

The Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Academic success celebrated at awards ceremony

The school district annually honors students who excel academically. A student will receive an Academic Letter following their freshman year if they have a grade point average of 3.60 or better; after their sophomore year if they have a grade point average of 3.40 or better; and after their junior year if they have a grade point average of 3.40 or better. Those students who met these requirements were recognized Nov. 26 in the auditorium.

Sophomores 3.600 GPA

1st Year Letter

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| Sellah Ambundo | Dexter Dietiker |
| Sadie Boeckenstedt | Kalynn Freiburger |
| Addison Bonert | Willow Fuller |
| Ever Botos | Rachael Hoeger |
| Kolin Cole | Tyler Hoeger |
| Cheyenne Eike | Anderson Holtz |
| Kyle Engelken | Jocelyn Kelchen |
| Tristen Flanagan | Dylan Knipper |
| Haydin Flannagan | Elizabeth Kraft |
| Griffin Honkomp | Derrick Mohr |
| Lucy Hucker | Teagan Monk |
| Ava Knipper | Arianna Nolan |
| Alaina Leytem | Macee Nolan |
| Breanna McShane | Grace Richter |
| Alaina Mead | Preston Salow |
| McKenna Mineart | Colin Smith |
| Izabella Moenck | Maya Smith |
| Camryn Paris | |

Seniors 3.400 GPA

1st Year Letter

Nathan Beitz

2nd Year Bar

- Alissa Bush
- Jordan Hatfield

Taten Intorf

- Kain Krogmann
- Isabella Mensen
- Arion Rave
- Caden Ries
- Addison Vorwald

3rd Year Pin

- Lili Bauers
- Joellen Beitz
- McKenna Bush
- Sebastian Charles
- Logan Clemen
- Kayla Flanagan

Juniors 3.400 GPA

1st Year Letter

- Carly Dirks
- Kash Hunt
- Olivia Hunter
- Emily Rudd
- Taylor Saunders
- Brady Wall

2nd Year Bar

- Lanni Beaman
- Taryn Burbridge
- Lukas Chesnut
- Morgan Clemen



Ava Goldsmith
Alexis Halverson
Kelsey Hoeger
Jada Knipper
Leah Reicher
Lacy Reth
Matthew Schaul
Ella Wulfekuhle

Above: Junior Olivia Hunter receives her first year letter from Mrs. McDermott.
Right: Senior Nathan Beitz earned his academic letter.



Tri-Rivers Conference choir held at MV



MV hosted the Tri-Rivers Conference Honor Choir Nov. 18. Wildcats participating included, front row: Owen Boring, Shane Wright, Tristan Dietz and Brady Eike; second row: Trish Dietiker, Jocelyn Kelchen, Breece Hoisington and Joellen Beitz; back row: Alissa Dirks, Emily Hogan, Sellah Ambundo and Emily Rudd. The choir was directed by Dr. Jeremy Manternach, a music professor at the University of Iowa, who once taught Ms. McCrary.

Sports Connection

Dance team puts talents to the test at State



The dance team competed at State dance yesterday in Des Moines. Their pom theme is “Candy Girls,” and their hip hop theme is “Fight Night.” Ratings came in late last night and will be published in next week’s issue. Alaina Mead, Tessa Intorf and Taylor Salow also competed as individuals.

Football team holds awards celebration to recognize team success



All State Award Winners: Eli Dougherty (Des Moines Register Wide Receiver) Nathan Beitz (Des Moines Register Defensive Line, IFCA 1st Team Offensive Line, IA Football Defensive POY), Dylan Knipper (IFCA 2nd Team Defensive Utility), Rogan Heidt (IFCA 2nd Team Running Back)

Team Award Winners: Most Improved: Tate Intorf
Offensive MVP: Rogan Heidt
Defensive MVP: Nathan Beitz
Scout Team MVP: Kipton Thompson
JV MVP: Trevor Grimm. These are voted on by the players.



Academic All District (3.5 GPA or higher first quarter) Front Row: Dylan Kipper, Tate Intorf, Kash Hunt, Trevor Grimm. Second Row: Ford Domeyer, Anderson Holtz, Rogan Heidt, Kyle Engelken, Griffin Honkomp. Back Row: Preston Salow, Nathan Beitz, Lukas Chesnut, Arion Rave, Kipton Thompson, Colin Smith. Missing Braden Gardner.

Basketball teams adding to the win column

Girls

The girls basketball team has started the season on the right note. While they lost to West Delaware in the preseason scrimmage, they have come out swinging since.

Last Tuesday, MV defeated ranked East Buchanan. The Wildcats came out on top, 57-47. The Wildcats led 28-19 at half, and while the Buccaneers outscored MV 13-4 in the third quarter, MV powered their way in the fourth quarter by outsourcing EB 25-15.

"I am extremely happy with the start of the season," stated Coach Moenck. "We knew this was going to be a very tough game. East Buch has a very talented team and playing on the road in this league is very tough. I was proud of our girls. They really came out with a lot of energy! I felt defensively we rotated well on the back end of things and got some deflections which led to some points. We had a setback in the 3rd quarter. We didn't get back on defense and we let a couple of their best players get wide-open shots and they knocked them down. Down the stretch we were able to take care of the ball and hit free throws to win the game."

Lanni Beaman led in scoring with 13 points. Audra Burbridge and Bianka Ronnebaum each added 11. Grace Richter had 11 rebounds, and Alexis Halverson had 10. Audra Burbridge and Jada Knipper each had four steals. Ronnebaum had four assists.

They then competed in the Rivalry Saturday event at Kirkwood where they defeated ranked Montezuma 38-35. The Wildcats led 22-17 at the half but once again struggled in the third quarter but came out in full-strength in the fourth quarter.

Coach Moenck admitted Montezuma is a team worth playing: "Montezuma is extremely well coached and is one of the better 3-point shooting teams in the state. When they were open, they knocked them down. Again, we came out of half-time flat and struggled to score. But to our kids' credit, we amped up the pressure and were able to cause some turnovers which again led to some easy points." Although the girls struggled getting good shots, their ability to force turnovers and to guard pulled them through in the end.

Richter was the high scorer with 14 points and had two rebounds. Ronnebaum added 10 points and a pair of assists.

Audra Burbridge tallied six points, three assists and a block.

This past Tuesday night, MV played at Calamus-Wheatland and defeated them 60-31. No stats were available.



Boys

by Maya Smith

This Tuesday the boys basketball team competed in their season opener against Calamus-Wheatland. It was a close game, and the Warriors put up a good fight. However, the Cats pulled through victoriously with a game-ending score of 55-48.

Assistant Coach Kirchoff remarked: "It was a slow start overall. We struggled in the first quarter both offensively and defensively, but as time went on we got more looks and got some shots up offensively. Switching to man defense after the first quarter helped us succeed during the game and allowed us to do a lot more with the ball. We still have a lot to work on. The plan for tonight's game includes a much better start off. Overall, the team has a lot of talent and a lot of skilled players. We have some big shoes to fill after last season, and we're still trying to figure out the roles everyone will play. Once we get more time on the court and become more comfortable with our new team, I'm sure everything will fall into place."

Top scorers for Tuesday night were Brady Wall with 20, Anderson Holtz with 13, and Trevor Grimm with 7. Leaders for rebounds included Lukas Chestnut and Dylan Knipper both with 5, and Brady Wall with 4. To round out the individual stats, Holtz and Grimm led the team in assists with 4 each, Chestnut close behind with 3 assists. Overall, the team 23 total rebounds and 16 assists. To top that off, the boys came away with 10 steals as well.

Tonight, the all four Wildcat teams will play at Alburnett.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Tessa Intorf
You're competing at state dance this week as both an individual and on the team.
How many hours a week do you train?
Around 28 hours a week.



Describe the process of preparing for state individual. When did you start working on the routine? I learned this dance in July and have been working on it since then. This dance was choreographed by Ally Bartachek and we spent around 4 hours just learning this piece. I work with Emma Brighton for around 30 minutes a week making changes and perfecting it.
What do you enjoy most about dance team? I enjoying seeing others starting to get the hang of things and putting their own style to the dance, I also love the energy this team brings everyday after school.
What is your favorite part of practice? My favorite part of practice is when we all get to do it separately and critique and compliment each other.

Name: Alexis Halverson

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?

This year, the thing I've enjoyed most about playing basketball is the success we've been having early this season. We have a great team and its such an enjoyable atmosphere to be around.

How would you describe this year's team? I would say this year's team is very diverse. We have a deep bench and a lot of girls that provide different things to the game. Each and everyone of us has to work hard to keep our spot and minutes up because of the variety of players that could play.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? One of my favorite basketball memories this season so far is going to the arcade at Round Two before one of our games and watching Lanni and Macee go on the 3-D roller coaster.

What are your goals for the team this year? State champions



Guest musician



The Health class recently had a guest speaker from Clarity Clinic in Dubuque. Heather Cunard spent the last day of her speaking tour sharing a little bit of music as she brought along her guitar and sang a few songs for the students about relationships and setting boundaries.

Best Buds



Breanna McShane & Ava Knipper
by Lucy Hucker

How did the two of you meet?

Breanna: Pre-School

Ava: Pre-School

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Breanna: Being at the lake

Ava: The lake this summer

What does a typical hangout look like?

Breanna: Shopping

Ava: Either going to Dubuque with Jada or going to the cabin

What do you admire most about your friend?

Breanna: her style

Ava: how clean she is

Where do you see each other in the future?

Breanna: As a trophy wife!

Ava: She is going to be a helicopter mom

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Aubrie Althoff

What event(s) are you in for speech? I am in TV news for large group.

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? The thing that I enjoy most about large group speech is that it pushes me out of my comfort zone and I get to do it with friends.

What have you learned through this event? Through this event I have learned how to speak more confidently.

Who is your speech role model? My speech role model is my cousins because I have seen how it has positively impacted their lives every day.



Name: McKenna Bush

What event(s) are you in for speech? TV News and Choral Reading

What do you enjoy most about large group speech? I like getting to know everybody and getting to work together as a group!

What have you learned through this event? I have learned a lot about leadership and working hard through challenges. So far this season we have faced and solved issue after issue, and I am excited to show off our work at contests.

Who is your speech role model? Definitely Mrs. DeVore! She has inspired me and so many others in speech.

If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Choral Reading for sure! CR allows students to show off creativity in tons of different ways. Every single performance is unique and completely different.



Jaelyn's Journeys

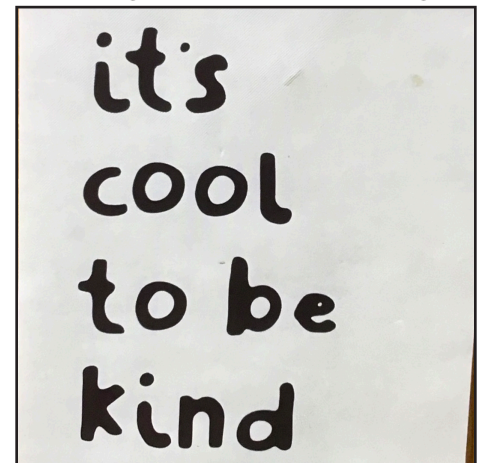


photo by Jaelyn Butikofer

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! .

Cutie

by Alaina Mead

What a happy cutie!! This cutie is a sophomore and lives in Earlville. She is the youngest and has one older brother. She is also involved in volleyball, track and FFA. A fun fact about this cutie is that she's never been on an airplane! *The last cutie was Colin Cole.*



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

With the cold weather rolling in, here are some winter jokes to get you laughing

What do you get when you mix a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite.

Which one is faster: hot or cold? Hot. You can catch a cold.

What do you call it when a snowman ignores you? The cold shoulder.

What is the best breakfast cereal to eat in the winter? Frosted flakes.

What do you call a snowman's temper tantrum? A meltdown.

Hall Smarts

by Taylor Saunders



Thanksgiving may be over, but for some of us, the meal is still a recent memory! Let's see how these Wildcats did at some Thanksgiving trivia!

Which state produces the most cranberries?

Joellen Bietz: Rhode Island
Ollie Hunter: Kansas
Emily Rudd: Wisconsin
Addie Wilson: Wisconsin
Answer: Wisconsin

What year did "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" debut on television?

Joellen Bietz: 1964
Ollie Hunter: 1970
Emily Rudd: 1975
Addie Wilson: 1983
Answer: 1973

On Thanksgiving Day 1989, what weather event disrupted the Macy's parade?

Joellen Bietz: Blizzard
Ollie Hunter: Snow
Emily Rudd: Hail
Addie Wilson: Hail or Snow
Answer: Snow

How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last?

Joellen Bietz: 3 Days
Ollie Hunter: 3 Days
Emily Rudd: 3 Days
Addie Wilson: 2 Days
Answer: 3 Days

True or false: Thanksgiving is the busiest travel holiday of the year.

Joellen Bietz: False
Ollie Hunter: False
Emily Rudd: False
Addie Wilson: False

Answer: False. The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is the busiest time for travel.

Meet the Freshmen



MaryEllen Smith, Khloe Glew, and Desaraye Banks

Name: MaryEllen Smith
Siblings: Shannahan, Ivan, and Hilar Smith
Activities you plan to be in: Marching Band, Speech, and Jazz Band
Favorite subject: History
Career aspirations: EMS Pilot
Hobbies: Baking and Reading
Something cool about you: I have my tonsils removed

Name: Khloe Glew
Siblings: One sister
Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, Track, and FFA
Favorite subject: ELA
Career aspirations: AG job
Hobbies: Farming and skiing
Something cool about you: I show horses

Name: Desaraye Banks
Siblings: Dashawn, DeVanta, and Domarius Strickland, and AJ, Darrel, and Darvell Banks
Activities you plan to be in: Musical, Marching Band, and Play
Favorite subject: Choir or Art
Career aspirations: Artist
Hobbies: Drawing, Singing, and Reading

—typist: MaryEllen Smith

Below: Ms. McCrary rehearses with the MV participants in the conference honor choir.



Deep Dive

by Arianna Nolan



Welcome back, Divers! This week we will be taking a look at a rather festive sea creature that resides in the Indian and Pacific oceans This is the Candy Cane Shrimp, otherwise known as the Randall's pistol shrimp. This sea creature is about 1.2 inches long and has very small eyes which has led it to have bad eyesight. This unique shrimp has one claw that is bigger than the other, the larger claw is used to stun enemies, gather food, and communicate while the smaller claw doesn't do anything.

Something cool to know about this creature is that they have a mutual relationship with Randall's prawn Goby, which means that they depend on each other. Examples of this would be the shrimp digging burrows for both of them to live in to hide since they are both burrow dwellers and the goby has good eyesight compared to the shrimp to protect them. Because of this, they also eat the same creatures. The shrimp would dig the creatures while creating burrows, which the goby would eat, and then the shrimp would eat the leftovers.

Luckily, seeing these creatures up close isn't impossible as they are usually in aquariums since they are very good at keeping the tank clean. Even average people can get them for their little aquariums! If you would like to know more about these creatures, then feel free to go to AAAS (American Association for Advancement in Science) which is where all of the information was provided for this edition. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and I will see you all next time!

Fantasy Fiction: Trouble in Therapy

We left off last week with Elizabeth passing out in therapy.

by Abby Nieman & Tommie Cole

The room slowed but was still spinning when I registered that Mrs. Brown was talking to me, "Hey, Elizabeth, do you want to go to a separate room and talk about stuff later?" I nodded my head and grabbed Chris. From what I could tell she looked at Chris and he must have agreed to go with me because eventually, we were in a different room.

The tree door, the door that I thought was so cool and strange, was the door we went into. It was so different there. There was less noise. There was a strong smell, and there were two or three chairs. The room still felt like it was spinning but less than before. Chris led me to a chair and I sat down. It was soft, unlike the chairs in the other room. Eventually, the room stopped spinning and my vision cleared, although I still felt dizzy. I looked around and there was a fox painted on the wall with a butterfly and a wolf on the other wall. It looked happy. They were playing in a forest scene. The lighting of the room looked like you were in a forest with a full canopy overhead, dim and

welcoming. The calmness of the room was like nothing I had ever felt before. The door was painted on this side with the other animals from the front of the door but the tree was higher this time we did not see the top.

Soon another person walked in through the door that we had just come through. She had a clipboard, paper, and a folder. She sat down across from me and Chris.

She looked at us and asked if I wanted Chris to stay or leave. "He can stay," I blurted before thinking about it.

"I need to grab something real quick," she muttered leaving the room and letting in the sound of the others outside talking about stuff.

Once again my head spun. "What if they are talking about me? Who all saw what happened?" Chris started talking, put his hand on mine and squeezed it. Not tight but enough to let me know he was there. I wondered, "What was he thinking? Is he having the same problems as me? How does he know how to handle this? How long has he been coming here?"

The lady came back in, looked at me and Chris, and shut the door. Just like



that, my thoughts slowed down and I could focus again. Her voice was softer than I expected like a whisper that was caught in a light wind gust with birds singing in the background. Her voice was high and claiming it put me in a place of comfort. In her voice, she asked a surprising question, "What did your mind think when that door opened?" How did she know that when the door opens my world starts to spin?

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