

Wildcat Echo

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MV choir prepares to showcase fall melodies

by Matthew Brehm

Maquoketa Valley's concert choir has been working hard since the start of school in preparation for the upcoming fall concert. The performance will feature both the high school and the middle school, with a couple of songs combining the two choirs.

Ms. Huber shares some of what inspired her to select the music she did: "One of the things that I really wanted to emphasize in this concert is doing music from different genres and different styles." The concert will surely have no shortage of musical diversity, showcasing songs from around the world and even dating back centuries.

These vocalists will get the chance to finally show off what they've been up to Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m. The venue for this performance will be St. John's Church, just west of the school. The concert will be free admission, but Ms. Huber notes that a free-will donation would be greatly appreciated. All donations will go directly to the choir department, which is currently looking at buying new choir stoles. The stoles add a nice golden accent to the robes that displays the school logo, and the ones in use are worn and out-of-date.

Even if you aren't so musically inclined, Ms. Huber ensures you that you will be in for a treat. "I think people will enjoy the variety of music, and there will also be a bit of audience participation at the end that I think will be fun."

No matter if you're looking forward to the upbeat and energetic gospel number, the spiritual folk tune, or the smooth classical piece, make sure you get out and support our Wildcats this Tuesday night!

Learning opportunities away from school



Some MV students have left campus to develop some skills. Last week, Mr. Palmer took some industrial tech students (above) to tour some industries in Manchester, including Henderson Manufacturing.



Monday, Adrienne Freiburger, Keziah Ambundo and Kaitlyn Nolan represented MV at Camp EWALU Leadership Day as part of their TEL training. They went through a half-day of training and then were able to participate in the ropes cooperative course.



Wildcats go 1-1 in recent play

by Leah Ries

Last Thursday the volleyball team took on the Alburnett Pirates on the road. The Cats came out of the night on top 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-18). Coach DeGrott gave credit to the team effort: "We had multiple hitters with over five kills so we shared the ball well. Our serve receive had a great night and made it easy for hitters to get good sets." Leading the team was Kylie Chesnut with fifteen kills, Kennedy Rausch with fourteen assists, Chesnut with eight blocks, Lili Bauers with eight digs, and Anna Deutmeyer with two aces.

Tuesday night was a cat fight as Central City came to town. Central City walked away with the win 3-1 (25-19, 17-25, 20-25, 18-25). Leading the team was Chesnut with twelve kills, Rausch had thirty-four assists, Chesnut and Deutmeyer had two blocks each, Leah Ries had nine digs and five aces on the night.

The Wildcats' record is 4-17 as they head into the final conference game against East Buchanan on Thursday night with results in next week's issue. "I hope I continue to see these girls fight for every point, and play with passion like we do so well," stated Coach DeGroot.



Freshman Bianka Ronnebaum aims over a Central City blocker. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

13 runners set personal bests



Arion Rave, George Livingston and Matthew Schaul challenge each other at the West Delaware meet. (photo by Amy Ries)

Times keep dropping for the MV cross country runners, and they are gearing up for some fun in the conference and state qualifying meets.

Several runners set personal bests at the West Delaware meet Tuesday night. Their names are marked with an asterisk.

The boys varsity team finished sixth overall with 169 points. They were the top 1A team. There were 151 runners in the event. Results:

Cy Huber*, 6, 16:43
Nolan Ries, 14, 17:08
Michael Schaul*, 25, 17:25
Matthew Schaul*, 60, 18:28
Arion Rave*, 63, 18:33
George Livingston*, 65, 18:34
Toby Grimm*, 105, 19:41.

The JV boys and girls did not have enough runners to compete as a team. Results:

Isabel Imler*, 4, 22:28
McKenna Bush*, 64, 25:59
Allison Hogan*, 87, 27:09
Jordan Hogan*, 104, 27:55

Landin Frasher, 37, 20:14
Caleb Livingston*, 51, 20:39
Brady Eike*, 69, 21:04
Sebastian Charles*, 158, 29:21

The harriers will compete tomorrow at the North Linn meet.

Wildcats put points on the board

by Kylie Chesnut

Last Friday the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats took a trip to take on the Clayton Ridge Eagles. The boys fought hard through rain, but fell to the Eagles 41-6.

Offensively, the Cats were aggressive. TJ Cook led in passing yards, throwing 60 in 19 attempts. Lance McShane dominated the rushing aspect, going for 172 yards in 26 carries. Landen Deutmeyer was the leader of receiving yards for the night, going 33 yards in 4 receptions.

On the defensive end, the cats were strong. Aidan Salow, Carter Klaren, and McShane all contributed 5 tackles. Devin Smith and Brock Trenkamp were close behind, each bringing down the opponent 4 more times. Cook, Klaren, and Caden Ries all stole the ball from the Eagles, pushing for a total of 41 yards.

Kick off was handled by Trenkamp, who kicked for 72 yards in two attempts. Punting duties were taken care of by Trenkamp (114 yards in 4 punts) and Dash Lahr (30 yards in 1 punt).



Lance McShane weaves his way down the field. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Tonight the Wildcats get to stay home and battle the Starmont Stars. The theme for the game is pink out.

what's up?

If you could rename yourself anything what would it be?

by Paige Winter

Jackson Hunter: Harlow

Nolan Ries: Jake from State Farm

Kylie Chesnut: Nicole

Jake Gellersen: Jason Baller

Lexi Halverson: Marvin

Michael Schaul: Chad

Macy Thompson: Emilee Sabers

Kaitlyn Nolan: Kessa

Jordan Hatfield: I would keep my name the same

Leah Ries: Charlotte

Kendra Hillers: Nevaeh

Kennedy Rausch: Sophia

Dannie Burkle: Samantha

Taylor Schmuecker: Madalena

Ashtyn Porter: Ava

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

28 percent of high school students and

11 percent of middle school students

used e-cigarettes by 2019

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

Why did the bike fall over?

It was two tired

What did the policeman say to his belly button?

Your under a vest

Why do people say break a leg when you go on stage?

Because every play has a cast

Why are there gates around cemeteries?

Because people are dying to get in

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was outstanding in his field

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Devin Smith

What role do you play in the musical?

Lord Farquaad

What's your favorite part of the show? The

Ballad of Farquaad because it is a whole scene pretty much just about me.

What's your favorite memory from rehears-

als? When I was getting ready to go on stage and I looked behind me through the curtains and saw Noah trapping Brock in a corner and twerking while Brock asking for help in his Donkey voice.

If you could play any role in any TV show, what would it be? I think that if I were to be a role in any show I would be too good of an actor that I would steal the spotlight and the others probably wouldn't like that.

This is your last musical. What do you think you'll miss most about performing in them? I will miss performing in front of audiences and performing with my friends on stage. Performing in front of audiences makes the show enjoyable and feel good when it goes perfectly, but performing with friends on stage just makes it overall fun.

Name: Noah DeVore

What role do you play in the musical?

Shrek

What's your favorite part of the show?

"Who I'd Be"

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?

Brock and I messing around in rehearsal

If you could play any role in any TV show, what would it be? Chandler from *Friends*

This is your last musical. What do you think you'll miss most about performing in them? When I do my last bows.



Athletes of the Week

Name: McKenna Thompson

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

I love that we all have a blast at practice, and even if things aren't going our way we still manage to have fun and be a team.

What's your favorite drill in practice? I love

when we get to scrimmage! It helps to get ready for games, and is a lot of fun because everyone is involved.

What's your least favorite drill in practice? Serve receive, by far my least favorite drill.

What's your goal for the team this season? To be conference Champs and make it to state.

What has made this year unique for you? I was excited for a new coach and to see what new things would be brought to the team!

Name: Aidan Salow

What do you enjoy most about football? Playing on Friday Nights

What lessons about life have you learned from the sport?

You get what you put into it

How have you changed as an athlete over the past few years?

I've gained more weight and got taller

Why is football a sport worth going out for? You get team meals twice a week



Best Buds



**Nolan Ries, Michael Schaul & Cy Huber
by Amaya Hunt**

You guys are all known to hang out in Mrs. Down's back room together. Why did each of you first choose to spend time there, rather than anywhere else?

Nolan: I first began to hang out in Downs' room when I was a freshman and sophomore because that's where Chance and Mason always were. Plus, I didn't want to be in the study hall room. I like it because it's a safe/private place for us to do whatever.

Cy: I started putting my bags and things in Downs' room instead of in my locker, and soon it turned into a nice space to get work done, to chat, and sometimes mess around.

Michael: I only ever first went down there because Nolan told me to. I like it down there now because it's a pretty quiet place.

Do you guys do anything outside of school together, or is it just hanging out in Downs' room?

We play chess together at my house every other third Thursday, bi-monthly.

Do you actually do homework, or do you just get distracted and have fun?

Nolan: Most of the time we are doing homework, but there are times when we mess around and have fun.

Cy: A little bit of both, I think. It really just depends on the day and the time of year.

Michael: If I have homework, I'll maybe *think* about doing it. But usually we are just listening to music and talking about random things.

What's one thing another person in your group always does that gets on your nerves?

Nolan: Michael never does his homework in study hall.

Cy: Michael not doing his homework.

Michael: Them telling me to get my homework done, and Nolan being a ginger.

Who has the worst sense of humor?

Nolan: Cy.

Cy: Michael.

Michael: Nolan.

Who has the best taste in music?

Nolan: I definitely think I'm the one who has the best taste in music.

Cy: Nolan usually plays the music, so by default I think it would be him.

Michael: Definitely Nolan.

If you were in a zombie apocalypse, who would be the first to die, and why? Who would survive the longest, and why?

Nolan: Michael would probably be the first to die because he wouldn't take it as seriously, and he would hesitate a lot. Cy would survive the longest because he's good at playing Call of Duty and he's literally a ninja.

Cy: Michael would be the first to die because in the heat of the moment, he always struggles making quick decisions. I think I would be the one to survive the longest because I don't struggle to think quickly, and I'm always the last one alive in COD Zombies.

Michael: Cy would definitely survive the longest because he plays too much Call of Duty. I think I would die first because I'm the slowest.

Give one line of an inside joke that you guys all have, or a favorite memory.

"She is with her friends."

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie is a junior with brown hair. She lives in Earlville and participates in basketball, track, and softball. This cutie has also gone to state for track and field.

Last week's Cutie was Jake Gellersen.

Dance team hosts princess party



MVDT welcomed young royalty last weekend to a Princess Party at Johnston Elementary. This fundraiser featured Amaya Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, Josie Teymer, Kaelynn Clark, Kendra Hillers, Molly Anderegg, Leah Ries and Clairra Gray.

Meet the Freshmen



McKenna, Landyn & Tierra

Name: McKenna Bush
 Siblings: 2, sister and brother
 Activities you plan to be in: Cross country, track, band, jazz band, swim team
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: I am unsure
 Hobbies: Baking, painting, sports
 Something cool about you: I love chocolate

Name: Landyn Haas
 Siblings: Gabe and Paislee
 Activities you plan to be in: Wrestling, baseball, track
 Favorite subject: Small gas engines
 Career aspirations: Welder
 Hobbies: Shooting and fourwheeling
 Something cool about you: I want to be welder

Name: Tierra Morgan
 Siblings: Trayce K.
 Activities you plan to be in: Dance and cheer
 Favorite subject: None
 Career aspirations: I don't know, dentist?
 Hobbies: Sleeping
 Something cool about you: I love pickles
 —typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

Pampering fun

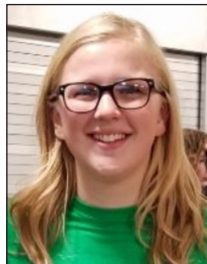
Molly Anderegg, Kylie Chesnut and Amaya Hunt help their young guest look their best at the MVDT fundraiser last weekend.



Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

As we begin the month of October, I figured it would be fun to ask some high schoolers some October trivia questions.



What is one of the birthstones for October?

Keziah Ambundo: Opal
 Morgan Krumviede: Emerald
 Amanda Pohlman: Opal
 Answer: Tourmaline and/or Opal

What is one of the birth flowers for October?

Keziah: Marigold
 Morgan: Marigold
 Amanda: Chrysanthemum
 Answer: Calendula and/or Marigold

When do we celebrate United Nations Day?

Keziah: October 24
 Morgan: October 19
 Amanda: October 24
 Answer: October 24

Which city and country was Oktober-Fest celebrated in for the first time?

Keziah: Mexico City, Mexico
 Morgan: Ireland
 Amanda: France
 Answer: Munich, Germany

Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

This week, I thought I would take a trip to the past and write about a couple of quotes. This will be a double-feature of quotes by Epictetus, an ancient Stoic philosopher.



The first quote is, **"It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows."**

I'm going to be honest: I signed up for AP Physics for the weighted GPA. I have no intention of going into S.T.E.M. in the future and certainly don't pride myself on my math skills. Nonetheless, I'm glad I took the class for a different reason--this class forces me to relearn things I thought I knew about physics. I have to look at almost everything through a whole new perspective.

The idea of learning to see things from various angles is one that I believe is important for everyone to observe. Oftentimes, I find that the best course of action when entering a situation is to admit that you may not know everything and to really listen to a new idea. This ability is what separates a critical thinker from a passive thinker.

The great thing about humans is that we all see things differently. With this in mind, we have a decision to make. We can either utilize that as an advantage for filling in missing knowledge or we can let it overcome and frustrate us.

The second quote also touches on how we wield our attitudes. **"Any person capable of angering you becomes your master."**

Today's society can make it very easy to become overwhelmed and irritated. In the past, I've found myself in this situation all too often. Something that's helped me to overcome that force and stop surrendering my mind is simply breathing. Meditation--and in turn, mindfulness--has been something that helps me to crystalize a moment before it escalates. Though I'm no guru by any means, I'm slowly getting better at dissolving my negative impulses. I encourage you to look for something in your life that can help you to ground yourself. Epictetus was right in his observation about self-control, and I'm certain that anyone and everyone can become better at it. Strive to be your own master, and don't let others dictate your emotions.