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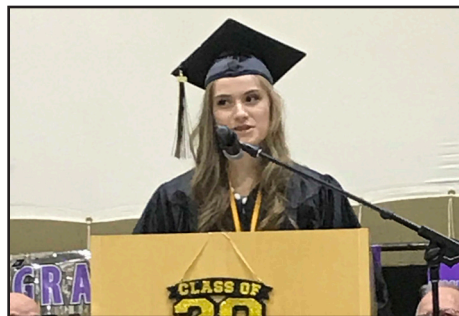
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MV awards 52 diplomas to class of 2018



Students recognized for being in the top 20% of the class were Dany Schuman, Brittany Sabers, Mitchell Neuzil, McKenzie Lansing, Abby Holtz, Macy Hoeger, Brock Hillers, Gracie Gellersen and Amanda Engelken.

Wednesday night marked both the end and beginning of a journey for MV's class of 2018. The ceremony followed its typical format with the band playing before and after the ceremony, and the choir sang "Lean On Me," with the seniors featured. Payton Ries prepared a slideshow. The Five Star Award went to Pastor Jill Mack for her donations of time and supplies to Earlville Elementary.



Above: Student council president Megan Beaman describes what it means to be a Wildcat.



Right: School board president Doug Dabroski presents Pastor Jill Mack with the Five Star Award.

Students recognized for outstanding efforts in speech and drama

Speech and drama students were recognized for their success at the annual awards night May 11.

Medals and certificates were presented to students for their speech accomplishments.

Awards were also given out for the spring play:

Rock Star Award: Brenden Hogan, Hannah Clemen

Rising Star Award: Allie Dunn

Wilde Awards: Kristin Lucas, Emma McDowell, Hunter Glass

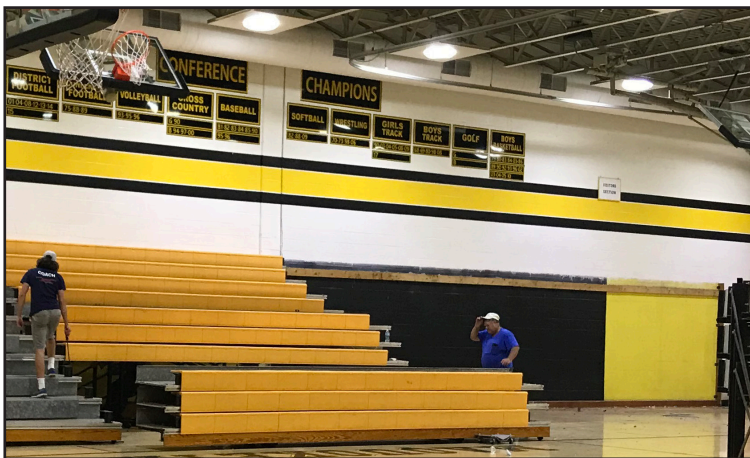
The coaches also present a Defining Performance Award for "above and beyond" generosity to the speech and drama programs. This year's award went to the staff of The Wildcat Echo.



Speech and drama students were recognized at the awards night for various accomplishments.

Building undergoes some changes over summer

The gym is undergoing a major renovation with a new floor and bleachers. The Athletic Boosters are auctioning off parts of the gym floor.



by Kelly Winter

As some may know, Maquoketa Valley will be undergoing some more renovations this summer! I talked to Mr. Osterhaus to get the inside scoop on how our school will look for the 2018-2019 year. Overall there are just a lot of little things changing everywhere.

The high school gym is getting totally redone with new bleachers and floors. The administration is hoping that the floor and bleachers are ripped out before school gets out. So far, only the bleachers are gone, but the staff is still working! Also, the outside roof of the gym will be replaced to prevent future leaks.

Next all of the classrooms are getting painted and carpeted, with the exception of the FCS room, science rooms, and hallways. These rooms are getting grey epoxy flooring, which means that all of the tile will be ripped out. The grey epoxy will only be going in the top and bottom levels (the classroom hallways). The carpet will be like the front entrance but all grey. Throughout the school, ceiling tiles will be replaced and lighting will be updated.



Just this week the library got a new look. The walls have been painted white, and carpet will be installed soon.

Science rooms will be getting updated throughout the summer, as you may have heard. Mrs. Besler will be moving into the room Mrs. Moenck is currently in. There will be a hole cut in the wall between her room and Mr. Andrews' room to combine the rooms and make a lab/classroom combination. Mr. Bruening will move into Mrs. Besler's room. In that room there will be new cabinets and sink. Mrs. Moenck will be moving to Mr. Bruening's current room, but the cabinets will be removed so that it will look like a regular classroom. That means that Mr. Andrews will have to move back into his old room at the end of the junior hallway, next door to Mrs. Groth. They will be taking out the unused lockers in the junior hallway and redo all the stair treads.

Mr. Osterhaus stated, "We're hoping to have it ready by the beginning of school. I'm excited to see the updates in the rooms and the new environment." Overall the renovations are looking to be great and ready for us when we come back to school in the fall!

Beautification



Eric Brehm and Cody Hunter plant flowers outside of a building in Earlville. These are flowers the horticulture class grew in the greenhouse.

Graduation tunes



Tracksters hit the Blue Oval

Maquoketa Valley athletes had several strong performances during the State Class 1A Co-Ed Track and Field Meet May 17-19 at Drake University in Des Moines.

For the boys, four Wildcat entries had finishes in the top half of the field in their events. They were led by Chance Downs, who ran eighth in the 800-meter run on Saturday.

The boys' 4x800 of Downs, Derek Becker, Brenden Hogan and Derek Mensen was ninth. Taking 11th place was the boys' shuttle hurdle team of Brock Hillers, Derek Becker, Teige Hunt and Chad Neuzil. Chad Neuzil finished 12th in the 110 hurdle prelims on Friday.

Other places for MV: Brock Hillers, 110 hurdles, 20th; 4x400 team of Becker, Downs, Hillers and Alex McCusker, 13th; 4x100 relay of Mitch Neuzel, Gianpaolo Pillon, Chad Neuzel and Daniel Hunter, 14th; Brenden Hogan in the 1600M run, 16th; the 4x100 relay of Mitchell Neuzil, Chad Neuzil, Pillon and Hunter, 14th; and the 4x200 relay of Mitch Neuzil, Evan Hoefer, Hunter and Becker, 23rd.

For the girls, Wall reached the finals in the 200-meter dash by running fifth in Thursday's preliminaries with a time of 26.12 seconds, and ended up eighth in the finals. In the 100 dash prelims in Thursday, Wall finished ninth and missed qualifying for the finals by .01 of a second with her time of 12.91. "Sam Wall had a successful



Derek Becker hands off to Chance Downs in the 4x800. The team took ninth in that event. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)



Brenden Hogan finds his stride in the 1600 meter run.

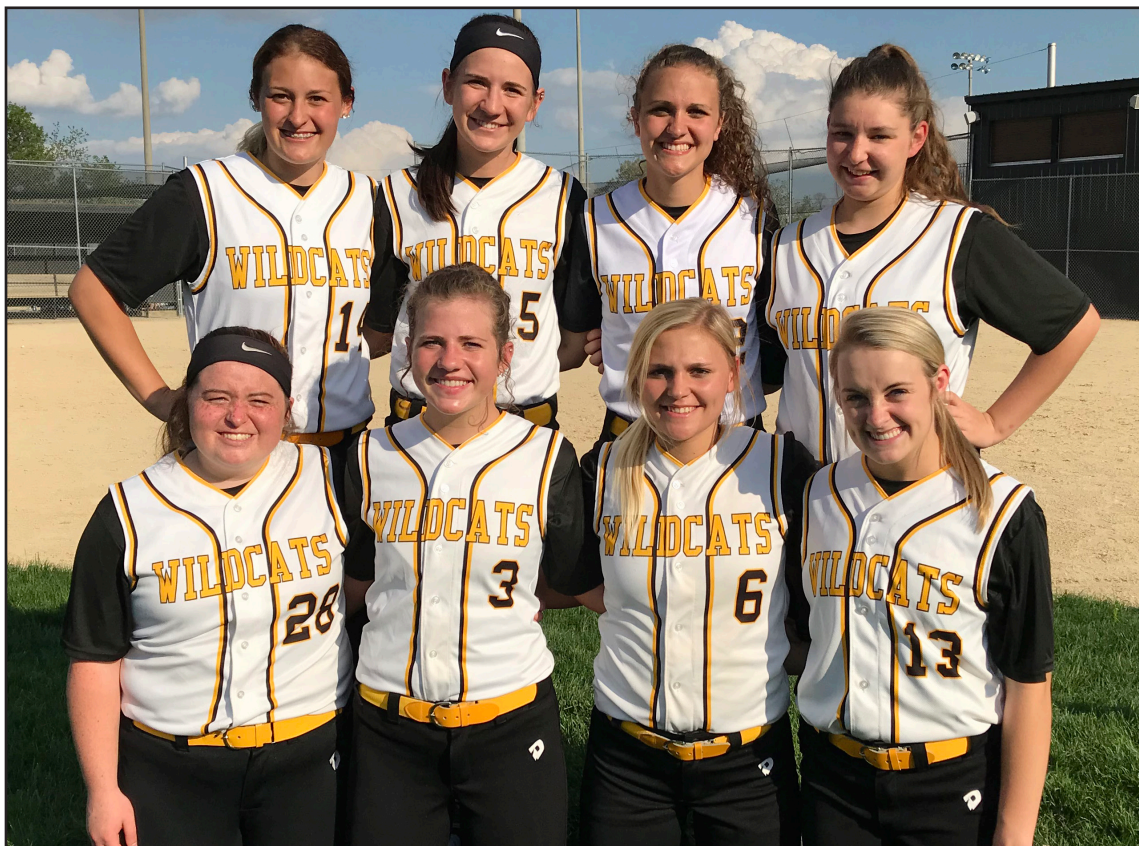
meet as well," stated Coach Dunlap. "Sam was DQ'd in the finals for stepping on the inside lane line too many times during the race. Sam also ran the 100m dash placing 9th overall with a time of 12.91 barely missing finals by one one-hundredth of a second. Both of these races were not how Sam would have liked them to end up. I know she was disappointed with the results but Sam is a special talent. This will only add fuel to the fire. She will have one more opportunity for state next season as a senior. We can expect greatness!"

Sophomore Lydia Helle competed in the shot put Thursday, and finished ninth overall with a top throw of 36-foot-3.5. She was only four inches from making finals. "Although Lydia Helle didn't PR at state she still threw really well and handled the pressure," stated Coach Dunlap. "Had Lydia thrown her seasons best, which was her throw at districts 38-05.25, she would have placed 5th in the state. Last year Lydia's best throw was 31-01. Lydia had a huge season and what I like even more is that she is only a Sophomore. I know Lydia was not satisfied with the results at state and I think we can expect another great season from her next year."

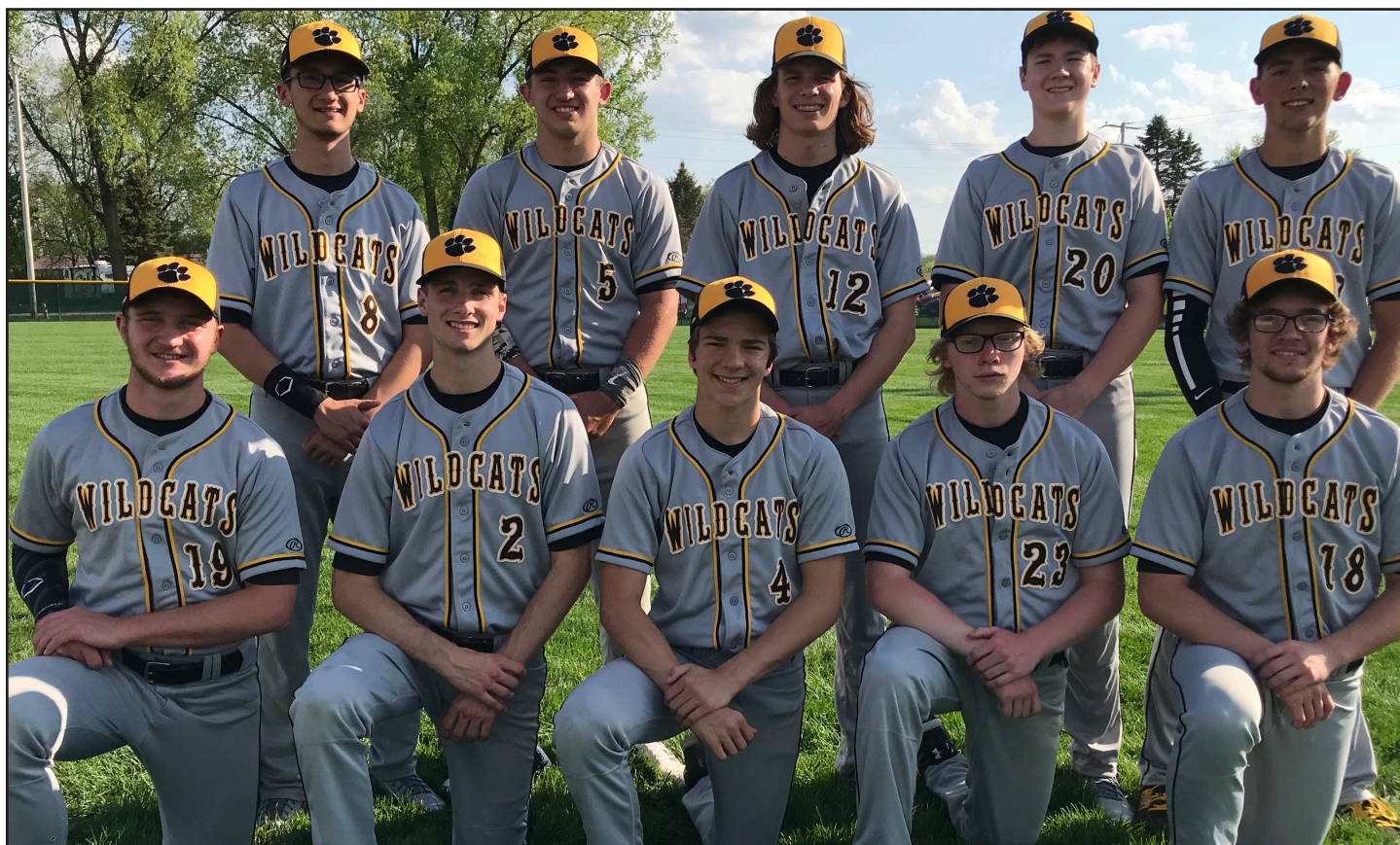


Sam Wall takes off during a rainy 200M finals.

Baseball and softball teams get ready to play ball



The returning letter winners for Maquoketa Valley's softball team include, front row from left: Adrienne Supple, Olivia Hoeger, Rejji Smith and Cassi Westhoff; back row: Rylie Aldrich, Macy Hoeger, Maddy Anderegg and Maddie Lahr. Absent: Payton Ries. The team is coached by Kendra Whitman and Macey Kintzle.



Returning letter winners for the Maquoketa Valley baseball team include, front row from left: Norman Wilson, Brock Hillers, Parker Sternhagen, Sean Hucker and Blake Becker; second row: Jon Seibert, Tyson Tucker, Heath Gibbs, Cole Willenbring and Trevor Elgin. The team is coached by Mr. Conner and Mr. Cassutt.

what's up?

by Chance Downs

What would you rate 10/10?

Dylan Happel: Wrestling

Brooklyn Sands: Vacation (somewhere warm)

Mr. Huegel: My wife

Grace Wegmann: Tyson Chicken Nuggets

Evan Hoefer: Julie Hunter

Allie Knipper: Justin

Mr. Ford: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream

Logan Johnson: The accessibility to technology at school

Señora: Summer, Coffee, Mexico, and family

Mrs. Temple: Marvel Cinematic Universe

Mrs. Moenck: My marriage

Mrs. Besler: Cheesecake

Mr. Bruening: Diet Coke on a Friday afternoon

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mady Moenck



You have put a lot of time (even part of your spring break) to adjust to Spanish at MV after your move. What concepts have you been catching up on? With Spanish I have had to catch up with everything. MV is way more advanced in Spanish than Anamosa is so I have had to put in a lot of extra time to learn everything that the rest of the Juniors know.

What do you enjoy most about learning Spanish? I enjoy that Spanish is challenging, and I can learn something new every day.

If you were a teacher and wanted to motivate students to put in extra effort, what would you do or say? If I were a teacher I would tell students that the time you put into your work pays off.

—Mady was nominated by Sra. Ries

Winter makes it to state golf

Excitement was a live yesterday at the girls regional finals golf meet in Colesburg. Junior Kelly Winter shot a 93 --good enough for third-- which qualified her for the state meet at Lake Panorama next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Despite the rain, Winter said she was ready to play.

"Overall I am very proud of the way the girls competed today," stated Coach Andrews. "We had a couple girls who got personal records today and given the conditions that is always good to see. I'm also very happy for Kelly and qualifying for the state meet as a junior. She has put a lot of hard work and time into this game so to see her punch her ticket to state is a great feeling. It does hurt a little bit to come up four strokes short of qualifying as a team but hopefully the girls on this team remember this feeling and put that into motivation over the summer."

Other scores were:

Chloe Roling: 110

Maddie Lahr: 118

Faith Hunt: 122

Erika Supple: 123

Ci'Ann Richardson: 139

The girls qualified for the regional

Cutest Couple



Mr. & Mrs. Bruening

by Hannah Lahr

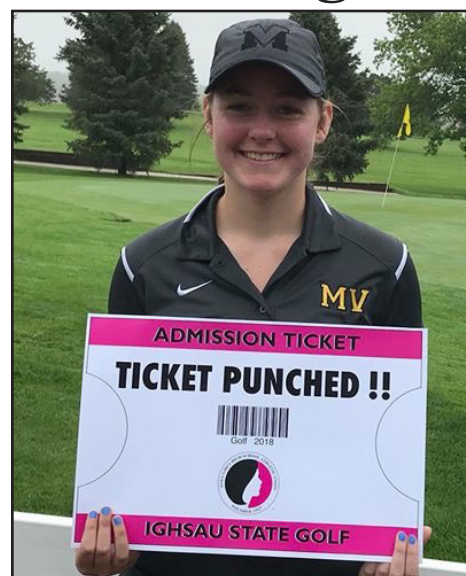
How long have you been married? 6 years

What's your favorite thing to do with each other? Take the dog for a walk

How many kids do you want? Well, I have 12 animals. I want some kids, but not a lot

What are some nicknames for each other? I call her Maycee (her middle name is Kaycee). She calls me B.

Where did you meet? We met in our freshman year of college. We were Saran wrapping a car, and I needed a camera. She let me use the camera.



Kelly Winter finished third in the regional finals golf meet Monday and has qualified for state.

finals with their second place finish last Monday at Little Bear in Wyoming.

At the meet, Kelly Winter was the runner up medalist with a 91. Faith Hunt finished seventh with a 104.

"Overall, it was a great day for our girls golf team and golf program," stated Coach Andrews. "To come away in second place in the seven-team field and to have five girls score in the top 20 individually shows the improvement this team has made."

Other scores for the day were:

Erika Supple: 113

Chloe Roling: 113

Maddie Lahr: 125

Ci'Ann Richardson: 138

The boys golf team competed in the sectional golf meet May 11 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Winthrop. The team finished sixth. The top three teams advanced to the next round.

Overall I was satisfied with how the guys performed given the conditions," stated Coach Andrews. "It was a cold, windy, and rainy day and they fought through it. Having all underclassmen golfing and a couple first year golfers competing at Sectionals, we have a lot to look forward to in years to come. Hopefully this experience pays off and makes us better moving forward."

Scores included:

Austin Snyder: 107

Tony Offerman: 110

Garrett Lahr: 126

Morgan Hermanson: 128

Best Buds



Madison Ott & Izabel Niehaus
by Kristin Lucas

When did you become friends? seventh grade study hall

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Izabel: We go get food from Olive That Deli because we get it half off, or we drive around and talk about people.

Madison: Talk about stupid boys and eat too much food

What's your favorite memory together?

Izabel: I was crying over a boy and she told me there the idiot because I was the catch they were missing out on.

Madison: When we were in 8th grade in Mrs. Bush's room acting really obnoxious and she yelled at us (you had to be there)

How would you describe your friendship in one word?

Izabel: Gucci

Madison: Obnoxious

Cutie

by Brooklyn Sands



This cutie is a junior. He lives in Delhi with his mom & outside of Hopkinton with his dad. He is involved in contest speech and he loves dogs.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

School is almost over so let's celebrate by looking at some fun facts about school and then some even more fun facts about summer!

- The King's School in England is the oldest school in the world. It was founded in 597 A.D.
- The world's largest school is City Montessori School in India. There were 32,000 students!
- Kids in Holland don't start school until they turn 4 years old, so kids join throughout the year.
- South Korean students help clean classrooms after school.
- Some kids in Columbia travel to school on a zipline.
- Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of school.
- July is blueberry month.
- Due to the fact that iron expands in heat, the Eiffel tower grows about 6 inches in the summer.
- More thunderstorms happen during summer than any other time.
- The month of July is named after Julius Caesar.

Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

I love my fair share of comedy specials, that's no secret. I'm always looking for a good laugh and there are plenty of comedians to get them from. My new favorite comedy special at the moment is *John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous at Radio City*. John Mulaney is wildly energetic, darting back and forth the large stage. His energy draws you in and really makes all of his jokes even better. Most of *Kid Gorgeous* focuses on his childhood and fun stories from it. Personally one of my favorite moments was when he was talking about how he would go to school assemblies as a child and learning strange things, like how to escape kidnappings. The whole time I was watching *Kid Gorgeous*, I was laughing or anticipating the next punchline. John Mulaney is a gift to comedy, so check him out!

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

How do you clean a dirty tuba?

Answer: With a tuba toothpaste!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 22, 2018

TUESDAY, May 22, 2018

1. HS V (DH) Softball at Center Point / Urbana - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:00 PM)
2. HS JV (DH) Baseball - HOME - West Delaware - 5:00 PM
3. MV School Board of Directors' Meeting - High School Conference Room - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018

1. Drivers' Ed Class - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM
2. 6th Grade Class to Evergreen Cemetery in Delhi for Iowa History Lesson - 11:45 AM until 1:15 PM
3. Kindergarten Graduation - Earlville Elementary - Open House 12:30 PM / Graduation 1:30 PM
4. 5th Graders to Take Condition of Learning Survey - 1:30 PM and 2:05 PM

THURSDAY, May 24, 2018

1. Snow Make-Up Day for February 9
2. Drivers' Ed Class - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM
3. Middle School Awards Assembly - MS Multipurpose Room - 8:10 AM
4. 6th Grade Class to Evergreen Cemetery in Delhi for Iowa History Lesson - 9:00 AM
5. Junior High Pizza Party Incentive - 11:12 AM
6. 7th & 8th Grade Incentive Trip to Castle Theater in Manchester (2 Buses Leave at 11:45 AM)
7. MV Elementary Wildcat Way Field Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5 - HS Track - 1:15 PM
8. HS V (DH) Softball and Baseball - HOME - East Buchanan - 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, May 25, 2018

1. Drivers' Ed Class - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM
2. Last Day of School - Snow Make-Up Day for March 6
3. 7th & 8th Grade Last Day Picnic & Activities at Bailey's Ford (2 Buses Leave at 8:15 AM)
4. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:10 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton
5. HS V (DH) Softball - HOME - Cascade - 5:00 PM
6. HS JV/V Baseball - HOME - Don Bosco High School - 5:00 PM