

## Big Games on the Big Stage

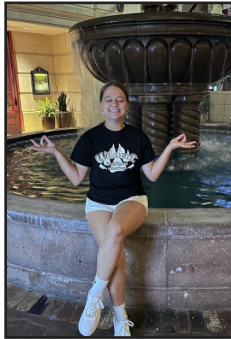
The Iowa Hawkeye women's basketball team keeps proving with each passing game that they deserve their second-ranked spot in the AP Poll. Not only did they recently complete their dominant season sweep against Wisconsin, they took down previously #14 Indiana at Carver, 84-57, who fell to #16 in the rankings. The point gap is noticeably larger than the close score from last year's home game where star Caitlin Clark hit a tremendous last-minute 3-pointer to seal the deal. They remain at the top of the Big Ten rankings.

The men's team has been pulling their weight recently as well. They went from being ranked 13th in the Big Ten to 7th (still not 1st, but it's Iowa... so, you know, I'll take what I can get). The team played pretty well against both Minnesota and Nebraska, but they play #2 Purdue on Saturday. Let's see how that plays out.

For the Ames side of things, both teams are doing really well. Ironically, the men and the women both have the #24 spot in the rankings; however, the women's team is 2nd in the Big 12 while the men only stand at 10th. How did this happen?

Well, the men have been staying, for lack of my better words, "average." They play well and win games, but obviously not consistently enough to be 10th in the Big 12. The boost they needed came when they took down #2 Houston... yet fell to #20 BYU.

The women have fared better all around. The Cyclones have only lost 5 games this season (one of them against #2 Iowa) and took down #4 Baylor at home. I'm interested in seeing how the rest of the season plays out for them.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

## Speech competition to be held tomorrow



Due to inclement weather, the Tri-Rivers Conference large group speech competition was canceled last Saturday which makes tomorrow's district competition the inaugural public showing for this year's team. Students earning a Division I rating will advance to state. The students will compete at Cascade High School.

**Above: Mrs. DeVore and Ms. Droeszler talk through contest logistics with a TV News group.**

**Left: Trish Dietiker and Cheyenne Eike (Carly Dirks, not pictured) rehearse their group mime.**

## New Wildcat in the house

by Ella Reicher

You may have noticed a couple of new faces here at MV joining us in the new semester. Here is more about one of the three new students.

Chelsea Bussan is a junior that has open enrolled from Western Dubuque from Dyersville. Outside of school, Chelsea loves playing Xbox in her free time. An interesting fact about her is that she has five Malonis dogs! If you see her in the hallways don't be afraid to say hello and welcome Chelsea to Maquoketa Valley.

Read about other new students in our next issue.



# Nothing chilly about girls basketball play; Wildcats earn two wins

by Maya Smith

Despite the cold weather and cancellations, the girls basketball team was able to play against North Cedar last week on Thursday and Alburnett this Tuesday.

The North Cedar game was a chance for the girls to have some fun and take some shots. The girls hit the ground running, with an early 1st quarter lead of 35 - 2. They didn't let up during the rest of the game, ending with a lead of 84-10.

Coach Moenck commented "We really got off to a great start in this game. I was very proud of our effort tonight. We played very hard. We guarded very well and

we hit a lot of shots early which allowed us to jump out to a big lead early. Probably the thing I was most impressed with was the way we shared the ball with one another. We did a great job of making the extra pass which led to an easier shot. If we continue to play hard and improve we will be a very tough out during postseason."

Point leaders for the game were Bianka Ronnebaum with 23, Haley Ronnebaum with 20, and Grace Richter with 16. Rebound leaders were Bianka Ronnebaum with 11, Alexis Halverson with 8, and Haley Ronnebaum with 3. Assist leaders were Bianka Ronnebaum with 9, Haley Ronne-

baum with 6, and Lanni Beaman with 3.

The girls secured another win against Alburnett this Tuesday, 53-41. Point leaders for the game were Haley Ronnebaum with 15, Bianka Ronnebaum with 9, and Lexi Halverson and Leah Reicher both with 8. Rebound leaders were Jada Knipper with 6, Bianka Ronnebaum with 5, and Lexi Halverson and Haley Ronnebaum both with 4. Assist leaders were Bianka Ronnebaum with 4 and Haley Ronnebaum with 3.

Last night MV played at Midland. The Wildcats are scheduled to host Star-mont tonight.

## Wrestlers get good competition at Springville meet

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Weather has really put a damper on high school athletics as of late, and the Maquoketa Valley boys' wrestling team is just another team that had to deal with Mother Nature. The tournament against MFL MarMac last Saturday was canceled because of bad weather, but thankfully the team got the chance to compete earlier that week on Thursday at Springville. On the road, the Wildcats battled against the East Buchanan Buccaneers, the North Cedar Knights, and the Springville Orioles.

The Wildcats fell to a tough East Buc team, 30-54. At 165, Dalton Africa fell to Clay Wilgenbusch (1:26). Wrestling at 175, Ivan Otto won by decision against Tucker Burns (6-0), but Braden Ronne-

baum fell to James Graham (4-7). Nathan Beitz, wrestling at 190, took down Tanner Turn (6-0), but in HWT, Aidan Salow was pinned by Cody Fox (4:51). Brayden Bjorkgren pinned Kaden Hepke at 113 (1:26). At 150, Tyreese Crippen pinned Jack Gericke (2:40), and at 157, Clayton Davis pinned Carter Wilgenbusch (5:41). In the same weight class, Rogan Heidt fell to Derrick Lindsay (2:16). Kyle Engelken, wrestling at 144, came up short against Colton Torres (3-9).

MV dominated the Springville Orioles, 48-18. Ronnebaum had the only

loss of the match with the rest of the team either winning by forfeit or pin with not a single match going over the 3-minute mark!

The last match of the night for the Wildcats was against Knights of North Cedar. Engelken, C. Davis, Ronnebaum, Beitz, B. Davis, and Salow all came away with pins, and Africa earned victory by forfeit to allow the Wildcats to take the dub, 42-12.

Tomorrow the Wildcats travel to Midland High School for tournament competition. Those results will be in next week's article.

## Boys go 1-1 in recent play

MV boys went 1-1 in recent play, with a win against North Cedar last Thursday and an overtime loss against Alburnett Tuesday night.

MV defeated North Cedar 72-37. "I was really happy with how our guys played 4 solid quarters against North Cedar," stated Coach Conner. "We had a great 1st quarter to set the tone early and then did a good job of building a lead throughout the rest of the game. Brady Wall came up huge for us, getting things going early, being active on defense to create some turnovers and then knocking down some jump shots. He led us with 22 points on the night. Kody Hoeger knocked down some key 3's in the 2nd half and ended the night with 17 points. Lance fought through some first half foul trouble and adjusted really well and ended the night with 15 points and 8 rebounds. With all of the crazy weather and cancellations, it was nice to be able to get a game in, and then really see our guys play to this level."

Along with his 22 points, Wall also had two assists and three steals. Tate Intorf added 10 points. Anderson Holtz had five points and two steals, and Toby Grimm

added three points with two assists.

MV gave Alburnett a run for their money, leading most of the game and with a halftime score of 26-23. At the end of regulation play, the times were tied at 55. Alburnett outscored MV in overtime to win 64-60.

"I told our guys that Alburnett felt as if we stole a win from them when we beat them earlier in the season, so they were going to bring a different intensity to this game, plus it was on the road at their place," stated Coach Conner. "We led the game for 3 1/2 quarters, but just came up short in overtime. Toby Grimm played a huge role in this game and I thought he was the best player on the floor throughout most of the game. We had some key turnovers in the overtime segment that came back to bite us and allowed Alburnett to build a little bit of a lead in OT. I was really proud of how our guys left it all on the floor and fought the entire game. We will grow from this loss and use it to help us make a deep run in the postseason."

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## Milestone win



Congratulations to senior Brady Davis for earning his 100th earlier this month.



## Deep Dive by Arianna Nolan



Welcome back, divers, to a new addition to Deep Dive! This week, we will look at the round stingray, scientifically known as the urobatis halleri.

Usually, these creatures weigh under three pounds and are 10 inches or smaller. When eating, they usually glaze along the ocean floor, using their fin and mouths to get food buried in the dirt, but they can also be seen eating in the upper waters at times. These creatures are not aggressive but will defend themselves against strangers. The dangerous part of these creatures is that they have a venomous tail that when stepped on will release the venom and can cause serious wounds. These stings can cause severe pain and swelling that can last for a couple of days to weeks.

It is important that when you see them, you keep your distance from them. If you want to observe these animals from a safe distance, then many aquariums will have them for you to watch.

If you want more information about these critters, please check out the website Aquarium of the Pacific, where all the information for this column has been provided. I hope you all learned something new, and that you have a fantastic weekend!

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing? In case they get a hole in one!

What did the ocean say to the beach?  
Nothing, it just waved.

What did Baby Corn say to Mama Corn?  
Where's Pop Corn?

Where do you learn to make a banana split? Sundae school.

Where do boats go when they're sick? To the boat doc.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Josie Teymer

**How have you evolved as a dancer since freshman year?**

A lot. When I was a freshman I couldn't even do a toe touch. Now I can do that and much more. I have also gained a lot of confidence through dance.

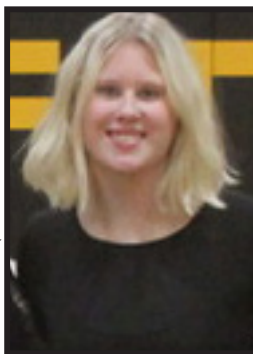
As a freshman I would have never

imagined choreographing a dance and now I have done and helped a few.

**What has been your all-time favorite routine?** My all time favorite routine has got to be our state hip-hop routine from last year.

**What do you see as a strength of this team?** I think our biggest strength is that we are able to help others. If someone is struggling with a part of a routine there are so many people who want to help that person. We are also very good at making each other laugh.

**What will you miss most about dance?** I think that what I will miss most about dance is going to practice. Though some of the dances that we do are hard, practice is a lot of fun and I love my teammates. We all support each other and are able to mess around but also get a lot accomplished. I will also miss seeing how everyone evolves from the beginning of the season to the end. I can't wait to see this amazing team continue to grow.



Name: Brady Wall

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** I

enjoy spending time with my teammates on and off the court and winning.

**How is this year different from your freshman season?** I feel

more comfortable with my game and have been more confident.

**What's your favorite warmup song?**

"All of the Lights" by Kanye

**What's your favorite drill at practice?** Around the World shooting



Name: McKenna Mineart

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** The atmosphere and routines before games. Also the way we all work hard for our goal, but still have fun at the same time.

**How have you evolved as a player?** By working hard at practice and shooting on my own time, which then carries over to games.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** There are many, but the time when Ava tripped Macee coming out in our run-out lines at the Lisbon game.

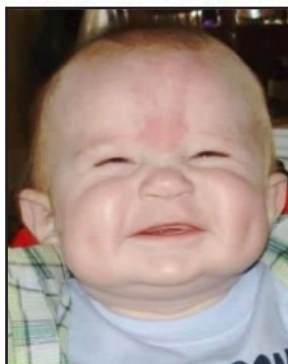
**Who's your basketball role model?** Bianca Ronnebaum



## Cutie

by Lily Huber

Look at this cheesin' Cutie! This Cutie is also a sophomore and is involved in cross country, track, and baseball. A fun fact about him is that he is a self-proclaimed "Pro Fortnite Gamer." Do you know who this is? Last week's Cutie was Ryan Aulwes.



## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

The overdose death rate among people who use opioids and benzodiazepines is 10 times higher than among those who only use prescription opioids. If you're suffering from addiction, a drug detox center can help you safely overcome drug dependence and lower your risk for a deadly overdose - America's Rehab Campuses

# Dying Words

by Cadence Freiburger

Eleanor Roosevelt (Oct. 11, 1884–Nov. 7, 1962) redefined the responsibilities of America's First Ladies. She was born to Elliot Roosevelt and Anna Hall. At a young age, she lost both parents and moved in with her Grandmother in New York. Eleanor was privately tutored until she was fifteen. At fifteen, she was sent to Allenswood—an all-girl school—in England. She returned to New York at 18 with a new passion for social work and teaching young girls.

On March 17th of 1905, Eleanor married Franklin Delano Roosevelt—her fifth cousin and had six children. At first, she shifted her focus from social work and teaching to raising children. Then, when World War One began, she began working for the American Red Cross and volunteered at Navy hospitals. In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt developed Polio, and the illness pushed Eleanor into the political world in order to help push her husband's beliefs while also developing her own political presence. She became a part of the League of Women Voters, Women's Division of the New York State Democratic Committee, the Women's Trade Union League, developed Val-Kill, and taught at Todhunter School (another all-girl school).

Eleanor Roosevelt's political career was only more successful as the First Lady of the United States. As First Lady, she made history. She was the first First Lady to hold her own press conference with an all-female audience. Eleanor was often described as FDR's "eyes, ears, and

legs" as she traveled the nation observing working conditions. She also held her husband accountable for his New Deal when Pearl Harbor was bombed. In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow an African American woman to sing in their auditorium, so Eleanor Roosevelt gave up her membership at the DRA. Her fight for equality didn't end there as she began a daily column called "My Day" where she pushed for her ideals. Then, even more impactful, she was the Assistant Director of Civilian Defense.

After FDR passed, Eleanor continued her political work. She was appointed to the United Nations General Assembly as the chair of the Human Rights Commission. As chair, she drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. When President Eisenhower was elected, she stepped down from her chair, and she became a part of both the United Nations' American Association and the United Nations' World Federation. After becoming chair of the Associations' Board of Directors, Kennedy appointed her to the National Advisory Committee of the Peace Corps and chair of the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

In her final years, Eleanor lived in New York. After her death, she was buried beside FDR in the Rose Garden of Hyde Park—their estate. When she died, Eleanor spoke her last words:

*"Utter nonsense."*



## JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Upon request this week's topic is on Uggs. Though I don't own a pair, I have noticed that it is a popular trend at school, especially the Tasman slippers.

If I did own a pair of these shoes/slippers, I would wear them a few different ways. The first way that I would wear them is with a pair of mom jeans, a sweater, and then either a blazer or a leather jacket. Because the Tasman slippers usually have a colored collar lining, I would match the sweater to that color and then wear a black outer layer such as a leather jacket.

Another way that I would wear these shoes is with some white leg warm-

ers, a black skirt, a white under shirt, and a collared shirt over the white top. Then because it is cold, I would wear a long trench coat over the fit.

The last way that I would style the Tasman uggs is by pairing them with a matching set of either sweats or shorts and a top. Then, to make the outfit better, you can add accessories like jewelry, hats, or a fun bag.



## Meet the Freshmen



**Kolin, Sellah & Tess**

Name: Kolin Cole

Siblings: Tommie Cole and Erick Cole

Activities you plan to be in: Band

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Animal rehabilitation

Hobbies: Gaming and drawing.

Something cool about you: I have a pet toad named Sherif.

Name: Tess Intorf

Siblings: Tate Intorf

Activities you plan to be in: Dance, cheer, softball, volleyball, track.

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: Cosmetologist, dance choreographer

Hobbies: Dancing, drawing, painting.

Something cool about you: I'm an all star dancer, so I'll compete for Worlds in Florida.

Name: Sellah Ambundo

Siblings: Keziah, AJ, Zari, Julia, Mallori, and Charity

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, track, softball, speech, musical/play, jazz band, ISTEP, and TEL

Favorite subject: History

Career aspirations: Aerospace engineering, history professor, airforce and spaceforce

Hobbies: Painting, music, and swimming.

Something cool about you: I broke a school record in shot put and most middle school track teams fear me I guess.

—typist: Grace Richter