

Fifteen groups advance to state speech

The Maquoketa Valley High School 9th grade and 10-12th grade large group speech teams began their speech season this past Saturday, January 25 at Cascade High School.

Of the three 9th grade groups, two received a division 1 rating: Readers Theatre (Anna Deutmeyer, Emilee Supple, Isabel Landas, Kennedy Rausch, Landin Frasher, McKenna Thompson, Taylor Schmuecker, and Zach Mineart) and Radio Broadcasting (Dannielle Burkle, Kaela Clemen, Landin Frasher, and Saige Hunt).

Of the nineteen 10-12th grade groups that performed, thirteen received a division 1 rating.

Those groups included Choral Reading (Amanda Mohr, Amaya Hunt, Amber Engelken, Ashtyn Porter, Carlie Lewin, Claire Krapfl, Courtney Goedken, Emma Doyl, Emma Hill, and Lydia Helle), Ensemble Acting 1 (Carissa Sabers, Krista Ries, Kylie Chesnut, and Shelby March), Ensemble Acting 2 (Andrew Kloser and Paige Panosh), Ensemble Acting 3 (Allie Dunn, Madeline Gellersen, Mason Lubben, and Nolan Ries), Group Improvisation 1 (Madeline Gellersen, Mitch Heims, and Zach Digman), Group Improvisation 2 (AJ Ambundo and Preston Roling), Group Improvisation 3 (Brock Trenkamp, Keziah Ambundo, and Michael Van Meter), the "Sweet Tooth" Group Mime (Avery Krapfl, Kendra Hillers, and Liz McDowell), One-Act Play (Amaya Hunt, Andrew Hildebrand, Annisten Trenkamp, Brock



Preston Roling and A.J. Ambundo rehearse an improv involving a science experiment Thursday morning. They have qualified for state contest.

Trenkamp, Emma Beitz, Jaiden Porter, Jordan Hogan, Kailyn Hogan, Kriya Atwell, Lane Domeyer, Layla Crippen, Leah Ries, Logan Johnson, Molly Anderegg, Nick Gibbs, Paige Winter, and Zach Digman), RICH 107.7 Radio Broadcasting (Devin Smith, Emma Doyl, Logan Johnson, Matthew Brehm, and Paige Winter), Readers Theatre (Allie Dunn, Avery Krapfl, Carissa Sabers, Carlie Lewin, Chance Downs, Kendra Hillers, Kylie Chesnut, Liz McDowell, Lydia Helle, Mason Lubben, Mitch Heims, Noah DeVore, Preston Roling, and Shelby March), Iowa Unsolved TV News (AJ Ambundo, Carter Hildebrand, Chance Downs, Claire Krapfl, Erika Supple, Kim Sellner, Lane Domeyer, Layla Crippen, and Lexi

Deutmeyer), and Musical Theatre (Andrew Hildebrand, Andrew Kloser, Noah DeVore, Paige Panosh, and Tony Offerman).

Freshmen & 10-12th grade groups that didn't advance to state include the 9th grade Choral Reading (Anna Deutmeyer, Avery Holtz, Dannielle Burkle, Ella Mensen, Emilee Supple, Erin Knipper, Isabel Landas, Jena LeGassick, Kaela Clemen, Kennedy Rausch, Macy Thompson, McKenna Thompson, Saige Hunt, Taylor Schmuecker, and Zach Mineart), "Not All Heroes Wear Capes" Group Mime (Abbie Sheehy, Adrienne Freiburger, and Leah Ries), BEAT 108.4 Radio Broadcasting (Abbie Sheehy, Caelyn Sands, Carter Hildebrand, and Tony Offerman), "Merry Thanksgiving" Short Film (Brylie Pohlman, Emma Beitz, Jordyn LeGassick, Kennedy Ott, and Nick Gibbs), "Battles Unseen" Short Film (Annisten Trenkamp, Emma Hill, Erika Supple, Grace Wegmann, Molly Anderegg, Nolan Ries, Summer Schmuecker), Kriya Atwell's Solo Mime, and DBD TV News (Adrienne Freiburger, Amanda Mohr, Ashtyn Porter, Jaiden Porter, Jordan Hogan, Kennedy Ott).

State Large Group Contest will be held Saturday, February 8 at Dubuque Senior.

Growing as musicians

Earlier this month, Keziah Ambundo, Andrew Kloser, Paige Panosh and Carlie Lewin participated in Wartburg College's Meistersinger's Honor Choir, performing with some of the area's talented vocalists.



Sports Connection

Harmon finishes first in tournament, earns three more wins

Carter Kruse is entwined with his opponent at Saturday's tournament. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



by Allie Knipper

The wrestlers have been on the road three times in the last week, with a highlight being Tim Harmon's tournament win Saturday.

The wrestlers wrestled at East Buchanan last Thursday night and at Louisa-Muscataine tournament last Saturday.

Here are the results:

East Buchanan:

v.s. East Buchanan:

Michael Schaul (138) earned a win. Evan Elgin (182) and Carter Kruse (195) received forfeit wins.

Team score: 15-60

v.s. Lisbon

Evan Elgin, Carter Kruse, Devin Smith, and Michael Schaul wrestled but lost.

Team score: 0-81

Results of Saturday's tournament:

Tim Harmon (170) received 1st place.

Carter Kruse (195) received 4th place.

Other wrestlers who wrestled are Michael Schaul, Evan Elgin, Devin Smith.

Tuesday night, the team wrestled at Beckman Catholic in a quadrangular.

vs. Clayton Ridge:

Kruse won by pin at 3:33 and Harmon won 18-1. Earning points by forfeit were Smith

and Schaul.

Team score: 23-30

vs. Beckman Catholic

Harmon won by pin at 3:25.

Team score: 72-6

vs. Bellevue

Kruse won 7-5 and Harmon won by pin at 1:52. Smith got the forfeit.

Last night the team competed at Monticello. They lost all three matches: 63-9 to North Fayette Valley, 54-24 to Monticello and 57-12 to Ed-Co.

In the North Fayette Valley match, Kruse won by forfeit and Devin Smith won a 9-5 decision.

In the Monticello match, Schaul won by pin in 3:34 and Smith won by pin in 5:44. Winning by forfeit were Kruse and Harmon.

In the Ed-Co match, Schaul won by fall in 3:11, and Kruse won by forfeit.

Tomorrow the wrestlers are in the conference meet at Starmont.

Girls basketball team suffers defeat in past two games

by Kylie Chesnut

As promised the details from the Springville Game from last week: The leading scorers were Taya Tucker with 19 points, Ella Imler with 17 points and Trista Elgin with 10 points. Defensively the team was solid. Brooke Elgin led in rebounds, bringing down 6, T. Elgin also pulled down 4 rebounds, and Anna Duetmeyer and Tucker each brought down 3. Carissa Sabers and Tucker led in steals for the Springville game, with 3 steals each. Imler also snatched the ball from the other team twice.

Last Friday, the Wildcats traveled to Winthrop to take on East Buch. After a battle, the Wildcats left defeated 37-59. The details for this game will be in the next issue.

On Tuesday, the North Linn Lynx visited Maquoketa Valley and challenged the Wildcats to a tough game of basketball. The team battled and gave a good effort, but again endured another loss, 37-47. These details can also be found in the next issue.

On this cold Friday night, the Wildcats will be traveling to Central City's home court to play more basketball. Wildcats v.s. Lynx, you won't want to miss it!



Brooke Elgin finds herself surrounded by a litter of Lynx Tuesday night.

Boys go 1-2 in recent play

by Tara Goedken

Last Thursday the Boys Basketball Team played against Springville and lost with a score of 37-73.

Andrew Holtz led in points with a total of 11 points, followed by Owen Mensen with 9 points, and Ethan Doyl with 8 points.

On defensive, Avery Holtz, Miquel Bojorquez, DeVante Strickland, and Doyl each had 1 steal. Ambundo and Doyl each had 5 rebounds.

On Friday the Wildcats took on East Buchanan and won a close game with a score of 48-45.

On offensive, Avery Holtz led in points with a total of 16 points, followed by 13 points by Andrew Holtz, and 9 points by Ambundo.

On defense, Mensen, Andrew Holtz, Mason Lubben, and Bojorquez each had 1 steal. Ambundo led in rebounds with a total of 7 rebounds followed by Bojorquez with 5 rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Boys basketball team took on the highly-ranked North Linn Lynx and lose with a score of 27-73.

On offense, Andrew Holtz led in points with a total of 12 points followed by 9 points by Mensen.

On defense, Andrew Holtz led in steals with a total of 2. Bojorquez led in rebounds with a total of 5, followed by Ambundo with 4 rebounds and Avery Holtz with 3 rebounds.

Tonight the boys will travel to Central City. Details will be in the next Echo.



Owen Mensen and the crowd watch his shot against North Linn Tuesday night.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Tim Harmon

What do you enjoy most about wrestling? The thing I

enjoy most about wrestling is the endurance that comes with it. During a match, you're trying to take a kid down and pin him. But it really isn't easy on tough kids. It's also a sport that requires a person to be in amazing shape. I also thank Coach Hatfield for pushing us each and everyday to get us in that shape.

What's something about wrestling that others might not know? Some people may think you just go out there and wrestle on the mat, but it's more than that. You have to go to into hard practices in a room that is almost 100 degrees!

You have to work hard, you lose a few pounds, and you feel like you're going to pass out because you are working so hard. Then the days of meets you have to get mentally prepared to wrestle, prepared for a fight "to the death". The matches I wrestle in, I wrestle to win, not to lose.

How do you mentally prepare for a match? Well when my match is soon to come up, I get up jump around a little bit, and start getting loose. I usually listen to music to get pumped up and to get my adrenaline flowing. Then when I'm on deck. I shut everything else out of my head. I concentrate on what I'm going to do in this match to break my opponent. To mentally break him, so he doesn't want to wrestle anymore.

What's your goal this season? Definitely to get down to state. It's going to be a tough sectional, with the two top-ranked kids in the state. It's going to be a good challenge. However, I believe that in these next two weeks, if I work hard in the room, get into the best shape I have ever been in, and get prepared for my match both by myself and from the help of the coaches. I believe that I can hang with anyone.

Who's your wrestling role model? Parker Sternhagen. Going back I don't know how many years, he was always my wrestling partner. He may have may beaten me in practice, but it helped in the long run. It's been a little different this year without him on the team, but I still see him as a part of our team. He always will be. I'm working for both him and myself this year. I dedicate this year to my great friend, Parker Sternhagen.



Name: Macy Thompson

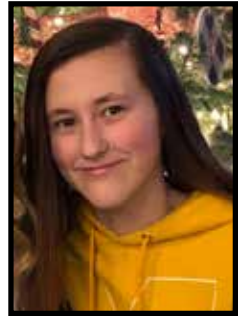
What position do you play? I play the wing

What do you most enjoy about playing basketball? I love playing with my friends and teammates.

What is something about the sport that nobody knows? We are all really close and we are one big family.

What's your favorite basketball memory? My favorite memory is when we all went over to Coach Moenck's house to hang out and watch movies.

Who's your basketball role model? I would say Ella Imler or Brooke Elgin because they always help me in practice and they are great teammates.



Name: Ethan Doyl

What position do you play? Post

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? I just love the game, but all the funny moments that I have with my teammates are the best parts. I

also love the physicality of the sport.

What's something about the sport that others may not know about? You always have to be dialed in. You can't ever take a break or it messes up the whole flow of the game. The littlest things matter, you always have to focus on the little things.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? NIACC basketball camp this past summer. It really helped me learn plays and bond with my teammates. It was a great experience.

Who's your basketball role model? Brenden Hogan. Brenden always knew what he had to do when he stepped out onto the floor, and even when he didn't get to play very much he was always cheering on his teammates and was a leader. Even as a senior sitting on the bench he never complained, and he always helped his teammates get better. He was open to criticism, and he worked hard every day in practice.



Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

"If you're afraid to fail, then you're probably going to fail."

-Kobe Bryant



This past weekend the world lost a legend.

Kobe Bryant will go down as a basketball great. To remember him and his success both on and off the court, I decided to ask Avery Holtz, Ella Mensen, and A.J. Ambundo if they could answer these questions about Kobe.

How many teams did Kobe Bryant play on in the NBA?

Avery: One team

Ella: One team

AJ: One team

Answer: One team - L.A. Lakers

How many NBA championships did he win?

Avery: Five

Ella: Five

AJ: Five

Answer: Five

How old was he when he first went into the NBA?

Avery: 18 years old

Ella: 21 years old

AJ: 17 years old

Answer: 17/18 years old

He was drafted close to his 18th birthday. I'll count both as correct.

Who was he drafted by?

Avery: Hornets

Ella: Charlotte-something

AJ: Hornets

Answer: Hornets

In loving memory of the Black Mamba. That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side!"

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What flies when it's born,
lies when it's alive,
and runs when it's dead?

Answer: A snowflake!



Hip-hop moves

The MVDT performed a hip-hop routine at the home games Tuesday night. They were able to put on a stellar performance after only three rehearsals.



by Paige Panosh

If you could be stuck inside a T.V. show, what would it be?

Dannie Burkle: "Wizards of Waverly Place"

Kim Sellner: "Grey's Anatomy"

Matthew Brehm: "Gravity Falls"

Mrs. Palmer: "Friends"

Brooke Hogan: "Heartland"

Shelby March: "Grey's Anatomy"

Mrs. DeVore: "Friends"

Jordyn LeGassick: "The Office"

Logan Johnson: "Happy Days"

Little Comics

compiled by Lydia Helle

What did the pumpkin say to the other pumpkin?...Let's make pumpkin pie!

-Allison Porter, 3rd Grade

Why is six scared of seven?...Because seven eight nine!

-Cailey Reth, 3rd Grade

What did the cactus say to the other cactus?...Looking sharp!

-Oliver Steines, 3rd Grade

Why did the zoo stop giving tests to cheetahs?...Because they were cheaters!

-Easton Tucker, 3rd Grade

Knock knock.
Who's there?

Cows go.

Cows go who?

No, cows go moo!

-Karl Zumbach, 3rd Grade

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Why can't male ants sink?...Because they are buoy-ant

Why did the math textbook visit the counselor?...It needed help figuring out its problems

What do you call a train carrying bubble gum?...A chew-chew train

The numbers 19 and 20 got into a fight.
21.

Why did it get so hot in the football stadium after the game?...All of the fans left

I'll Be There... Part 3 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. (If you missed Part 2, look at the Jan. 10 Wildcat Echo.)

David

The results were in. David's Blood Alcohol Level was 0.176, more than double the legal limit. Realization shadowed his face as he grasped the fact that he had been driving and had caused the crash.

Who was in the car that he crashed into. Was someone injured? Had he killed someone?

As these horrific thoughts were playing through his mind, the deputy, whom David recognized from outside his car window, came to his bedside and read him his Miranda Rights.

Without thinking, David told the Deputy: *I was having a few drinks with friends and I was late to get to my girlfriends and that's the last thing I remember before looking up and seeing you outside my window.*

Before David could say anything more, the Deputy asked if he would like to have his lawyer present. However, David continued with questions and comments about the accident desperately trying to piece the events of the night together.

The doctors were ready to release him but he would not be going home he'd be heading down to the station.

David knew nothing would ever be the same.

Harper

The doctor entered Harper's small, sterile cubicle with a grim look on his face. If Harper was curious about what had happened, now she was terror stricken.

She could tell by his slow, heavy footsteps that the news she was going to receive would not be good. The doctor looked at her with deep, saddened eyes. Her mother's sobs grew as measured words poured out of the doctor's mouth.

Harper, I'm sorry to inform you that you have been involved in a crash that has severely impacted your lower body. I'm sorry but we had to perform emergency surgery and we were unable to save your lower legs.

The words hit her harder than the collision of cars. They sank into her mind and echoed through her seemingly hollow chest. The only other sound that could be heard was her heart almost vibrating through her.

She didn't realize that she had been crying out until her mom wrapped her arms around her. Tears spilled from her and shock consumed her.

What would happen to her now? What could she have done to stop it? Why did this happen to her?

The doctor continued talking once she had a chance to compose herself. *Harper, you are going to have to attend physical therapy. There is a chance for prosthetics, however, regaining your ability to walk is not going to be an easy task.*

Both her and her mother's sobs didn't cease. Her father was still silent in the armchair near her bed. Color had begun to run back to his cheeks.

There was no doubt in her mind that he was thinking the same thing as her.

Nothing would ever be the same.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of February 3, 2020

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

1. 100th Day of School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

1. HS JV/V Girls' & Boys' Basketball - HOME (HS Gym) Alburnett - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM
2. MV HS Dance Team Performs - Half Time of Varsity Girls' Game
3. Senior & Parents Recognition - Between Varsity Girls & Boys' Games

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

1. MV Athletic Boosters Monthly Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

1. Ag in the Classroom - 3rd Grade - in PM
2. Junior High Boys Basketball - HOME (MS Multi-Purpose Room) - Starmont - 4:00 PM
3. Dollars for Scholars Student & Parent Meeting - HS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

1. MS & HS Deficiency Reports Due - by Noon
2. HS JV/V Girls' & Boys' Basketball at Starmont - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves @ 3:05 PM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

1. HS State Lrg Gp Speech @ Senior HS in Dubuque 8 AM (2 Buses, Suburban & Trailer Leave at 5:45 AM)
2. HS Wrestling Sectionals at E.B. in Winthrop - Noon (Suburban & Van Leaves @ 8:45 AM)

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

66% of teens believe that there is just flavoring in e-cigarettes.

Information came from NIH's "Teens and E-cigarettes"

Reminder: April 13 is now a snow-make up day.