

# Wildcat Echo

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## Vocal jazz groups gain performing experience



by Paige Winter

If you're staying up to date with the fine arts here at MV, you probably know that Monday both vocal jazz groups had their first performance of the season. Everything went really well as Smooth Harmony received division 1 ratings from all three judges and Jazz X-Press received

division 2 ratings from all three judges.

Mrs. Mueller stated, "Both groups were very poised on stage and poured a lot of emotional energy into their performances. They also responded well to the short clinics that they received afterward." The groups will be performing this Friday at Cedar Rapids Washington's MO Show

Jazz Festival and receive a 45-minute clinic with Joel Foreman from Solon. However, the next public performance will be during MV's Got Talent on March 19.

Great job to all of these Wildcats on their last performance, and good luck to them on their next performance!

## MV hosts state large group contest, 12 groups earn I's

And that's a wrap on the large group speech season.

With clear plastic masks worn by performers and limited audience members in attendance, MV pulled off a successful state contest in Delhi Saturday.

Of the 16 groups, 12 earned an overall I rating from the three judges.

\*Short Film (Middle School Politics): Cadence Frieburger, Lily Huber, Addie Hucker, Kaitlyn Nolan, Addie Rudd & Josie Teymer

\*TV News (HOAX): Lane Domeyer, Adrienne Freiburger, Avery Krapfl, Amanda Mohr & Emma Ritz

\*Solo Mime (Preparing a Princess): Allie Dunn

\*Ensemble Acting (Action New: Now with 10% More Action): Kylie Chesnut, Madeline Gellersen, Andrew Kloser, Liz McDowell, Nolan Ries & Carissa Sabers

\*Group Mime (Kindergarten 101): Lauren Knock & Josie Teymer

\*Readers Theatre (Fire Exit): Andrew Kloser, Avery Krapfl, Carlie Lewin, Paige Panosh, Krista Ries, Nolan Ries, Preston Roling & Paige Winter

\*One-Act Play (Our Place): Molly Anderegg, Matthew Brehm, Noah DeVore, Allie Dunn, Madeline Gellersen, Andrew Hildebrand, Kendra Hillers, Logan Johnson, Carter Klaren, Ella Mensen, Zach Mineart, Leah Ries, McKenna Thompson & Brock Trenkamp

\*Radio Broadcasting (KDKA 1102): Dannie Burkle, Kaela Clemen, Emma Doyl & Jordan Hogan

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\*Ensemble Acting (Bride and Gloom): Noah DeVore & Amaya Hunt

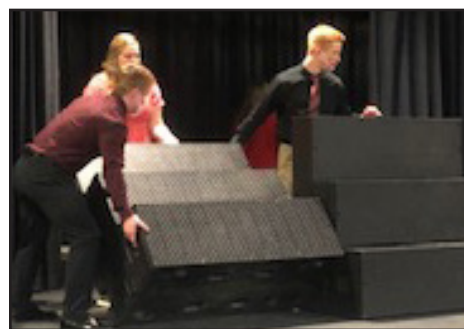
\*Radio Broadcasting (JPDY 94.5): Zari Ambundo, Chantel Crowley, Brianna Hines & Morgan Krumviede

\*Ensemble Acting (Mutually Assured Destruction): Paige Panosh & Preston Roling

\*Choral Reading (You Are the Dream): Kaela Clemen, Amaya Hunt, Saige Hunt, Carlie Lewin, Amanda Mohr, Ashtyn Porter & Krista Ries

Groups receiving Division II ratings at state include:

\*TV News (WNKA Investigates): Emma



**Readers Theater students set the stage for their performance at large group state speech contest.**

Beitz, Kylie Chesnut, Saige Hunt, Logan Johnson & Carter Klaren

\*Group Mime (May the Best Man Win): Dannie Burkle, Anna Deutmeyer, Erin Knipper & Emilee Supple

\*Group Improvisation: Keziah Ambundo, Emma Doyl, Brock Trenkamp & Michael Van Meter

\*Group Improvisation: Anna Deutmeyer, Jena LeGassick & Annisten Trenkamp

All-State nominations will be announced Feb. 17 after 4pm.



# Kruse, Davis advance to district wrestling



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Last Saturday the wrestling team traveled to Cascade to compete at Sectionals. Two boys advanced by finishing second to the district tournament held tomorrow in Denver: Carter Kruse (182) and Brady Davis (220) Tyreese Crippen (132) placed fourth, winning by decision, 12-7. Michael Schaul (145) placed third. He won by major and sudden decision. At 160, Aidan Salow finished the day at third and earned two pins. Tim Harmon (195) placed third. Wrestling at 285, Devin Smith earned third place. He earned one pin.



## Basketball teams finish regular season; girls finish with perfect record



Owen Mensen

by Chantel Crowley

Feb. 9, the boys played Edge-wood-Colesburg. Scorers included Andrew Holtz (12), Mensen (6), Avery Holtz (5), Wallace (4), Ambundo (3), Orcutt (3), and Hildebrand (2). As for rebounds, Avery Holtz, Andrew Holts, and Orcutt had four each, Ambundo and Wallace had three each, and Bojorquez had two. There were a total of five steals; two each made by Andrew Holtz and Avery Holtz, and one made by Orcutt. The boys lost 35-59.

This Wednesday, the boys played Springville. The top scorers were Bo-



Miguel Bojorquez

joquez (6), Avery Holtz (5), Heims (4), Andrew Holtz (4), Mensen (3), Orcutt (3), Ambundo (3), and Wallace (2). For rebounds, five were made by Wallace, four each was made by Heims and Ambundo, two were made by Andrew Holtz, and one each made by Avery Holtz and Orcutt. There were 13 steals; three made by Andrew Holtz, two each made by Orcutt, Ambundo, Heims, and Wallace, and one each made by Avery Holtz and Bojorquez. The boys lost 30-48.

The boys host East Buchanan in district play Monday.



Ella Imler

by Tara Goedken

The Wildcat Last finished their regular season undefeated with a record of 20-0. On Tuesday night the Wildcat Lady played their last regular season game and took a 52-33 win over the Springville Orioles. Ella Imler finished with 26 points, Emerson Whittenbaugh added 15 points, 5 rebounds and six assists. Taya Tucker was held to six points but had three assists and eight steals.

The post season play begins Tuesday night at 7pm in Delhi against the winner of the Starmont/Postville game.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Alec Stogdill*



Alec is an excellent Welding/CNC student who is planning to go straight to work upon graduation. He has flourished in the Academy program, gaining valuable skills and industry credentials along with 17 college credits. He has completed OSHA training and has accumulated AWS (American Welding Society) certifications and will be looking to add NIMS (National Institute of Metal Workers Society) credentials this Spring. Alec has been a spokesperson for the Manufacturing Academy and also has been invited to become a Kirkwood Academy Ambassador.

After graduation, Alec plans to get a welding job in Delaware County, possibly at Stanley Black & Decker or Henderson Products.

He has enjoyed being a part of the Academy program because of the hands-on experience it's provided him. Along with welding, he's learned more about CNC machines.

Prior to taking the welding academy at JREC, Alec took a welding class at MV.

*"These experiences are going to serve Alec well after graduation as he pursues his career goals. Alec has represented the technical programs at Maq Valley very well."* —Craig Stadtmueller, JREC

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Nolan Ries

**What events are you in for speech, both large group?**

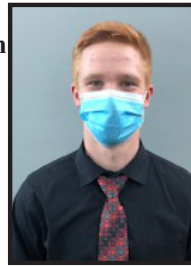
I am in Ensemble Acting and Reader's Theatre for large group

**What do you enjoy most about speech?**

Connecting with other people and getting out of my comfort zone by doing weird/crazy things

**How has speech been different for you this year?** Wearing clear masks is definitely interesting during competition, and not traveling to other schools is okay considering I don't have to ride a cold bus at five in the morning.

**If you could create an event in speech, what would it be?** This is not an event, but I think it would be cool if there was a program that would allow different people from different schools to perform together. This would allow more people to connect and it would force them to get out of their comfort zone even more.



would be similar to improve, but with some organization beforehand.

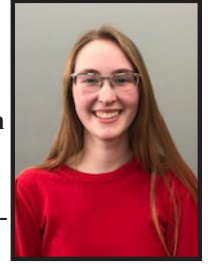
Name: Paige Panosh  
**What events are you in for speech, both large group and individual?**

I'm in large group Readers Theatre and Ensemble Acting and individual Spontaneous Speaking and Acting.

**What do you enjoy most about speech?** I most enjoy the rush of performing and the self-satisfaction from showing off what I've worked so hard on.

**How has speech been different for you this year?** This year speech has definitely been more difficult due to new COVID regulations, but what has been really different has been only performing at and for our school.

**If you could create an event in speech, what would it be?** I think a cool speech event would be something involving an inspirational speech much like a TED talk where the student would write a speech meant to inspire or teach the audience with whatever visuals and tools, especially inspirational quotes.



Name: Madeline Gellersen

**What events are you in for speech, both large group and individual?**

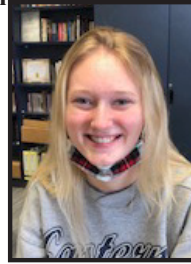
I am in both ensemble acting and one-act for large group speech and expository address for individual speech.

**What do you enjoy most about speech?**

I enjoy the competitions the most. I love how family and friends are able to see all of the hard work that the students have put into their performances.

**How has speech been different for you this year?** The competition aspect of speech has definitely been different this year. With the speech students performing in house this year, it takes away the "normal" speech day atmosphere. I am so glad that we are able to perform this year live and in-person despite the challenges that the year has brought us.

**If you could create an event in speech, what would it be?** I would create an event where a group would get a script the day of competition with no preparation. They would have to create a presentation from scratch with only one hour to prepare before they perform. This event



**what's up?**

by Paige Winter

**What would you most like to receive as a Valentine's Day gift?**

Nolan Ries: unconditional love and support

Isaac Zirtzman: a 2021 Nautique Paragon g25

Owen Mensen: a new boat

Preston Roling: chocolate

Miguel Bojorquez: a new hoodie

Lane Domeyer: I don't know. A farm?

Kaelynn Clark: socks

Caelyn Sands: cuddles and Chik-fil-a

Krista Ries: a meaningful note or love letter

Reece Mensen: a movie night

Erin Knipper: flowers and Chik-fil-a

McKenna Thompson: a heart-shaped pizza and to leave me alone

Mianna Gosche: a snowboarding and dinner date, and at the end of the day I would like to come home to flowers and emotional support



# Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

Always be weary of your inner demons.

This week's quote is, **"He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And**

**if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you."** - Friedrich Nietzsche.

Nietzsche was a philosopher whose works are known to be extremely difficult to read. It's possible my interpretation of this quote is a little off, as it both puzzles and intrigues me. I think it's only fair to split it into two parts, though both seem to concern the state of the mind as it drives itself into mania.

A phenomenon that occurs quite often when people try to "get back at someone" is stooping to the other's level. This is also what we mean when we talk about "fighting fire with fire." By doing so, we are actually becoming the very thing we know we dislike and that we know we wish to destroy. Take, for example, *Mean Girls*, the only case of this that I seem to be able to think of. When the main character decides to infiltrate a group of her friends' enemies to tear them apart from the inside out, she actually becomes one of them in the process. While fighting the monsters in life, it can be difficult to retain our own sense of identity.

One thing that the "abyss" Nietzsche is referring to might be is our own mental capabilities. An abyss, by definition, is a bottomless pit. This is symbolic of our minds in that we are able to achieve an infinite amount of things with them. Only when we actually look into this idea do we realize that we can achieve great things. This thought might "gaze back at you" when you start to wonder what you are really using your life's time for, and if it's worth it.

Or maybe it could stick closer to the first sentence, referring to the demons in our heads. When we gaze at these dark places, they haunt us, make us wonder what they contain. Under too much scrutiny, this darkness can make a person fear their own mind and wonder what might really be going on inside them.

As soon as we become care-less with our mental focus, we can begin to lose ourselves. However, fighting our monsters and exploring reality can also help us to find ourselves.



## Athlete of the Week



Name: Tim Harmon

**You earned your 100th win at the sectional meet. What was going through your head as you started that match?** I really wasn't thinking about it at all during the match or before it. I just realized after I had won that I had finally gotten my longtime goal.

**What you have enjoyed most about your wrestling career?** The thing I enjoyed the most about wrestling was the fact that there is no other sport like it. It's the hardest sport out there for sure. If anyone thinks differently then they are wrong because going into that 100 degree room every day and absolutely going full-out is something not just anyone can do.

**What advice do you have for young wrestlers?** Just keep getting better day by day. Focus on the little things and the bigger things will emerge themselves. That goes for any sport.

**What's been the best wrestling moment of your career?** The best moment in my career was definitely when I had won my 100th match. It wasn't really a reality until I had done it, but that was my goal from the beginning of freshman year. It was a dream come true.

# Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

This week's cutie is a senior. She gets along well with others, listens to rap music, and shares her first name with two other students in her class. She also lives in Hopkinton and is in choir. She plans to study cosmetology next year.



Last week's Cutie was Carter Klaren.

## What and What Not to Say to a Girl to Woo Her

by Kylie Chesnut

This week, we dove into the hearts and minds of some of Maquoketa Valley's finest to get their input on which words can charm a lady and which ones will send you away.

### Things to say:

Jake Gellersen: Do you want to watch *The Bachelor* with me?

Avery Holtz: There is something wrong with my phone...it doesn't have your number in it.

Noah DeVore: Roses are red, violets are blue, I'd love to go on a date with you.

Preston Roling: I bench 240.

Nolan Ries: Throw her a compliment or something

### Things NOT to say:

Jake G.: You're such a great...friend.

Avery H.: I lead the conference...in turn-overs.

Noah D: Are you a beaver...cause dam.

Preston R.: I bench 225.

Nolan R.: I'm a red-head.

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

Drinking a lot over a long time or too much on a single occasion can damage the heart, causing problems including:

**Cardiomyopathy** – Stretching and drooping of heart muscle

**Arrhythmias** – Irregular heart beat

**Stroke**

**High blood pressure**

-NIH

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

"Make me one with everything," says the Buddhist to the tofu hot dog vendor.

Then, after getting his tofu hot dog, the Buddhist hands the vendor a \$20 bill.

The vendor takes the money and begins helping the next customer.

The Buddhist looks puzzled and asks the vendor, "Where is my change?"

The vendor replies, "Change comes from within."