be in one-act.

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



Name: McKenna Thompson

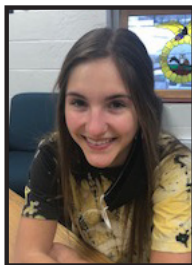
What event are you in for speech? One Act.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I enjoy getting to be another person while on stage.

What have you learned through this event? Because all of our lines are memorized you really have to work on your scene at home.

Who is your speech role model? Mrs. DeVore because she always pushes us to try new things and do something different each time we get on stage.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Group improv because they would all be so different.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Brady Davis

What do you enjoy most about wrestling?

Winning

What's something about wrestling that others might not know?

It's the toughest sport

How do you mentally prepare for a match?

Warmup

What's your goal this season?

place at state

Who's your wrestling role model?

Sammy Brooks



Name: Andrew Holtz

What position do you play? I am a Guard.

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Being a part of a team and working together as a team.

How has this year's season been different from other years? To avoid facing the consequences of COVID we wear masks during practices and some games. This has brought a whole new meaning and intensity to "conditioning."

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Coach Conner doing the worm after beating Alburnett.

Who's your basketball role model?

John Stockton



Name: Ella Mensen

What position do you play? guard and post

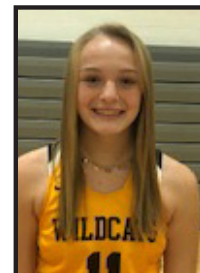
What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? I love being able to compete with myself and with other teams

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? There is a lot more work behind the scenes physically and mentally than some people may think, every player on the team plays a part in where we are now.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Watching *The Bachelor* in the hotel room at Spirit Lake

Who's your basketball role model?

Heidi Hoeger



what's up?

What kind of car do you drive and does it have a name?

by Paige Winter

Molly Anderegg: Pontiac named Penny
Kylie Chesnut: Volkswagen bug and her name is cCrazy Mazie
Ashtyn Porter: Comotrek and its name is

Mystique

Erin Knipper: Blue Equinox and its Velma
Emille Supple: Impala and Macy calls it The Beast Mobile

McKenna Thompson: 2012 Impala and it's named Vanessa

Mr. Huegel: My wife's car is Ruby and my daughter's future car is Black Betty. I don't name my truck but I'm sure some boys in the high school would have a name for it since it's a Toyota.

Isabel Landis: Silver Camry if I had to name it, it would be Alfred.

Madeline Gellersen: Honda Civic and it's Mary Hart

Mr. Dunlap: My motorcycle is named Blue Thunder. My wife says I'm married to it and I am.

Kendra Hillers: It's a Chevy Cruz and it's Queen... Lightning McQueen

Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

This week's cutie lives outside Hopkinton. He enjoys fishing and reading. This cutie has brown hair, and though he is not in any extracurricular activities, he is in Boy Scouts and occasionally fishes in tournaments. He is a senior.



Last week's Cutie was Lacey Barry.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

"In 2010, alcohol misuse cost the United

States \$249.0 billion."

—NIH

Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Because the 20th of January was the inauguration of Joe Biden, I thought it would be nice to ask some high schoolers some fun questions about past inaugurations.



1. Which president gave the shortest inauguration speech to ever have been given?

Taya Tucker: Washington

Amanda Mohr: George Washington

Leijhton Deutmeyer: Trump

Answer: George Washington (135 words)

2. Who was the only president to be sworn in by a woman?

Taya: Johnson

Amanda: Bill Clinton

Leijhton: Barack Obama

Answer: Lyndon B. Johnson (He was sworn in on Air Force One by federal judge Sarah T. Hughes after President Kennedy was assassinated.)

3. Which president was the only one sworn in by his father?

Taya: Trump

Amanda: George W. Bush

Leijhton: Andrew Jackson

Answer: Calvin Coolidge

4. Which president was sworn in while carrying a lock of hair from his predecessor?

Taya: Roosevelt

Amanda: Teddy Roosevelt

Leijhton: I don't know

Answer: Theodore Roosevelt

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

Where does the General keep his armies?

In his sleeves

How does an octopus go into battle?

Well-armed

What's E.T. short for?

Because he's only got little legs

Never criticize someone until you've walked in their shoes

That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and have their shoes

Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

When the world seems to be spinning out of control, sometimes what we need most is to stop and reflect.

This week's quote is, **"A wise man once said nothing at all."** - Drake.

This line has to be one of my favorites out of Drake's whole discography, and it sticks out to me every time I hear it. The irony of this rapper saying the opposite of what we're used to hearing after, "A wise man once said..." is unique; it goes against the grain. It says that we may need to reverse our thinking if we want to find the answer to a problem.

But more than that, he's right about the correlation between wisdom and silence. Wisdom is achieved through experience, seeing things unfold before you and processing them. The only way for you to really gain a deeper understanding of someone or something is by listening. There's a reason so many people are able to work out personal problems or have creative breakthroughs when doing things like driving without the radio on, trying to fall asleep, and even showering; they are alone with their thoughts. I believe that with a little peace and quiet from time to time, everyone can learn a little more about themselves and the people around them.

In the context of the song, the quote is about remaining calm when someone is slandering you. Certain times, it is definitely important to clarify any false remarks against you, but in this case, it's about drama. I'll admit, I get caught up in drama and rumors from time to time, but I've been trying to get better at knowing when it's not worth it. Sometimes it's better for everyone to just let petty remarks run their course rather than fuelling them. You'll also be leading by example if you show that some things just aren't important enough to fight over.

Becoming friends with silence is something that will elevate your thinking and help you to see more of life. While you can learn a lot from listening to others, you can also learn a lot from yourself.

