

Musicians put abilities to the test at contest

by Maya Smith

Last weekend, the band and choir traveled to Cascade to participate in the Solo/Ensemble Contest. It was a packed day of solos and groups. Ratings for from I-V. Here are your results:

Choir Division I

George Livingston, solo
Senior Treble Ensemble (Addie Rudd, Lauren Knock, Morgan Krumviede, Kaitlyn Nolan, Cadence Freiburger, Zari Ambundo, Brianna Hines, Braxtyn Gardner, Lacey Barry, and Chantel Crowley)
Trio (Tristan Dietz, Sellah Ambundo, Tracey Reth)

Jesús Rumbo, solo

Kaitlyn Nolan, solo

Sellah Ambundo, solo

Chantel Crowley, solo

Bass Clef Ensemble (Tristan Dietz, Trish Dietiker, Cece Trenkamp, Brady Eike, Shane Wright, Owen Boring, Mason Jolley, Jake Gellersen, Rousch Lammers, Jesús Rumbo, and George Livingston)

Chantel Crowley and Kaitlyn Nolan, duet

Choir Division II

Carly Dirks, solo

Sophomore/Junior Treble Ensemble (Ollie Hunter, Emily Rudd, Arianna Taylor, Jocelyn Kelchen, Carly Dirks, Willow Fuller, Aubrey Knock, Arianna Nolan, Alissa Bush, and Taylor Saunders)

Freshman Treble Ensemble (Sellah Ambundo, Cheyenne Eike, Tracy Reth, Gracie Palmersheim, Breece Hoisington, and Sam Howes)

Small Choir (Arianna Taylor, Cadence Freiburger, Jocelyn Kelchen, Cheyenne Eike, Gracie Palmersheim, Olivia Hunter, Addie Rudd, Lauren Knock, Morgan Krumviede, Emily Rudd, Lacey Barry, Sam Howes, Breece Hoisington, Brianna Hines, Taylor Saunders, Aubrey Knock, Braxtyn Gardner, Arianna Nolan, Alissa Bush, Zari Ambundo, Owen Boring, Cece Trenkamp, Shane Wright, Rousch Lammers, Jake Gellersen, Mason Jolley, and Brady Eike)

Choir Division III

Calry Dirks and Trish Dietiker, duet



The Bass Voice Quartet of Josie Teymer, Joellen Beitz, Sellah Ambundo and Carly Dirks perform at contest.

Band Division I

Sax Quartet (McKenna Bush, Jake Gellersen, Isabella Mensen, Josie Teymer)

Kaitlyn Nolan, clarinet solo

Sebastian Charles, oboe solo

McKenna Bush, alto sax solo

Band Division II

Clarinet Quartet (Kaitlyn Nolan, Ella Wulfekuhle, Trish Dietiker, Joellen Beitz)

Woodwind Choir (Alissa Bush, Cheyenne Eike, Willow Fuller, Carly Dirks, Sebastian Charles, Kaitlyn Nolan, Ella Wulfekuhle, Trish Dietiker, Emily Hogan, McKenna

Bush, McKayla Weber, Sam Howes, Logan Clemen, Isabella Mensen, Joellen Beitz, Josie Teymer)

Band Division III

Bass Voice Quartet (Sellah Ambundo, Josie Teymer, Joellen Beitz, Carly Dirks)

Brass Quartet (Brady Eike, Racheal Hoefler, Maya Smith, Sellah Ambundo)

Mixed Woodwind Duet (Josie Teymer and Kaitlyn Nolan)

Brady Eike, trumpet

Maya Smith, trombone

Etiquette dinner provides learning opportunities



The third-level Advanced Foods class hosted an etiquette dinner Wednesday night. They planned and prepared everything necessary for this community event, including meal planning, budgeting, advertising and serving. Pictured are some guests.

MV golf tees off for the season

Girls

by Kaya Knipper

The Maquoketa Valley Girls golf team got a few meets under their belt to start off the quick season. Last Friday the team hosted the Springville Orioles at Hartbridge Golf Course. The girls came up a bit short for the team score, 243-239. Kaya Knipper and Livia Hermansen tied for runner-up at 54, after the hole back they were still tied so the score went back to total score on holes 4-9. Knipper came up ahead and secured the runner-up medal. Ella Hoge finished with a 51 to push Hermansen from medaling. Other notable scores include Ella Wulfekuhle, 67; Cece Trenkamp, 68; Morgan Clemen, 69.

On Tuesday the team traveled to Backbone Golf Course to take on the Starmont Stars. The girls came up short once again 247-241. Knipper medaled shooting a 58 but Starmont's Billie Jo Schlueter was ahead with a 56. Other notable scores of the meet include, Hermansen, 60; Morgan Clemen, 64; Isabella Mensen, 65; Maya Smith, 71 and Alissa Bush, 81.

Coach Zietlow stated, "I was encouraged with the first two meets of the season. As a team we are just 10 strokes from being 2-0 instead of 0-2. That's not a lot. At the very beginning of the season about three weeks ago almost all of the girls have had a tweak or two with their swing. That takes a lot of practice for those changes to become more consistent."

When asked if he is excited to see the growth of the players over the season, he mentioned: "To be honest everyone is new to me this year being a new coach! I'm excited already with the growth I have seen from everyone on the team. I wish my three seniors (CeCe, Kaya, Liv) had a few more years left. I'm especially excited to see the growth of Kaya and Liv over the next four weeks. Both of them have the ability to medal in every meet. I'm having a blast coaching. This is a fun team to be around. I'm excited to watch all nine players continue to improve over the next four weeks."

The girls will host the Central City this Friday and the results will be in next week's Echo.

Boys

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Coach Conner and the boys' golf team started the season off strong this year with a win over Springville at Hart Ridge,

174-179. Senior Toby Grimm led the way with a 35, a 6-stroke difference from Heber Blackmore of Springville in 2nd place. Freshman Trevor Grimm followed up in 3rd with a 42.

"I was really pleased with how all of our guys handled themselves in our first meet," stated Coach Conner. "We have a number of players who are playing their first round of competitive high school golf, so I was expecting some nerves from our guys. Toby had an excellent round, but I was very proud of how he stayed composed after a bogey on his opening hole. Toby putted really well and was able to birdie both par 3's and finish with a nice par to shoot even par 35 and was the meet medalist. His round was the difference between us winning and losing the meet as you said so I am very happy for him to get off to a great start this season. His brother, Trevor, also had a nice round, shooting 42. I know Trevor felt like he left a couple of strokes out on the course with a few bad swings, but now that he has played in a Varsity meet, he knows a little more what to expect. I was very pleased with how our first meet went and now all of our guys, both JV and Varsity, have a starting point and know what to work on. We will only get better as the weather continues to get warmer and the course conditions improve."

The Wildcats fell short in their second meet of the season, falling to the Starmont Stars, 176-169, at Backbone. Toby Grimm played best for the Wildcats and earned 2nd place with a 39.

The boys are back at Hart Ridge this evening to play against the opposing Wildcats of Central City. Those results will be in next week's article.

STATS:

Springville Meet

1st - Toby Grimm: 35
3rd - Trevor Grimm: 42
8th - Zachary Leytem: 48
9th - Lukas Chesnut: 49
10th - Elijah Dougherty: 49
11th - Anderson Holtz: 49
16th - Jake Gellersen: 62

Starmont Meet

2nd - Toby Grimm: 39
4th - Trevor Grimm: 41
7th - Chesnut: 48
8th - Gellersen: 49
9th - Leytem: 49
11th - Holtz: 54

Girls basketball team holds awards celebration

Last Sunday night, the girls basketball team celebrated its many accomplishments and presented some awards. Jada Knipper - Varsity Defensive MVP
Taryn Burbridge - JV Defensive MVP
McKenna Mineart - JV Most Improved
Bianka Ronnebaum - Offensive MVP
Jada Knipper - Extra Heartbeat Award
Bianka Ronnebaum - IGCA All-District
Leah Reicher - Varsity Most Improved
All-Conference
Haley Ronnebaum Honorable Mention
Grace Richter - 2nd Team All - Conference
Bianka Ronnebaum - 1st Team All-Conference
Wayne E. Cooley Award Winners
Leah Reicher
McKenna Mineart

Schau breaks own record

by Maya Smith

This week on Tuesday, the boys track team traveled to Jesup.

They placed 8th out of 13 teams with 56 points.

A highlight of the evening was Matthew Schau breaking his own school record in the 1600 meter run.

Here are your scorers:

4x200 Meter Relay: Rogan Heidt, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, Lance McShane;
1:34.41; 2nd

800 Meter Run: George Livingston; 2:08.83

4x400 Meter Relay: Lance McShane, Macoy Stone, Matthew Schau, Brady Wall;
3:40.70; 5th

4x800 Meter Relay: George Livingston, Kenyon Baker, DaShawn Strickland, Matthew Schau; 8:35.82; 4th

1600 Meter Run: Matthew Schau; 4:34.64; 3rd

800 Medley Relay: Macoy Stone, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Rogan Heidt; 1:43.50; 7th
1600 Medley Relay: Dylan Knipper, Tate Intorf, Macoy Stone, DaShawn Strickland; 4:02.78; 5th

110 Meter Hurdles: Arion Rave; 16.72; 5th
400 Meter Hurdles: Lance McShane; 56.11; 1st, Arion Rave; 1:00.96; 7th

Shot Put: Dylan Knipper; 41 ft, 9in; 6th

The team competed last night at West Delaware. Results will be in next week's issue.



Girls finish 2nd at CC

by Ella Reicher

On Tuesday, the girls track team traveled to Central City and won second overall with 126 points. With many girls being gone or injured, underclassmen were able to step up to the plate and show how they wanted to win by having great times and leaving everyone proud.

Coach Dunlap stated. "We put a couple kids in a position that was new to them and they really stepped up and competed well. In particular freshman Lilly Kraft who placed first in all four of her events. She was fun to watch! Also freshman Sadie Boeckenstedt who jumped at the chance to get into the 4x400m relay to fill in for one of our seniors who was not feeling well. We have a few events we haven't quite figured out yet but the girls are stepping up and filling in some of those remaining roster holes. 'This team keeps surprising me.'"

Not only did the runners have a great night but the field events did as well. "We had two place finishers in both events and all three ladies threw a PR or season best in the disc event," noted Coach Helle. Scorers:

Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman, 1:54.49, 1st

100m Dash: Lilly Kraft, 13.69, 1st; Bauers, 14.22, 4th

Distance Medley: Natalie Ries, McKenna Mineart, Camryn Paris, Sadie Boeckenstedt, 5:09.12, 3rd

400m Dash: Beaman, 1:01.08, 1st; Breanna McShane, 1:11.48, 4th

4x200m Relay: Huber, Lilly Kraft; Bauers, Burbridge, 1:51.38, 1st

100m Hurdles: Ries, 18.03, 6th

200m Dash: Paris, 28.13, 2nd; Izzy Hefferman, 30.48, 6th

800m Run: Burbridge, 2:37.21, 2nd; Isabel Imler: 2:56.71, 7th

4x100m Relay: Huber, Lilly Kraft, Paris, Beaman. 52.54, 1st

4x400m Relay: Burbridge, McShane, Boeckenstedt, Beaman, 4:30.07, 2nd

High Jump: Haydin Flannagan, J4-02.00, 6th

Long Jump: Lilly Kraft, 14-06.00, 1st

Shot Put: Macee Nolan, 28-09.00; 4th, Jade Hillers, 27-03.50, 6th

Discus: Nolan, 80-04, 5th; Jeanie Teymer, 76-11, 6th

Monday, April 15, the girls will have a meet at home. Come support your Wildcat athletes!

Fine Artists of the Week

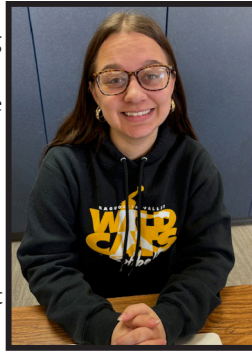
Name: Kaitlyn Nolan

What is your role in the spring play? I play Megan, one of the Puffs who tries not to fit in with the rest of the group.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I enjoy the stupid humor of this play. Even people who have never seen any movie or read any book in the Harry Potter franchise can find something to laugh at in this show.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? Again, I think they'll the humor of this play. This production gives off a different vibe than what we have done in the past which I think will draw people in.

If you could add a song to this play's imaginary soundtrack, what would it be? I think "Dancing Queen" for Mr. Voldy would be a great addition to the play.



Name: Cadence Freiburger

What is your role in the spring play? I play Leanne and Frenchy.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I really enjoy the comedy in the play and the overall vibes with the cast. Everyone does their best to keep positive and keep the mood light and encouraging. I really love it all.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think audience members will really enjoy the comedy and jokes as well as the characters. The characters are all really fun in their own way, and I think everyone could find at least one to enjoy.

If you could add a song to this play's imaginary soundtrack, what would it be? It's hard to find one song that fits the whole play, but I feel like Leanne's theme song would definitely be "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Toby Grimm

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

2v2 best shot with my family

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

3 Putting

How long have you played?

A year and a half

Who's your golf role model?

My grandpa



Name: Lilly Kraft

What do you enjoy most about track?

The thing that I enjoy most about track is the community and how supportive everyone is when we are at practice and at meets.

What do you think your best event will be? I

think that my best event this year will be either long jump or the 4x200 relay.

What life lessons have you learned through track? A life lesson that I have learned from Track is that you have to push yourself even when it gets hard you just have to keep going because it will pay off in the end.

What's the hardest part of practice? The hardest part of practice would have to be not getting frustrated with myself and to keep working until I get what I was working for.

Who is your track role model? My track role model is Lily Huber because of how hard-working she is and how kind she is even to people she doesn't know. At meets she will encourage me to believe in myself and do my best.



Echo Exhibition



Image from edwardstanlev.org

by Sam Howes

When you hear the word “dragon” you may think of ferocious beasts that breathe flames with giant wings and sharp talons. Although not large, winged, or fire-breathing, the armadillo girdled lizard (also called the dragon armadillo lizard) resembles dragons. These fantastic-looking creatures live for up to 20-25 years and are about 6-8 inches in length. To defend itself, the armadillo girdled lizard will take the end of its tail in its mouth and curl up into a circle.

The strong scales on its back and spikes on its tail. The armadillo girdled lizard is native to desert areas, specifically in South Africa. Their diet consists of insects, fruit, and leaves. The males and females have multiple mating partners, and mate between September and October. However, unlike most reptiles that lay eggs, the females give birth to one or two offspring. The females give birth once a year, but may sometimes take year-long breaks between pregnancies. The only sexual dimorphism in armadillo girdled lizards is that the males are slightly larger. They also communicate with each other through tongue flicks, tail wags, and head bobs.

what's up?

Who's your celebrity crush?

by Grace Richter

Lacey Barry- Ryan Gosling
 Kaya Knipper- Ashton Kutcher
 Payton Brown- Ryan Reynolds
 Macoy Stone- Taylor Swift
 Shane Wright- Zendaya
 Mrs. Downs- Sam Elliott

Dad Jokes of the Week

—compiled by Sam Howes

What is the most famous painting of the solar eclipse? The Moona Lisa!

Why was the sun so embarrassed after the eclipse? Because everyone saw him get mooned!

Why can't you trust a solar eclipse? Because it's shady!

How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!

How do you organize a solar eclipse party? You planet!

Big Games on the Big Stage

A spectacular senior season for Caitlin Clark, Gabbie Marshall, Kate Martin, and Molly Davis came to a heartbreaking end on Sunday afternoon after falling short of the South Carolina Gamecocks in the NCAA D1 Women's Championship. It was also the last year in a Hawkeye uniform for junior Sharon Goodman who is moving on from collegiate basketball to focus on medical schooling. For the second year, Head Coach Lisa Bluder's Hawkeyes left the floor in tears while the opposing team celebrated in confetti.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Of course, this is devastating for all Hawkeye fans. We had been so close but lost at the very end of the season. We know that those seniors will never play a game in Carver again, and the biggest hole that will be left will be Clark's. The all-time leading scorer in NCAA basketball decided to forgo her fifth year of eligibility and will be playing in the WNBA next season.

March Madness had been a long month of ups and downs, cheers and tears, but it's time to move on. There's baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey— a lot of sports to look forward to seeing on your screen in the upcoming months. I mean, come on... we have the 2024 Paris Olympics this summer! In the meantime, watch the drafts: WNBA, NBA, and NFL. If March was for Madness, April is for Greediness.

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Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

How does the moon cut its hair? Eclipse it!

What did the moon say to the sun during an eclipse? “Just passing through!”

Boy: Dad, can you tell me what an eclipse is? Dad: No sun.

Why did the Earth break up with the moon and make a solo album on April 8? It couldn't stand being in its shadow.

What did the moon say to her therapist? I'm just going through a phase.

107 South St., Delhi
MV FFA PLANT SALE
 May 2nd- 3:30 - 6pm
 May 8th- 2:30 - 6:30
 @MV Market- Delhi Park
 May 9th- 3:30 - 6pm
 May 10th- 3:30 - 6pm
 May 11th- 9:00am- 2pm
 May 14th- 3:30 - 6pm

Plant Varieties	
Hanging Baskets (10" & 12")	Broccoli
Porch Pots (14")	Cauliflower
Petunia	Cabbage (Red & Green)
Double Wave Petunia	Cantaloupe
Geranium	Watermelon
Impatiens	Spaghetti Squash
Angelonia	Big Beef Tomato
Coleus	Cherry Tomato
Osteospermum	Roma Tomato
Biden	Hot Peppers
Calibrachoa	Bell Peppers
Bacopa	Kale
Dusty Miller	Spinach
Salvia	Cilantro
Marigold	Leek
China Aster	Chives
Snapdragon	Thyme
Zinnia	Husk Cherry
Centurea	Brussel Sprouts
Didiscus	Kohlrabi
Dahlia	Zucchini
Echinacea	Onion
Rudbeckia	Summer Squash
Celosia	Jalapeno
Cosmos	Cucumber
Dianthus	Snake Plants
Calendula	Spider Plants
	Aloe Vera