

# Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## Dance team is about more than just dance



The 2019-20 dance team is comprised of, front row: Mianna Gosche, Kriya Atwell, Leah Ries, Annisten Trenkamp and Isabel Landas; back row: Kendra Hillers, Molly Anderegg, Keziah Ambundo, McKenna Thompson, Allie Dunn and Kaelynn Clark.

You've seen them perform at football games and at homecoming, and this week the dance team makes its presence known at the state dance competition. (Look for results in next week's issue!)

The team has been active since August, and they'll stay busy through March as they perform at various home athletic events.

The team is under the direction of returning coach Jen Teymer. She said she has a variety of goals for the team this year. "Most of my goals for this team have been off of the dance floor, and they have not disappointed me," she stated. "They are all solid athletes and are not afraid of trying something new. My goals were really to show them how much of an impact they can make on each other and to the community outside of school."

This team is a young team as no seniors are on the dance team and several members have never danced before. "It's been exciting to see them excited about something new," Coach Teymer stated.

She said the team has many strength as both dancers and people. "They have so much heart. I love to see them really encouraging each other. They do a fantastic job of telling each other their strengths or

paying a compliment before any criticisms when it comes to a routine."

The team has been doing community service and kids camps and fundraisers since summer, including a Princess Party.

"They have really stepped up in being responsible as a team to be good role models for our community youth," Coach Teymer stated. "I'm really passionate about these girls and I am extremely proud to be their coach."



Molly Anderegg performs during the send-off last week.

## Local vets support MV FFA

Zoetis, a global animal health company, has a goal to support the development of individual FFA chapters across the country. The FFA organization plays an important role in preparing students for a future in the agricultural industry. The Zoetis Industry Support Program has contributed more than \$919,917 to local FFA chapters nationwide.

Two local veterinary services: Tri Vet Associates and All Animals Large & Small Animal Health Clinic, have selected the Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter to receive a combined donation of \$921.50. The MV FFA chapter greatly appreciated this donation which will help cover the cost of the 92nd National FFA Convention.



Dr. Jared Jacobson, DVM of Tri-Vet Associates, presents check to MV FFA members Lucas Orcutt and Kade Freiburger.

Kade Freiburger and Lucas Orcutt accept a check from Dr. Virgil Bourek, DVM and Dr. Sellner, DVM of All Animals Large and Small Animal Health Clinic.



# Sports Connection

## MV girls basketball kicks off the season with two wins

by Kylie Chesnut

Last Tuesday the girls' basketball team traveled to Edgewood to take on the Ed-Co Vikings. Coming out with lots of intensity and determination, the Wildcats left victorious over Ed-Co 60-19.

On offense, the Wildcats were able to score 42 points in the first half of the game, and 18 points in the second half. Trista Elgin put up 17 points, 14 points were put on the board by Ella Imler, and Taya Tucker put up 8 points.

Defensively the Wildcats were aggressive and stubborn. Tucker led with 6 steals, Imler followed close behind with 5 steals, and Brooke Elgin followed with 4 steals. The Wildcats were aggressive to the boards with 40 rebounds. Tucker led in rebounds with 10, Kylie Chesnut and Imler each brought down 7, and Elgin grabbed 6 rebounds.

Saturday of last week, the lady cats also traveled to Coe College for Rivalry Saturday to take on the Sumner-Fred

Cougars. Once again, the Wildcats came ready to play, leaving with a win 48-37. The Wildcats added a new challenge to their game, a shot clock but handled it well and didn't allow it to affect their game.

On the offensive side of the game, the Wildcats stuck to what they knew and scored 27 points in the first half, finishing with another 21 points in the second half. Imler and Tucker each put 17 points on the board for the Wildcats, and Carissa Sabers also scored 5 points.

On defense, the Wildcats got 26 rebounds and 13 steals. Imler led in rebounds with 8, Chesnut followed pulling down 6 and Sabers brought down 4 rebounds. Tucker led with 5 steals, Sabers stealing 4, and Chesnut taking 3 from the other team.

The Lady Cats continue their season tonight at Prince of Peace and Monticello tomorrow on their home court. Everyone, come to support and cheer on the Wildcats!



Ella Imler looks to make the play in the Ed-Co game last week. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

## Wrestlers kick off season at double dual

Tuesday night the wrestlers opened up their season at Jesup in a double dual with Jesup and South Winn.

MV fell short to Jesup 49-24. Winning by fall were Dylan Lane (132) and Evan Elgin (182). Winning by forfeit were Carter Kruse (195) and Devin Smith (220).

MV lost to South Winn 50-24. Earning points for MV were four wrestlers. Michael Schaul (138) won by fall. Also winning by fall were Tim Harmon (170) and Kruse (195). Elgin at 182 won by forfeit.

This Saturday the wrestlers compete at the Cascade tournament.



Dylan Lane has the upperhand on his Jesup opponent. Lane went on to pin his opponent.

# what's up?

## If your life was a movie what would it be called?

by Paige Winter

Claire Krapfl: Sleep, Eat, Repeat

Erin Knipper: A Trainwreck

Domarius Strickland: The Glorious Adventures of Domarius

Tony Offerman: Shoot and Miss

Noah DeVore: The Life of a Teacher's Son

Amaya Hunt: Summer Me Is a Better Me

Señora Ries: La Profe

Mrs. Downs: Do It Anyway

Preston Roling: It 3

Brooke Elgin: Moana

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Nick Gibbs*



**You've been nominated by Mr. Ford for stepping it up in band. What instrument do you play in band?**

I play the trumpet.

**What do you enjoy most about playing in band?**

I have a lead part which makes me feel important

**What life lessons have you learned by being in band?**

You can get to the top; it just takes time.

**If you could join a famous band, which one would it be?**

There are too many to choose from!

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Ella Mensen

Activity: Speech

**What event are you in for speech?** Choral Reading

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** The group we have is super fun and we all get along very well.

**What have you learned through this event?** Sometimes you have to push yourself out of your comfort zone and really get into the character, which can sometimes be a challenge but definitely pays off in the end.

**Who is your speech role model?**

Mrs. DeVore, because she really knows how to put everything together and make it amazing.

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

Improv, because it would be interesting to see how the students made the idea their own and create something different.



Name: Amanda Mohr

Activity: Speech

**What event are you in for speech?** choral reading and TV news

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** I enjoy being able to work with others to come up with creative and interesting ideas!

Large group speech gives me the opportunity to spend time with people that I normally don't see very often.

**What have you learned through this event?** I have learned how to work in a group as a team to incorporate everyone's ideas into our story. Large group speech has also given me the opportunity to get better at speaking in front of people.

**Who is your speech role model?**

My speech role model is Mrs. DeVore! She does such an amazing job at showing emotion when she speaks, and she comes up with so many unique and creative ideas to add to all of her speech events. Mrs. DeVore knows how to add character and little details that make the story memorable!

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I would judge choral reading because I think it would be interesting to see what creative ideas people come up with. This includes being able to see what storyline, scenes, costumes, and characters are created.



## Athlete of the Week

Name: Kendra Hillers

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?** The thing I

enjoy most about the dance team is the relationships that I am making.

It is my first year doing this so I have become closer to people that I never thought I would become close too. And just

seeing the dance/girls progress. Our state dance and my teammates have gotten so much better already and the season had just started. I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store!

**What's the hardest part of it?** The hardest part by far is getting all the little details down. It is really easy to just go through the motions and not worry about anything else but when you have to really think about how everything should look and where parts of your body should be at a certain time, it gets harder.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** Well, since it is my first year I haven't done many routines but my favorite by far is our state routine. Throughout the whole dance there is just so much energy and adrenaline, even when your not doing it in front of people. We have so many fun moves that we do during the dance too, which makes it a lot more enjoyable!

**What's something about dance most people don't realize?** You wouldn't think dance would be that hard, and going into it, I didn't think it was going to be hard. But we got going and as we went on it got harder and harder because when you are dancing you can't just dance, you have to add in facial expressions and attitude. And while you are doing all of that you have to be thinking about every little detail of every move. A lot of things go into making a dance look good.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** If I could choreograph a routine it would definitely be hip-hop and to the song "Lip Gloss." ;)

*"I love that Kendra has gone all out on a new activity this year. She is very responsible and works really hard to improve every time I see her." —Coach Teymer*





**Congratulations to the Management class for sponsoring the food drive to include the community raising over \$200 and 400 items to stock the Hopkinton food pantry for the long winter ahead. It was amazing to see the bare shelves be filled up with your generosity.**

## Little Comics

compiled by Lydia Helle

Knock knock.  
Who's there?  
Orange.  
Orange who?  
Orange you going to let me in?  
-Ava Holtz, 3rd Grade

Why do cows wear bells?...Because their horns don't work.  
-Billy Krapfl, 3rd Grade

What do pigs give out for Valentine's Day?...Valenswines  
-Jace Leytem, 3rd Grade

What do gingerbread sleep on?...Cookie sheets  
-Charlotte Ludovissy, 3rd Grade

Who is the king of the pencil box?...The ruler  
-Carly Miller, 3rd Grade  
How does a spider communicate?...On the world wide web  
-Maggie Recker, 3rd Grade

What's a skeleton without bones?...Bone-less  
-Harmonie Ries, 3rd Grade

Boy to girl: "Do you work at Starbucks?  
'Cause I like you a latte!"  
-Trevor Grimm, 5th Grade

Where did Captain Hook get his hook?...  
The second-hand store!  
-Jade Hillers, 5th Grade

## Preppin' for break fun



**Last Tuesday students enjoyed some relaxation/team-building time with activities like coloring, cards, bags, or spikeball. (photo by Paige Panosh)**

**Mr. Arnold and Mr. Osterhaus take a pie in the face, compliments of Emma Richter, as part of a fundraiser for the JDRE.**



# Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Why is your eye like a boy being whipped?

Answer: Both are under a lash.

# Cutie

by Maria Cole



This week's cutie is a junior! She lives in Delhi and has four siblings, including one dog. Her favorite subject is art and she is currently out for cross country, vocal jazz, speech, and dance. Her hobbies include waterskiing and hanging out with her boyfriend!

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

I invented a new word! Plagiarism!

Did you hear about the mathematician who is afraid of negative numbers?...He'll stop at nothing to avoid them!

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?...He was just going through a stage.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?...They make up everything!

What does a nosy pepper do?...Gets jalapeño business

# The Kirkwood Experience: An Insider Look

by Jordyn Kemp

Something that will always prove to be beneficial for high school students is college credit. Nowadays, earning college credit during high school years turns out to be a relatively easy process. Maquoketa Valley, among many other schools, offers the opportunity for students to earn dual credit through the Kirkwood Academy in Monticello. There are a wide variety of programs available at Kirkwood, including liberal arts, an EMT or CNA program, or programs for engineering.

Maquoketa Valley has been a participant of Kirkwood Academy in Monticello for years now, and it still proves beneficial for high school juniors and seniors. The programs benefit students not only with education but financially as well. Maquoketa Valley covers all costs for programs and classes taken either online or in Monticello

Summer Schmuecker, a senior at Maquoketa Valley, is one of the four seniors to attend Kirkwood Academy for the second half of the day. Summer enjoys going to Kirkwood because she feels it helps break apart the day. "Instead of sitting in school from eight in the morning to three in the afternoon, I get to leave at 11:12 and eat at home," she explained. Summer feels it allows her to be more independent. She explained how Kirkwood is beneficial for her because the program helps get college gen-eds out of the way before graduating high school. She hopes to get her Bachelor's degree in three years instead of four because of all of her college credits.

This semester, Summer is taking American National Government, Envi-



**Junior Teige Hunt and Monticello junior Ethan Tallman complete a hands-on assignment for his Auto Tech class.**

ronmental Science, and Intro to Sociology. Even though Summer has to drive to Monticello and back every day, she still feels it is worth it because she'll be saving even more money during college than she is presently spending on gas. Summer claims that "Kirkwood Academy helps high school students prepare for college classrooms and gain a grasp on how self-motivated you need to be during college."

Mr. Osterhaus acknowledges that the Kirkwood academy provides a large variety of programs to students that can be applied to anyone's interests. "The more opportunities we can provide to help students be successful in the future, the better," Mr. Osterhaus adds.

I, myself, am also a student who takes part in Kirkwood Academy in Mon-

ticello. I can say without a doubt that the environment has helped me grow and has better prepared me for college. Considering the huge difference between the classrooms here at Maquoketa Valley versus Kirkwood, and knowing that information before entering college will definitely prove useful to me in the future. In high school classrooms, it is a comfortable environment because I've known everyone there my entire life. But at Kirkwood, the majority of the classroom are strangers and the lessons are taught in lectures.

I take part in the liberal arts program along with Summer and take the same classes as her. I have realized that college professors are not going to be as hands-on as high school teachers, and I need to advocate for myself even more, like if I'm confused I need to ask questions. Kirkwood Academy has taught me to be more self-motivated and confident. I highly recommend Kirkwood Academy for students who plan on going to college after high school.



**Junior Evan Lubben has gained some hands-on experience in the Kirkwood Auto Tech program.**

# Meet the Freshmen



**Landin, Jamie, Nia, Ben & Allison**

Name: Nia Burnett  
 Siblings: Kylynn Clary, Autumn Nelson, and Mason Jolley  
 Activities you plan to be in: track, play, TEL, and wrestling stats  
 Favorite subject: science  
 Career aspirations: nurse  
 Hobbies: manage football and walk my dogs  
 Something cool about you: I have 7 siblings and 4 of them don't go to this school.

Name: Allison Nefzger  
 Siblings: Jeff Domeyer, Kevin Domeyer, Adam Domeyer, Shari Soppe, Brandi Nefzger  
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, bowling, golf, play, speech  
 Favorite subject: basic algebra A  
 Career aspirations: photographer or guidance counselor  
 Hobbies: tubing, water volleyball, babysit and reading  
 Something cool about you: I've been to another country.

Name: Jamie Pitts (Jimbo)  
 Siblings: Chloe and Miesha  
 Activities you plan to be in: track and football  
 Favorite subject: Spanish  
 Career aspirations: U.S. Army - (Branch) - Marine  
 Hobbies: hunting and video games  
 Something cool about you: I can draw. I'm a gamer-god. I'm fast.

Name: Landin Frasher  
 Siblings: Brendin and Aidin  
 Activities you plan to be in: cross country, track, baseball, and speech  
 Favorite subject: earth science  
 Career aspirations: I don't know yet.  
 Hobbies: all watersports and fishing  
 Something cool about you: I like to snow-board.

Name: Ben Weber  
 Siblings: Jeremy  
 Activities you plan to be in: football and maybe golf  
 Favorite subject: study hall  
 Career aspirations: anything  
 Hobbies: video games

—typist: Allie Knipper

# Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

Random. That is exactly the word to describe the batch of questions I asked Erin Knipper, Claire Krapfl and Tim Harmon this week.



True or False: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Erin: True  
 Claire: True  
 Tim: False  
 Answer: False

True or False: If you cry in space, the tears just stick to your face.

Erin: False  
 Claire: True  
 Tim: False  
 Answer: True

True or False: Humans can distinguish between over a trillion different smells.

Erin: True  
 Claire: True  
 Tim: True  
 Answer: True

True or False: Goldfish only have a memory of three seconds.

Erin: False  
 Claire: False  
 Tim: True  
 Answer: False

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

## MV TEL-ALL

For girls ages 9-17, **3 drinks** constitute binge drinking. For boys ages 9-13, 3 drinks is considered binge drinking. Boys ages 14-15 are binge drinking after

**4 drinks**. Lastly, boys ages 16-17 are considered to be binge drinking after

**5 drinks**.

*Information came from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Dec. 16, 2019

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

1. Elementary Concert Rehearsal in Delhi for K-2nd (Buses Leave Earl. @ 8:40 AM/John. @ 9:15 AM)
2. MV All-Elementary Christmas Concert - Multi-Purpose Room - JK-2nd @ 6:15 PM / 3rd-5th @ 7:15 PM
3. Maquoketa Valley School Board Meeting - HS Conf. Room - 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

1. Earlville Elementary going Christmas Caroling at the Earlville Community Center (Bus Leaves at 12:50 PM)
2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - Lisbon - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM
3. MV Dance Team Performs - Before the Start 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. Earlville Elementary going Christmas Caroling at the Penn Center in Delhi (Bus Leaves at 1:10 AM)
3. MV MS 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Vocal & Band Christmas Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 1:30 PM
4. MV Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

1. HS JV/V Wrestling at Anamosa (also with Monticello & CPU) - 5:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:30 PM)
2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - Alburnett - JV @ 4:30 PM / Varsity at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

- EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton - Christmas Break
2. The College Panel - Auditorium - 8th @ 8:30 AM / 11th @ 9:20 AM / 12th @ 10:10 A
  3. HS Class Competitions - HS Gym - 8:03 AM until 9:20 AM
  4. HS Individual Games - HS Gym & HS Cafeteria - 9:20 AM until 11:00 AM
  5. HS Lunch, Lip Sync & a "Grinch" Movie - Auditorium - 11:00 AM (MS Lunch - Noon)