

The Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Time to get your tickets for 'Freaky Friday'

by Taylor Saunders

"I wish you'd understand and see the world my way." Join us on November 1st and 2nd at 7pm and November 3rd, at 2pm for the wonderful production of *Freaky Friday* in the high school auditorium.

If you aren't familiar with this title, here's a little background to get you interested: This book was first produced in 1972, later to be put to film in 1976. Then, the production was to be remade in 1995 and 2003, and put into a musical form in 2018. This musical follows our main characters Katherine and Ellie as they learn what it's like to live in each other's shoes for just one day...hopefully. You'll see the growth of all of our characters, and the chaos they both live in day to day.

For just a little while our musical tickets are on sale at \$8, you can purchase them online at <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/maquoketavalley/tickets>, or in the high school office.

If you join us, and we hope you will, you have the chance to watch all of the hard work we have put in since the beginning of September.

Our musical cast includes the following:

Ellie Blake: Emily Rudd
Katherine Blake: Ollie Hunter
Mike & Parker's Dad: Carly Dirks
Fletcher Blake: Sam Howes
Adam: Arianna Nolan
Gretchen: Joellen Bietz
Hannah: Jocelyn Kelchen
Savannah: Lylah Billmeyer
Parker, Wells, & Grandpa Gordon: Trish Dietiker
Laurel: Desaray Banks
Torrey & Adam's Mom: Taylor Saunders
Danielle & Mrs. Luckenbill: Emily Hogan
Louis: Ryleigh Moriarity
Señor O'Brien & Officer Sitz: Breece Hoisington
Dr. Ehrin & Pastor Bruno: McKayla Weber
Mr. Blumen: Addie Wilson
Mrs. Meyers, Gretchen's Mom, & Officer Kowalski: Sellah Ambundo
Savannah's Mom & Mrs. Time: Abby



Carly Dirks, Emily Rudd, Ollie Hunter and Sellah Ambundo rehearse a scene. (photo by Taylor Saunders)

Nieman
Grandma Helene: Gracie Palmersheim
Our crew:
Stage Crew: Mileea Damico, Cheyenne Eike, Morgan Howes & Kylie Meeks
Lighting Crew: Owen Boring & Shane Wright
Sound Crew: Kinze Kuhlman & Gabe Saunders
Makeup/Costume Crew: Tommie Cole, Cheyenne Eike, Ollie Hunter, & Taylor Saunders

Stage Manager: Derrick Mohr
Our pit band students:
Sebastian Charles, McKenna Bush, Ella Wulfekuhle, Rachael Hoefer, Maya Smith, Olivia Begle, Brady Eike
& finally our lovely directors, whom we greatly appreciate: Ms. McCrary, Mr. Dresson, Ms. Crumpton, & Mr. Ford
We would all like to see you there.
And as always, Go Cats!



First-hand experience

This school year, Srta. Ries has invited former students to speak with her Spanish classes about how they have perceived the need for Spanish-speaking healthcare professionals. This week, Annie (Fjelstul) Bonert, who is earning her M.D. degree from the University of Iowa, shared her knowledge.

Real Life Academy gives seniors a glimpse into their financial future



The seniors had the opportunity to gain some financial know-how Thursday morning during the Real Life Academy. Students were given a life at the age of 27 (career, family and pets) and then had to navigate buying vehicles, a home, insurance, groceries, etc. Several Delaware County business people and volunteers assisted with this event sponsored by the Delaware County Economic Development.



Fantasy Fiction: Trouble in Therapy

by Abby Nieman & Tommie Cole

After the situation with Parker, I decided to join a group therapy session. My friends had told me that it would help ease the stress that I had and help find a way for me to heal. I looked online and found a group called Green Leaf, which is targeted towards teenagers who have gone through traumatic events. I had a hard time bringing myself to go to one of these meetings because I was scared to open up to strangers. Today was different; everything that could go wrong raced through my head as I stood in front of the double doors to the room. After taking a few deep breaths and some more, I opened the door and walked in. I looked around the room and found that everyone was talking to someone, but one.

I walked over to him and introduced myself. "Hi... I am Elizabeth Wilson. Who are you?"

"Hey, I'm Chris Martinez. There is an open seat next to me if you want to sit here," Chris stuttered, pointing at the chair next to him.

I sat down and tried to make small talk, "Why are you here, if you want to share?"

"Parker stalked me for the first semester and he leaked some photos that he should not have had, but that's not important," Chris said as if this was his hundredth time telling someone.

"Why are you here? You look like a normal kid who has nothing wrong in life."

"Parker also stalked me for some time. Eventually he trapped me in my locker and after I got out, he broke into my house and tried to get me but the police came in time and he never got to my room," I stated just as calmly as he did. After all the questions from the police and being a key witness in court, I have gotten used to telling that part of the story to others, not the other parts that happened after.

"Cool, we have roughly the same trauma. Doesn't mean that I want to be your friend," Chris shot at me sarcastically.

"Okay, sucks to be you then. You're missing out on a good one. I have been the best friend to many for years,



you know?" I retaliated. "So now are we even?"

Chris smiled, "Of course we are we are just messing around"

"HEY, listen up everyone! We are going to go around the room and introduce ourselves because I see some new faces!" We both looked towards the person speaking, and I recognized her from the website.

Volleyball season ends with loss to Jesup

The team celebrates a point Wednesday night in their match against Jesup.



by Natalie Ries

The Wildcats continued their season last week. Last Thursday the Wildcats hosted Midland, East Buchanan and Easton Valley resulting in taking the top of the four teams and advancing to Saturday where they took on Ed-Co and North Cedar.

The Wildcats dominated against Midland with scores of 21-5 and 21-31. Offensively Macee Nolan had the most assists with 11 and Grace Richter held herself to a high standard with seven kills. Lili Bauers also helped out the team by having eight digs. Nolan once again led the team with 12 successful serves against the Eagles.

The Wildcats continued to work hard against the Buccaneers resulting in another win (17-21 MV, 11-21 MV). Kesley Hoeger took the lead with most assists with 12. Lanni Beaman had ten kills. Camryn Paris did her job with having one block. Beaman took her back row position seriously to lead the team with most digs with eight. Nolan added 13 more successful serves to her record to lead the team.

The Wildcats had one more game against Easton Valley to finish off their night of volleyball. The scores of 13-21 and 19-21 made their night a clean sweep. Nolan got back in her rhythm to get ten more assists to help Beaman out with her seven kills. Paris and Breanna McShane both had a single block against Easton Valley. Richter added 11 more digs to her season total to lead the team. Bauers did her job behind the line to have eight successful serves.

Saturday came in a hurry for the Wildcats where they lost to Ed-Co (25-19 and 25-23). Hoeger had 11 assists leading the Wildcats against the Vikings. Kallie Freigburger and Nolan both had 100% of their attempts at a kill be successful. Bea-

man and Richter shared leading blocks against Ed-Co. Both had two blocks. Richter continued to put up numbers while having two digs. Bauers once again did awesome behind the line for ten more successful serves.

The Wildcats had a good game against North Cedar with a win in three sets. (21-11 MV, 22-20 NC, 10-15 MV). Assists were led by Nolan while Richter and Beaman led in kills both having ten. Paris used her vertical to have three more blocks to her high school career. Bauers did her job with 13 more digs. Serving was led by McKenna Mineart. Mineart had 13 successful serves and 100% successful serves.

The Wildcats fell to a tough Jesup team Wednesday night in the first round of regionals. Jesup won 3-1 (25-14, 25-9, 25-19). MV finished the season 16-13.



MV ready to pounce

by Maya Smith

After the excitement of winning the district championship, the Cats took on the Stars for their last conference game of the season. By the 1st, the Cats were up 14 - 0 and by the half, 28 - 6. In the 2nd half, the Cats kept the Stars scoreless while racking up 14 more points to end the game 42 - 6.

Coach Christensen remarked, "It was nice to get a convincing win against Starmont. I know that the boys didn't like the way that game went down last year, so it's good to take care of business. I will say we need to clean up our penalties, I think that we had more of them this game than any other game and you don't like to see that heading into the playoffs. But overall, I felt like we were able to take a positive step forward."

Here are some game stats:

Passing: Brady Wall; 239 yards; 3 touchdowns

Rushing: Brady Wall; 30 yards; 2 touchdowns, Rogan Heidt; 97 yards; 1 touchdown
Receiving: Tate Intorf; 110 yards; 1 touchdown, Anderson Holtz; 73 yards; 1 touchdown,

Eli Dougherty; 12 yards; 1 touchdown
Defense: Nathan Beitz; 7 tackles; 3 solo, Lukas Chestnut; 5.5 tackles; 3 solo; 1 sack, Dylan Knipper; 5.5 tackles, 3 solo
Kicking: Dalton Africa; 231 yards; 7 kick-offs, Eli Dougherty; 6 PAT

This week, the team was preparing for the 1st round playoff game at home. In regards to the game tonight: "Columbus is a team where you have to do your job over and over and do it well. They run a similar offense to East Buc, and it's not fancy but if a player doesn't do their job big plays can happen. They do have a fast-running back that we need to stop before he gets going. Offensively we need to do a good job of taking what they give us, and not turn the ball over. If we do those things I like our chances," claimed Coach Christensen.

Dancers qualify for next round

Thursday's auditions went according to plan for Taylor Salow, Tessa Intorf and Alaina Mead as they finished in the top ten and earned a berth to the second round of competition in Des Moines at Wells Fargo in December.

On to State! XC fares well



If you saw Coach Kirchoff Thursday, you knew he was nervous about the state-qualifying meet. MV needed to finish in the top two to qualify for state, and the girls had been dueling with Cascade all season long, and they knew South Winn had been tough all season.

None of that mattered as MV girls decided to just win the meet sending the team to state. MV had 49 points which bested South Winn's 51.

Results:

Audra Burbridge, 19:36, 3rd

Taryn Burbridge, 20:27, 7th

Alexis Halverson, 21:50, 16th (and a PR)

Breanna Bush, 21:59, 19th (and a PR)

Bianka Ronnebaum 23:05, 30th (She flew back from Indianapolis Thursday to make it to Coggon from FFA convention to be able to run.)

McKenna Bush, 25:05, 48th

Jada Knipper, 25:46, 56th

The boys race was delayed due to inclement weather, but that must have further fueled the fire in the boys as both Matthew Schaul and Kenyon Baker qualified for state as individuals. Schaul won the boys meet by 15 seconds. The team finished third behind Springville and Columbus Community.

Results:

Matthew Schaul, 16:38, 1st

Kenyon Baker, 17:50, 10th

Brady Eike, 18:17, 19th

Owen Smith, 19:39, 41st

Jayden Schwandt, 19:50, 45th

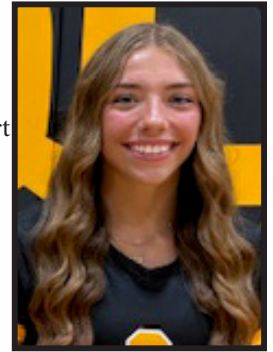
Shane Wright, 22:05, 85th

The state meet will be Saturday, Nov. 2 in Fort Dodge.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Lanni Beaman

What do you enjoy most about volleyball? I enjoy playing with my teammates and being competitive overall in the sport of volleyball. I enjoy hitting the ball, getting kills/blocks, but I also like playing the back row as well.



What's your favorite warmup song? "World Cup" by IShowSpeed.

What's been your favorite win this year? Facing Ed-Co at their home court and beating them 3-2.

What has made this year unique for you? This year is unique for me because we are playing more as a team and I feel as if we can all trust one another on the court.

Name: Gabe Halweg

What do you enjoy most about football? I enjoy being with the team every day

What lessons about life have you learned from the sport? Hard work pays off.



Who are your favorite pro/college football teams?

Dallas Cowboys and the Iowa Hawkeyes

Why is football a sport worth going out for? For building teamwork

Who is your football role model? My football role model is Myles Garrett.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

Halloween is next week. Here are some jokes to get you into the spooky spirit. Happy Halloween!

Why don't witches wear flat caps? There's no point in it.

What did ghosts drink at the party? Ghou-aid.

How do vampires flirt? They bat their eyes.

What kind of vehicle does Frankenstein drive? A monster truck.

What is the safest place to be in a zombie apocalypse? The living room.

Jaelyn's Journeys



photo by Jaelyn Butikofer

Where in the school can you find this object? Be the first one to correctly name the place to Mrs. Temple face-to-face to win something from the prize box! Jada Knipper was the first student last week to identify the flower pot by the kitchen.

All-State Band, Choir auditions

Best wishes to the Wildcats who will audition for the highly elite All-State Band, Orchestra and Choir tomorrow. These instrumentalists have prepared scales and etudes, and the vocalists have worked on IHSMA-selected pieces for months.

Vocalists: Breece Hoisington and Tristan Dietz

Instrumentalists: McKenna Bush (Alto Sax), Maya Smith (Trombone), Ryleigh Moriarity (Clarinet), and Abby Nieman (Flute)

Meet the Freshmen



Cole Beitz, Aidin Frasher, and Lylah Billmeyer

Name: Aidin Frasher
Siblings: Brendin and Landin Frasher
Activities you plan to be in: Football, FFA and Wrestling
Favorite subject: Lunch
Career aspirations: Work in trades
Hobbies: Hunting, trapping, mudding, and hanging with friends
Something cool about you: I like riding dirtbikes

Name: Lylah Billmeyer
Siblings: Izzy Heffernan and Max Billmeyer
Activities you plan to be in: Track, Cheer, Dance, Softball, Speech, Echo, Musical, and Play
Favorite subject: History
Career aspirations: History Professor
Hobbies: Reading, makeup and hair
Something cool about you: I can do the jump splits

Name: Cole Beitz
Siblings: Jo and Emma Beitz
Activities you plan to be in: Football, Basketball, and Baseball
Favorite subject: Study hall
Career aspirations: Maybe a detective
Hobbies: Video games and sports
Something cool about you: I have 2 dogs, Bea and Maggie

—typist: MaryEllen Smith

Deep Dive by Arianna Nolan



Welcome back, Divers! Today we will be looking at one of the creepiest creatures I have ever found. It's so odd looking, that people consider it "prehistoric", which makes it a perfect edition for October. This creepy creature is called the Goblin Shark.

This creature is all over the deep seas of the world. What makes it so scary to us is how it looks. It has sickly pale skin that shimmers in the water, and it reminds me of a ghost or decomposing flesh. It has a long snout that sticks out and has teeth that look very abnormal compared to other sharks. According to OCEANA, this creature lives 4265 feet down in the water and lurks in the dark. It's been hard for scientists to capture these creatures because of how far down it is. The little knowledge they have gotten on the appearance of the Goblin shark has come from accidental captures from fisheries. But, because they are not seen so often, this creature is at the least concerned about extinction. To add to that, they are also big predators in the ocean. Even from birth, they are ready to attack which can make them very scary to not only us but the prey that it eats.

Want to learn more about this spooky creature? I would recommend going to the website OCEANA, which is where all of the information for this edition was gathered. Feel free to check out more photos of these creatures online! If you have any suggestions for any creatures you would like me to capture, then please email me. I hope you all have a fin-tastic weekend and I will see you all next time!

what's up?

by Grace Richter

What's your favorite Halloween/scary movie?

Lexi Ries-Hocus Pocus
Preston Salow- Nightmare Before Christmas, or ParaNorman
Mrs. Lewin- It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown
Taylor Salow- Hocus Pocus
Lena Lewin- Scream
Rachael Hoefler- Hocus Pocus
Breanna McShane- Hocus Pocus

Students of the Week

Lainey Deutmeyer & Haylee Jones



You recently came to the rescue with the Realcare babies when Mrs. Downs was sick and they needed programming. What made you decide to help?

Lainey: When we originally got the babies, Mrs. Downs couldn't figure out how to program them due to the new software. So Haylee Jones and I figured it out for her so we could do our project on time. When she was gone, I was happy to help out since I knew the way around the program and I wanted the others to be able to do their project as well.

Haylee: When she had issues me and Lainey helped her program them so when there were issues we already knew how to use the website so we offered to help.

What have you learned from the Realcare project?

Lainey: One of the biggest things I have learned from this project is that taking care of babies is so underestimated.

Haylee: I learned how to care for a baby.