

Wildcat Echo

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FCS classes use talents, resources to help others

December is often a time of giving, and several FCS students embraced that spirit with the MV community.

The Beginning Foods class made and donated an entire roaster of chili for the December Delhi Legion soup supper and tree lighting.

The Fashion Design and Child Development classes helped with a memory quilt for Mrs. McDermott in honor of her daughter, Morgan. Kaya Knipper came up with the idea of making a quilt, and within a few days, the students put it together. The students gathered photos of Morgan and her family, scanned them and made them into quilt blocks.

Club 109 paid for all the supplies for both of the projects. The funds are raised from the profits from the custom shirt printing jobs.

"I just love seeing the kids be part of something more than just themselves," added Mrs. Downs.

Above right: The Beginning Foods class pose with their roaster of chili that they made and donated.

Right: Students pose with Mrs. McDermott and the quilt they designed and made.



Students invited to display work in library

Soup supper tonight!

MV FFA Alumni & Supporters
SOUP SUPPER

\$7 ages 12 and up
\$4 ages 5-11
FREE ages 5 and under
HS Cafeteria

JAN. 6TH

Chili Chicken Noodle Cheddar Broccoli Sandwiches



The library's facelift has provided some extra space, and Mrs. Montz is looking to showcase more of MV's talents.

Some shelves are available in the library to temporarily display student work. Do you have some artwork you'd like to show off? Maybe a woodworking or sewing project? These projects do not necessarily have to be ones completed for a class.

For more information, see Mrs. Montz.

Left: Senior Jena LeGassick displays a step stool she made in a woodworking class.

Sports Connection

Wildcats end 2022 with tough opponents, start 2023 with a win

by Toby Grimm

The girls basketball team faced some worthy opponents, including top-ranked North Linn, to end 2022, but they started 2023 with a win.

On Dec. 13, 2022 the MV girls basketball team traveled to Springville to challenge the experienced Orioles, in which the team fell short losing 44-49.

Grace Richter led the points column (17), followed by Ella Mensen (9), Haley Ronnebaum, Bianka Ronnebaum, and Jada Knipper (5), and Kennedy Rausch (3). Bianka Ronnebaum and Grace Richter led in boards (8 each), next was Haley Ronnebaum and Knipper (7 each), and Rausch (3). The girls outrebounded the Orioles by 12, but it was not enough to secure the win. Three days later the Cats took on the Ed-Co Vikings at home in a close matchup throughout the entire game, but the Vikings pulled away at the end, resulting in a 38-45 loss for the Cats.

Richter led the scoring (19), Bianka Ronnebaum (12), and Knipper (4). Richter completed an impressive double-double securing the most boards (10), followed by Knipper (5), Mensen, Rausch, and Bianka Ronnebaum (3 each). Rausch had nearly half the assists (5), both Ron-

nebaums and Knipper (2 each).

The following day, the team went to Monticello to play the ranked Panthers. After a slow start the team couldn't quite fight their way back into the game falling 25-43. Richter led in points once again (9), Haley Ronnebaum (6), Rausch (5), Reicher and Halverson (2 each). Knipper snagged the most rebounds (7), Bianka Ronnebaum and Alexis Halverson (4 each), and Rausch (3).

On Dec. 20, the last game before break, the Cats went to Troy Mills to compete against the highly rated North Linn Lynx. The Cats got down early and could never recover, falling 34-39. Richter led in scoring (21) Mensen and Binaka Ronnebaum (6 each). The Cats outrebounded the Lynx by 16, led by Richter (14), Haley Ronnebaum (6), and Bianka Ronnebaum and Knipper (4 each), falling to a 5-6 record on the year.

Coming back from break the girls team played the Central City Wildcats at home instead of on the road due to some Central City gym malfunctions. MV earned a 65-28 victory

Tonight, the team plays the Lisbon Lions at home. The statistics for those games will be in the next issue.



Madison Thompson eyes the hoop in Tuesday's game against Central City.
(photo by Dannie Burkle)

Wrestlers end 2022 at North Linn

MV's wrestlers ended 2022 with both a triangular and tournament at North Linn.

Dec. 15 found the wrestlers in a tri against North Linn and Starmont.

North Linn defeated MV 42-36. MV earned points through falls by Tyreese Crippen (152) in 1:06, Nathan Beitz (195) at 5:53, Brady Davis (220) at 0:24 and Aidan Salow (285) at 0:20. Brayden Bjorkgren (106) got a forfeit.

Starmont beat MV 36-24. MV earned points by Davis (220) with a quick pin at 0:06. Beitz, Salow and Bjorkgren all won by forfeit.

On Dec. 17, MV competed at the

North Linn Invitational and finished in 11th place of 13 teams.

Beitz was MV's top finisher in first place at 195. Salow finished second at 285. Bjorkgren at 106 finished sixth. Brendin Frasher at 113 and Mason Jolley at 170 finished in seventh place. Arion Rave at 138 finished eighth. Tyreese Crippen also competed.

Last night MV competed at Alburnett. Results will be in next week's issue.

MV is hosting its Farr Jebens tournament tomorrow and its only home meet Thursday. Make plans to attend!

Catching up with boys b'ball

by Chantel Crowley

Welcome back from break! Hard to believe it's January already, but let's rewind to December 6th (I know, a whole month ago!)

The boys basketball team played a home game against Edgewood-Colesburg that Tuesday night, winning 81 to 32.

Point contributors were Avery Holtz, 29; Lance McShane, 15; Treyton Cook, nine; Brady Wall, nine; Kody Hoeger, six; Ty Hoeger, four; Preston Salow, three; Toby Grimm, two; Tate Intorf, two; and Anderson Holtz, two.

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what's up?

What kind of Pillow Pet® did you have as a kid?

by Lily Huber

Dylan Sands: Mr. Bear

Jada Knipper: The bumblebee

Parker Ries: The cow one and the dog one

Lili Bauers: A ladybug

Maison Krapfl: A monkey

Noah Ingles: I had none

Mrs. Besler: I had a "Pillow People" girl, it was kinda creepy looking back at it

Kelsey Hoeger: A unicorn

McKenna Bush: I had the unicorn and the ladybug

Mason Jolley: I had the Hawkeye

Addie Hucker: I had the little zebra and the purple butterfly Dream Lite

Ethen Brockhohn: I had the brown dog

Jordan Hatfield: The purple unicorn

Caden Ries: I had a lion

Cutie

by Lily Huber

Can you believe this Cutie?! This Cutie is a junior and is involved in FFA, volleyball, and golf. A fun fact about her is that she has been out of the country two times. *Last Echo's Cutie was Kash Hunt.*



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

What do you call an alligator detective?

Answer: An investi-gator

What lights up a soccer stadium?

Answer: A soccer match

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?

Answer: Because it's pointless

What do you call a pig that does karate?

Answer: A pork chop

Hall Smart



by Maya Smith

We're back from break, and 2023 is beginning. In the spirit of the new year, students were asked questions about New Year's traditions this week.

In Columbia, what do people hold and run around the block with on New Year's Eve?

Ella Mensen: Flags

Brady Davis: Candles

Alissa Bush: Bags

Ty Hoeger: Candles

Answer: Empty Suitcases

What color of underpants symbolizes abundance and money in the new year in Peru?

Ella: Gold

Brady: Green

Alissa: Yellow

Ty: Pink

Answer: Yellow

In the Philippines, what shape symbolizes prosperity?

Ella: Triangle

Brady: Triangle

Alissa: Circle

Ty: Star

Answer: Circle

What do friends and family throw at each other's doors in Denmark on New Year's Eve?

Ella: Oranges

Brady: Chicken

Alissa: Bread

Ty: Baseballs

Answer: Plates

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Only 5 percent of high-school-age smokers believe they'll still be smoking five years after graduation, but they don't understand how difficult quitting can be. Research shows that after eight years, 75 percent of those smokers still will use some form of tobacco. Don't start, or quit today!

Boys basketball, cont.

For rebounds, McShane had nine, Avery Holtz had five, and Kody Hoeger, Grimm, and Wall had four each. Ty Hoeger had two, and Anderson Holtz had one for a total of 29 rebounds. As for assists, Cook led the way with five, Avery Holtz had three, and Kody Hoeger, Grimm, Anderson Holtz, and Wall had one each, leaving us with a total of 12 assists.

The following week, the team traveled to play against North Linn on Friday, December 16th. Unfortunately, they lost 43 to 72.

Avery Holtz was the leader in the points department with 18. McShane scored nine, Wall scored six, and Kody Hoeger scored four. Cook and Intorf scored three points each.

For assists, Grimm had eight, Wall had three, Cook had two, and Avery and Anderson Holtz had one each, for a total of 15 assists. As for rebounds, Cook had five, Grimm and Wall had three each, and Avery Holtz had two. McShane, Kody Hoeger, Preston Salow, and Intorf had one each, resulting in 17 rebounds.

After break, the boys traveled to Central City for an away game. The game was close, but the boys lost 46 to 51.

Scorers include Kody Hoeger with 12 points, Avery Holtz with 11, and Cook with nine. Grimm and McShane scored six each, and Wall scored two.

For rebounds, Kody Hoeger had nine, McShane and Grimm had four each, Cook had three, Avery Holtz had two, and Wall had one. This amounted to a total of 23 rebounds. As for assists, Cook and Wall had three each and Grimm had two, for a total of eight assists.

Their next game will have been a home game against Lisbon tomorrow and will be covered in the next issue.



Lance McShane works around a Central City defender. (photo by Dannie Burkle)