

# Wildcat Echo

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## The Eagle remains at MV, Wildcats are champs

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Last Saturday, the Maquoketa Valley Speech Team traveled to Central City for their first Large Group Contest of the season! The day was successful at the Tri-Rivers Conference Speech Contest with MV taking home the first place title once more. Many groups placed and are only getting better with feedback as they prepare for District competition in Cascade tomorrow.

### Division II Groups

Group Mime: Oh, Christmas Tree! (Allison Hogan and Elizabeth Kraft)

Short Film: A Day in the Life (Keira Leytem, Izzy Heffernan, Tierra Morgan, and Jocelyn Kelchen)

Group Improv: Comedy of Errors (Zari Ambundo, Sami DeMoss, Allison Hogan, and Addie Hucker)

### Division I Groups

Readers Theatre: ... And Others (First Place) (Saige Hunt, Carter Klaren, Ella Mensen, Zach Mineart, Taylor Schmuecker, Emilee Supple, George Livingston, and Matthew Schaul)

Group Improv: Mission: Improv-able (Toby Grimm, Livia Hermanson, Leah Reicher, and Zach Leytem)

Short Film: An Elfish Christmas (Morgan Krumviede, Emily Hogan, and Elizabeth Kraft)

Choral Reading: The Willow Rebounds (Third Place) (Kaela Clemen, Jena LeGassick, Zach Mineart, Chantel Crowley, Cadence Freiburger, McKenna Bush, Morgan Clemen, Rachael Hoefer, Arianna Nolan, and Maya Smith);

Solo Mime: What's the Scoop? (First Place; Kaela Clemen)

One-Act Play: #VIRAL (First Place; Best Supporting Actress was Kayla Otting; Best Actress was Kaitlyn Nolan) (Dannie Burkle, Kayla Otting, Sami DeMoss, Lily Huber, Lauren Knock, Kaitlyn Nolan, Josie Teymer, Cece Trenkamp, Joellen Beitz, Alissa Bush, Leah Reicher, and Meleah



The Readers Theatre group rehearses "...And Others" before school. The group earned first place at the conference contest last Saturday.

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Radio Broadcasting: BRIT 105.3 (Third Place) (Dannie Burkle, Chantel Crowley, Cadence Freiburger, and Keira Leytem)

Ensemble Acting: A Long Trip (Carter Klaren, Jena LeGassick, McKenna Thompson, and Jake Gellersen)

Radio Broadcasting: 5118 ROAK (First Place) (Joellen Beitz, Emily Hogan, Meleah Burr, and Morgan Clemen)

Ensemble Acting: Lives in the Wind (Sec-

ond Place) (Toby Grimm, Livia Hermanson, Lily Huber, George Livingston, Josie Teymer, and Matthew Schaul)

Ensemble Acting: Hamster Murder! (Taylor Schmuecker, Emilee Supple, Addie Hucker, and Kaitlyn Nolan);

TV News: CLUE (First Place) (Morgan Krumviede, McKenna Bush, Ford Domeyer, Kallie Freiburger, Anderson Holtz, and Maya Smith)

## Pink Out tradition continues



The dance team along with the basketball teams and wrestling team joined forces to raise money for cancer patients this week.

# Sports Connection

## Girls go 2-1 in recent play

by Toby Grimm

Last Tuesday, the girls basketball team traveled to Clarence, Iowa to compete against the North Cedar Knights. The Cats won big by a final score of 51-26. The scoring was led by Grace Richter (15), Bianka Ronnebaum (12), Ella Mensen (8), Leah Riecher (7), Kennedy Rausch and Haley Ronnebaum (4). Reicher led in rebounds (10), Mensen (9), Richter (5) and Ronnebaum sisters (4). Rausch led in assists (6), Bianka Ronnebaum (5), and Haley Ronnebaum (4). Rausch also led the team in steals (4), followed by Jada Knipper (3), to complete the road win.

Last Friday, the team played against the East Buchanan Buccaneers at home, falling short by a final score of 40-43. Bianka Ronnebaum led in points (12), Richter (10), Haley Ronnebaum (5), and Knipper (4). The Cats out-boarded East Buchanan by 14, led by Bianka Ronnebaum (8), Reicher and Richter (6), Mensen and Knipper (4).

Monday, the girls played the Pirates of Alburnett at home, coming out on top by a final score of 47-38 due to a strong push in the 3rd quarter. Bianka Ronnebaum led in scoring (14), next was Rausch (12), Haley Ronnebaum (9), Leah Reicher and Macee Nolan (4). Haley Ronnebaum led in rebounds (8), Mensen (6), and Rausch (4).

Tonight, the team travels to Star-mont to take on the Stars. The stats for that game will be in the next Echo.

**Grace Richter gets around an EB defender.**



## 'Cats defeat Bucs, fall to Pirates

by Chantel Crowley

Last week, on Friday, January 13, the MV boys basketball team played a home game against East Buchanan, winning 68 to 37.

Scorers included Avery Holtz with 20, Lance McShane and Kody Hoeger with twelve each, and Brady Wall with eleven points. Toby Grimm scored nine, and Treyton Cook and Anderson Holtz with two points each.

For rebounds, Wall had eight, Hoeger had seven, and McShane had six. Grimm had five, Avery Holtz and Cook had three each, and Anderson Holtz had one, for a total of 33 rebounds. As for assists, there were a total of 20. Grimm had six, Avery Holtz had four, Wall had three, Preston Salow and Anderson Holtz had two each, and McShane, Cook, and Dylan Knipper had one each.

Their next game was played on Monday -another home game- against Alburnett. Mv lost 38 to 60.

Scorers included McShane with eleven, Cook with ten, Avery Holtz with seven, Grimm and Hoeger with four points each, and Wall with two.

For assists, there were a total of four; Hoeger, two; McShane, one; and



**Brady Wall looks to make a play against EB. (photos by Dannielle Burkle)**

Grimm, one. For rebounds, there were 27 total. Cook had six, McShane and Hoeger had five each, Grimm and Avery Holtz had four each, and Wall had three.

The boys' next game will have been on Thursday, January 19th against Midland, and will be covered in the next issue.

## Cheer and dance tryouts to be held in March

by Kaitlyn Nolan

**Cheer Practice for Tryouts:** March 21st from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Johnston Elementary gym located in Hopkinton

**Dance Practice for Tryouts:** March 23rd from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Johnston Elementary gym located in Hopkinton

Tryouts are March 25th in Delhi! Cheer will have a review practice from 9-10:30 a.m., and Dance will have a review practice from 10:30-12:00 p.m. that same day. Tryouts for BOTH of the teams are from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cheer and dance are not only great opportunities to show support for the football team on Friday Night Lights or perform for people at Wells Fargo or during halftime of basketball games. They are both amazing opportunities to show support and give back to the community as well! The team does many things over the summer and during the school year for community service including face painting and helping with games at Lenox Days. We value a positive attitude both inside and outside of cheer and dance, and we hope to see you there at tryouts!



# MV defeated NC, Midland; three champs at MFL-MarMac

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The Wildcats had a busy stretch as they hosted a meet at home last Thursday, dubbed “Fill the Gym” Night (which had an amazing showout by the Wildcat fans), with East Buchanan, North Cedar, and Springville. Thursday’s meet was the only home meet of the season and acted as Senior Night and Pink Out. Managers Jeorjia Harmon and Shea Burcham were honored as seniors.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats dominated against the Eagles in a 35-12 performance. While most of the dual was forfeits, Tyreese Crippen (160) won by fall over Kahl Shanahan. Brady Davis (220) won by a technical fall, 18-2, in 1:33.



**Brady Davis wraps up his opponent at last Saturday’s tournament. Davis was one of three MV champions. (photos courtesy of Madi Kuhens)**

Maquoketa Valley added another win to their list after taking on North Cedar and winning 42-12. Brendin Frasher (113) won by fall over Eli Dies, and Crippen followed suit with a pin over Mason Dawson.

The Wildcats only loss of the night came to East Buchanan 24-51. Arion Rave (138) fell to Colton Torres, and Crippen lost by 2-7 decision to Chase Fults. Aidan Salow (285) was pinned by Cody Fox, but Brayden Bjorkgren (106) pinned Kaeden Hepke.

The MFL-MarMac tournament boasted three winners from the day: Brady Davis, Nathan Beitz, and Aidan Salow. Davis (220) scored 28 team points and won by fall over Keegon Brown of Wapsie Valley in the first place match. Beitz (195) won by 7-1 decision over Ryan McCartney of Lancaster in the first place match and scored 26 team points. Salow (285) also scored 26 team points and won by fall over Dorian Gutierrez of Postville. Bjorkgren (106) placed seventh and scored eight team points. In the seventh place match, he won by fall over Ethan Edens of Camanche. Frasher (113) scored seven team points and placed sixth after falling to Kenny Colsch of Clayton Ridge in the fifth place match. Rave (138) placed seventh and scored seven-and-a-half points after winning by tech



**Nathan Beitz strategizes against his opponent. Beitz went on to win his weight class at Saturday’s tournament.**

fall over Thomas Sprosty of North Crawford. Crippen (152) fell to Nolan Wolf of Lancaster in the fifth place match and scored seven team points. Mason Jolley (160) scored four points and fell to Ricky Mckeeman of Oelwein in his last match of the day.

The results from tomorrow’s tournament in Midland will also be in next week’s article.

## Big Games on the Big Stage

Of course the Iowa Hawkeyes were on a roll when Northwestern had to postpone the game (but I did get to spend time watching the B1G Story: Chris Street, so it wasn’t all bad). After beating Michigan in OT due to Payton Sandfort being a



by Kaitlyn Nolan

beast and dominating against Maryland, the Hawks are set to take on Ohio State this Saturday in Columbus. The Buckeyes are on a five-game losing streak, falling to both Maryland and Rutgers (two teams that the Hawkeyes beat). The following Thursday has the Hawks on the road once again to East Lansing to take on Michigan State who recently only lost to #3 Purdue by a single point.

The women’s team rose in the AP Poll to #10 after an absolutely domi-

nating game against Penn State 108-67. On Wednesday night, Caitlin Clark led her team to an OT win over Michigan State without the help of Monika Czinano in the added minutes of the game. A difficult game looms in front of them when they travel to Columbus Monday night to battle the #2 Ohio State Buckeyes. This game, with a win, will bump definitely have an effect on the B1G standings. As of right now, the Buckeyes are on top with #6 Indiana and Iowa behind.

Some losses are better than others, and the #12 Iowa State Cyclones only losing to #2 Kansas by two points is definitely a “good” loss. It proves that they are a strong team that can stay in it with highly ranked teams. The Cyclones quickly rebounded after a strong upset win over #7 Texas. Caleb Grill and Jaren Holmes led the team in scoring and played nearly all forty minutes. This Saturday, the Cyclones take on Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

The #18 ISU Cyclones, led by Emily Ryan and Ashley Joens, won a close

game in Ames against OSU after previously being upset by the now-ranked #25 Texas in Austin. The team looks to continue a winning streak when they host Kansas this Saturday. The following Wednesday, the Cyclones travel to Fort Worth, Texas to take on TCU.

The #2 Iowa Hawkeye wrestling team is still an undefeated squad that hosts #11 Nebraska tonight at eight o’clock for Military Appreciation Day. I don’t know about you, but I’m fully intending on the Brands’ Hawks humiliating the Cornhuskers in the true Corn State. Yeah, they have a first-ranked wrestler in the 157 weight class, but here’s to Iowa-born Cobe Siebrecht for the hopeful win.

Not only did the #3 Cyclones become the #4 Cyclones this week, they were beat out by another Big Ten team (fun fact: twelve teams from the Big Ten are ranked in the top-25 teams). On January 27th, the Cyclones host Oklahoma before hosting #12 Oklahoma State.

## Value added



The pep band has played at several home games and added an extra layer of entertainment to the event. (photo by Dannie Burkle)

Cutie

by Lily Huber

Aww, look at this Cutie! She keeps busy with volleyball, basketball, and softball and is a freshman. What you may or may not know is that her sister is a senior. Do you know who this is?



Last week's Cutie was Matthew Schaul.

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn?  
Because he had a great fall.

What happens when a strawberry gets run over crossing the street? Traffic jam.

What do you call a bear without any teeth?  
A gummy bear.

Why was the coach yelling at the vending machine? He wanted his quarter back.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Jocelyn Kelchen

**What event are you in for speech?**

Short Film

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

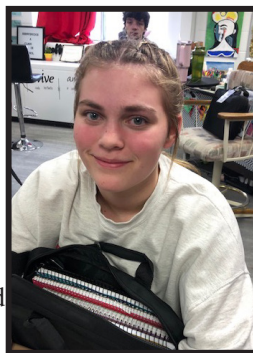
I really enjoy the fact that we are a small group and it is easy for us to work together and be creative. I also really like that we are respectful towards each other and are always open to new ideas.

**What have you learned through this event?**

Through this event I have learned how to step out of my comfort zone and talk to new people who I wouldn't usually talk to on a daily basis creating a few new friendships.

**Who is your speech role model?** I would say Kiera Leytem is my speech role model because she is a great leader for our group.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I would probably judge readers' theater I think it would be fun to watch.



Name: McKenna Bush

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

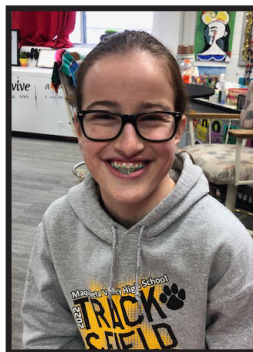
**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?**

Getting to know the people in my groups.

**What have you learned through this event?** I have learned to become a better public speaker.

**Who is your speech role model?** I have learned a lot from Mrs. DeVore in the time that I have done speech, so I would have to choose her!

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I think it would be a lot of fun to judge a choral reading because all of the performances are so different from each other.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Nathan Beitz

**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?** Winning

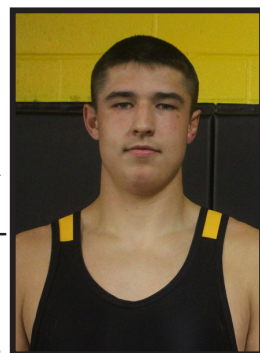
**How does competing this year feel different from last year?**

I feel stronger and kids feel weaker

**How do you mentally prepare for a match?**

Run

**What's your goal this season?** Place at state



Name: Josie Teymer

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?**

I genuinely love everyone on the team and going to practice is my favorite part of the day. We all get along really well and we are always respectful. Overall we have a lot of fun and our dedication to the team is the reason we placed high at state.

**What are skills that are required that will help you for the rest of your life?**

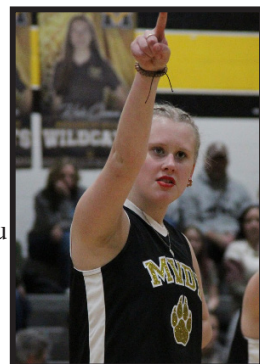
I would say having an open mind. You never know what life will throw at you... or the state choreographer.

**What do you**

**want the crowd to look for when you're performing?** We are all having a good time while performing. We take it seriously but we also have a lot of fun. It's really hard to choreograph and then teach it to eight other people. I just hope people recognize and appreciate all the hard work we put into each routine.

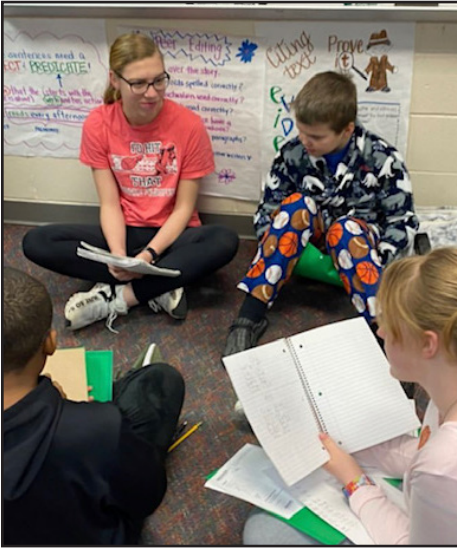
**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it?** Both state hip-hop routines I was involved in. I liked this year's state hip-hop, jock jams, the best tho. I liked how happy the songs were and I loved our costumes.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** I would love to do a pom routine to Ben Platts song, "Chasing You" or a hip hop routine to "Intergalactic" by the Beastie Boys.





## Spanish IV: Learning by teaching



The Spanish IV students recently completed an eight-week session of weekly visits to the fifth grade to teach Spanish greetings, days/months, colors, food, animals and more.

**Above: Grace Rowan leads her group. Below: Taylor Jones reviews some concepts with her group.**



**Right: MV alumni from the class of 2022 Adrienne Freiburger, Matthew Brehm, Paige Winter, Brock Trenkamp, Jackson Hunter Wagner and Devin Smith visited with the Comp I students last Friday. The alumni shared some of their college experiences and offered advice to the seniors.**

## Dying Words by Cadence Freiburger

Reverend

Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. During his early education, Martin Luther King Jr. attended segregated public schools until he was accepted into Morehouse College, which was where both his father and grandfather attended. King studied medicine and law before being convinced to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor. After graduating from Morehouse College, he attended Pennsylvania's Crozer Theological Seminary. He then attended Boston University where he earned his doctorate in systematic theology. While in Boston, King met Coretta Scott, and they were married in Montgomery, Alabama, where Martin Luther King Jr. became a pastor.



In 1955— following Rosa Parks' infamous decision to not get up from her seat— NAACP reached out to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Montgomery Bus Boycotts were the NAACP's response to the arrest of Rosa Parks, and they asked King to be the protest's leader and spokesman. The protest lasted 381 days. The success of these protests made King a target for white supremacists. In January, a group firebombed his home, and on September 20, 1958, Izola Ware Curry approached him at one of his book signings and asked him if he was Martin Luther King. After

his affirmation, she stabbed him in the chest. He survived, and the experience drove him closer to his hatred of violence.

With the help of others, Martin Luther King Jr. formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where activists worked together to reach full racial equality through non-violent measures. As president, he traveled a lot, giving speeches and lectures on nonviolence and equality. After moving back home, he continued his work for SCLC and was arrested. He continued his manifesto while in jail, naming it Letters from Birmingham Jail. After being released, Martin Luther King Jr. organized the March on Washington, which is one of the biggest protests that helped turn the tides of civil rights. At the Lincoln Memorial, he gave his infamous "I Have a Dream" speech and was named "Man of the Year" by TIME magazine, and he was the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Prize. He then broadened his activism towards other topics such as the Vietnam War and workers' rights.

While staying at a motel in Memphis before helping with a sanitation workers' strike, Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King was assassinated from his balcony. James Earl Ray was discovered to be the perpetrator, and he was sentenced to 99 years in prison after his confession. Years later, he took back his confession, and King's family endorsed this, convinced Ray was not Martin Luther King's killer. Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.'s final words are believed to be:

*"Ben, play 'Precious Lord' in the meeting tonight. Play it real pretty."*

## Sharing words of wisdom



## The Pet Corner



by Ava Cole

The pet corner's focus this week is Lovely. She is a ten year old cat who lives in Hopkinton with the Clemen family. Unlike her fluffy, puppy sibling, she has a very calm personality. Her hobbies include sleeping and not much else. She isn't very playful, but makes up for it in sheer cuteness.

**Cuddle-bility** - 10/10 - As a sleepy cat, she doesn't tend to move away from you. Wherever she sleeps, you can cuddle up next to her.

**Cuteness** - 10/10 - While she looks a bit upset in her photo, I believe she's still a cutie. Her cold stare may just be Lovely's unconventional way of showing affection.

**Friendliness** - 4/10 - It's difficult to befriend an animal that is often asleep. Unless your hobby is sleeping, of course.

**Loyalty** - 8/10 - Most cats tend to be pretty loyal, and she seems to be as well. It's difficult to run away if you stay still.

**Train-ability** - 0/10 - I'm not sure you can even train a cat. It doesn't seem like a worthy investment, anyway.

**Can I Take Them in a Fight?** - 6/10 - While it's realistic that my 5'7 build could take on a cat who's roughly nine inches tall, I'd feel bad. In addition to that, I don't think it's fair to take on a sleeping target.

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



National Cheese Lover's Day falls on the 20th this year, and students were asked questions all about cheese as a result.

**Question:** How many pounds of milk goes into a pound of cheese?

Brooke Hogan: 5

Jesus Rumbo: 4 maybe

McKenna Bush: 10

Preston Salow: 4

**Answer:** 10 pounds.

**Question:** How much does moose cheese cost per pound?

Brooke: \$50

Jesus: Didn't know there was moose cheese, \$40

McKenna: \$20

Preston: 100 dollies or sum like dat

**Answer:** \$450

**Question:** What do cheese makers call the holes in Swiss cheese?

Brooke: Mouse Holes

Jesus: Eyes?

McKenna: Eyes

Preston: Eyes

**Answer:** Eyes

**Question:** What causes the "eyes" in Swiss cheese?

Brooke: Air bubbles

Jesus: Rodents eating it

McKenna: Melting

Preston: Mixing it

**Answer:** Carbon Dioxide

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Smoking causes more deaths each year than HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, and firearm-related incidents **combined**.

## One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan



Loss: grief, frustration, shock. Memories: forgotten, gone, burned. Present: sadness, rage, dread. These are all the words people think of when they lose something or someone. Nobody

wants to think about the positive when something bad happens. They want to focus on the bad but not the good. They don't want to think about the good memories; they want to think about what they didn't do. What they could have done differently, and things could have changed if they had done something. Why do we human beings feel the need to make everything about ourselves? To make everything that has happened about ourselves? Why do we feel the need to make everything negative? I don't even know the answer, and all I can do is share my words to the people reading this. Be grateful for the people and things around you while they are still here.

Memories that we all share only come to us when the things we love are gone. We don't want to think about the good memories while the people we love are still here with us. We want to think all negative, and I think by unpopular opinion, that particular concept is wrong. We people need to be grateful for the people that have loved us and that have done many things for us before they leave us. This doesn't particularly mean death perhaps, but they could leave us for different reasons, and sometimes it isn't even our fault. We need to appreciate the good memories that we make with others and cherish them. We need to spread kindness to the people that are still with us and make sure that they know that we appreciate them and want them in our lives; otherwise, they may not know and leave us.

I am not trying to say that all people are not grateful, but I am trying to say that most people don't understand that people will leave us one day whether we like it or not. It is a part of life. Being obsessed with something or someone and then that thing being taken away from us can of course cause grief, but letting that take over you is showing how little you cared about them. The people you loved would want you to be happy and not let them take over your life. Just think about it. I am not trying to say this sound rude; I am trying to say this to get this message to the right people.

I don't have a goal for you all this week. I just want everyone to be grateful for the things and people around them all the time, and maybe think about the possible ways that you could spread your love to the people around you. Do some good this week, next week, and all throughout the year. I love you all, and I hope this message gets to the right people. I will see you all next week.