

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

FFA ambassadors lead interactive workshops

FFA leader organized some team-building activities for MV ag students this semester.



The Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter welcomed State Officer Shelby Westhoff and District Officers Mia Gibson and Grant Schneiders to a chapter visit on October 25th.

While at the high school on Friday, Shelby, Mia, and Grant led interactive workshops for the agriculture education classes. The officers also talked with the agricultural education instructor, Mrs. Ann Grant about what the future of Maquoketa Valley FFA looks like.



During a year of service to the organization, Iowa FFA officers serve as ambassadors for agriculture and the FFA. They travel to FFA chapters throughout the state to connect with members and talk about the many opportunities available to students enrolled in agricultural education.

Agricultural education incorporates three aspects of learning. The classroom provides basic knowledge. FFA develops leadership and personal skills. A Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) provides hands-on learning while working on the job or in an agricultural business.

The Iowa FFA Association is comprised of 252 local chapters preparing over 15,500 students for future career opportunities. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agricultural education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in classes. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA chapter makes donation to Penn Center



Courtney Goedken, Judy Letteyer-Dietary Supervisor Penn Center, Lane Domeyer

In the spirit of Christmas and upholding the FFA Motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." MV FFA continues to serve their community by donating fruit to the Penn Center in Delhi.

FFA SOUP SUPPER

Support the FFA and enjoy a yummy meal of soup, sandwiches, desserts and more!

Friday, Dec. 20

\$6.00

4:00-7:00

HS Cafeteria

Sports Connection

Elgin goes 4-0 at Cascade by Allie Knipper

MV wrestled in the Cascade duals last Friday night where Evan Elgin left his mark by going 4-0. The team went 1-4.

Here are the match results:

MV got a win over Clayton Ridge, 35-24. Evan Elgin (182) won by pin, and the rest of the team points came from forfeits: James DeMoss (145), Carter Kruse (195), Devin Smith (220), Isaac Kramer (285), and Michael Schaul (138).

The next round was against Bellevue. We lost, 54-12. Forfeits wins include Elgin and Kramer. Schaul won 8-4.

Washington defeated Maquoketa Valley 42-18. Some Wildcat wins include Elgin and Kruse with pins, and Smith (8-7) and Kramer (6-3) with wins.

Cascade defeated Maquoketa Valley with team scores of 36-30. Some Wildcat wins include Elgin, Kruse, DeMoss, and Smith with a forfeit, and Kramer with a pin!

Lastly, Edgewood-Colesburg defeated Maquoketa Valley 42-30. Forfeit wins for the Wildcats include Kruse, Kramer and Smith. Schaul and Elgin each won by pin.

The team wrestles at Aplington-Parkersburg tomorrow.



Evan Elgin wraps up his Bellevue opponent at the Cascade meet. Elgin went 4-0 for the night. (photo by MV Athletic Boosters)

Boys go 2-1 on the court in past week by Tara Goedken

The boys basketball team is off to a strong start in the conference with two wins.

Last week Friday, the boys basketball team traveled to Prince of Peace. The Wildcats ended the night with a close win with a score of 42-41.

On offense, the Wildcats were able to score 24 points in the first half of the game, and 18 points in the second half. AJ Ambundo led in points with 12, followed by Andrew Holtz with 10 points, and Owen Mensen with 8 points.

On the defense side, Andrew Holtz and Miguel Bojorquez each had one steal. Andrew Holtz led in rebounds with a total of 8 rebounds followed by Ambundo and Issac Zirtzman each with 6 rebounds.

On Saturday, the boys basketball team played against Monticello losing with a score of 28-54.

On offense, Andrew Holtz led with 10 points, followed by Ambundo with 7 points and Zirtzman with 4 points.

On defense, Andrew Holtz, Avery Holtz, and Mitch Heims each had 1 steal. Ambundo led in rebounds with a total of 4. Andrew Holtz and Mensen each had 3 rebounds.

On Tuesday night, the boys basketball team played at home against Bellevue Marquette. The Wildcats won with a score of 51-35.

On offense, Andrew Holtz and



Andrew Holtz makes his way around a Monticello defender last Saturday. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

Ambundo led in points with 12 each. Mensen had 9 points and Avery Holtz had 6 points.

On defense, Andrew Holtz led in steals with 2. Ambundo led in rebounds with a total of 8, Andrew Holtz brought down 6 rebounds, and Zirtzman grabbed 5 rebounds.

Last night, the boys basketball team traveled to Summer-Fredericksburg. Details will be in the next Echo.

Tonight MV basketball takes on Cedar Valley Christian in Springville.



The girls team is now 5-0 after a 49-44 win over Prince of Peace, a 34-33 win over Monticello and a 53-38 win over Bellevue Marquette.

Scenes from the holiday music concert



The holiday spirit came alive at the music concert Monday night at St. John's church. The choir, vocal ensembles including a barbershop quartet, concert band and jazz band showcased their talent.



Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Four men were fishing in a boat. The boat capsizes and the boat, along with the four men, sink to the bottom. However, not a single man got wet. How can this be?

Answer: The men were all married.

Cutie

by Maria Cole

This week's cutie is a freshman! She currently lives in Hopkinton and has five siblings, including 1 cat and 2 dogs. Her favorite subject is Spanish and she is currently in volleyball, softball, speech, and golf! Her hobbies include listening to music and playing sports.



Last week's Cutie was Annie Trenkamp.

Best Buds



Hannah Cornell and Maria Cole by Maria Cole

How long have you been friends?

Hannah: 7th grade

Maria: Since the 7th or 8th grade, but we've gotten a lot closer during high school

What is your favorite memory together?

Hannah: When we went to the Del Co Fair 2017 and Maria went on the rocket ride and started freaking out

Maria: When I had Hannah straighten and cut my hair at her house for no reason

What is your biggest pet peeve of the other person?

Hannah: Sometimes she is too vocal

Maria: She is always putting herself down even though she is so gorgeous!!

What is the other person's favorite food?

Hannah: Fuji Buffet potatoes

Maria: Bell peppers, she eats those things like apples, yuck

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Hannah: See the "CoLoRs"/eat/cut your hair

Maria: Go to the mall and take pictures together in the photo booth and jam out in her car after we get food or Starbucks

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What does coincidence mean?...Funny, I was about to ask you that.

Why did the donut visit the dentist?...To get a new filling

If you spent your day in a well, could you say your day was well-spent?

You're becoming a vegetarian?...I think that's a big missed steak.

Why does Peter Pan fly all of the time?...He Neverlands

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Shelby March

What event are you in for speech? I am in Readers Theater and Ensemble Acting for large group speech.



What do you enjoy most about large group speech? For me

getting to be with everyone and make the funny memories that we make in practices and at contests is what I enjoy most about large group speech.

What have you learned through this event? I have learned a lot about myself.

As speech has made me really come out of my shell that I once was in during my freshman year. I also have learned a lot about how to public speak and how to really take on different characters.

Who is your speech role model? I would have to say that I have two speech role models and they would be Mr. and Mrs. DeVore. They were my coaches freshman year and are the ones that really made me step out of my comfort zone. I owe so much to both of them and the success I have had in speech. Without Mr. and Mrs. DeVore I don't think I would be so passionate about speech.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Definitely Readers Theater. I have always loved this event and everything that goes with it. It really has a special place in my heart.



Athlete of the Week

Name: Carissa Sabers

What position do you play? Guard



What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? The intensity of the game. It gets your heart racing and fills you with

adrenaline. The action never stops, and you always have to be ready to go. I love how much of a team sport it is and how much you can help each other out both on and off the court. Everybody on the team including the coaches truly want the best for each other.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? You play defense with your feet not your hands. (Something that I am still learning haha.)

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Playing the game, For the Girls, before whooping Ed-Co at Ella's house with the whole team.

Who's your basketball role model? Sam Wall and Maddy Anderegg. Maddy was a leader with her voice and Sam was a leader with her actions. They were both great students along with being outstanding on the basketball court. They brought the intensity to every practice and set the expectations high. Sam dominated on offense while Maddy kept things sound back on defense.

Award-winning team

The dance team earned a Division I rating in hiphop at state dance last week. They also earned one of four community service awards.

Cutest Couple Faculty Edition: Señora & Joe Ries

by Amaya Hunt



Joe and Señora are high school sweethearts. When did you realize that he/she was “the one?”

Señora: Honestly, we had only been dating about 2 months. I got this puke feeling in my stomach, and thought it meant something wasn't right and I should break up with him. Now looking back.. THAT was when I knew it was the real deal (and it freaked me out! I was only 14!)

Joe: About a year after dating probably...

Describe where the proposal took place, and how you felt.

Señora: He surprised me on my birthday at my college dorm, wrapped my “present” in 7 boxes for 7 years of dating at the

time, when I got to the last box, it was my engagement ring. I looked at him and said “seriously.” He smiled and then we kissed.
Joe: College; excited!

When it came to the wedding, what made the big day so special?

Señora: It FINALLY happened! (12 years together, 7 years dating, 5 year engagement!) We did it our own way, with our own traditions and prided in paying for it ourselves.

Joe: Knowing that it was over and done with, and we were finally together.

After almost 18 years together, 7 married, what is your favorite quality about the other person?

Señora: The unconditional friendship.

Long term commitment is HARD. People change. Life changes. After the first attraction, love is a choice. And we CHOOSE to be together and do this life together. He's my best friend.

Joe: Now, watching her take care of the kids and be a mother.

I'll Be There... Part 1 of 10

TEL students are writing a 10-part series about drunk driving. This part is written by Adrienne Freiburger, Paige Panosh, Taya Tucker, Allie Dunn, Lydia Helle and Emma Hill.

Drunk Driver Perspective (Dave)

Dave had just finished his final drink after some of his basketball teammates had managed to talk him into coming with them to the local bar. He was just shy of being twenty-one, only seven months to go until he was legal. Although he thought that it couldn't make much of a difference, he was a heavy-weight as his friends said.

His friends complained when he told them that he was heading out. It was only 9:05, but he had promised his girlfriend he would come over at 8. He attempted to call her but was sent to voicemail after three different tries. Finally, he just sent a text that read: I'll be there in 10.

As soon as he got in his rundown, old red Toyota he started it up. He listened to the hum and sputtering of the engine, not bothering to buckle up as he flew out of the lot.

Dave was rounding a sharp curve, unaware that he was driving on the wrong side of the road. He noticed the bright glare of headlights coming at him, but it was too late to do anything about it.

Victim Perspective (Harper)

Harper was getting ready to clock out after her evening shift at Fareway. It was a little slow, as she recalls, nothing special about that night, just the routine of checking customers out and stocking shelves.

At 9:10 she headed out into the cool, night air, glad that she had started her car remotely. The moon was just a sliver in the clear sky. She buckled up, tuned into her favorite station. Before she puts the car in motion, she sends a quick text to her mom: I'll be there in 10.

As she rounded the curve, just a mile from home, barreling at her was a car driving in her lane. There was no time to react, yet time seemed to stand still.

It was mere seconds that she had time to react, but that wasn't nearly enough. Her hands jerked the wheel, gripping at 10 and 2.

Suddenly she feels canvas hit her face and chest, almost suffocating her as the airbag deploys. Her body recoils back smashing her head against the back of the seat.

She screamed but the metal shrieked louder.

Your kids mean the world to you both. What do you love to do with them the most?

Señora: simple things; just be home and PLAY. Color, crafts, games, movie nights. They're at the perfect age where EVERYTHING is SUPER exciting and fun!

Joe: Just spend time together; watching movies, playing games- hide and seek is a favorite.

What does a typical weekend look like for you and your family?

Señora: Home! Joe outside, me and the kids play inside.

Joe: Hanging out at home; watching whatever movies the kids pick out.

After your kids have graduated, what do you see life being like as a retired couple?

Señora: Hopefully travel together anywhere and everywhere...

Joe: Going on and actually getting a vacation

Meet the Freshmen



Name: McKenna Thompson
 Siblings: Lola, Harper, Daxton, Letti, and Beckett
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, speech, musical, play, dance team, and maybe track
 Favorite subject: science or Spanish
 Career aspirations: nurse anesthetist or forensic medical examiner
 Hobbies: reading, boating, skiing, watching movies, and hanging out with friends
 Something cool about you: I've been waterskiing for 10 years.

Name: Grace Rowan
 Siblings: 3-2 brothers and 1 sister
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, track, basketball, softball, band, 4-H, speech
 Favorite subject: Spanish
 Career aspirations: nursing
 Hobbies: sleeping, weightlifting, running, sports, 4-H, hanging with friends, driving, baking, organizing, and cleaning
 Something cool about you: I'm adopted.

Name: Autumn Nelson
 Siblings: Mason Jolley, Klyynn Clary, and Nia Burnett
 Activities you plan to be in: none
 Favorite subject: math & drawing
 Career aspirations: pottery chief
 Hobbies: video gamer and writing songs
 Something cool about you: I'm a songwriter.

Name: Laura Schollmeyer
 Siblings: Billy, Vince, Mark Joey, Eric, Vanessa
 Activities you plan to be in: musical and mentoring
 Favorite subject: Spanish, English, or math
 Career aspirations: accountant or social worker
 Hobbies: singing and helping others
 Something cool about you: I love musicals.

Name: Emilee Supple
 Siblings: Aaron, Marcus, Adrienne, and Erika
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, softball, play, musical, speech, and TEL
 Favorite subject: English
 Career aspirations: adoption social worker
 Hobbies: sports, lifting, and hanging with friends
 Something cool about you: I went to California last September.

—typist: Allie Knipper

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 16, 2019

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

1. Elementary Concert Rehearsal in Delhi
2. MV All-Elementary Christmas Concert
3. Maquoketa Valley School Board Meeting - HS Conference Room - 5:00 PM
4. MV FFA Meeting and Christmas Party - Ag Shop - 7:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

1. HS Students to Kirkwood Academy Expo @ JREC in Monticello - 10:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 9:15 AM)
2. HS V Wrestling Tournament at North Fayette / Valley - 5:30 PM (Suburban & Van Leaves at 3:00 PM)
3. Jr. High Girls' Basketball at West Delaware Middle School - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
4. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - Lisbon - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM
5. MV Dance Team Performs - At Halftime of the Girls' Varsity Game

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

1. Selected HS Students Take Accuplacer Tests - HS Library - 8:15 AM until 11:15 AM
2. MV Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

1. MV Post Prom Party Committee Pie Pick Up - HS Cafeteria - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
2. HS JV/V Wrestling - HOME - North Linn, Starmont, North Cedar - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

- EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM
2. The College Panel - H S Auditorium - 8th @ 8:30 AM / 11th @ 9:20 AM / 12th @ 10:10 AM
 3. FFA - HS Cafeteria - 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
 4. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - East Buchanan - JV @ 4:30 PM / Varsity at 6:00 PM
 5. MV Dance Team Performs - Between Varsity Games

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

1. HS V Wrestling Tournament at North Linn - 9:30 AM (Bus Leaves @ 6:30 AM)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

1. MV Athletic Boosters Basketball Tournament - HS Gym - 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

1. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at North Linn - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. HS V Wrestling - HOME - Anamosa, CPU, Dubuque Wahlert- 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

1. MV Athletic Boosters Mini-Wildcat Wrestling Tournament - HS Gym - Noon until 5:30 PM

