

The Wildcat Echo

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Fine arts schedule heats up for instrumentalists



Conference honor band

MV hosted the Tri-Rivers Conference honor band Monday afternoon and evening. Instrumentalists from throughout the conference rehearsed in the afternoon and performed a concert in the evening.

MV participants were Joellen Beitz, Ella Wulfekuhle, Logan Clemen, Brady Eike, Sebastian Charles, Maya Smith and McKenna Bush.



NEIBA honor jazz band

Trombonist Maya Smith and Trumpeter Brady Eike represented Maquoketa Valley at the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association's honor jazz band Saturday at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. The 1A/2A Honor Jazz Band had the opportunity to work with Ms. Kelly Weber (Ankeny), as well as perform with guest artist Marques Carroll, who is a trumpet player from the Chicago area. Students auditioned for this band. McKenna Bush was an alternate.



Bringing the pep to the game

The band has also been busy performing at the home basketball games this winter. Above: Saxophonist McKenna Bush plays an energy-building tune.

Sports Connection

Wrestlers compete at Springville, Beitz wins home tourney

The wrestlers went 2-1 overall at the Springville Quad last Thursday night.

MV defeated Lone Tree 40-36. Earning points for MV were Kyle Engelken (144) with a 17-2 tech fall, Kipton Thompson (150) with a 16-1 tech fall, Clayton Davis (175) with a fall at :43, Nathan Beitz (215) with a fall at :42 and forfeit wins for Brayden Schuster (157), Braden Ronnebaum (190) and Chase Krogmann (285).

MV also defeated Springville, 42-3. Engelken won by fall in :34, Davis won by fall at 1:34, and Krogmann won by fall in :37. Thompson, Ronnebaum and Beitz earned forfeit points.

North Linn bested MV 62-18. MV's points all came from falls: Davis at :32, Beitz at :35 and Krogmann at 1:02.

This past Saturday, MV hosted its annual Farr Jebens Invitational. MV finished fifth out of 10 teams with 100 points. Burlington Notre Dame won with 293 points.



Nathan Beitz is one of the state's top ranked wrestlers at 215.

Place winners for the Wildcats were Engelken in second, Thompson (150) in sixth, Schuster (150) in seventh, Sawyer Kemp (157) in seventh, Dalton Africa

(165) in seventh, Davis in fifth, Ronnebaum in fourth, Beitz in first and Seth Dugan (285) in seventh.

Girls keep opponents on their toes, record two more wins

Bound's power rankings are giving the Wildcats some credit as they have the 13-0 team listed as number 1 in 2A.

This ranking follows a recent non-conference and non-division conference win.

Last Thursday MV hosted Central Elkader and earned a decisive 52-15 win. MV led 46-6 at half-time.

"I was very pleased with how we started this game," noted Coach Moenck. "We got a big lead early and then kind of let our foot off the gas. We still have room to get better. We do such a great job of playing unselfishly. The kids are doing a great job of making the extra pass for a better shot. JV and varsity both play so well together."

Top scorers were Bianka Ronnebaum with 13, Grace Richer with 12 and Audra Burbridge with 10. Kelsey Hoeger was 2-for-2 at the freethrow line.

Ronnebaum had 10 rebounds,

three assists and four steals. Jada Knipper had four steals. Burbridge had seven assists and eight steals.

The competition Tuesday night was a bit more demanding as MV traveled to Bellevue to take on Marquette Catholic. The Wildcats won 52-31.

"We knew going into this game it was going to be tough," commented Coach Moenck. "Bellevue Marquette is a very good team and it's one of the toughest places to play in the whole league. I am so proud of our kids with the way they battled. We have some girls who are sick and banged up, but they really toughed this game out. We didn't shoot particularly well and we turned the ball over more than I liked, but we continue to play hard and play great defense which will give us a chance to win every night out. We have put ourselves in a nice spot and can still improve and grow as a team. That is exciting!"



Alexis Halverson drives toward the basket in the Central Elkader game.

Boys go 1-1 in recent play



Ty Hoeger puts one up against Central Elkader last Thursday.

by Maya Smith

Last Thursday, the Cats went up against the Central Elkader Warriors. At the end of the half, the Cats were down 27-29. At the end of the game, the Cats won 58-50.

Coach Conner commented: "Against Elkader, I thought our guys did a really nice job of competing for 32 minutes. Elkader played really well in the first half and shot the ball well. I also thought our guys did a nice job of making adjustments at halftime and doing what we needed to do to regain the lead in the 3rd quarter. I was really proud of our effort for the entire game."

Here are Thursday's game leaders:

Points: Brady Wall, 15; Anderson Holtz, 14; Lukas Chestnut, 7

Rebounds: Dylan Knipper, 6; Preston Sallow, 3; Anderson, 2

Assists: Anderson Holtz, 9; Dylan Knipper, 4; Brady Wall, 3

On Tuesday, the boys traveled to take on undefeated Marquette Catholic. During the first half, the boys couldn't quite catch up, leaving a 6 point Defender lead,

34-40. A tough 3rd quarter allowed the Defenders to pull away even further, ending the game with a Cats loss, 60-80.

When asked about the loss, Coach Conner said, "We knew going into the Marquette Catholic game that we were going to have to execute defensively and do a better job of not letting them get easy baskets, and for the most part, I thought our guys did a really good job of that. Marquette is a State Tournament team and they have one of the best players in class 1A, so they are a really tough matchup. Anderson had a huge first half for us and kept us in the game, being down by 6 at halftime. We turned the ball over down the stretch too many times though to compete with them the rest of the way. Again, I was proud of how our guys fought through the entire game and really, this is never a question for this team. We will be able to take a lot of things away from this game to improve on."

Here are some stats:

Points: Anderson Holtz, 21; Brady Wall, 11; Ty Hoeger, 10

Rebounds: Dylan Knipper, 9; Lukas Chestnut, 4; Ty Hoeger, 4

Athletes of the Week

Name: Bianka Ronnebaum

What do you enjoy most about playing basketball? I enjoy time spent with my teammates on and off the court. I also enjoy the team meal talks.

How is your senior year different from your previous years? This year is different because

it is my last year playing my friends. This year we are also undefeated which makes the season more enjoyable.

What's been a favorite basketball memory? Beating North Linn and making them lose their 32-game winning streak.

What's your favorite warm-up song? "The Riff-Off"



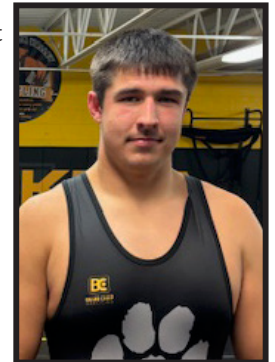
Name: Nathan Beitz

What do you enjoy most about wrestling? Winning and having success.

How is this year different for you than last? Last year I had seniors I could wrestle. Now I wrestle the coaches more.

What's your goal this season? To win state.

What life lesson have you learned from wrestling? It teaches you life lessons and to never give up.



Assists: Dylan Knipper, 4; Tate Intorf, 3; Ty Hoeger, 1

Tonight the boys will be taking on 9-2 Alburnett for the annual Pink Out game.

Tonight's game will be a challenge, noted Coach Conner: "We know what we are going to see against Alburnett. They have a really good post player, and some good athletes around him so we will have to be able to defend in the post. The difference in the game last time we played them was about a 5-minute stretch of time, so I am challenging our guys to focus on playing a complete 32+ minute game of fundamental basketball and we will be right where we want to be at the end of the game."

Jaelyn's Journeys

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

Here are some random jokes to end the week!

What's the difference in an alligator and a crocodile? You'll see one later and one in a while.

The owner of the tuxedo store kept hovering over me when i was browsing, so I asked him to leave me alone. He said, "Fine, suit yourself."

Why did the Rolling Stones stop making music? Because they got to bottom of the hill.

I made song about tortilla once, now it's more like a wrap.

I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

Pink Out Tonight

**Basketball
Dance team
(twice!)
Bake Sale**



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! *Last week's photo was of the cymbal holder in the band room. Preston Salow was the winner.*

Fantasy Fiction: Trouble in Therapy

We left off in our last installment, Elizabeth and Chris realized in biology class that they now go to school together.

Chris laughed and his hand touched mine. Oh gosh. My heart started to race and it was hard to focus.

"Be quiet! You potatoes!" The vein in his neck seemed to be staring at me. And the one on his head. "You must learn to show us older, wiser, smarter people with a lot more respect." Mr. Hubbard fixed the tie on his neck with an aggression I had only ever seen in my dog.

"His outfit wasn't a wise decision."

"Tell me about it."

I turned around to look at who had made that comment. It was one of Parker's old friends. She was stunning and usually very kind. I never knew how

she could be friends with him. Next to her was another girl with dark brown hair- which contrasted to the platinum blonde of the girl next to her- whom I had never seen before.

The two girls continued to giggle about stuff and I didn't want to eavesdrop so I looked forward again. Mr. Hubbard turned towards the board and started to write some boring biology stuff, so I started to zone out. Chris was poking my arm at one point in the lecture, "What do you want?" I whispered.

"Hubbard was telling us about a test that we have next week and he asked you a question but you never answered. You were in, like a trance. How much time do you think has passed since the start of

class?" Chris murmured.

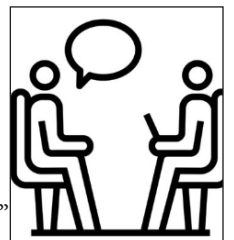
"I don't know, a few minutes, why?"

"Class has been going on for half an hour already!"

"You're kidding!" I was horrified. Had I really been out that long?

"Have you had that happen before?"

"No, not that I can remember." The bell rang and the rest of the class got up to leave the room. I walked out and went to my locker. Thankfully, the next hour was study hall.



what's up

by Taylor Saunders

What is one thing you love about winter?

Joellen Beitz: Hot chocolate on snow days

McKayla Weber: It ending

Ollie Hunter: Competition season

Emily Rudd: Staying inside

Sam Howes: Speech and pep band:

McKenna Bush: Christmas

Gavin Timmerman: Cold weather

Student of the Week

Aubrie Althoff



Senior basketball players nominated you for this honor because of your unselfish actions Tuesday night at Marquette Catholic. You helped out a teammate with a uniform issue. Why did you do it?

I helped out because I would want someone to do the same thing for me and for me it wasn't a big deal to help out someone on the team.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this basketball team?

The thing I enjoy most about being part of the basketball team is the fun we have on and off the court and the atmosphere is always great.

When you are a senior, how do you hope the freshmen treat you?

When I'm a senior I hope that the freshman respect me and that the dynamic of the team doesn't change.

Hall Smarts

by Taylor Saunders



How well do you know animals?

What is a group of parrots called?

Cheyenne Eike: Flock

Joellen Bietz: A flock

Sellah Ambundo: A flock

Answer: A Pandemonium.

What is a baby hedgehog called?

Cheyenne Eike: Half-Hog

Joellen Bietz: Kid

Sellah Ambundo: Hedgehog

Emily Rudd: Baby Hedgehog

Answer: A goglet.

What is the only big cat that doesn't roar?

Cheyenne Eike: Ocelot

Joellen Bietz: Cheetah

Sellah Ambundo: Leopard

Emily Rudd: Cheetah

Answer: A cheetah.

What kind of turtle can't retract into its shell?

Cheyenne Eike: Tortoise or Snapping Turtle

Joellen Bietz: An Outside Turtle

Sellah Ambundo: No Idea

Emily Rudd: Sea Turtle

Answer: A Sea Turtle.

How many toes do sheep have on each foot?

Cheyenne Eike: Two

Joellen Bietz: Two

Sellah Ambundo: Three

Emily Rudd: Two

Answer: Two.

Cutie



by Alaina Mead

This cutie sure looks like he was having a fun car ride! He is a junior and lives on the lake. He also has three sisters and two brothers. This cutie is involved in football and golf. A fun fact about him is that he's flown a plane before! *Last week's cutie was Caden Kramer.*

They've still got it



Alumni band members were invited to play with the pep band last Thursday night. Left: Ashton Goldsmith returns to the drum set.