

Despite some last minute changes, the Eagle stays put

by Leah Ries

Neither the snow and cold nor COVID concerns could hold the Wildcat Large Group Speech team back last Saturday. The team traveled to Bellevue Marquette to compete in the conference contest and returned home with the conference title once again. Results are as follows:

Division 1 ratings

Readers Theatre: Lip Service (Matthew Brehm, Dannie Burkle, Kylie Chesnut, Toby Grimm, Livia Hermanson, Carter Klaren, Erin Knipper, Avery Krapfl, George Livingston, & Carissa Sabers (Ella Mensen & Emilee Supple filling in today for Carissa & Kylie.)

Radio Broadcasting: LOVE (Zari Ambundo, Kaela Clemen, Chantel Crowley, & Morgan Krumviede)

Radio Broadcasting: LAWW (Ryan Aulwes, Lane Domeyer, Michael Van Meter, & Addie Vorwald)

Ensemble Acting: "On the Porch One Crisp Spring Morning" (Amaya Hunt & Saige Hunt)

TV News: HAWT (Izzy Heffernan, Jordan Hogan, Kaitlyn Nolan, Leah Ries, Josie Teymer, & McKenna Thompson)

Group Improvisation: Tomato Targets (Keziah Ambundo, Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp, & Michael Van Meter)

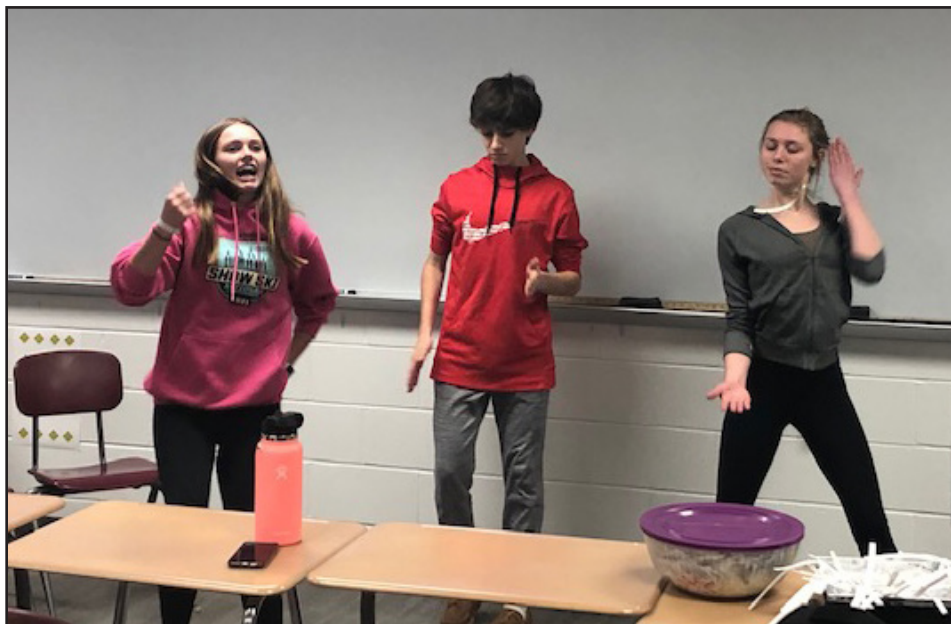
Choral Reading: Riveting Correspondence (Joellen Beitz, McKenna Bush, Kaela Clemen, Chantel Crowley, Adrienne Freiburger, Cadence Freiburger, Addie Hucker, Carlie Lewin, Keira Leytem, Amanda Mohr, Ashtyn Porter, & Cece Trenkamp)

Short Film: You Don't Have a Clue (Jordan Hogan, Lily Huber, Addie Hucker, Jena LeGassick, Taylor Schmuecker, & Emilee Supple)

Group Improvisation: Three's Company (Sami DeMoss, Toby Grimm, & Livia Hermanson)

Short Film: "It's Just a Dream" (Cadence Freiburger, Morgan Krumviede, Keira Leytem, & Cece Trenkamp)

TV News: Sixth Sense (Joellen Beitz,



Livia Hermanson, Toby Grimm and Sami DeMoss take dance lessons as part of an improv practice. Their group, Three's Company, earned a Division I rating at the conference contest last weekend.

McKenna Bush, Logan Clemen, Lane Domeyer, Adrienne Freiburger, Emily Hogan, & Lily Huber)

One Act Play: "The Nameless Princess" (Matthew Brehm, Logan Clemen, Jake Gellersen, Mianna Gosche, Amaya Hunt, Carter Klaren, Carlie Lewin, George Livingston, Ella Mensen, Isabella Mensen (Kendra Hillers filled in for her at conference), Zach Mineart, Kaitlyn Nolan, Leah Ries, Taylor Schmuecker, McKenna Thompson, & Paige Winter (Molly Anderegg filled in for her at conference.)

Group Improvisation: The Gigglin' Gals (Zari Ambundo, Dannie Burkle, Alia Domeyer, & Brianna Hines)

Ensemble Acting: "From the Mouths of Babes" (Anna Deutmeyer, Noah DeVore, Kendra Hillers, & Brock Trenkamp)

Ensemble Acting: Forever Friends (Keziah Ambundo, Molly Anderegg, Amanda Mohr, & Ashtyn Porter)

Division 2 ratings

Group Mime: Snow Day (Brianna Hines & Lauren Knock)

At the conference meet, awards are given for outstanding performances in each category. MV winners include:

1st Place Winners
TV News (HAWT)
Group Mime (Snow Day)
Readers Theatre
Short Film (It's Just a Dream)
Choral Reading
Ensemble Acting (On the Porch)
One Act

Second Place Winners
Group Improv (Tomato Targets)
Ensemble Acting (Forever Friends)

Other Awards
Best Actor & Actress in One Act – George Livingston & Amaya Hunt
Best Supporting Actor & Actress in One Act – Matthew Brehm & Molly Anderegg

This weekend the speech team will compete at the district contest at Cascade for a chance to advance to the state contest.

Sports Connection

Salow, Davis earn first place finishes



Tyreese Crippen works to break free from his Midland opponent. Crippen went on to pin this wrestler. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Last Thursday the Wildcats hosted Central City and Midland and earned two victories.

The Wildcats defeated Central City 48-12. The Wildcats' points all came from forfeits.

MV handed Midland a 39-18 loss. MV's points came from forfeits for Brady Davis, Brendin Frasher, Mason Jolley and Kobe Peters. Devin Smith pinned his opponent in 4:32, and Tyreese Crippen won by fall in 2:37. Michael Schaul won by a 5-4 decision.

Last Saturday the team competed at the MFL-MarMaq tournament and tied for fourth place with 116 points. Crestwood won with 232.5 points.

MV finishes include:

- 106: Brendin Frasher, 6th place
- 126: Arion Rave, 5th place
- 138: Tyreese Crippen, sixth place
- 152: Michael Schaul, third place
- 160: Kobe Peters, fourth place
- 182: Aiden Salow, first place
- 195: Nathan Beitz, second place
- 220: Brady Davis, first place
- 285: Devin Smith, fourth place

Last night the team competed at Lisbon in a triangular with Lisbon and East Buchanan. Results will be in next week's issue.

Wildcats defeat Bucs

by Chantel Crowley

This Tuesday, the boys basketball team played an away game at East Buchanan, winning 54 to 46.

Top scorers include Avery Holtz with 16, Kody Hoeger with 13, and Landen Deutmeyer with eight. Lucas Orcutt scored seven, Brock Trenkamp scored four, TJ Cook scored three, Lance McShane scored two, and Toby Grimm scored one.

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

The boys played Ed-Co last night, and will be included in the next Echo. Tonight the team hosts North Linn.

Bucs offense too much this time

by Toby Grimm

The girls basketball team took on the East Buchanan Bucs on Tuesday night, with a tough loss, by a final score of 62-32. The Wildcats are recovering from some illness and missed practices but hope to soon be back to full power.

Offensively, Kylie Chesnut led in points with 10, just ahead of Caelyn Sands who had 8, followed by Bianka Ronnebaum with 5, Kennedy Rausch had 4, Erin Knipper had 3, and Ella Mensen finished with 2. Defensively, Bianka Ronnebaum led in rebounds with 10, followed by Kylie Chesnut with 5, Haley Ronnebaum and Carissa Sabers with 3 each, and ending with Ella Mensen and Erin Knipper with a pair each. The team struggled to stop the explosive Buccaneers' offense and failed to get things going on the offensive end.

Last night the team took on the Ed-Co Vikings at home, and tonight they will battle against the Lynx of North Linn. The statistics for those games will be in the next Echo.

Athlete of the Week

Name: Livia Hermanson

What do you enjoy most about dance team?

I love all the friendships you make. I will be really sad when all the seniors leave because they have impacted my dance experience

for the better. They were never the mean upperclassmen and always made you feel apart of the team. Next year will not be the same without them.

What's the hardest part? Definitely when you are working on a dance and you keep messing up a little part or you just can't get it. I'm sure we have all been there and it can get really frustrating.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it? Our hiphop routine we performed at state 100%. I loved every single part of it! I am a hiphop girl and when I heard the idea Coach had I got chills. Right after we got done dancing it at state the other girls all said everyone went wow when we turned around with the masks on and that would be my favorite part of it.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? When we are just learning dances to perform at the basketball games we normally get a week or less to learn it before we perform.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? I would make a hiphop routine. I feel like it would be cool to combine some of my favorite parts of the hiphop dances the MVDT has performed over the years and make it into one dance. I would use the song from each of those parts.



Student of the Week

Adrienne Freiburger



You've been nominated because of your ability to think deeply and ask good questions. What do you think helped you learn that skill?

Personally, I believe the reason I'm able to think so deeply is because of the experiences that I have had the opportunity to be a part of and the curiosity that I have had since I was young.

What do you like to read when you make time to read?

I like to read a wide array of different things, so it honestly depends on the time of mood that I'm in. Although, I must say that anything fantasy or nonfiction are my favorites (and yes, I'm aware of how different those two categories are).

What do you think has been the most influential event in American history?

This is a tough one because I feel like a lot of American events are intertwined in one way or another, but I'll stick to the American Revolution because from it we were created and through it we were able to show the world that sometimes the underdog can win.

What are your future plans?

My future plans are to attend UW Platteville for a major in Sociology and to minor in either History, Psychology, or Spanish.

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Lily Huber

What event(s) are you in for speech? I am in TV News and Short Film.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I know everyone says

this, but I enjoy getting to know people from different grades and seeing their personalities show through. I find the times we get off track are the times where the team bonds and it becomes a more comfortable atmosphere, which I think is necessary

What have you learned through this event/these events? I've learned that working together and being flexible with your ideas is essential when coming up with things such as sets and scripts; and in this process, creativity is key!!

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model would have to be Mrs. DeVore. Especially when she was working with Shrek, her ability to be so hard-working while having so many things on her plate is truly astounding to me.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Definitely a judge for short film. I would love to see the creativity, shots, and editing that can all be squeezed into five minutes or less.



what's up?

What song would you sing if you were on The Voice?

by Paige Winter

Liz McDowell: "The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani

Leah Ries: "Wave of You"

Kendra Hillers: "Oh My God" by Adele
Carissa Sabers: "I Don't Wanna Be" by Gavin DeGraw

Mrs. Hunt: "Schools Out for Summer"

Keziah Ambundo: "Back Together" by Austin Moon

Mrs. Lewin: Any Ed Sheeran Song

Bianka Ronnebaum: "Good 4 U" by Olivia Rodrigo

Jackson Hunter: "Buy Dirt" by Jordan Davis

Meet the Freshmen



Hailey, Addie, Tyler & Nathan

Name: Tyler Mineart

Siblings: Kaity, Zach, McKenna

Activities you plan to be in: Football, track or golf

Favorite subject: Any shop class

Career aspirations: HVAC, Plumber, Mechanic

Hobbies: Fishing, camping, boating, having fun

Something cool about you: I've broken my collarbone 3 times

Name: Addie Vorwald

Siblings: 2

Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, basketball, track, softball

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: OBGYN Nurse

Hobbies: Beach volleyball

Something cool about you: I have a dog

Name: Hailey Klaren

Siblings: Caleb, Ashton, Brody, and Felicity

Activities you plan to be in: FFA

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: Pharmacist or RN

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and riding ATVs

Something cool about you: I can roll ATVs

Name: Nathan Beitz

Siblings: Tyler

Activities you plan to be in: Football, wrestling, track, FFA

Favorite subject: Ag classes

Career aspirations: Farming

Hobbies: Hunting/fishing

Something cool about you: I like farming

—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

Cutest Couple

Tyreese Crippen & Shea Burcham
by Amaya Hunt

How long have you two been together?
For a little over a year now.

What was the first thing that caught your attention about the other? What was your first impression?

Tyreese: I went to the Cone Shoppe with some of my friends, and for the first time, Shea went with. At the time, I didn't have a clue who she was, but her smile caught my attention right away. My first impression was just how caring she was and how beautiful she is.

Shea: Honestly, it was his hair. And he was extremely quiet, but the few times that he did talk, he seemed kind of funny.

What about the other gets on your nerves the most?

Tyreese: When she wants to go out to eat but won't choose where to eat. I always have to choose.

Shea: When I ask him what he wants to do or what he wants to eat, he always says "It's up to you," or "I don't care." We always end up sitting and waiting for about 15 minutes for the other person to choose before ending up just blurting out a place and calling it good.

Now on the other hand, what do you love most about the other?

Tyreese: She's always there for me and is willing to help even if she doesn't know how to, or even want to.

Shea: His personality overall, but especially his sense of humor and that he just shows up to my house at random times.

Comedy Corner —compiled by Paige Winter

My favorite word is "drool." It just rolls off the tongue.

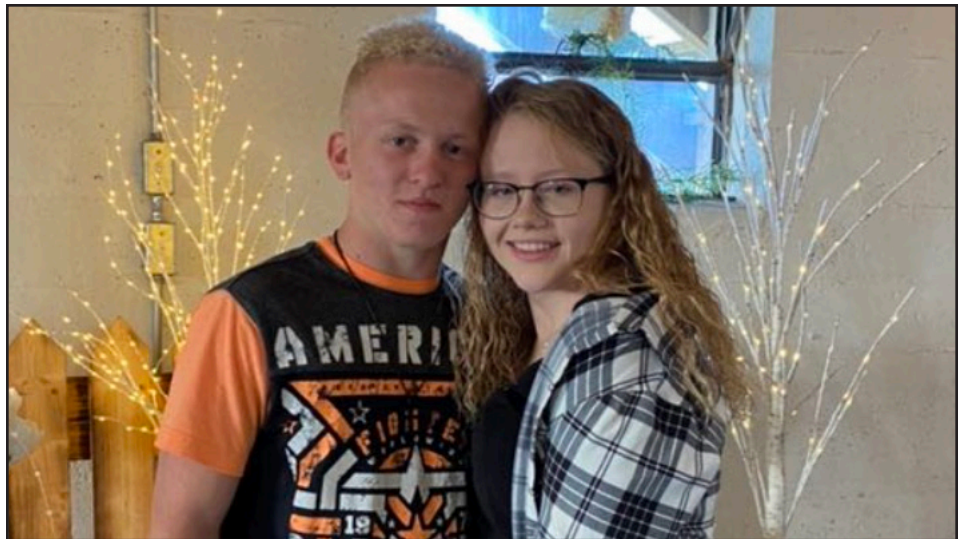
Why is Peter Pan always flying? He never lands.

I just wrote a book on reverse psychology. Do not read it.

What does a zombie vegetarian eat?
"Graaaaaaaains!"

My new thesaurus is terrible. Not only that, it's also terrible.

What did the blanket say as it fell off the bed? "Oh sheet!"



What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

Tyreese: We love watching movies or going on late night drives to watch the sunset.

Shea: Either go skating or watch an entire series of a show in one or two days.

Favorite memory with the other?

Tyreese: The very first time we hung out-- she made me watch the movie Terrifier.

Shea: The first time I ever took him skating, he would go about five feet and then fall. This pattern went on for about an hour. He doesn't fall as much anymore, but it's still entertaining to watch him skate.

What's a song that always makes you think of the other?

Tyreese: "Always Been You" by Jessie Murph.

Shea: "Adore You" by Miley Cyrus.

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

Tyreese: She'll be married and her life will be so well put together. She'll be set because she's such an amazing person.

Shea: He'll be welding somewhere, for sure. I could honestly see him owning a farm as well, with baby goats of course.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Drug use in adolescents frequently overlaps with other mental health

problems. For example, a teen with a substance use disorder is more likely to have a mood, anxiety, learning, or behavioral disorder too.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

A new year means new styles and new trends. So, let's talk about what to expect to see fashion wise in 2022.

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cording to the
CR Fashion

Book, "Very Peri" is the official color for 2022. This shade is basically a shade of the color lilac. Bright and bold is another trend you should prepare yourself for. This means bold styles worn in bright colors.

Another thing to expect is fun prints and patterns such as pied coq, stripes, plaid, Argyle plaid, polka dot, foliage, and, of course, animal print. I hate to say it, but it looks like sequins are making a comeback. But, on the bright side, embroidery will be making an appearance in 2022.

Other trends you should prepare yourself for are statement tops, custom jeans, ocean life, and Y2K. I hope everyone has a fun and fashionable year!



Big Games on the Big Stage

Iowa men's basketball team had been winning six of their last seven games, including two big wins over Indiana and Minnesota, when they fell to a defensive Rutgers team this Wednesday night in New Jersey on a night to remember Chris Street, former Hawkeye that passed away in a car accident in 1993. The game was close with what I would say were some terrible calls, but the score can't be changed and Keegan's last minute shot can't make it in the hoop, so I guess I have to live with it. The next time the Hawkeyes hit the court will be this Saturday against Penn State in Iowa City.

The women's team is rising as they breached the AP Poll to be ranked #25 in the nation. After beating Purdue last Thursday in a game that snapped a win-lose pattern for the Hawks, they had their rematch against Nebraska the following Sunday. It was a sweep as Caitlin Clark's Hawkeye team defeated the Cornhuskers by ten points. What's next? This Thursday they were set to play Minnesota, and those results will be in next week.

The Iowa State Cyclones men's basketball team remains #15 in the nation, but a loss they suffered on Tuesday may be enough to make them drop. The team had played well against #21 Texas (now #23) to win 79-70, but they fell hard to a #18 Texas Tech, losing 60-72. The next game for them is this Saturday when they battle TCU in Ames.

The ISU women's team, ranked #7, beat an unranked Oklahoma State team last weekend by fourteen points, securing a win down in the Sooner State. They went on to play #15 Texas at home only to lose big time by a margin of eighteen points. Hopefully they'll put it together when they play #15 Baylor in Waco, Texas. And yes, two teams are tied for #15 right now in the NCAA women's basketball poll.

Even though Hawkeye men's wrestling dropped in the poll down to #2 with Penn State taking the top spot, they haven't lost a dual yet this year as they dominated both Northwestern and Illinois. Their next match is this Friday against Ohio State on Buckeye turf.

ISU men's wrestling opened up Big 12 play by defeating Wyoming 32-6. The #11 Cyclones went on to dominate MSU-Northern and Providence, and their next opponent will be North Dakota this Sunday. The next time the Cyclones will compete in Big 12 play is the 28th against Oklahoma.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Iowa women's gymnastics fell short of a victory in Minnesota, a last minute meet for the Hawks. The #16 Hawkeyes will compete against #15 Michigan State in East Lansing this Saturday.

Meanwhile, Iowa State gymnastics hasn't had a great start to their season. After falling to Nebraska last week, the team took on Temple only to lose by 0.450 of a point. This was a bigger margin than what separated Iowa State from the Cornhuskers. Their next match is against Auburn this Friday.

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie is a freshman. He has brown hair and lives in Delhi. This cutie is participating in baseball and wrestling this year, and he loves his mom.

Last week's Cutie was Amanda Mohr.

Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

This week, I thought I might take a shot at interpreting a quote I found in *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles: "The only difference between everybody and nobody is all the shoes."



For some context: a young girl laments to a man about how she will soon be starting school, and he recounts how much he loved school. She comments that everyone has been saying that same thing, to which the man states that it then must be true. This quote is her response.

This line can be interpreted in a number of ways, but given the context of the quote, it appears as a social commentary on group thought, conformity, censorship, and other themes relating to society.

Clearly the girl is conveying a preference for diversity of thought. It's hard to disagree with that value. After all, without having a variety of opinions and values to assess, how can any of us determine where we fit into the larger puzzle of society? If we are consistently exposed to one singular opinion, we are learning nothing new at all about ourselves or the world around us. We need contrasting views if we are to adopt new perspectives.

Or, perhaps we can infer that she means it's better to listen to no one than it is to listen to everyone (provided that everyone shares the same opinion). This view deduces that we would do best to question everything, especially beliefs held by large groups of people. Through testing what we think we know rather than placing full trust in the words of others, we can formulate unique points of view.

Historically, our society has been constructed in a way that has propelled some voices to the forefront and silenced others. It wasn't until the latter part of the twentieth century that those repressed perspectives began receiving credit for their intellect and accomplishments.

Let us not become simply a collection of shoes. Let us have varying opinions and share them. Only by collaborating with one another and giving others the chance to speak can we reach strong conclusions. We can all learn something from those around us.