

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Downs participates in 'Bright Star' Cast Shines on the Stage Next Week

by Allie Dunn

In mid-October, senior Chance Downs traveled to downtown Des Moines to experience something like nothing else. Chance had the opportunity to go to the Global Youth Insitute. Last April, he submitted a paper to the Iowa Youth Insitute about the lack of water in the country of Jordan. This paper was reviewed by an expert panel, and then was selected to be presented at the Global Youth Insitute this fall.

During his time there, Chance got the opportunity to meet with people from around the world, like the Secretary of Agriculture from Mexico and the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Together they talked about world problems and came up with logical solutions to put into action.

He said this experience allowed him to feel present in the world and feel he has actually made a difference. If Chance had the opportunity to go again, he most definitely would love to immerse himself in more people and hear about why they are at the Global Institute.

For anyone looking into submitting a paper to the Iowa Youth Institute, Chance would love to help you. He would love to go over and help you revise your paper. Don't be shy! Chance would like to thank his mom and Mrs. Mausser because he said he truly could not have done it without their support.

Because of this amazing experience Chance has had, he now had many doors open to him. Internships and fellowships will take him to great places.



The cast, crew and band are ready to shine next week in the music.

by Paige Panosh

The MV drama department is proud to present *Bright Star*.

Bright Star tells a tale of love and redemption set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in the 1940s with flashbacks to the 1920s. When editor Alice Murphy meets a young writer, recently home from World War II, it stirs up emotions and memories from her younger years. On a journey to understand her past, Alice transforms her life and the lives of those around her. *Bright Star* takes the audience on a rollercoaster ride of emotions.

Showtimes are November 8th and 9th at 7 p.m. and November 10th at 2 p.m. in the HS Auditorium. Tickets are available in the office for \$5 or can be purchased at the door.

Join us next week, with a box of tissues, as the drama department takes you along on the emotional journey of *Bright Star*.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Alice Murphy.....PAIGE PANOSH
Billy Cane.....BROCK TRENKAMP

Daddy Cane.....TONY OFFERMAN
Margo Crawford...MOLLY ANDEREGG
Max.....MATTHEW BREHM
Florence.....SHELBY MARCH
Edna.....KEZIAH AMBUNDO
Daryl Ames.....NICHOLAS CHEN
Lucy Grant...MCKENNA THOMPSON
Mama Murphy.....CARLIE LEWIN
Daddy Murphy.....NOAH DEVORE
Mayor Josiah Dobbs.ANDREW HILDEBRAND
Jimmy Ray Dobbs....ANDREW KLOSER
Stanford.....MITCH HEIMS
Dr. Norquist.....LOGAN JOHNSON
Gov't Clerk..MADELINE GELLERSEN
Well-Dressed Woman.LIZ MCDOWELL
Ensemble Members.....ERIKA SUPPLE, SHELBY MARCH, EMMA BEITZ, MADELINE GELLERSEN, MITCH HEIMS, LOGAN JOHNSON, AMANDA MOHR, KEZIAH AMBUNDO, MATTHEW BREHM, LIZ MCDOWELL, KAELA CLEMEN, EMILEE SUPPLE

BAND

Upright Bass: TRAVIS FORD
Piano: BETH MUELLER
Banjo: MARK OBERFELL
Violin: MARITA MAY
Guitar: MICHAEL VAN METER
Percussion: AMBERLYN FARRELL

BEHIND THE SCENES

Sound: NICK GIBBS
Lights: KYLYNN CLARY, ZACH MINEART, JENA LEGASSICK

Food drive competition planned

Attention Wildcats! The Principles of Management class is holding a food drive for the Hopkinton food pantry - and yes, there will be class competitions! They will be collecting donations of cash, food, and toiletries from November 11th - 25th in both the Delhi Elementary and high school, along with drop-offs in Hopkinton, Delhi, and Earlville for those community members. Make sure to look out for the posters that will be posted around the school for specific locations!

(Class competitions will be between grades and there will be a prize!)

FFA students attend national FFA convention, dairy judging team competes

Six FFA members and Mrs. Grant attended the national FFA convention in Indianapolis last week where they participated in a variety of events: a tour of Caterpillar in Peoria and The Indy 500 Speedway; Pirates Quest for bowling, arcades and laser tag; meals at Olive Garden and Steak & Shake; Old Dominion Concert at The Fieldhouse; career fair at the Indianapolis Convention Center; and general session at The Lucas Oil Stadium.



Making it real



Seniors participated in the annual Real Life Academy on Tuesday in which they had to make budgeting decisions based on their income and family situation. Area experts and volunteers played the role of bankers, police officers, health care providers, car dealerships, realtors and more to give students insight about the cost of living and living within a budget. Above: Students make insurance decisions.

MV's dairy judging team of Mason Kruse, Sara Goekden, Tara Goedken and Amber Engelken finished sixth out of 43 teams at the national competition. They all earned Gold ratings: Engelken was 13th; Kruse, 15th; Sara, 20th; and Tara, 33rd out of 171 contestants.

Little Comics

compiled by Lydia Helle

Why can't pine trees sew?...They lose their needles!

-Lucy Hucker, 5th Grade

What do you call a dog with no legs?...

You don't call him anything because he ain't coming!

-Mason Rowan, 5th Grade

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Radio.

Radio who?

Radio not here I come!

-Tessa Intorf, 5th Grade

Why can't you play hide-n-seek with mountains?...They're always peaking!

-Breece Hoisington, 5th Grade

What did the fish say when it ran into the wall?...Dam.

-Maverick Domeyer, 3rd Grade

Why did the math teacher go to sleep with a ruler?...She wanted to see how long she slept.

-Maleah Freiburger, 3rd Grade

Why are the peanuts too wild?...Because they're nutty!

-Kyle Engleken, 5th Grade

What did the momma banana say to the baby banana?...Put on some sunscreen or you're going to peel!

-Athena Bradley, 3rd Grade

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Interrupting cow.

Moo!

-Cecilia Charles, 3rd Grade

Students volunteer at Halloween event



Several National Honor Society students helped out at Hopkinton's "Monsters on Main" Halloween event Thursday night, Oct. 24. Pictured are Lydia Helle, Jordyn LeGassick, Kim Sellner, Ella Imler and Allie Knipper.

Students Teaching Students: TEL promotes healthy choices

by Shelby March

"Students teaching students." This continues to be the overall goal of the TEL Administrator, Mary Ries, when it comes to the group. TEL is a student group that's goal remains to be to educate their fellow peers and the community about drug abuse awareness. The group has been very active within their community and truly has made a difference. Maquoketa Valley's TEL group has also been a role model for surrounding groups to help them grow and become more involved. Although it may seem like it, TEL hasn't always been as large and involved as it is today.

The group started at Maquoketa Valley about 15 years ago under an outside service known as SASSI, or Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory. At that time, SASSI was only able to work with the students on a limited basis, and the organization was soon no longer able to provide services to the school. This is when Mary Ries, the school nurse, decided to step in because of her feeling that the overall goal of the group was important and needed within the school. The group was known as just the Maquoketa Valley group before it joined a state group that went by the name of JEL, Just Eliminating Lies. It wasn't until this state group dispersed that the group became what it is known as today, Teens Eliminating Lies or TEL, and it has only grown since. When TEL was first assembled, there were only 15-20 active members where today about 86 members are involved within the group.

The overall goal of the group is to educate the youth and others about the dangers of drug abuse. The group does this by teaching, engaging and learning. In the past, the group has focused on drinking, smoking, and tobacco use. Most recently they have focused on vaping as the issue of teenage use has increased. This year's focus is underage drinking, which was picked by a group that went to an educational conference in Dallas. This trip happens to be one of the many ways to get involved with in TEL.

TEL has something for everyone to get involved in. The group remains very active with many small projects, like posters that are placed around the school, but it undergoes much bigger projects too. Some of these include: writing and recording radio commercials, school assembly presentations, attending conferences, providing



Students participated in a variety of tailgate activities in celebration of Red Ribbon Week.

compliance checks and finally teaching the elementary students. With all of these projects TEL members and Mary have found that it is best to break up into smaller committees in hopes to cover everything. "My role is really only to administer their plans. The kids really do all of the work," Mary explained. This allows for the members to build on their communication skills while also improving their leadership skills. "My favorite part is when students step into that leadership role," remarked Mary. Many students have already stepped into the leadership role as the group is working on their first big project of the year.

One major event TEL takes on is Red Ribbon Week. They have started to put out awareness for this week through radio commercials, but the fun will not stop there. The group has also planned dress up days for the elementary students to get them involved in the awareness of drug abuse too. Finally, the high school students will end the week with their annual tailgate. The event was created to show the students that it is possible to have fun without alcohol or drugs. The tailgate will involve food, games, prizes and, of course, educational facts and warnings about the dangers of drug abuse.

TEL continues to be a group that not only better the community and the student body but also the members involved. The students are able to build skills that will benefit them in their future. I am involved in TEL and happen to be this year's President. I personally have seen the benefits of TEL and how it has pushed me out of my comfort zone and build my leader-

ship and communication skills. TEL also is a great way to spread awareness of the issues that are in high schools and communities with substance abuse. The group has a goal to educate the youth and community about the dangers of drug abuse and they accomplish this through many activities and events throughout the school year. TEL doesn't define their success off of all of the great projects they have completed but rather helping people quit or not start even if it is only one person.



TEL member Zach Mineart helps serve lunch at the Oct. 26 Red Ribbon Week tailgate.

State cross country leads to many successes

It may have been a cold day for a meet, but that didn't stop the MV runners from making their mark at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge.

Emma Doyle, a first year cross country runner, finished with close to her best ever time with a 21:55.8, good for 87th place.

The boys team finished fifth this year after finishing seventh last year. Times were Nolan Ries, 17:40; Cy Huber, 17:45; Mason Lubben, 17:55; Michael Schaul, 17:57; Ethan Doyle, 18:10; Derek Mensen, 18:12; and Chance Downs, 18:13.

"Their depth proved to be a deciding factor in their team place," stated Coach Meehan. "With five returning letter winners, next year looks to be bright for Maquoketa Valley Wildcats!"



Emma Doyle



Nolan Ries

Volleyball season ends with regional loss to Cascade



Derek Mensen



The team celebrates a kill against Cascade. (photo by Lesa Parmely)



Michael Schaul

The volleyball team certainly gave its fans something to cheer about this season, and although the Wildcats' season came to an end Tuesday with a regional loss to Cascade, MV put up a good battle.

The Cats started out strong but lost the first match 19-25. The other two matches were 23-25 and 14-25.

The Wildcats put up a strong offense and a protective defense against the Cougars. The team relied on a strong net presence by Taya Tucker and Emerson Whittenbaugh with 10 and 13 kills, respectively. Lydia Helle, Payton Beaman and Kylie Chesnut added another five kills, collectively. Carissa Sabers had 15 assists.

Defensively, Ella Imler and Carissa Sabers kept the ball in action with 20 and 16 digs, respectively. Tucker had three blocks while Chesnut and Whittenbaugh had two. Sabers had one block.

Imler and Sabers were both forces

behind the serving line. Imler was 12 for 12 and Sabers was 10 for 10 with one ace.

Coach Whittenbaugh said this season was one to be remembered. "I cannot tell you how much fun this season was. The girls attitudes and work ethic from freshmen to eniors was incredible. It paid off for them in every aspect. We had so much success at every level. The hardest part about the season ending is not being able to reconnect until next season. Our coaching staff strives to be coaches the kids believe in and stand by our expectations."

The 9-12 team earned the Academic Distinguished Award with an overall GPA as a team 3.6975

"These two awards are also a reason for our success. These athletes have great heads on their shoulders and do a great job of balancing athletics and academics, which makes us proud!" stated Whittenbaugh.

Wildcats finish strong:

A season review

by Coach Arnold



There were a lot of close games throughout the season. A triple OT loss to East Buch, followed by an 11-point loss at Cascade, and a 7-point loss at home to Monticello. That was just non-district play. We took on two ranked teams to start our district schedule and came up 14-points short in a mud fest at Ed-Co and followed that with a tough homecoming matchup with #6 ranked MFL, Mar-Mac. Leading 16-14 with 11 minutes to go we were unable to close that game on top. At that point, for many reasons, our kids could have decided to roll over. They didn't. All the credit goes to them and their unwillingness to quit. Being 0-6 is hard. Everything about it is hard. Showing up to practice with the mindset of getting better each day. Showing up in the weight room at 6:00 AM but they did. They kept coming back for more and that's what led to a strong finish. We traveled to Clayton Ridge and blasted the Eagles 50-0. Then we took on Alburnett at home on Senior Night and rang the bell for the first time this season after a 20-7 victory. Our final game of the season sent us to Lisbon for a matchup against a physically tough team that would decide who was the 3rd place team in the district. We came out on top with a 30-18 win that was a great representation of our season. Started slow and finished exactly how we wanted to.

As the head coach I am extremely proud of the way we finished. So many new things got thrown at our team. Change is hard and it is even harder to overcome sometimes especially when you throw the added adversity of losing games into the mix. New coach, new offense, new practice style, new standards, new workouts. That's a lot of new for anyone to take on. It makes it easy to question, wonder why and start to doubt. That did happen. However, we were able to get on track and really started to figure out who we were late in the year.

Thank you to our seniors for taking on the challenge and getting us headed in the right direction for future success. Go Cats!

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Andrew Hildebrand

Activity: Fall musical

What role do you play in the musical? I play Mayor Dobbs

What's your favorite part of the show? End of Act 1

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? The first time I got to run my songs with backgrounds

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Beast from *Beauty and the Beast*

How has participating in the musical affected you? It helps me manage my time better because I don't have as much time to do things



what's up?

What was your biggest fear when you were a little kid?

by Paige Winter

Saige Hunt: someone looking in my window, even though my room was on the 2nd floor

Kennedy Ott: someone hiding under my bed

Holli Hogan: spiders and snakes

Andrew Hildebrand: spiders

Trista Elgin: drowning

Caelyn Sands: going to school

Tanner DeMoss: getting in trouble

Allie Knipper: the dark

Emma Hill: adults

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

According to the 2017 NSDUH, approximately **932,000** people ages 12-20 reported heavy alcohol use in the past month.

Information came from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Athletes of the Week

Name: Ella Imler

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

I enjoy being with my teammates during practices and games. It is a positive atmosphere, which I really enjoy. I also like listening to music during practices and before our games.

What has made this year unique for you? The thing that made this year unique for me was already having experience in the back row. Last year was my first year playing libero, so it was all new to me. This year I had some experience already.

What's the hardest part of playing libero? Communicating with your teammates all the time.

How will you train in the off-season? Get in the gym and bring some of my teammates.

Name: Derek Becker

What do you enjoy most about football? I just love how competitive and hard the game is. Football isn't for everyone.

What lessons about life have you learned from the sport? When things get bad, how will you handle it? Do you just give up or push through it? You always have to overcome the challenges in life to be successful.

How have you changed as an athlete over the past few years? Football has definitely made me who I am today. It has taught me leadership and how to handle different situations when it's going good or bad.

Why is football a sport worth going out for? You only have one chance to do it and there's not a better sport in this world.

Who is your football role model? Troy Polamalu, the real #43.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Kylie Chesnut

You've been nominated for your work in Ceramics with your Bob Ross bust. What inspired that project?

My dad and I always around and make Bob Ross references, so when our project in Ceramics was to create a clay bust I knew exactly who I wanted to do.

What do you enjoy most about Ceramics? The class is very relaxed and a great place to gain experience.

How has your artwork helped you develop as a human being? Working with clay, especially on the wheels teaches you patience and independence.

What will you work on next? Right now I am painting details on the bust as well as trying to make a coffee mug on the wheel.

Andrew Kloser, Paige Panosh, Noah DeVore, Kylynn Clary

You have put in over 120 hours on set construction for the fall musical. What have you enjoyed most about it?

Andrew: I enjoy working with my fellow cast members on set and the memories made while doing it.

Paige: The rest of the cast is like another family during the musical, so what I enjoy the most is getting to hang out with them and at the same time be able to pull the show together with each prop and set piece we create or find.

Noah: I love the overall feeling of sharing ideas with challenging pieces of the set that take most of the time to work on.

Kylynn: Seeing the stage completely black before it got scuffed up. It was so beautiful. I really just enjoy making/finding all the props.

What do you hope the audience notices about the set?

Andrew: How much time was put into it, and the work it took to make it what it is today.

Paige: The details in general of the set. The set is fit to our cast and crew, making it unique.

Noah: How much the set pieces impact the show.

Kylynn: I hope they see all of the small details we put in to make it look more realistic.



Cutie

by Maria Cole

This week's cutie is a junior! She currently lives on a farm south of Delhi. She has three siblings, and she has a dog, many cats, and many cows and calves.

Her favorite subject in school is math, and she is out for volleyball, track, FFA, and 4-H. Her hobbies include showing cattle and hanging out with her boyfriend on the weekends.



Last week's Cutie was Abbie Sheehy.

Spanish learn about cultural celebration

Spanish students of all levels studied Día de los Muertos and brought several customs to life this week.

Left: Students created altars to honor the dead.

Below: Nia Burnett serves Kennedy Rausch a cup of spicy hot chocolate.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

My daughter says that she wants her eyes, lips, nose, and smile to be surgically reconstructed at the cost of thousands of dollars...but I think she's just going through a face.

What did E.T.'s mother say to him when he got home?...“Where on Earth have you been?”

What should you give an astronaut?...
Some space

What do shooting stars love to read?...
Cosmic books

ACADEMIC CORNER

by Paige Winter

If you can habla español, then you've met our Spanish teacher. Mrs. Ries, known to us as Señorita, teaches all four levels of Spanish. She said she loves all of them equally. Spanish 1 is exciting because everything is new, Spanish 2 is a lot of grammar, and levels 3 and 4 are really fun because they are more advanced.

Though Señorita's favorite part about teaching Spanish is the games, there are a lot of useful skills that you pick up during Spanish class. You can gain a perspective for other people and cultures, you get outside the box thinking, and you become more open-minded. It will also help you in your life after high school by teaching you to be a critical thinker, and it makes you aware that after you leave Delhi, the world is much bigger than you think.

Señora encourages students to take Spanish class because it makes you think in a different way, and overall it's a fun class. I hope you enjoyed learning a little bit more about Spanish and our amazing Spanish teacher here at MV. Adiós!

Meet the Freshmen



Taylor, Macy, Anna & Ella

Name: Taylor Schmuecker
Siblings: Summer & Dylan
Activities you plan to be in: play, speech, volleyball, softball, TEL
Favorite subject: history
Career aspirations: something with psychology or physical therapist
Hobbies: volleyball & watching Netflix
Something cool about you: I'm a twin.

Name: Macy Thompson
Siblings: Madison
Activities you plan to be in: basketball, volleyball, softball, speech
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: physical therapist
Hobbies: playing softball & watching Netflix
Something cool about you: I'm allergic to all animals.

Name: Anna Deutmeyer
Siblings: Kate, Eric, & Dani
Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, track, speech, TEL
Favorite subject: science
Career aspirations: abnormal psychologist
Hobbies: sports
Something cool about you: I am an aunt with two nieces.

Name: Ella Mensen
Siblings: Owen & Eva
Activities you plan to be in: basketball, track, softball, speech, play, TEL
Favorite subject: earth science
Career aspirations: pediatrician
Hobbies: playing sports, water skiing, & hanging out with friends
Something cool about you: I've been to 18 states and two other countries.

Typist: Allie Knipper

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

Since this week marked the end of spooky szn, I thought I would ask some people some random Halloween trivia questions. Let's see if Andrew Kloser, Molly Anderegg, and Domarius Strickland know about this scary holiday.



How many pounds of candy corn are produced each year?
Andrew: 200 billion
Molly: 1 million
Domarius: 1 million
Answer: 35 million

The record for the fastest pumpkin carving is how many seconds?
Andrew: 7
Molly: 4
Domarius: 7
Answer: 24.03

Which country is believed to be the origin of Halloween?
Andrew: Scotland
Molly: Spain
Domarius: Ireland
Answer: Ireland

How many years has Halloween been around for?
Andrew: 462
Molly: 2,000
Domarius: 40
Answer: 6,000

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

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?

Answer: No, because the man is dead.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Nov. 4, 2019

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earl. & Hopk. - P/T Conferences

2. Parent/Teacher Conferences - All in Delhi HS & MS Gyms & MS Classrooms - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

1. School Picture Re-Takes - 8:30 AM - Delhi Elementary MS & Earlville / 12:30 PM - Johnston

2. MV Behavioral Health Team - HS Conference Room - 3:30 PM

3. MV Athletic Boosters' Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

1. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earl. & Hopk. - P/T Conferences

2. HS Advanced Construction to Masonry Day in Strawberry Point - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 8:05 AM)

3. Parent/Teacher Conferences - All in Delhi - HS & MS Gyms & MS Classrooms - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

4. JH WR at Alburnett (also Midland & Cedar V. Christian) - 4:30 PM (Van & Suburban Leaves at 8:05 AM)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

1. NO SCHOOL
2. HS Fall Musical "Bright Star" - HS Cafeteria & Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

1. HS Fall Musical "Bright Star" - HS Cafeteria & Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

1. HS Fall Musical "Bright Star" - HS Cafeteria & Auditorium - 2:00 PM

2. HS Football Banquet - MS Multipurpose Room - 6:30 PM