

Library renovation shows signs of the time

by Chantel Crowley

A few weeks ago, the library went through a renovation headed by Mrs. Moenck, overseer of all libraries in Maquoketa Valley, and Mrs. Montz, library aid of the high school. "Typically every few years or so, we do something called 'weeding.' We weed out the old material in order to keep our libraries fresh and relevant," describes Mrs. Moenck.

The last this was done was in 2017, so it was definitely time. This was mostly due to COVID, with scheduling and staffing shortages.

Before the weeding, the library contained 3,312 materials. This looks really good, but the average age of these materials ranged from the early 80s to the late 90s. Mrs. Moenck, along with the help of Mrs. Montz, went through and pulled most books from the shelves, unlabeled them and took them out of the catalog. Mrs. Montz managed to find a home for every single book removed. Tables were put out at Parent/Teacher Conferences and calls were made to nonprofit organizations like



The library has a new look to it after over a thousand pieces of material were weeded out. The last major weeding out was in 2017.

the Tiny House in Hopkinton and the new food pantry here in Delhi.

Now, the library contains 1,284 materials, all averaging around the 2000s. There are fewer books, but this is because students generally use search engines like Google or other websites their teachers have provided for research rather than a physical copy.

The shelves are clean and crisp, and new titles are easier to find. Nonfiction books have moved from being secluded in

a corner to being in their own section, but with the other books. There is a small section of classic books, like Shakespeare and other poets that just couldn't be removed, along with a small section of old award winners. New award winners are present, along with new fiction books for teens. All books are located on the back wall of the library, and everything is neat and concise. Magazines were also introduced to be checked out instead of flipped through in the library. Stop by to check it all out!

Thank you to Mrs. Moenck and Mrs. Montz for spending their time to update the library!

Impressive instrumentalists



Mr. Ford accompanied Kaella Clemen, Kaitlyn Nolan and McKenna Bush to Oelwein this past Saturday to join about 200 outstanding musicians for the NEIBA district honor band.

Student council makes donation



The student council made a \$726.95 donation to Delaware County Sleep in Heavenly Peace from the funds raised from last week's PJ/Jeans day. Pictured above: Erin Knipper, McKenna Thompson, SiHP representative Keith Kramer, Lily Huber, George Livingston, Leah Reichter, Tayrn Burbridge and TJ Cook.

Cats post a 3-2 record

by Toby Grimm

The girls basketball team is in full swing now, and they're bonding as a team.

"I am really enjoying this team," stated Coach Moenck. "They get along well, and they love being around each other. As far as playing, we're young and there are times we make a lot of mistakes, but we're learning. This whole group has so much potential; it will be fun to see where they're at by the end of January."

Last Tuesday night, the girls team took the trip to Clinton to take on the Irish of Prince of Peace, winning big and shooting over 50% from beyond the arc by a final score of 74-25. Bianka Ronnebaum led in scoring (18), followed by Kennedy Rausch and Haley Ronnebaum (17 each), Grace Richter (6), and Ella Mensen (5). The team disrupted the ball well with 23 total assists, led by Knipper(6), Bianka Ronnebaum and Kennedy Rausch (5), and Haley Ronnebaum (2). Defensively, Bianka Ronnebaum led in boards (8), Haley Ronnebaum and Grace Richter (6), Ella Mensen and Jada Knipper(5). Knipper led in steals (7), followed by Bianka Ronnebaum and Kennedy Rausch (4 each), and Ella Mensen (3). The team combined with 15 threes to complete the road win against the Irish.

On Friday night, the team went to Winthrop to compete against East Buchanan. After a slow first half, the Cats outscored the Buccaneers 32-15 in the second to complete the upset win on the road. Rausch and Richter led on the offensive end (11 each), followed by Haley Ronnebaum (9), Bianka Ronnebaum (8), and Mensen (4). Knipper led in boards (10), Richter (9), Mensen (8), Haley Ronnebaum (4), and Reicher (3).

Boys defeat EB, Elkader; fall to Alburnett

by Chantel Crowley

The boys had a late state to their basketball season due to some illness, but they're heating up the court now.

"I have been very pleased with the effort level of our guys in our first three games," stated Coach Conner. "We got a good win vs. a tough East Buchanan team last Friday to start our season after dealing with some sickness, and then followed that up with a good win again Elkader on Monday night this week. Both of these wins came without us having our best offensive game, in my opinion. We dropped our first game of the season against Alburnett on Tuesday night. Alburnett is a very good team that we were able to compete with after settling in during the first half. I will be



Senior Ella Mensen outrebounds her EB opponent. (photos by Dannie Burkle)

The team fought hard and got the win in the hostile environment to improve to a 3-1 record on the season.

On Tuesday night, the girls team had yet another road game against Alburnett. While the Wildcats kept it close through three quarters, Alburnett outscored MV 23-9 in the fourth quarter to win 56-33.

Last night the girls continued on their road game stretch playing at Anamosa against the Blue Raiders. Tonight, the team is home against the Starmont Stars. The statistics for all of those games will be in next week's issue.

interested to see how we respond the rest of the week after our first loss of the season."

Last Friday, the team traveled to East Buchanan for their first game of the season and they won 48 to 33.

Scorers were Avery Holtz with 21, Kody Hoeger with nine, Lance McShane with eight, Brady Wall with five, T.J. Cook with three, and Toby Grimm with two.

For rebounds, McShane led the way with eight, Cook with six, Hoeger with five, Grimm and Wall with two each, and Holtz with one. As for assists, there were a total of nine. Holtz contributed four, Grimm three, and Cook two.

Their next game was Monday against Elkader. The Cats won 64-44.

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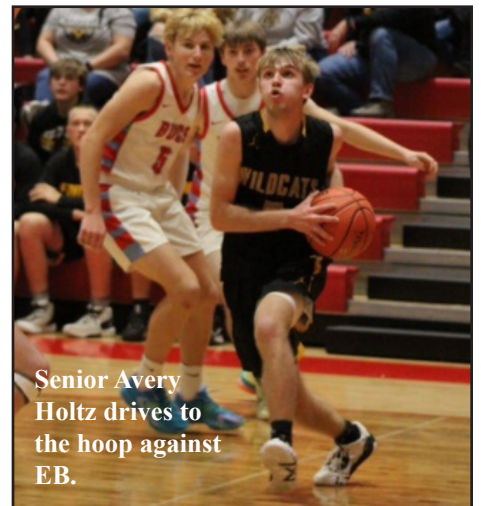
Wrestling competition starts by Kaitlyn Nolan

The Maquoketa Valley Wrestling team started their season off strong with wins against both Wapsie Valley and Jesup on the first of December. With a pin by Aidan Salow (285) and Nathan Bietz (195), the Wildcats beat Wapsie Valley 71-12. They beat Jesup 57-24 with two pins by Salow and Mason Jolley (170) and two forfeits that had Beitz and Brady Davis (220) winning points as well.

Two days later, on Saturday, the Wildcats traveled to West Delaware to participate in the Bob Murphy Invitational. Out of 12 teams that participated, the Wildcats placed 9th overall with 86 points (only three points shy of 8th place). Indianola and West Delaware took the top two spots, respectively, each team scoring in the 200s.

Brendin Frasher (113) placed 5th in his division and scored eight points for the team with a record of 0-2. Arion Rave (138) scored four team points and tallied up one win. Wrestling at 152, Tyreese Crippen placed 7th and scored nine team points. His record for the day was 2-2. Mason Jolley scored six team points and placed 8th in his division with a 1-2 record. Nathan Beitz, with a record of 3-1 for the day, placed 3rd in his division after winning by fall over Layton Slaymaker from Central DeWitt. He earned 18 points for the team. Junior Brady Davis won his division with a flawless record, beating Evan Franke from Muscatine by fall. He scored 28 points for the team. Aidan Salow went 2-2 for the day and placed fourth in his division, falling to Cameron Geuther from West Delaware. He ended up scoring 14 points.

The next time the Wildcats hit the mat is this Saturday at North Cedar. The results from the Lisbon meet on Thursday will be in next week's article.



Senior Avery Holtz drives to the hoop against EB.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: George Livingston

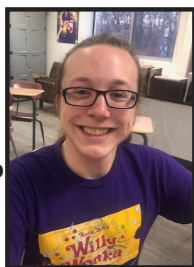
What events are you in for speech? I am in Ensemble Acting and Reader's Theatre.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? Being able to bond with classmates that I don't usually get to hang out with normally. The public school is a major social hub for teens, so the more opportunities to socialize, the better.

What skills set this event from others?

In Reader's Theatre, you cannot have costumes or props, but you get to keep a script with you. The event focuses on the expression and effort of the actor instead of costumes or set pieces. In Ensemble acting all you have are some chairs and a table paired with a memorized script. Ensemble Acting emphasizes physical gestures and movement as well as expression to bring a character to life.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would probably judge ensemble acting, for it does not have a set or costumes. I would also get to see how the actors tie their physical movements into their speaking parts.



Name: Emilee Supple

What events are you in for speech? I am in readers theater and ensemble acting.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I enjoy working together with people

you wouldn't normally be hanging around. This allows you to get to know a lot more people which I love.

What skills set this event from others?

One thing that sets ensemble acting apart from other events is that it is completely memorized. This is definitely challenging but when it all comes together it is worth it. Another thing that set both readers theatre and ensemble acting apart from other events are there are no costumes or props in either. It challenges us more because we have to work harder to show our actions with "invisible" props.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? It would be readers theater; it has always been my favorite event to watch.



Athletes of the Week

Name: McKenna Thompson

What do you enjoy most about the dance team?

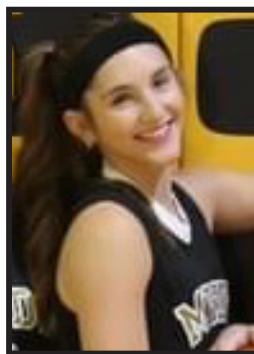
I love the atmosphere that we have at practice. Whether we are learning, practicing, or team bonding each and every person has a positive attitude. We attribute a lot of our

success this season to our positivity. I've also enjoyed the performance aspect of dance. Our sport is unlike many because of the fact that we don't play, instead we perform. I love being able to entertain an audience alongside some of my closest friends.

What was the best part of the state dance competition? I enjoyed so many aspects of the state dance competition; however, my most favorite memory was during the awards ceremony. Maddyx and I were standing at the front during the pom awards waiting to hear the placings. We had our pinkies crossed and our heads down hoping for the best. When the announcer said the fifth place team we looked at each other in shock. Both of our faces went somber because we weren't expecting any placement above fifth. Just moments later our school was announced and we were awarded our fourth place trophy. Fourth place may not seem like a success, but for a team that has no competitive dancers and only a month to practice two routines, fourth place is the equivalent to first.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it? I have honestly enjoyed every routine I've been a part of; however, one routine stands out more in my mind than others. Our hip hop last year is probably my most favorite dance to date. Last year's hip hop routine was a little darker than usual. Following the Venom theme we wore really dark makeup and had the venom mask which we pulled up halfway through the dance. I enjoyed this dance because it was something different and unique. This dance was also the first time we had placed at state in a few years so it was very exciting!

How will your experiences in dance



affect your future? Having been on the dance team I know have a greater appreciation for dance as a sport. Many don't realize how many hours we put into each routine, nor do they realize how difficult the sport truly is. I've also come to appreciate the power of being underestimated. Several times throughout the past four years many have assumed that we weren't very good. It is true that we aren't the best team on the floor, however, together we have worked so hard to earn the recognition and support we have now. I am so grateful for my time on this team and I cannot wait to see what our regular season has in store!

Name: Tate Intorf

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

I enjoy the atmosphere that is created with basketball when playing or in practice.

How have you evolved as a

player? I have evolved from not being as confident with shooting the ball, and now I'm confident shooting the ball.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Definitely TJ breaking a TV during a basketball camp over the summer

Who's your basketball role model? My basketball role model is Michael Jordan.



Boys basketball, cont.

Kody Hoeger tallied 18 points while Holtz put up 15. McShane added nine, Cook eight, Brady Wall seven, Preston Salow four and Grimm three. Holtz had eight assists. Cook and McShane each had three assists.

Holtz was a defensive threat with six steals. Kody Hoeger nabbed eight rebounds. McShane had six.

Tuesday the Wildcats took on top-ranked Alburnett and fell 39-71.

McShane led with 13 points, and Holtz added ten. Holtz was 4/4 at the free throw line. Grimm had five points, Kody Hoeger put up two, and Wall had one.

Last night the Wildcats made up their game against Prince of Peace. Tonight MV takes on Starmont. Stats will be in next week's issue.

Big Games on the Big Stage

Well, football has ended (and to be honest, that might be a good thing for the sake of my sanity).

While the Cyclones ended their season early, the Hawkeyes still have one game left in the postseason against Kentucky. Unfortunately (or fortunately... who knows) for the Hawks, Petras is out with a shoulder injury, and the backup QB Alex Padilla entered the transfer portal.

That leaves one of our two other backups to start. At least Kentucky is without their starting QB as well. Will Levis announced that he won't be playing in the Music City Bowl and instead declared for the NFL Draft.

Although, we did get Michigan's old starter, Cade McNamara. He says he's excited to "flip the script" when it comes to Iowa's poor offense. Me too, dude. Me too.

But hey, just because football is practically over with doesn't mean that there aren't Iowa and Iowa State games all over. Basketball is gearing up. The Cyclones even beat the North Carolina Tar Heels, who were ranked #1 at the time, and have continued to show up against



by Kaitlyn Nolan

other teams. Having started out of the AP Poll, they now place 20th. The Hawkeyes, on the other hand, dipped one foot in after the first week of play to be ranked #25, but soon were pushed out after multiple losses. These two teams square off Thursday (so yesterday), and I'm sure that I'll rant or boast about the outcome next week.

The Hawkeye women have been falling in the AP Poll while the Cyclones have been rising (a similarity to the men's side), but that doesn't stop them from beating them (or Wisconsin... now that was a fun game). On Wednesday, Caitlin Clark led the #16 Hawks to victory against the #10 Cyclones. This Sunday, the Cyclones host Jacksonville while the Hawkeyes host Minnesota.

In wrestling news, Spencer Lee returned to the mat and dominated in a close-but-certain victory over ISU in the Cy-Hawk series. The #2 Hawkeyes split the #7 Cyclones in matches, 5-5, but won thanks to bonus points from Lee, Cobe Siebrecht, and Nelson Brands. The other winners were Real Woods and Tony Cassiopi. David Carr, a nationals winner, led the Cyclones with Yonger Bastida. The Hawkeyes next match is this Saturday at Chattanooga in Tennessee while the Cyclones have Collegiate Duals in New Orleans on December 19th.

what's up?

What is your favorite form of potato?

by Lily Song

Addison Hucker: It's gotta be mashed or cheesy

George Livingston: Cheesy bacon fries with scallions

Zachary Leytem: I like 'em raw... you know I just be going home and crunching on a raw potato

Derrick Mohr: Baked potatoes, it's the first one that came to mind

Mrs. Montz: It's gotta be french fries... is there any other way?

Leah Reicher: Tater tots, they gotta be crispy... none of that mushy stuff

Josie Teymer: Cubed baked potatoes like in the Jimmy Dean breakfast bowls

Saige Hunt: I think I like waffle fries

Jada Knipper: Cheesy potatoes because they're cheesy and delicious

Anderson Holtz: Mashed potatoes

Kennedy Rausch: Tater tots

Haley Ronnebaum: Potato cubes/roasted potatoes

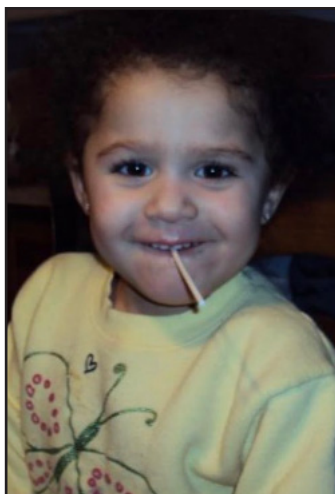
Mrs. Lewin: A baked potato loaded with butter and sour cream

Livia Hermanson: Mashed!!

Cutie

by Lily Huber

Why hey there, Cutie! This Cutie is a sophomore who dwells in Earlville. While being involved in dance, she also loves pasta. Would you know who this is?



Last week's Cutie was Zachary Leytem.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Personally, I'm a shoe person. I think that shoes make a good outfit. There is a pair for every pair of pants and every person. So this week I've decided to get others' opinions on what I consider to be a fashion showstopper. The question I asked was:

When picking out the perfect shoe, what do you look for?

Mr. Ford: Something that fits, and something that feels good to walk in

Mrs. Besler: 1- Low heels (I am too clumsy for anything else)

2- Comfortable

3- Arch support

4- I like how they look.

Mr. Kirkoff: Comfort and looks. I like shoes with neutral colors. I don't like bright shoes that stick out.

Mrs. DeVore:

I actually look for two things:

1) that they are comfortable & 2) they look good by my standards...

some sparkles,

some cool designs, and cool color(s).

Livia Hermanson: A white shoe.

Zach Leytem: Something that can go with many outfits and white. Sneakers, Nike blazers. Stuff like that. Air Forces.

Grace Richter: I like to look for shoes I can wear with every outfit, nothing too colorful. I also like to make sure they are comfortable and fit my feet well enough so they don't hurt when I walk around school.



Meet the Freshmen

Name: DaShown Strickland
Siblings: I have 18 siblings.
Activities you plan to be in: Football, basketball, track
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: Doctor
Hobbies: Fishing, running, swimming

Name: Brady Wall
Siblings: Ty Wall
Activities you plan to be in: Football, basketball, track, and baseball.
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: Pilot
Hobbies: Sports, traveling, anything on the lake.
Something cool about you: I can surf.

Name: Rachael Hoefer
Siblings: Jena and Jordan
Activities you plan to be in: Band, speech
Favorite subject: Math
Career aspirations: Accountant
Hobbies: DIY projects and cooking
Something cool about you: I've been to Niagara Falls.

Name: Derrick Mohr
Siblings: Amanda Mohr, Harold Mohr III
Activities you plan to be in: Basketball
Favorite subject: Gym or math.
Career aspirations: Be an engineer or mechanic.
Hobbies: Boating, watersports, hunting, fishing.
Something cool about you: I'm kind of tall. I own an island on Lake Delhi.

Name: Lainey Deutmeyer
Siblings: I have 4 siblings.
Activities you plan to be in: Cheer, dance, speech.
Favorite subject: History
Career aspirations: Undecided
Hobbies: Napping
Something cool about you: I've been to 32 of the 50 states.

—typist: Grace Richter

Make plans to attend
1. The band and choir winter concert Monday night at 7pm in the auditorium
2. The DFS soup supper next Friday in the cafeteria

Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



As we get closer to Christmas, what better way to celebrate than some trivia about your favorite Christmas candy, Candy Canes.

Until 1900, what color did candy canes come in?

Kaitlyn Nolan: Red and Green

Leah Reicher: White

Carter Heidt: White

Answer: White

When is National Candy Cane Day?

Kaitlyn: December 18

Leah: December 6th

Carter: January 5

Answer: December 26

How long was the world's largest candy cane?

Kaitlyn: 10 feet

Leah: 8 ft

Carter: 68

Answer: 51 feet

Question: How many candy canes are made per year?

Kaitlyn: Over a million

Leah: 1.5 billions

Carter: Billions

Answer: 1.7 Billion

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Smokers aren't just harming their own bodies. They are creating major health risks for anyone who lives or works within their smoke. It's estimated that **secondhand smoke** causes more than 7,000 deaths from lung cancer each year, as well as 34,000 deaths linked to heart disease.

One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

I hope you all created a goal last week, and it is going well this week. This week I have another goal for you all and that is to love yourself. People



are always judging themselves for being too skinny, too overweight, hair is too short, hair is too long, and once they change the thing they don't like about themselves, they find a new thing to hate about themselves. It's an endless cycle of sadness and never-ending hatred for your body. This all started because of the media creating new beauty standards for the world. These beauty standards are always changing because of new trends and new things that come into the world. But, one of these trends was to never be yourself.

Why do people care so much about what other people think about themselves? It's because they want to be loved in life. Sometimes they don't get the love they need at home or from their friends, so they feed off the love that they get from the public eye. This could be through their actions or the way that they look. People will change the way that they are to be good to the public eye. People are always looking in the mirror to find more wrong about themselves and never appreciating the things that they like about themselves. People will gossip about others because they are not up to the beauty standard. It's so stupid that we think like this. If someone is happy being the way that they are, then they shouldn't have to change that for someone that thinks that the world revolves around the media.

You are not ugly; you are beautiful, handsome, pretty, charming. Why can't people understand this? The media should not change you; it should inspire you. Your body is keeping you alive, so you shouldn't be hating yourself, you should be appreciating yourself and the things that you do for this world and others. It doesn't matter your weight, the way that your face looks, the color and length of your hair, and birthmarks. What matters is what you do for others and how you treat them. If you treat them well, who cares about how you look. You are all beautiful and people who don't think that shouldn't change that for you. As long as you are happy, who cares?

Every day of next week I want every one of you to find something that you like about yourself. It could be the way you look, or something that you do. Appreciate yourself this week and realize how much good you all do for this school and the world. I love you all and thank you all for inspiring me to spread these words of positivity every Friday.