

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Seniors get glimpse into real life budgeting



On Nov. 9 the seniors traveled to Ed-Co to participate in the annual Real Life Academy. Students were given a life based on their career interest and had to make financial decisions about housing, insurance, vehicles, and more. Top photo: Students make some decisions about entertainment. Right: Jacob Bonert and Clint Krapfl meet with the banker at the end of the process. (photos by Amanda Fortman)



Intro to Computers class provides students with new opportunity



The Intro to Computers class pose with the robots they can program.

With a desire to offer more STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) opportunities for students, MV now offers a yearlong Intro to Computers course.

Mr. Osterhaus teaches this class which is designed to introduce students to computer programming concepts. Mr. Osterhaus said, "It's great that students are being exposed to it."

Students use the BlueJ environment for their programming which is based on Java. Students learn the style and syntax to write code to get the program to do what the programmer wants it to do.

While students use a textbook to learn some of the basics and vocabulary of Java, the course requires a lot of trial and error and problem-solving.

"I'm glad I'm gaining a knowledge of basic programming," said Bobby Blair, who may pursue a career in computer programming. He's also enjoyed the problem-solving, but "it's hard."

This year nine students are enrolled in the course.

The students in the course, in addition to learning to read and write code in Java, have learned to use drag and drop code to program robots to complete tasks.

"Programming the robots is a lot of fun," said Alec McDowell.

Juniors explore careers at NICC

The juniors attended a career fair at NICC on Nov. 3 as part of their capstone project for English class. Here students listen to a speaker at the Business and Marketing Center. (photo by McKenzie Lansing)



Sports Connection

All-Conference Volleyball

Announced

Brianna Mensen
Unanimous 1st Team

Maci Freiburger
2nd Team

Maci Hoeger
Honorable Mention

Athleticism key for boys basketball team

Coach Dunlap is taking the helm of the boys basketball program for the fourth year, and he noted two key strengths of this year's team. "This team has a great group of guards who are athletic and can shoot fairly well. They also are hard working and have a degree of toughness that the past few seasons were missing."

The team includes junior Brock Hillers who was second team all-conference last year and senior Jacob Bonert who was honorable mention. Clint Krapfl and Kyle Wilson are other seniors on the team who saw a lot of playing time last year. Other key players will be Garrett Hogan, Trevor Elgin and Tyson Tucker.

"We will have a good group of returning players who either started or have plenty of experience in a varsity level basketball game," noted Coach Dunlap. "We will have three players who scored over 190 points each last season. The group spent the summer in a league and a few basketball tournaments. This group has been successful at the JV level."

The team finished in a tie for fifth place in the conference last year with a 4-18 overall record and 3-9 conference record.

Coach Dunlap noted that North Linn and Lisbon will be top contenders in the conference.

PE teacher Eric Conner will be the assistant coach.

The season opener is Nov. 29 at home against Central City.

Wrestling team filled with experience, promise



Returning letter winners on the wrestling team are, front row, from left: Canyon Richardson, Norman Wilson, Tanner Parmely, Mitch Smith, Robert Hildebrand and Carson Wright; back row: Cole Kruse, Dylan Happel, Alec McDowell, Eric Heims, Zach Cornell and Justin Krapfl.

The wrestling team returns last year's state qualifiers Alec McDowell and Eric Heims and has a roster filled with freshmen which indicates this team has both experience and a bright future.

Coach Andrews returns for his eighth year as head coach. Last year the team was 25-9 overall and 11-4 in the conference.

"A strength of this team is having three wrestlers (McDowell, Heims and Tanner Parmely his freshman year) returning who have state wrestling experience,"

stated Coach Andrews. "Having them return and leading the way with 11 incoming freshmen should be a great mix and a lot of fun."

Coach Andrews predicts Alburnett and Lisbon along with East Buchanan and North Linn will be some of MV's toughest conference competition.

The JV team opens its season Nov. 28 at the North Linn tourney, and the varsity first wrestlings at Central City Dec. 1.



Returning letter winners for the basketball team are, front row: Brock Hillers, Cole Willenbring, Trevor Elgin and Kyle Wilson; back row: Brenden Hogan, Heath Gibbs, Clint Krapfl, Jacob Bonert, Garrett Hogan and Tyson Tucker.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kailyn Hogan



You are currently in Intro to Drafting. What made you take the class? For one, I took Intro to Drafting because it fulfills my technology credit. I've also always wanted to be an architect, so that's another reason.

How do you see drafting in your future? I want to be an architect in the future and drafting is a major aspect in that career.

Why should other students take the course? You could take it if you were interested in a career in architecture or engineering. If you don't like the idea of photography, you could take Intro to Drafting as your technology credit instead.

"Kailyn is very intuitive in problem solving using AutoCAD. She works diligently on her assigned drawings and asks for additional work when she is done before others. When I assigned a multi-viewport drawing, Kailyn, on her own, figured out how to eliminate a view that shouldn't show. She has said she wants to pursue Architecture as a career. She is showing great potential." —Mr. Drew

what's up

by McKenzie Lansing

What food are you most looking forward to for Thanksgiving?

Kendra Ries- Turkey and Dressing

Rejji Smith- HAM

Pablo Ostos- Garrett's Grandma's Corn

Danica Fjelstul- Mashed Potatoes

Mrs. DeVore- Ham

Michael Feldmann- Apple Pie

Rebekah Hill- Grandma's famous buns

Kristin Lucas- All of it

Jordyn Kemp- My Grandma's Sinners Pie

Garrett Hogan- Corn and Ham

Mr. Dunlap- Green Bean Casserole

Girls basketball: deep and athletic



The returning letter winners on the girls basketball team are, front row: Madison Imler, Caitlin Schuman, Abby Holtz, McKenna Wenthe and Sam Wall; back row: Macy Hoeger, Payton Ries, Brianna Mensen, Maci Freiburger and Nichole Winter.

The girls basketball team this year is one of the deepest and most athletic teams to play at MV, according to Coach Moenck who is returning for his 11th year as Wildcat head coach. He has a career record of 218-85.

Last year's team had a 16-6 overall record and finished 8-4 in the conference. So what makes this team different?

"We have very good size," stated Coach Moenck. Senior Brianna Mensen at 5'11 planked by 6'1" freshman Lydia Helle and 5'10" sophomore Olivia Hoeger proves his point.

Sam Wall and Payton Ries are both returning starters as well as all-conference team members last year. Mensen, a first team all-conference/all-district player,

averaged 13.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game.

Another promising newcomer to the team is junior Gracie Gellerson who moved in from Minnesota.

"We have the potential to be a very good shooting team," stated Coach Moenck. "This group of kids has really been working hard so far. I am so excited to see what the future has in store for them. They have been so much fun to be around."

Coach Moenck noted the talent of the Tri-Rivers conference and the perennial presence at the state tournament. He indicated that Springville and North Linn will be tough competition.

The varsity and JV girls start their season Nov. 22 at Prince of Peace.

Cross country athletes celebrated



The cross country team holds its award night Monday night. The following letter winners were recognized: Canyon Richardson, Chance Downs, Nichole Winter, Brenden Hogan, Cassy Wilson and Mason Lubben. Not pictured: Derek Mensen and Tate Trenkamp. (photo courtesy of Gary Wilson)

Meet the Freshmen



Trent, Brooke, Grace and Jenna

Name: Jenna Nefzger
 Siblings: Colton Nefzger
 Activities you plan to be in: Musical; Play
 Favorite subject: MATH
 Career aspirations: Dental Hygienist
 Hobbies: hunting, fishing, and picking on Colton
 Something cool about you: I can eat a Zebra cake with no hands in less than seven seconds.

Name: Brooke Elgin
 Siblings: Trevor & Trista
 Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, Softball, and maybe track
 Favorite subject: Science
 Career aspirations: Neonatal Nurse
 Hobbies: Hanging with family and friends
 Something cool about you: good cook

Name: Grace Wegmann
 Siblings: None
 Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, Track, Softball, Speech
 Favorite subject: Science
 Career aspirations: Pediatric Oncologist Nurse
 Hobbies: hanging with friends
 Something cool about you: good cook

Name: Trent Koopmann
 Siblings: Kali and Trevor Koopmann
 Activities you plan to be in: Football, Baseball, Wrestling, Golf
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: Game Warden
 Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping
 Something cool about you: Was 15-1 in wrestling last year.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Vocalists join forces with other conference schools



MV vocalists participating in the Tri-Rivers Honor Choir at East Buchanan on Monday were Raven Eatman-Dietiker, Destiny Clayborne, Selena Ramirez, Amanda Fortman, Rebekah Hill, Lawson Rof, Jake Jones, Sean Hucker, Patrick Hansen, Tate Trenkamp and Nicholas Chen.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are your ten weekly facts:

- Only 2% of the world has green eyes.
- The fear of dining or dinner conversations is deipnophobia.
- For day of the dead skeletons, or calacas, are an iconic decoration.
- Ariel is the only Disney princess to have had a child.
- Starfish can turn their stomachs inside out.
- Barbie is based on a real person, her full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
- The stickers on fruit are edible.
- Taking naps during work is accepted in Japan because it's a sign that they're working hard.
- A Florida woman was arrested after stabbing her boyfriend when he threatened to hurt her pet turtle.
- For \$12,500, you can have your ashes launched into space after you die.

Best Buds



Brooke Wilson & Maddy Anderegg
 by Kelly Winter

How long have you been friends?
 Since 3rd grade

Which one of you is the one more willing to take risks?
 Maddy is. Brooke stays home more than Maddy does

What do you like to do together?
 Go out to eat

Best memory together?
 New Year's Eve parties

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Tear one off and scratch my head what was red is black instead.

Answer: A match

Athlete of the Week

Name: Katilyn Deutmeyer

Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? I love how close we are as a team and how well we support each other.

What's the hardest part of it? The hardest part about dance hav-

ing to always work together perfectly. In dance everyone has to be doing the same thing at the exact same time. It is much different than other sports.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? A lot of people don't realize that dance is very difficult. It requires a lot of strength, focus, perfection and patience. It is definitely a hardworking sport with many pros and also some cons. I have been out for many, many sports and dance is nothing different.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be? This year I am going to choreograph a jazzy/lyrical dance to "Never Be Like You" by Flume. It will be high energy even though many parts of the dance will be slower. I would also love to choreograph a hip hop dance involving the chorus of "Rump Shaker" by WRECKX-N-EFFECT.

Name: Hannah Lahr

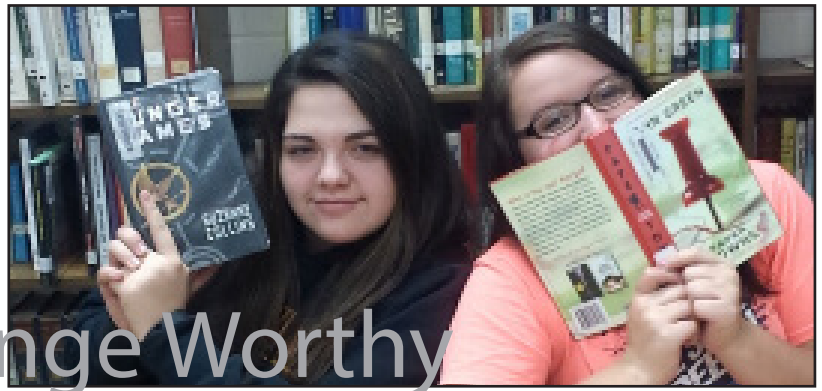
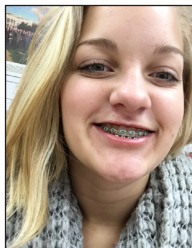
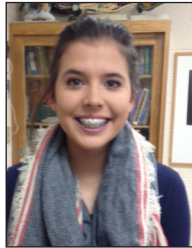
Sport: Dance

What do you enjoy most about dance team? Every girl brings something different to the table, and it's really fun when we get to put our creative ideas together. State is probably the most fun thing we do.

What's the hardest part of it? Cleaning a routine is very time consuming and it takes a lot of work. You want to make sure every girl is doing the move the exact same way and that the counts are correct. You strive to be perfect during this part.

What's something about dance most people don't realize? Most people don't think that dance is a sport and that we aren't athlete, but truth is, dance is very hard. We make it look easy even though after ever routine we are exhausted because we've truly given it our all. We are all dedicated and we take practice seriously.

If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be? I'd definitely choreograph a pom or kick to the song "Old Time Rock And Roll."



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

This Is Where It Ends by Marieke Nijkamp: From the perspective of four students, the haunting story of a school shooting is told. A small town in Alabama where nothing ever happens suffers a tremendous loss as one student decides that he is not going to sit around anymore. He feels lost, unwanted, lonely, and fed-up, so he takes matters into his own hands. A chilling story that really makes you think about what people are capable of and makes you aware of the way that you treat people. As we follow this four students we find out backstory and the way that these individuals impact the school shooting. An amazing book that we think everyone needs to read.

Rebekah:

Hairspray: I love just about every musical that I have seen. Not only for the singing but for the acting and the story that is put behind it. Hairspray is no exception, I LOVE it. Based in 1962, it revolves around the life of Tracy Turnblad and her friends and family. When a spot on the Corny Collins Show, a local dancing and singing show, opens up Tracy jumps at the chance. Though she does not look or think like every other girl on the show she still lands the part. Civil rights, love, and hate all play a big role in this musical. An amazing show that I think everyone needs to see at least once!

Justin Bieber: My sister recently bought a Justin Bieber CD from 2010. Man oh man is it the best thing ever. Justin may have gone a little crazy recently, but he had and still has some pretty amazing music. I think that everyone needs to give Justin Bieber a chance.

Saturday Night Live!: If you are ever in need of a laugh just look up any skit by SNL. Just about every Saturday night a celebrity guest hosts the show and puts on numerous funny skits. They are about politics, news stories that are going around, or just made up funny stories. This is an absolutely hilarious show! My favorite host is Melissa McCarthy. Check out her skit about Hidden Valley Ranch!

Amanda:

True Memoirs of an International Assassin: So this week I am going with a bit of a theme of spies. This original Netflix movie is the perfect mix between being hilarious and an actually action movie. After author Sam Larson publishes the book The True Memoirs of an International Spy, his life is flipped upside down. Everyone believes that he is the ghost or the kick butt spy that he writes about in his book. Now everyone wants him and his life is in danger. In order to survive Sam must become the ghost. This movie is hilarious as Kevin James portrays the rather frazzled Sam Larson.

Alias: This is my all time favorite tv show. Sydney Bristow is recruited as an international spy. Balancing her two identities is proving to be more difficult than expected. How can she be a college student and a deadly assassin? She also discovers more than she ever bargained for with this job.

I am the Weapon by Allen Zadoff: What is a perfect assassin? Someone who can get the job done without being seen? Would you expect the new kid sitting next to you? Nobody at his school did. The Programs most deadly weapon is a teenage boy. In this thrilling book we follow the life of one boy on his mission. But knowing what is right and what needs to be done are two very different things.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

opinions, ideas and random thoughts from the staff of *The Wildcat Echo*



A meow to positive thinking about the election results and president-elect Trump.



A furball to the bells not working. Mr. Tuetken's working on it!



A furball to the disappearance of bookmarks on the laptops.



A meow to the start of winter sports.



A meow to the dance team which has been working hard to prepare for state competition.



A meow to Pam for all the time and effort she puts into scheduling and helping students.



A meow to Nurse Mary for creating health-awareness bulletin boards in the foyer.



A meow to upperclassmen who go out of their way to make sure underclassmen can be in activities. That's the Wildcat Way.



A thank you meow to TEL members for acknowledging the Great American Smoke Out Day yesterday. Brianna Mensen and Nichole Winter shared a message with the middle school students, and TEL members also are promoting the GASO on KMCH radio today.



A meow to a short week next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

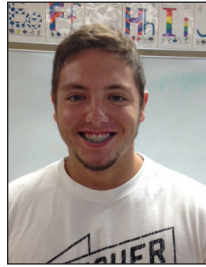


A meow to speech practicing being in full force.



A furball to having to work on projects over Thanksgiving break.

by Brody Sevart



I don't think that you could find any other school that is more involved than Maquoketa Valley. Whether it's sports, musical, speech, or any other extra curricular, we take great pride in what we all do. We also have an immense support from our community and all of our teachers and coaches who make all of our accomplishments possible. So this week let's take a look at just some of our multitudes of activities. Our competitors this week are Cassie Schwandt, Alex McCusker, Madison McIntyre and Matthew Hucker.

1. Are there more or less than 100 kids in speech this year?

Cassie: more

Alex: more

Madison: more

Matthew: more

Answer: More

2. Who went to state last year for wrestling?

Cassie: Eric and Alec

Alex: McDowell and Heims

Madison: McD and Heims

Matthew: Alec and Heims

Answer: McDowell and Heims

3. What is this year's musical?

Cassie: Oklahoma

Alex: Oklahoma

Madison: Oklahoma

Matthew: Oklahoma

Answer: Oklahoma

4. Does girls basketball have more or less than 20 games this year?

Cassie: less

Alex: less

Madison: less

Matthew: less

Answer: More

5. Which athlete went to state for cross country this year?

Cassie: Brenden

Alex: Brenden Hogan

Madison: Brenden

Matthew: Night hawk

Answer: Brenden Hogan

Good job to everyone on winning this week, congratulations. Also here's a huge shout out to all of our Wildcats who go above and beyond with our wonderful activities. That's all we have for you this week, Wildcats, so have a great time until next week's issue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of NOV. 20, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 4-5 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
2. HS Football Awards Night - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM
3. HS Volleyball Awards Night - Middle School Commons - 6:00 PM

Monday, November 21, 2016

1. Jr High Girls Basketball at Starmont - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:55 PM)
2. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
3. MV Board of Directors Meeting - Middle School Conference Room - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

1. NO Homework Assistance
2. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton
3. HS Varsity Girls' Basketball at Prince of Peace HS - One Game at 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
4. Jr High Wrestling - HOME (MS Gym) - Lisbon / North Linn - 4:30 PM
5. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

Wednesday, November 23, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

Thursday, November 24, 2018

1. NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25, 2015

1. NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

11/12- Summer Schmuecker

11/27- Kailyn Hogan, Colin Wendt