

Wildcat Echo

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Guest clinician works with band, jazz band *Team bonding*

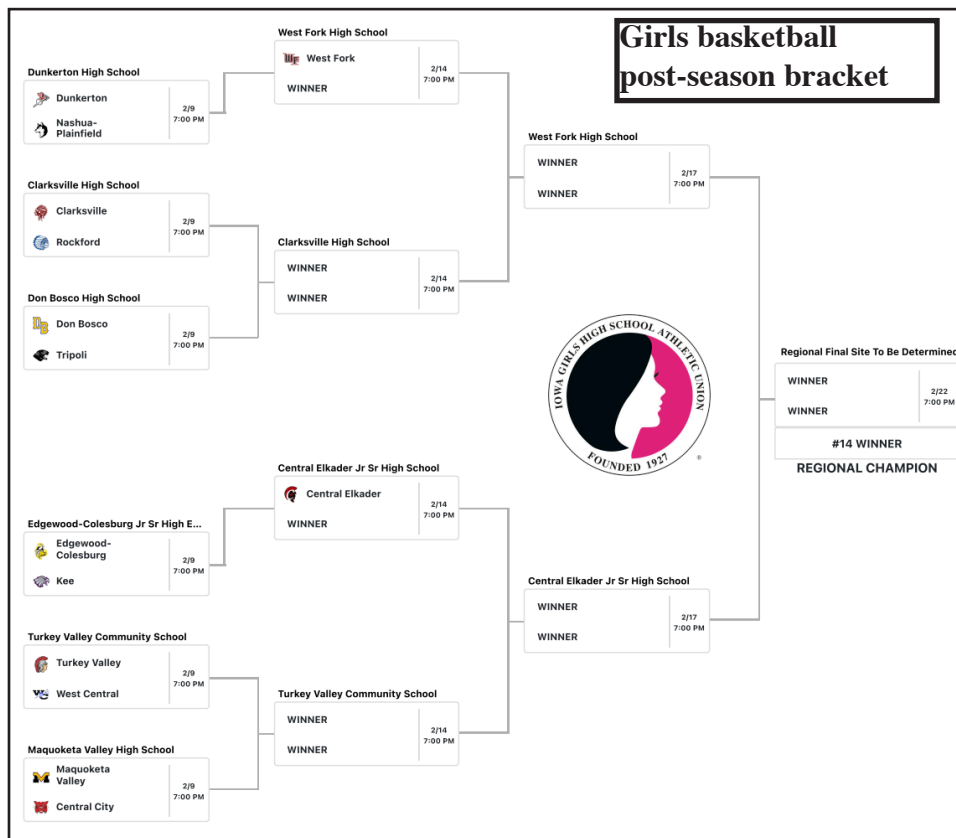


MV hosted Mr. Steve Stickney, Coordinator of Music Recruitment and Travel at Mount Mercy University, Tuesday. He worked with both the high school concert and jazz bands. "It was great having someone with his level of expertise and experience work with the students, and the students did a great job of presenting themselves as members of Maquoketa Valley," stated Mr. Ford. Above: Mr. Stickney offers feedback to the jazz band.



The MV dance team set their dancing shoes aside for an evening this week and made friendship bracelets as part of a team building activity.

Girls basketball post-season bracket



Student of the Week

Kiersten Bush

What is my favorite part of the school day? My favorite part of the day is P.E. and lunch because I get to have a break from school work.

What motivates you to do your best in school? My

parents, teachers, and friends motivate me to do the best in school.

What are your plans after high school?

My plans after high school is to go to school to become a flight attendant.

—Kiersten was nominated by Mr. Andrews



Wildcats close in on end of conference play

Boys basketball

by Chantel Crowley

Last week, on Friday, January 27th, the MV Boys Basketball team traveled to Edgewood to play against Ed-Co. MV won 68 to 29.

Point scores included Lance McShane, 28; Avery Holtz, 14; Kody Hoeger, ten; Toby Grimm, eight; Treyton Cook, three; Tate Intorf, two; Ty Hoeger, two; and Dylan Knipper, one.

For rebounds, McShane had ten, Cook had seven, and Grimm and Kody Hoeger had six each. Avery Holtz and Knipper had two each, and Preston Salow had one for a total of 34 rebounds. As for assists, there were a total of 19. Avery Holtz had ten, Grimm had three, Cook and McShane had two each, and Kody Hoeger and Salow had one each.

The following week, on Monday, Jan. 30, the boys had a home game against North Linn, where they lost 34 to 74.

Scorers included McShane, ten; Grimm, eight; Avery Holtz, six; Cook, six; Kody Hoeger, two; and Ty Hoeger, two.

For assists, there were a total of 11. Grimm had four, Avery Holtz had three, Cook had two, and McShane and Kody Hoeger had one each. For rebounds, Kody Hoeger had seven, Cook had five, and McShane had four. Grimm and Avery Holtz had three each, Knipper had two, and Ty Hoeger had one, for a total of 25 rebounds.

Girls basketball

The girls have faced some tough competition lately with a 60-31 loss to

TJ Cook
out-
rebounds
a North
Linn de-
fender.



Triple threat

Haley Ronnebaum, Grace Richter and Alexis Halverson put pressure on an Ed-Co player. (photos by Dannie Burkle)

North Linn Monday night.

The Wildcats were able to hang with the #2 ranked Lynx in the first quarter trailing 8-7. After that the Lynx built a 23-14 halftime lead and later outscored the Cats 22-7 in the fourth quarter.

Last Friday, however, the Wildcats defeated the Ed-Co Vikings 55-47 in Viking territory. The Wildcats trained 24-22 at halftime, but they came on strong in the second half, outscoring Ed-Co 24-11 in the third quarter.

Top scorers for the night were Haley Ronnebaum with 26 points and Bianka Ronnebaum with 14. Ella Mensen added 10 with Kennedy Rausch adding a three-pointer. Grace Richter and Jada Knipper each had one point. Rausch had six assists; Mensen, 2; Bianka Ronnebaum, 3; and Haley Ronnebaum, 3.

MV shot over 44% accuracy from behind the three-point line compared to Ed-Co's 12%. The Wildcats' skill at the freethrow line also helped the game, as MV shot 68% compared to Ed-Co's 42.9%.

Defensively, Rausch and both Ronnebaums all had two steals each. Knipper and Leah Reicher had one steal each.

Bianka Ronnebaum led in rebounds with nine. Haley Ronnebaum had six and Reicher had four. Mensen and Richter each had three rebounds, and Rausch and Knipper had one apiece.

Tonight the teams play Easton Valley at home. The girls enter post-season with a home game against Central City Feb. 9.

Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith

As basketball season begins to come to a close, I decided to ask some students about the sport.

Question: How long was the longest NBA game in history?

Jena LeGassick: 3 hours

Trinity Chadwick: 4 hours

Tiera Morgan: 4 hours

Madison Thompson: 2hrs and 34 mins

Answer: 78 minutes (How long the clock ran)

Question: How many people have been inducted into the basketball hall of fame?

Jena: 100

Trinity: 200

Tiera: 185

Madison: 323

Answer: About 400

Question: Which basketball team has the most inductees?

Jena: The Iowa Hawkeyes

Trinity: I really don't know any teams

Tiera: The Celtics

Madison: 330

Answer: The Boston Celtics at 40

Question: Which Olympic decathlon winner was drafted in 1976?

Jena: Tom Holland

Trinity: Absolutely no idea

Tiera: Bruce Jenner

Madison: Bruce

Answer: Caitlyn (formerly Bruce) Jenner



what's up?

What is your favorite month of the year and why?

by Lily Huber

Livia Hermanson: December because you get to see family, break off school, soup season, and you get to give and receive gifts

Sami DeMoss: Definitely August because that's when I'm tan!

Kaitlyn Nolan: My favorite month is October because it's football season

Erin Knipper: July because it's summer, and it's hot out, and I'm free

Ian Krogmann: July because we're not in school

Lainey Deutmeyer: June and July are my favorites

Ford Domeyer: Imma have to say July because of fair

Jordan Hatfield: July because of the Fourth of July, it's my fav. It's my prime.

Devin Meeks: October because of football season, hoodies, homecoming, and Halloween

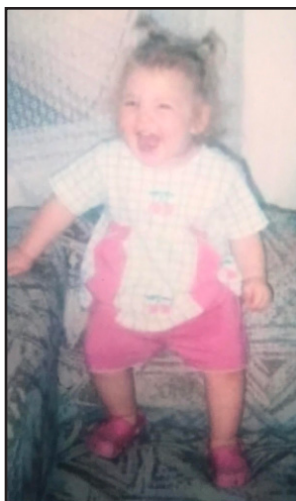
Chantel Crowley: January, because of my birthday

Mr. Palmer: Hmm, I would say February because today (2/2) is my birthday and I like snow skiing, but my other one is July because of the fair.

Cutie

by Lily Huber

This lil' Cutie is a senior and is involved in track and field. She is the youngest out of nine kids! Do you know who this is? *Last week's Cutie was Landyn Haas.*



Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Kayla Otting

What event are you in for speech?

I am in One-Act.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I love the atmosphere! Everyone is so friendly, and we always encourage each other to do our best. Because

this is my first year, I was extremely nervous that I was going to be super uncomfortable. I ended up loving it instead! The people I work with are amazing at what they do, and I'm glad I got to experience the joy that is speech before I graduate!

What have you learned through this event? I have learned so much during my time with speech. I've learned to come out of my shell even more than I already have, and I feel so much more comfortable speaking in front of others. I've also learned that performing isn't as bad as I thought it would be. I love performing our One-Act in front of people because I know it can empowering for others. I'm glad I got the opportunity to inspire others, and I've learned that knowing I've inspired others is the best feeling in the world.

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model has to be Mrs. DeVore. She's pushed me to go so far out of my comfort zone, and I've appreciated her so much for it. As I've stated before, I've gone so far out of my comfort zone, and Mrs. DeVore has supported me the whole way. This experience I've enjoyed is thanks to Mrs. DeVore because she's the one who influenced me to go out for speech, and I couldn't be more thankful.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? I would either judge Readers Theatre, One-Act, or Improv. When I went to conference and districts, I saw a lot of good things from these performances. One-Act is fun for me, so I would definitely love to judge my own event. Every Readers Theatre I went to was amazing, and I love that you don't have to memorize anything. The ones I watched were more serious, so I would love to judge one. Improvs are so random, and they can grow so complex. I love that brilliant minds can create vivid scenes for us to watch, so I would love to judge Improv.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Maddy Kemp

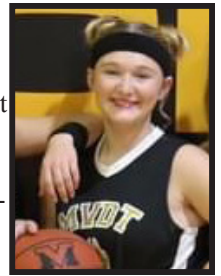
What do you enjoy most about dance team? My favorite part about dance is getting to watch everyone grow, not only as dancers but also as people.

What's the hardest part of it? One of the hardest parts about dance is remembering each individual count and/or word each move is on, and another personal struggle is to remember to smile all the time.

What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? Probably last year's state hip hop "Venom" or this year's state pom. I think these are my favorite routines just because at the end of each run I was always tired no matter how many times we did them, not to mention they were fun to do too and they did well at state.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? One thing people don't realize about dance is how much work actually goes into it. It's not just learning the dance and going out to perform. It's cutting the music, choreographing count by count, breaking everything down to teach it, then perfecting it through the countless walk throughs and full outs.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use? Definitely contemporary, and I would probably do "Always Remember Us This Way" by Lady Gaga.



Name: Lance McShane

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? Winning

How have you evolved as a player? Doing work in the offseason like getting shots up and lifting

What's been a favorite basketball memory? TJ throwing a wii remote at the tv while playing bowling at our NIACC camp

What's your favorite warm-up song? "A tale of 2 citiez" by J. Cole

Who's your basketball role model? Larry Bird



Dying Words

by Cadence Freiburger

Emily Dickinson was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, on December 10, 1830. Dickinson's family was well-respected. Her father was a state legislator, and he married her mother in 1828. Seven years of her college career were spent at Amherst Academy, and she spent another year at Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. She eventually stopped attending the academy, and the reason is unknown. Some think it was her mental state while others speculate her father pulled her from school. Attending college wasn't the only progressive act made by Emily Dickinson, she also refused to join a specific religion, which was unheard of at the time.



Emily's mother eventually fell ill, and Emily—as well as her sister Lavinia—were put in charge of caring for her. After their mother's death, neither Dickinson girl married, and they lived on the family homestead until their deaths. It is unknown why Emily never left and married, but it is speculated she faced mental health issues. Throughout her life, Emily wrote many poems, but they were all kept private until her death.

At 55, Emily Dickinson passed away due to heart failure. She was buried on her family's homestead in Amherst, Massachusetts. Lavinia found her collection of poems and published them, making Emily Dickinson into the famous writer she is today. Emily's final words reflect very well on her poetry.

"I must go in, the fog is rising."

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

The tobacco industry spends

billions of dollars each year on marketing cigarettes. Do not get influenced by these companies.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Ah yes. Shoes. You know I love them. My favorite shoe brand is Converse for a number of reasons. They're comfy, cute, and in my opinion, practical. They also are one of the most successful brands to keep the trend of high-top shoes alive. You wouldn't expect it but high-top sneakers have been around since 1917. The first sneaker was the Chuck Taylor All Star by Converse. Back then they would have cost about \$3. Although they were a thing all the way back in the 20s, they did not reach popularity until the 70s when many basketball teams adopted the shoe to the court. At that point, they would be either black or white. Today, you can get them in every color, every design, and every style. The classic Chuck Taylors are still a ma-

jor inspiration for fashion fanatics and you can see other brands even trying to copy them to make them their own. For

example, in the past few years, Adidas has released a number of shoes that they call "mids." These shoes look a lot like All Stars. They have the platform and the high top. I think that Adidas version is cute, and I'm glad it's not a complete rip off, but I think it's obvious what they were trying to embody. Overall, Converse has been a part of fashion circles for decades, and I don't see them going away anytime soon.



One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

Recently, I finished a book called, "A Fault in Our Stars" by John Green. Great book by the way, I would really recommend it, but there was such a strong message that this book shared about the meaning of life, and oblivion. And, I feel like it is a great message that I could share with you all, and that you can take and pass it on to someone else.



In the beginning scenes, the social worker, Patrick, asks Augustus what he is most afraid of. Augustus responds, "oblivion." Basically, he didn't want to be forgotten after he died, and he wanted to make an impact on the world because of his great circumstances, such as living through a surgery where his leg got cut off due to cancer. Hazel Grace, the main character of the book, stands up and responds that he shouldn't be afraid of oblivion, because no matter what he does, he will be forgotten in the end, because the world will die, and there will be no one left to remember him. This could be seen as a very dark message, but I decided to look at it in a different light. What Hazel is trying to say is

that you should do what you want to, and don't worry about if it will be the last thing that you do. Just do things that you love.

This is a really important message because people usually try to avoid doing things that scare them or will be uncomfortable to them. But the truth is, how are we ever going to improve if we don't do things that are "scary" or that makes us uncomfortable? It is how we have improved as a society and how we have come this far.

What I am trying to say is that you should not hold back on your dreams. Even if you think that it is not possible, that still shouldn't hold you back. Everyone is capable of everything, and you never know what is going to happen unless you try. What happens next is inevitable, so why worry? You only live once, and one day there will be nobody left on this earth to even remember the popular people, so get out there and do great things.

My challenge for you all next week is to consider your future. What do you want to do in your life? What is going to make you happy? It doesn't matter if it doesn't make other people happy, you should be doing things like this for yourself. It's your life, so live it to the fullest. I hope you all have a great Friday and I will see you next week! Thank you.