

## CTE collaboration leads to holiday cheer



Delaware County has become a bit brighter at night and students have gained some valuable experience in metal fabrication, electricity and fundraising.

The metal fabrication class has been working endlessly on a project in which they designed a holiday light display. Mr. Palmer stated they chose this project as a class as a way of giving back to the community and also allowing the same class years down the road to build onto the display year after year.

This project was a collaboration with the Emerging Technology Trends class as the students there helped raise funds for the project. The Electricity 1 class helped put on the lights and the Metal Fabrication students got donations from local companies to help with the project. Mr. Palmer claimed there is close to \$1000 in the display when combining all the donations.

"Ms. Lau and I are so proud of the students' commitment to this project," Mr. Palmer stated. "Students not only worked on it during class but before and after school, on the weekends, and even on Nov. 5 when we had no school. The project went from being smaller into a huge display."

To create this 10 feet tall and 20 feet long display, the students had to figure out how to fabricate/design it so it could

**Metal fabrication students include Aiden Salow, Lance McShane, Carter Klaren, Mianna Gosche, Kaelynn Clark, Levi Steil and Landin Frasher.**



collapse down into no larger than 5 feet sections for storage purposes.

"I challenged the students to think outside of the box and to not have it look like a typical Christmas theme," Mr. Palmer stated. "They took different designs and molded them into one display. They ended

up with The Cat Coaster, with a Christmas-themed jack o lantern.

The project is currently displayed in Manchester at the fairgrounds.



# Big Games on the Big Stage

Collegiate football has reached trophy season as conference title games have been played and bowl games are set. The #17 Iowa Hawkeyes will be competing in the 2022 Citrus Bowl on January 1st against #22 Kentucky after suffering a loss to playoff bound Michigan. The Iowa State Cyclones are heading to Orlando, Florida to play Clemson in the Cheez-It Bowl on December 29th, marking the fifth-straight bowl game season for Matt Campbell's team.

It's also the time of the year when football is coming to an end and basketball and wrestling are revving up for their collegiate seasons. What is more exciting than that? It's a true fulfillment of sports for any fan out there!

The Hawkeye men's basketball team faced two tough Big Ten opponents this week: Purdue on December 3rd and Illinois that following Monday. Both games were nail biters, but in the end, Fran McCaffery's Iowa team fell to Purdue 70-77 and to Illinois 83-87. There is hope for the season yet as the team still fought hard and have proven that they can perform better. The best game is still coming yet. The Cy-Hawk game was played this Thursday in Ames, and it has sports fans wondering who will pull the big "W" for the night.

The women's basketball team for the Hawks took a long hiatus due to Covid protocol, but now they are back on the court! Led by Caitlin Clark, the #12 Hawks fell to Duke on December 2nd but came back for a strong win on the 5th by taking down Big Ten opponent Michigan State. This Wednesday they played their own Cy-Hawk game in Ames and lost 70-77 to a #17 Iowa State team. Don't worry, they have roughly a week to prepare for their next game against UCF.

The Iowa State men's basketball team has been on a roll with new head coach T.J. Otzelberger. They are heading into the Cy-Hawk game 8-0 after a season of already taking down a #9 Memphis team and a Xavier team that had beaten an Ohio State team. This Sunday they take on Jackson State in Ames.

The ISU women's team is also having a

great season so far having gone into the Cy-Hawk game 8-1, losing to a strong LSU team in a close game, and leaving with another dub to add to their list. Led by Ashley Joens, the team secured their first win over the Hawkeyes since 2015. That

was around the same time that the Broncos played the Panthers in Super Bowl 50 which is crazy to think about. Their next game is December 12th against another in-state rival, the Northern Iowa Panthers.

While Iowa State is killing it in basketball so far, the same can't be said for their men's wrestling team. Hosting the #1 Iowa Hawkeyes in Ames, who is returning all of their team from their last NCAA championship season, the #13 Cyclones fell 23-11. Previously, they had beaten both California Baptist and Army. The next time they wrestle is December 11th at the UNI Open.

The top-ranked team in the NCAA is there for a reason. Earlier in the season, the Iowa Hawkeye men's wrestling team headed by Hodge Trophy winner Spencer Lee defeated Princeton and Army on their home turf. As mentioned earlier, they took down their in-state rival in the annual Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk match. What's next for the Hawks? Well, they'll be hitting the mat in Florida for the Rofkin Duals on December 20th.

## *Playing with the best*



**Matthew Brehm represented MV at the NEIBA honor band this past Saturday. He was joined by top musicians from north-east Iowa.**

## Live music is calling your name Monday night

by Matthew Brehm

If you're looking for somewhere to get out of the cold and enjoy some live music, MV's musicians have got a treat for you! Winter is quickly approaching, and with that comes the annual Christmas concert. This musical ensemble consists of 30 choir members and 34 band members, and they've been working nonstop preparing a variety of pieces sure to get you ready for the holiday season. The choir will perform seven pieces, as well as four carols to sing with the audience. The jazz band will play two pieces and the concert band will perform four pieces.

Mr. Ford and Ms. Huber are both looking forward to this concert for various reasons. Ms. Huber is excited to share the variety of music, noting the way that the choir is sandwiched between band and jazz performances. "Within each of the individual sets, there are different types of music that are all done really well." When asked what he's ready for, Mr. Ford stated, "I'm very excited for the sophistication of the pieces we're playing."

The concert will be free of charge, but any free-will donations would be greatly appreciated. The choir is working to purchase choir shells - items that will be placed behind the singers to improve the acoustics. The band is continuing to save up for the purchase of new marching uniforms.

Be sure to stop in at St. John's Church at 7:00 Monday night to warm up and listen to the sounds of the season!

# Sports Connection

## Boys basketball team goes 2-1 in recent play

by Chantel Crowley

On Dec. 3 the MV Boys Basketball team played Prince of Peace, winning 57 to 35.

Top scorers included Kody Hoeger with 13, Avery Holtz with 12, Brock Trenkamp with 10, TJ Cook with seven, and Lance McShane and Landen Deutmeyer with five each.

For rebounds, Trenkamp had seven and Hoeger and Cook had six. Deutmeyer had four, McShane had three, Holtz had two, and Toby Grimm had one. Four assists were made by Deutmeyer, and Holtz, Trenkamp, and Hoeger each had one assist.

The next game was Dec. 6 against Central Elkader. The boys kept their streak with a win 46 to 26.

Top scorers were Holtz with 12, Trenkamp with 11, and Hoeger and Deutmeyer with eight each. McShane scored three, and Grimm and Brock Daack scored two each.

Trenkamp had 14 rebounds, Hoeger with eight, and Cook with six. Deutmeyer and McShane had five rebounds each, Grimm had two, and Holtz had one. As for assists, Holtz had seven and Cook and Trenkamp had one each.

And the most recent game was played on Dec. 7 against Easton Valley, where the boys lost 30 to 62.

Holtz made 12 points, and Cook made six. Trenkamp and Grimm made four each, and McShane and Deutmeyer made two each.

For rebounds, McShane had five and Cook had four. Trenkamp, Holtz, and Deutmeyer had two each, and Hoeger and Grimm had one. Holtz and Trenkamp had two assists each, McShane, Hoeger, Grimm, and Deutmeyer had one each.

The next game will be Saturday against Lisbon at home. Games start at 4:30pm.

**Right: Basketball fans Tuesday night got to enjoy the pep band's debut, featuring Arion Rave on the trumpet.**



**Brock Trenkamp makes his way around an Easton Valley defender. (photos by Lesa Parmely)**



## Grapplin' in Manchester



**Brady Davis locks up with his opponent at the West Delaware tournament.**

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The Maquoketa Valley Wildcats traveled to West Delaware on Saturday, December 4th to participate in the Bob Murphy Invitational.

At 126, Arion Rave finished seventh by fall at 3:48. Tyreese Crippen (138) lost in the second round of the consolation bracket. Michael Schaul finished second at 152. At 160, Kobe Peters finished ninth. At 182, Aiden Salow won by fall at 5:43 in the third round of the consolation bracket. In the 195 weight class, Nathan Beitz lost by 8-1 decision in the fifth place match to earn sixth. Wrestling at 220, Brady Davis won the third round of the consolation bracket by fall at 1:22. Devin Smith won the fifth place match by fall at 1:52 while wrestling in the heavyweight class.

The Wildcats wrestled last night at Ed-Co. Results will be in next week's issue. The team competes in the North Cedar tournament Saturday.



# Girls get one conference, one non-conference win

by Toby Grimm

The girls basketball team took on the Monticello Panthers last Thursday and came out on top of a low scoring battle with a final score of 25-23.

Offensively, Carissa Sabers scored almost half of the teams total with a solid 12 points, followed by Caelyn Sands with 6, Haley Ronnebaum had 3, and Bianka Ronnebaum and Kylie Chesnut each had 2 a piece. The team shared the ball well, starting with Chesnut having 3 assists, next was Sabers with 2, and lastly, Rausch and Knipper with 1 each.

On the defensive side, Erin Knipper led in rebounds with 5, Bianka Ronnebaum and Chesnut pulled down 4 rebounds each, finished by Kennedy Rausch, Carissa Sabers, and Ella Mensen all having 3 a piece. The Wildcats' defense forced 11 turnovers propelling them to the two point win and their third win of the season.

Last Friday, the Wildcats com-

peted against a tough Prince of Peace team and lost by a score of 41-33.

On the scoring side, Chesnut led the effort with 13 points, followed by Sabers with 8, Erin Knipper and Bianka Ronnebaum had 4 each, ending with Rausch and Mensen with 2 each.

Defensively, Chesnut led the team with 12 rebounds completing a double-double for her, followed by Sabers with 5, Mensen had 4, and Erin Knipper and Bianka Ronnebaum with 2 each. The team had 13 total steals led by Bianka Ronnebaum who had 5, Knipper with 3, Kennedy Rausch and Haley Ronnebaum with 2 each, and Sabers with 1.

This Tuesday the Wildcats played Easton Valley at home resulting in a 54-20 win. The stats for the next games will be in the next Echo.

Saturday the girls will host Lisbon with games starting at 4:30pm.



Kylie Chesnut reaches up during the tip-off in Tuesday night's game. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



The dance team performed its state routines Tuesday night at half-times of the basketball games.

Above: The team stays in sync during its pom routine.

Right: Molly Anderegg, Leah Ries and Kendra Hillers get serious in their hip-hop routine.





# what's up?

## What's your favorite smell?

by Paige Winter

Macy Thompson: gas

Trista Elgin: vanilla

Addie Vorwald: pumpkin

Mr. Arnold: fresh cut grass

Mrs. Hunt: chocolate

Nolan Ries: hay

Lane Domeyer: I don't have a very keen nose

Ms. Huber: balsam and cedar

Toby Grimm: rubber cement

Mckenna Bush: food

Alissa Bush: vanilla

Julia Ambundo: lavender

Robert Brown: air

Kira Leytem: gas

Adrienne Freiburger: a culmination of old books and rain

## Student of the Week

*Lainey Knipper*



**You've been nominated because you're helpful to your classmates in science. Why is it important to you to help others?**

I want people to realize that they are smarter than they think they are.

**What do you enjoy most about science class?**

I enjoy learning about the earth and how it was created.

**Since you've been so helpful and found yourself on the Nice List, Santa may find his way to your house. What do you hope he brings you?**

I hope that I get new clothes.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Amaya Hunt

**What event are you in for speech?** Ensemble Acting and One Act.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** I like that I get to hang out with students from other grades. I always end up making new friends, and

I hang out with people I otherwise would have never had the opportunity to meet. I just really love talking to new people and creating new friendships.

**What have you learned through this activity?** That the DeVores really do know how to do it all.

**What has been your favorite large group event in past years?** It's way too hard to pick a specific group because I love every group that I've been a part of for different reasons. But since you're asking... anything with Noah.

**If you could add a famous actor to your group, who would it be?** Paul Rudd



Name: Adrienne

Freiburger

**What event are you in for speech?** TV News and Choral Reading

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** Being able to make connections with people that I might never talk to outside of speech.

**What have you learned through this event?** If you want to get something accomplished it takes both compromise and the ability to speak out.

**What has been your favorite large group event in past years?** My favorite event has been both the TV news I've been in in the past because we had a lot of time to get to know each other and have some laughs.

**If you could add a famous actor to your group, who would it be?** I've got to say Jim Carrey just because of his diversity and the energy that he would bring to the table.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: McKenna Thompson

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?** I love the atmosphere of the team! Practices and performances are always a blast and we all have fun together. I also love that you get to challenge yourself in dance, as well as, getting to learn new skills, the opportunities are endless!

**What was the best part of state competition?** I loved getting to perform our routines, especially hip hop:). Other than that I loved being able to look a Coach Teymer after we accepted our awards; she was so proud of us and it meant a lot.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** My favorite routine thus far is probably this year's state hip hop. I loved that it was creepy and mid dance we pull masks which adds to the creepiness!

**What would be a fun novelty dance?** Novelty isn't my most favorite style; however, I would choose a circus theme.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** I would choose an Eminem mashup.



Name: Leah Ries

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?** One of my favorite parts of being a part of this team is the small team size. Since our team is smaller we all get to know each other and I like listening to everyone's stories that they tell at practice.

**What was the best part of the state competition?** Watching other teams perform. There are so many talented dancers and teams in Iowa and it's awesome to watch them.

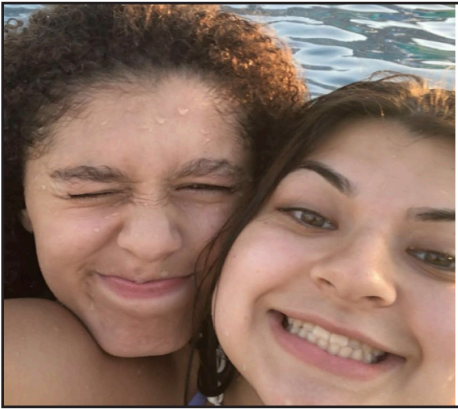
**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** Our state pom and hip-hop dances top my list. Both of these dances were challenging in their own way but they were the dances that I enjoyed learning and performing the most.

**What would be a fun novelty dance?** Aladdin or a sports-themed dance

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** I enjoy pom the most, so I would choose to choreograph a pom dance. As for music I would use fast, upbeat mashup with sound effects.



# Best Buds



**Titi Morgan & Mianna Gosche**  
by Amaya Hunt  
**A majority of the high school seems to think you guys are related. Is that true? If so, how does it feel to have a cousin that also doubles as your best friend? What's it like?**

Mianna: I don't know what it's like because we aren't cousins or related at all lol :) But she is pretty much family.

Titi: Well we aren't cousins... or related... so I don't know hahaha :) But, we are pretty much like sisters, I would say.

**You guys are pretty known to have some funny TikToks together. What's the best Tiktok you've made together?**

Mianna: We've made A LOT of TikToks together, but the one's that we don't post and have saved in our drafts are the best ones. My username is @mianna.rae :)

Titi: Definitely the TikToks that we have hidden in our drafts, for sure. If you're interested, my username is @tierramorgan111111.

**You guys were just at a Music Festival**

## JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Since Christmas is coming up in a couple weeks I thought that it would be fun to talk about Christmas sweaters. Christmas sweaters are a big part of the holiday season. Whether you're going to a family event or just out in public during this time of year, you're probably going to see quite a few of these comical sweaters.

The first ever "Ugly Christmas sweater" appeared in the 50's. Back then they were actually called "Jingle Bell Sweaters." The "Ugly Christmas Sweater" tradition didn't come to light until the early 80's when celebrities would wear them on television.

**down in Florida together. Have you traveled anywhere else?**

Mianna: We take small trips together here and there, but we've never really left Iowa. We've been to Wisconsin before to see my favorite place and purchase my cat, Benny. We've also been to Illinois to see a small bluegrass band that we follow, too. Titi: We went to Wisconsin and Illinois together, but the Florida trip is the first major one we've ever been on together! There was one time, though, that Mianna's mom, siblings and I dropped her off at her dad's house and went to the zoo without her... she was not too happy about that one :)

**What's the most bizarre thing you guys have done together? Favorite memory?**

Mianna: My favorite memory was when we made up a dance at Thanksgiving a few years back and called it "the Wash Your Face." We do too many crazy and bizarre things constantly, so it's too hard to choose just one.

Titi: I can't specifically pick a favorite memory because there's wayyyy too many. But, I can tell you that the summers of 2020 and 2021 hold some pretty special ones, that's for sure.

**What about the other drives you absolutely crazy?**

Mianna: She is very self conscious and I wish someone would run over her (for legal purposes, this is a joke). She's also very loud.

Titi: She's very messy and has no sense of style.

**Give us an inside joke or a one liner that the other always says.**

Mianna: \*squints eyes\* "You suck?"

Titi: It's not an inside joke, but Mianna

and I always run up behind people in the hallways and mime screaming at them, or make it look like we're about to bite them or something. It sounds morbid, but it's super funny, and if you even know us at all, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

**Where do you see the other in 10 years or so?**

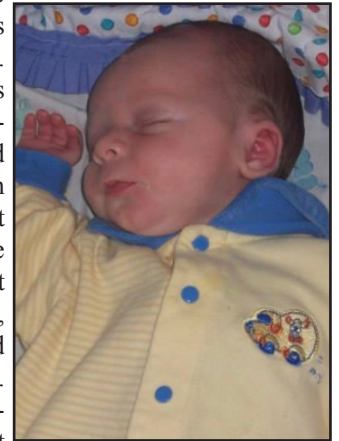
Mianna: She's very random, so I see her in college, or being a trophy wife, or homeless. I wouldn't be surprised if she turned out to be any of these things.

Titi: Mianna will probably be a doctor and own five weiner dogs, or she'll be homeless with no money because she's spent all of it.

## Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

The cutie this week is a freshman. He lives in Hopkinton and has brown hair. At school, he takes part in speech, track, and baseball. An interesting fact about this cutie is that he has never been on an airplane before.



*Last week's Cutie was Molly Anderegg.*

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by PaigeWinter

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house.

What should you do if you're attacked by a group of clowns? Go straight for the juggler.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalafications.

A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.



Christmas sweaters are great for any occasion when it comes to the holidays. If you don't already have an "ugly" Christmas sweater I suggest you get one! You can wear them with anything! Leggings, jeans, a skirt, dress pants or even a tree skirt. You can wear it under jacket or layered over a long sleeve t-shirt. Not to mention it is a perfect gift If you don't know what to buy someone.



## Meet the Freshmen



**Levi, Arion, Ava & Alissa**

Name: Alissa Bush  
Siblings: Kealei Brooks  
Activities you plan to be in: Band, choir  
Favorite subject: Science  
Career aspirations: Teacher, pediatrician, therapist  
Hobbies: Music, art  
Something cool about you: I like writing

Name: Arion Rave  
Siblings: 5  
Activities you plan to be in: Wrestling, cross country, track, band  
Favorite subject: Small engine class  
Career aspirations: Decorative concrete work (my own business)  
Hobbies: Demoing, working, riding  
Something cool about you: I am an uncle to 17 and 4 are older than me

Name: Ava Goldsmith  
Siblings: Ashton and Evan  
Activities you plan to be in: Soccer  
Favorite subject: English  
Career aspirations: English teacher  
Hobbies: Camping  
Something cool about you: I work at DQ in Dyersville

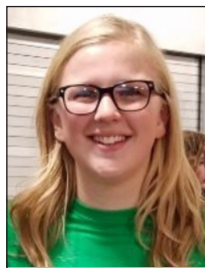
Name: Levi Steil  
Siblings: Wyatt Steil  
Activities you plan to be in: Baseball  
Favorite subject: Welding  
Career aspirations: Idk  
Hobbies: I love to longboard  
Something cool about you: I made my own longboard

—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

## Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Since Hanukkah just ended, I thought it would be fun to see how much some MV students know about the Jewish holiday.



1. What does the word Hanukkah mean?  
Noah DeVore: It's a Jewish holiday  
Taylor Schmuecker: Celebration  
Trinity Chadwick: I know it has to do with another religion  
Answer: Dedication
2. What is the word for the candelabra used for Hanukkah?  
Noah: It is used for marking the days leading up to something  
Taylor: Menorah  
Trinity: I'm not sure  
Answer: Menorah
3. How long does Hanukkah last?  
Noah: 9 days  
Taylor: Eight days  
Trinity: 9-12 days  
Answer: 8 Nights
4. Why are most Hanukkah dishes fried?  
Noah: Cause it doesn't want to be toasted  
Taylor: Because it tastes better, I don't know  
Trinity: I didn't even know most dishes were fried  
Answer: The oil the dishes are fried in represents the miracle oil that burned for eight nights.

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

54% of high school seniors do not think regular steroid use is harmful, the lowest number since 1980

## Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

Picture this: You're strolling down the famous Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles at sunset. The storefronts are emblazoned with neon signs that draw in swarms of tourists like flies to a light. The sidewalk under your feet is paved with the names of celebrities and palm trees line the street.



But wait—why are there palm trees here? It is true that California has one native palm. However, these plants are generally seen in tropical climates, such as ones found in Africa and southern Asia—a far cry from the dry Mediterranean climate of southern California. Nonetheless, the palm tree has come to represent cities like L.A. and San Diego. This situation highlights a sociological phenomenon that I find very interesting.

In 1769, Spanish missionaries brought date palm trees with them from northern Africa to California upon their arrival, and many believe they did it for religious reasons. The palms had biblical ties, and they didn't look half bad either.

It wouldn't be until over 150 years later that the palms residing in southern California would begin drawing the attention of foreigners. Europeans connected the trees to the relaxing beaches of the Mediterranean and the region became famous as a vacation destination. In preparation for the 1932 Olympics, tens of thousands of palm trees were planted in L.A. to make the city more appealing. Today, that city is home to over ten million of these trees.

The work of a small number of Spanish missionaries led to one of the largest landscaping endeavors in history, completely redefining southern California as we know it today. In the first issue of the Wildcat Echo this year, I wrote about how pizza became an American staple. This story is one that I feel highlights a similar piece of humanity: the need to take a bit of our culture with us.

Something I neglected to mention, however, is that California also has palms from Asia, Australia, and Mexico. The implantation of this species was a group effort, created by travelers across the globe.

While palm trees may be hard to come by here in Iowa, what they symbolize is something that can be appreciated around the world.