

Get Involved: Plan Your Future *Honor-bound*

by Jenna Nefzger

Growing up in the Northeast Iowa Community College School district has benefited over 1,800 kids with the help of Career Learning Link. Career Learning Link has a goal to help students in area high schools learn more about workforce solutions related to career planning.

Maquoketa Valley joined Career Learning Link in 2014. The career coach in 2014 was Amy Clemen, the current career coach is Holly Maurer. Holly Maurer visits the school every one to two weeks to have one on one meetings with students to talk about their career plan.

Over the years, the number of students who have joined Career Learning Link has gone up. "I would say our numbers have increased each year with enrollment. One thing to take into consideration is the size of the class as well. When there are between 42-65 students per class, this plays a big role in enrollment numbers of each class," Holly Maurer stated. The goal number of Career Learning Link was to recruit 712 students throughout the 25 school districts. They have served or are serving 1,836 students since CLL started.

Career Learning Link isn't all one on one meetings with Holly. You also get to go on job-related experiences that you would normally not be able to get to go on. Stephanie Dennler from NICC Calmar Campus helps develop tours and visits for Career Coaches. These experiences are then shared out to the students. Each student is able to decide whether or not they would like to go on the visit. The visits and tours fill up very fast with the amount of students that are in CLL. The Career Coaches are also able to see which tour or visit they would want to chaperone as well; Stephanie then sets the event up.

Holly had many students interested in going to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Due to their job shadow policies, they weren't approved for individual visits, but they did allow group visits. Holly was able to communicate

with Stephanie, and they were able to get a group visit for the students interested.

Holly's favorite part about Career Learning Link is meeting one on one with students. "It is very rewarding when a student that I am working with has that 'aha' moment when they decide what they want to do after high school," Holly said excitedly. In addition to one on one meeting with students, Holly also enjoys chaperoning events. "There are so many opportunities for students to explore and take advantage of, it is exciting for me to see so many students take advantage of what is being offered," Holly proclaimed.

During a one on one meeting with Holly, students will go through what they potentially want to do after high school. Holly then gives pointers about how they could better there plan. Holly may give another career idea if she sees a better fit for the student that they have never thought about before. Holly also helps set up job shadows that students normally wouldn't be able to go on.

Grace Wegmann, a senior at Maquoketa Valley, has been in Career Learning Link since she was a sophomore. Holly has helped Grace by teaching her about FAFSA, job shadows and college. "Holly helped me decided not to go to Kansas City for college because it would be too much money and I wouldn't be able to afford it," Grace explained. Without Holly, Grace would not have been able to make these life-changing decisions on her own.

To be in Career Learning Link, students have to be a sophomore, junior or senior. This way students have better knowledge of what you what to do with your life whether it is going to a four year, two year, trade school or into the workforce. "I think this would have been a great opportunity for me if the program was existing when I was in high school. I had no idea what I wanted to do after high school graduation," Holly expressed.

For more information, contact Holly at maurerh@nicc.edu.



Madison Gellersen and Michael Van-Meter represented MV at the Northeast Iowa Bandmaster Association honor band Dec. 4 in Oelwein. They joined other select musicians from the area for a day of practice and an evening performance.

Today's Schedule

Here is the schedule for the 20th of December:

8:00 - 9:00 am - All students attend periods 1 & 2

9:00 am - Dismiss student council to set-up games. All other students attend 3rd period class.

9:20 - 10:05 am - Graduate panel in the auditorium for all Juniors

9:25 am - Dismiss Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors to games

10:10 am - 10:55 am - Graduate panel for all Seniors in the auditorium

11:00 am - 1:05 pm - Student Choice -

The movie *The Grinch* will be playing in auditorium, or students can continue with games.

Lunch will still be from 12:00 - 12:30 pm.

Boys basketball keeps the games close

by Tara Goedken

The name of the game lately for the boys has been close games.

The past week the boys have lost three tough games. Last Thursday night the boys lost with a score of 48-49 to Sumner-Fredericksburg.

On offense, the Wildcats were able to score 34 points in the first half of the game and 14 points in the second half of the game. Andrew Holtz led in points with 18, followed by Avery Holtz and AJ Ambundo each with 11 points.

On the defense side, Owen Mensen and Ambundo each had 2 steals. Mensen and Ambundo also led in rebounds with 5 rebounds each. Miguel Bojorquez had 3 rebounds.

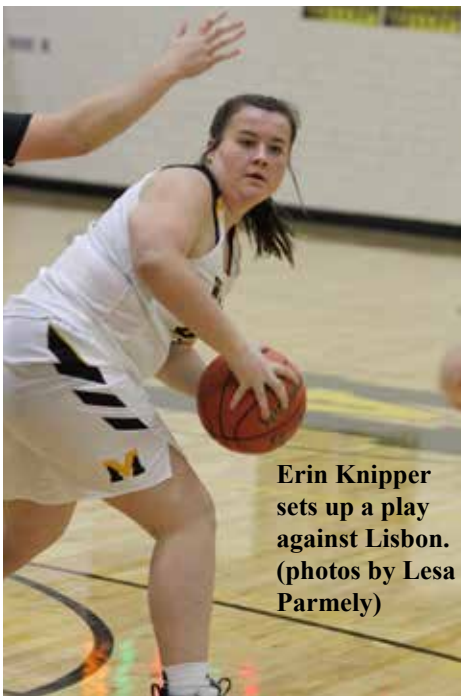
Last Friday night the boys basketball team also lose by 1 point with a score of 38-39 to Cedar Valley Christian.

On offense, the Wildcats were able to put up 21 points in the first half of the game and 17 points in the second half of the game. Andrew Holtz led in points with 13, followed by Ambundo with 12 points, Avery Holtz with 7 points, and Andrew Hildebrand with 4 points.

On defense, Mason Lubben, Andrew Holtz, and Avery Holtz each had 2 steals. Avery Holtz and Ambundo led in rebounds with 6 rebounds each. Mensen and Andrew Holtz each had 4 rebounds.

On Tuesday night, the boys played

Girls basketball gains two wins



Erin Knipper sets up a play against Lisbon. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Isaac Zirtzman looks to make a pass Tuesday night against Lisbon.

Lisbon and lost with a score of 50-53.

On offense, the Wildcats were able to score 19 points in the first half of the game and 31 points in the second half of the game. Ambundo led in points with 16, followed by Andrew Holtz with 14 points and Avery Holtz with 12 points.

On the defense side, Avery Holtz led in steals with 3, followed by Andrew Holtz with 2 steals. Ambundo and Issac Zirtzman each had 1 steal. Ambundo led in rebounds with 6, followed by Zirtzman with 5 rebounds.

Tonight the team plays at home against East Buchanan.

by Kylie Chesnut

The girls basketball team is on a roll, remaining undefeated so far.

Last week the Wildcats traveled to Springville to take on Cedar Valley Christian. Coach Moenck says, "I was very pleased with how our kids came out ready to play. We got a nice lead early in the game." The girls kept that lead finishing off the game with a win, 58-15.

Ella Imler was your leading scorer, putting up 20 points, Taya Tucker scored 18 points, Brooke Elgin gained 4 points for the team, and Carissa Sabers added 3 points. "We also need to do a better job of finishing around the bucket. The last few games we have left a lot of points on the floor," Coach Moenck noted.

Defensively, the Wildcats were aggressive and had a lot of energy. Coach Moenck added, "I felt our energy on defense is was what I was most pleased with."

Elgin, Kruse, Smith place at A-P tournament

by Allie Knipper

The Wildcat Wrestlers wrestled at Arlington-Parkersburg last Saturday where they finished ninth out of 12 teams with 26 points.

Here are some individual results:

Dylan Lane wrestled at 132. He received a bye in round 1 and lost his other matches.

James DeMoss wrestled at 145. He received a bye round 1 and lost his other matches.

Tanner DeMoss wrestled at 160 on Saturday. He received a bye and lost his other matches.

Evan Elgin wrestled at 182. He received a bye in round 1. In the quarterfinal and semifinal he earned two wins by fall. In the championship he lost, but placed 2nd.

Carter Kruse wrestled at 195. He received three byes and lost two matches. Overall, he placed fourth.

Devin Smith competed at the weight of 220. He had 2 byes, 3 losses, and 1 win. He placed 6th.

Isaac Kramer weighed in at 285. He received 2 byes and 2 losses.

This Tuesday, our Wildcats wrestled at North Fayette competing against North Fayette Vally and New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestlers. MV lost both matches 69-3 and 78-3, respectively.

Over North Fayette, Carter Kruse (195) won a match. Wrestlers who battled but ended up with a loss are Tanner DeMoss (160), Evan Elgin (182), Devin Smith (220), Dylan Lane (132), and James DeMoss (145).

Over New Hampton/Turkey Valley, Evan Elgin (182) received a win. Tanner DeMoss (160), Carter Kruse (195), Devin Smith (220), Dylan Lane (132), and James DeMoss (145) were defeated.

The wrestlers competed at home last night. Results will be in the next issue. The wrestlers compete at North Linn Saturday and have a home meet Friday, Jan. 3.

Tucker led with 8 steals, Sabers took the ball from the opposing team 4 times, and Imler grabbed it 3 times.

On Tuesday, the girls took on the Lisbon Lions on the home court. Again, the Wildcats came away with a victory, 62-26.

Tonight the Wildcats take on the East Buchanan Buccaneers on the home court. They hope to see you all there and hear you cheering loud!

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Mason Lubben

What event(s) are you in for speech? Readers Theater and Ensemble Acting
What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I enjoy making people laugh and being with friends.



What have you learned through this event? Speech has helped me learn so much about public speaking and how to act confidently in front of an audience.

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model is Mr. DeVore. He always has such good suggestions and is able to take on any character.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would definitely judge Readers Theater because it is super enjoyable to watch. I also know a lot about it so I would be able to judge it well.

Name: Anna Deutmeyer

You've recently completed an impressive drawing in art class. What inspired it? I wanted to do a portrait of someone, and Marilyn Monroe



just popped into my head. Mr. Dunlap then suggested this specific picture of her, and I thought I would give it a try.

What skills have you learned in class this semester? I've learned quite a bit this semester. For example, I learned what and how to do stippling drawings, charcoal, oil pastels, and gesture drawings. I also realized that a lot of it is harder than it looks.

What art projects would you like to tackle in the future? I would really like to try another portrait drawing but bigger sheet, and probably with the stippling method. I also would like to try and do another charcoal picture.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Brooke Elgin

What position do you play? Post

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

I enjoy the pre-game jams with the team and being able to play with my little sister.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about?

Many think you have to score to win games but defense is a huge part in winning games and is something our coaches constantly remind us. Not everyone needs to score all the time. There are many different "jobs" that you can do in basketball to help win a game from rebounding, shooting, playing defense, or etc.

What's been a favorite basketball memory?

My favorite basketball memory would be getting out early from school and going to Ella Imler's house and playing the game "For The Girls" before our basketball game.

Who's your basketball role model?

My basketball role model would be my cousin, Heidi Hoeger, who now volunteers as one of our assistant coaches. She is always pushing me to do better. If I'm not doing something right, she isn't afraid to correct me and tell me what I need to work on. Another reason why my cousin Heidi is my basketball role model is because I grew up watching her play basketball. She is someone that I have always looked up to and still do to this day.



Name: Leah Ries

What do you enjoy most about dance team?

I enjoy being around all of my teammates and coach, since we have a small team we all get along and laugh a lot. Also, Coach Teymer makes us feel like one of her own kids, which makes for a lot of fun!



What's the hardest part of it? For me the hardest part is counting out a dance, I struggle with counting a dance even though we only count to eight.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it? My favorite would probably be this years Christmas routine, it's something new and no one is going to want to miss it! I like that we have done some things to make the dance memorable.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? Most people don't know that we practice for about 2 hours every day after school and get only a few days to learn a new routine for example we had 6 days to learn our Christmas routine from start to finish.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I would choreograph a Christmas or a pom routine. I would use Christmas songs and for pom I would use the song "Formation" along with other songs from the 2000s.

Name: Ella Imler

What position do you play? Point guard

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Being with my teammates everyday. My team makes basketball something to look

forward to everyday. I also love the intensity the team brings to every game.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? A lot more time goes into basketball than people see. My teammates and I spent a lot of time in the gym during the off season.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Team bonding before games and going to Spirit Lake.

Who's your basketball role model? Sam Wall



Congratulations to Ella Imler, this week's KCRG Athlete of the Week!

what's up?

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

by Paige Winter

Tony Offerman: The Krampus

Landen Deutmeyer: The Polar Express

Trista Elgin: Home Alone

Brianna Fischer: Elf

Taya Tucker: Elf

Avery Holtz: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Jackson Hunter: Christmas Vacation

Ella Imler: Elf

Mrs. Lewin: A Christmas Story

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Maria Cole

You have been one of the most responsible writers for The Wildcat Echo this semester. You often take on multiple assignments and submit them early. What made you decide to be a part of the



staff?: I was highly encouraged to join the Echo ever since I became a freshman, but I never really felt up to it until now. I thought it would be super fun, and it is. I enjoy getting to know people through the Cutie segment especially.

What do you like most about being a part of the Echo?: Just being a part of something, publishing articles and pictures that will become memories for everyone to see when they get the Echo every Friday. It's like making a part of MV history, which is really cool.

What advice for time management do you have for your peers?: This isn't really my advice because I hear it from Mr. Huegel a lot, but: Take care of the little things, and the big things will take care of themselves. AKA don't wait until the last minute to do a huge assignment that has multiple steps, that will just cause tons of stress and you won't give your best work. Plan stuff out and know what you're going to do before you actually do it to save time (I hope that makes sense).



Tuesday night wasn't just about basketball at MV. Logan Johnson, Noah DeVore and Matthew Brehm play with the pep band Tuesday night. Allie Dunn performs with the dance team. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Cutie

by Maria Cole



This week's cutie is a junior! She lives in Delhi and has three siblings and two dogs. Her favorite subject is Beginning Foods and she is currently out for the musical, play, and vocal jazz! Her hobbies include playing the ukulele and piano, and she also likes to draw.

Last week's Cutie was Kaela Clemen.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What kind of music do elves like?...Wrap music

What do you call a snowman with a six pack?...An abdominal snowman

Which of Santa's reindeer has the worst manners?...Rude-olph, of course!

What did the peanut butter say to the grape on Christmas?... 'Tis the season to be jelly!

Where do you find reindeer?...It depends on where you left them!

Academic Corner: Mr. Dunlap

by Paige Winter

Mr. Dunlap is a teacher whom we all know and love. You may take his art classes to fill up your schedule, because it's a nice break in a stressful day, or because you really enjoy art, but this week let's dive a little deeper and learn more about Mr. Dunlap's favorite art class.

His favorite class to teach is ceramics because he loves this medium (type of art). What most of you might not know about Mr. D is that he is a ceramicist. He also loves ceramics because he can make coffee mugs all day long.

Taking ceramics might be a good way to de-stress during the school day, but Mr. Dunlap also encourages all MV students to take ceramics because it's fun and you get to take home projects that are 3D and that you can actually use. Paintings are pretty to look at but ceramics is something you can actually pick up and feel. He also mentions that it's a good way to relieve stress and decompress, you can do truly fantastic work while escaping reality. Ceramics can also help you become a visual and spatial learner. Ceramics is obviously a good class that you can fill up your schedule with, but maybe this time you will take it with the excitement of making 3D art and, of course, coffee mugs.

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

One-fourth of the \$49 billion profit distilled spirits companies bring in a year comes in during the period of time between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Information came from Alcohol.org's article "Binge Drinking During the Holidays"

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I can be long, or I can be short. I can be grown, and I can be bought. I can be painted or left bare. I can be round or square. What am I?

Answer: Fingernails

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

'Tis the season to be jolly...especially since it's break! To get in the holiday cheer, I thought I would ask Shelby March, Allie Knipper and Deecel Staner if they could decode these classic Christmas movie titles.



"Santa's Helper"

Shelby: Elf

Allie: Elf

Deecel: Elf

Answer: Elf

"A Tale of the Holidays"

Shelby: A Christmas Story

Allie: A Christmas Story

Deecel: A Christmas Story

Answer: A Christmas Story

"The Cold Train"

Shelby: The Polar Express

Allie: The Polar Express

Deecel: The Polar Express

Answer: The Polar Express

"Left By Myself"

Shelby: Home Alone

Allie: Home Alone

Deecel: Home Alone

Answer: Home Alone

I hope you all have a merry Christmas! That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side!"



¡Viaje!
MV alumna and current ISU student Amanda Fortman spoke with the Spanish classes Thursday about her recent study-abroad experience in Spain.

Little Comics

compiled by Lydia Helle

What's a snake's favorite subject?...Hiss-story

-Owen Salow, 3rd Grade

What did the hat say to the other hat?...

You stay here, I'll go on "a head".

-Ryan Sands, 3rd Grade

How did the cell phone propose to his girlfriend?...He gave her a ring.

-Khloe Stodola, 3rd Grade

What mouse walks on two feet?...Mickey Mouse

-Jaxyn Weber, 3rd Grade

Knock knock.

Who's there?

You.

You who?

Yoo-hoo, big summer blowout!

-Serenity White, 3rd Grade

Have you heard of the new pirate movie?...It's rated AAARRRRR!

-Brielle Kuhns, 5th Grade

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

Ground beef

-Camran McAreavy, 5th Grade

Someone here is possessed by an owl.

Who?

That's it! We don't know!

-Camryn Paris, 5th Grade