

# Wildcat Echo

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## Follow that yellow brick road to the auditorium this weekend

by Annie Fjelstul

When making plans for this weekend, don't forget to include heading over to the auditorium Saturday or Sunday to support the drama club in their production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The show times are Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00 and Sunday at 2:00. For those of you who were deprived as children and have never seen *The Wizard of Oz*, or perhaps you have seen it and somehow forgot how it went, here's a quick synopsis: Dorothy Gale (Riley Sternhagen), a Kansas farm girl, and her dog Toto are blown away in a tornado to the land of Oz. There she meets the Scarecrow (Briana March), the Tinman (Mary Feldmann), and the Lion (Matthew Lansing). Together they journey through Oz on the Yellow Brick Road searching for the Wizard (Zach Smith) in hopes of attaining what they lack (brain, heart, and courage). However, once there, the Wizard gives them an extremely dangerous task that they must first complete, getting the broomstick of the Wicked Witch (Jazz Niehaus).

To find out how it all ends, make sure to follow the Yellow Brick Road to the auditorium this weekend.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. The cost is \$5 per ticket. We hope to see you all there!



Above: The Lollipop Guild greets Dorothy.



Left: Dorothy and Toto get optimistic news from the traveling salesman. (photos by Mikaela Reth)

## Football season ends in rain, one loss



One thing all Wildcat fans can agree on is that the football season ended too soon Monday night as MV lost to a formidable Denver team, 20-22 in the quarter-final game at home. Left: Kody Orcutt blocks a Denver Cyclone. Above: Ryan Parmely gets tackled after a long run to advance the Wildcats. (photos by Shaylyn Trenkamp)



# Wildcat football advances in playoffs

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Last Wednesday Maquoketa Valley played the Winfield Mount Union Wolves in the first round of the Class A playoffs. Finishing with more than double the score of their opponent, the Wildcats won the game 49-20.

Towards the beginning of the game was the only interception of the night, from senior Wildcat Zach Salow. Ryan Parmely also scored a touchdown in the first quarter and Rob Bockenstedt followed with the extra point.

In the second quarter Parmely and Bockenstedt scored another touchdown and another extra point for the Wildcats. The Wildcats also allowed Winfield Mount Union eight points in this quarter, leaving the score at 14-8 as the half ended.

In the second half, Parmely bagged five more touchdowns and Bockenstedt scored three more extra points. Subsequent to one of the touchdowns, Trevor Koopmann ran in the ball for a two point conversion for Maquoketa Valley. The



Quarterback, Jeremy Fischer, passes the ball in the Wildcat's game against the WMU Wolves. (photos by Shaylyn Trenkamp)

Wolves fought back, scoring their remaining 12 points all within the last half of the game, but the Wildcats came out on top with the win.

Ryan Parmely led the scoring for Maquoketa Valley with seven touchdowns total. Parmely scored one of these touchdowns with a pass from the Wildcat quarterback, Jeremy Fischer, who had five successful passes out of eight last week.



Rob Bockenstedt kicks for the extra point for Maquoketa Valley. Bockenstedt was 5 for 6 extra point attempts at the Wildcat's first playoff game.

Passing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 119. Rushing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 14; Steve Huber, 16; Trevor Koopmann, 29; Ryan Parmely, 373. Receiving yards: Trevor Koopmann, 29; Ryan Parmely, 29; Zach Salow, 20.3.

Tackles: Mason Hermanson, 2; Chris Hoeger, 1; Garrett Hogan, 2; Steve Huber, 4; Trevor Koopmann, 6; Matt Lansing, 2; Alec McDowell, 4; Curtis Nefzger, 4; Calvin Orcutt, 1; Kody Orcutt, 2; Ryan Parmely, 9; Rob Bockenstedt, 4; Derek Salow, 1; Zach Salow, 3. Assists: Chris Hoeger, 3; Garrett Hogan, 2; Steve Huber, 3; Trevor Koopmann, 3; Matt Lansing, 4; Alec McDowell, 3; Curtis Nefzger, 2; Calvin Orcutt, 1; Kody Orcutt, 3; Ryan Parmely, 4; Rob Bockenstedt, 2; Derek Salow, 2; Zach Salow, 3. Sacks: Curtis Nefzger, 1; Kody Orcutt, 1; Ryan Parmely, 1; Rob Bockenstedt, 1.

Interception return yards: Zach Salow, 36.

Rob Bockenstedt was 5 for 6 in extra point attempts. Kick off yards: Rob Bockenstedt, 329. Kick off return yards: Zak Harbach, 53.

## Wildcats triumph over Postville Pirates, hold on to district championship title

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

On Oct. 24, the Wildcats hosted their last game of district play against Postville, and crushed the Pirates 81-33.

Maquoketa Valley started last Friday off strong with a touchdown within seconds of the game. Ryan Parmely scored eight touchdowns in the game, one with a pass from quarterback Jeremy Fischer. Zach Salow also scored with the aid of quarterback Fischer, scoring 12 points of receiving touchdowns. Steve Huber ran another touchdown for the Wildcats. Later

in the game, Chris Hoeger scored a touchdown off a return.

Passing Yards: Jeremy Fischer, 124. Rushing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 10; Steve Huber, 78; Ryan Parmely, 327; Tanner Parmely, 10. Receiving yards: Ryan Parmely, 43; Zach Salow, 81.

Tackles: Mason Hermanson, 1; Chris Hoeger, 2; Garrett Hogan, 2; Steve Huber, 3; Trevor Koopmann, 4; Matt Lansing, 4; Alec McDowell, 4; Colton Nefzger, 2; Curtis Nefzger, 4; Kody Orcutt, 2; Ryan Parmely, 6; Rob Bockenstedt, 3; Derek Salow, 1; Zach Salow, 2; Dylan Wright,

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Extra points: Rob Bockenstedt was 9 for 11. Kick return yards: Zak Harbach, 33. Kicking yards: Tanner Parmely, 94; Rob Bockenstedt, 465. Punting yards: Tanner Parmely, 36.

# Hall Smarts

by Emily LaGrant

This week's Hall Smarts is going to be fun. It's all about famous idioms and phrases. Let's see how many of them, these students can finish.



The contestants are: Tanner Parmely, Kari Nefzger, Nate Lansing and Kelsey Gearheart.

1) A penny saved is--  
Tanner: I don't know  
Kari: An extra  
Nate: A penny earned  
Kelsey: a penny gained  
A: A penny earned

2) Blood is thicker than--  
Tanner: I don't know  
Kari: Toothpaste  
Nate: Water  
Kelsey: Water  
A: Water

3) Curiosity killed--  
Tanner: the cat  
Kari: I have no idea  
Nate: the cat  
Kelsey: the cat  
A: The cat

4) Don't cry over--  
Tanner: I don't know  
Kari: the little things  
Nate: I don't know  
Kelsey: boys  
A: Spilled milk

5) Saved by the--  
Tanner: Bell  
Kari: Cover  
Nate: Bell  
Kelsey: Bell  
A: Bell

The winners this week were Kelsey and Nate with 4 points each. Tanner got second with 2 points, and Kari finished third with none. Not bad this week, Wildcats! But some of us could use some improvement for next time.

# The Cat Box

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



A proud meow to the excitement the football team generated this year.



A meow to the marching band for representing MV well.



A meow to the FFA members who continue to put MV FFA on the map.



A meow to the soloists at state dance this past weekend: Cassie McIntyre, Bailey Lubben, Madi Schaul and Missy Schwandt.



A loving meow to parents who come to conferences.

Cutie

by Kristi Goedken

She is a sophomore.  
She has one older brother.  
She is actively engaged in FFA.  
She participates in one sport.  
You can sometimes hear her down the hallway.



## Athlete of the Week

Name: Brianna Mensen  
Sport: Volleyball

**What do you enjoy most about volleyball?** I like my teammates  
**What's your favorite drill in practice?** Baseball

**What's your least favorite drill in practice?** Ball control

**What's your goal for next year's team?**

To be conference champs and state  
**What has made this year unique for you?** Getting to play varsity

**What's your favorite memory from being involved in this volleyball?** Being with the team before the games



## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Matthew Lansing  
Activity: Fall musical

**What role do you play in the musical?** Zeke/Lion

**How are you like/not like your character?**

I'm like the Lion because I like to have fun and be energetic but I'm also not cowardly like the Lion is in the musical.

**What's your favorite part of the show?**

Wearing my Lion costume and jumping out to scare the others and acting tough when really I'm a cowardly Lion

**What would surprise people about the show?**

The amount of time we put in and the dancing routines which are legit

**What's your favorite part of rehearsal?**

Seeing everyone improve and grow into his or her character

**Who is your drama role model?**

Allison Kloser and Mr. Hadley



Name: Briana March  
Activity: Fall musical

**What role do you play in the musical?** Scarecrow(:

**How are you like/not like your character?**

I am like my character in the way that we are both very clumsy.

**What's your favorite part of the show?**

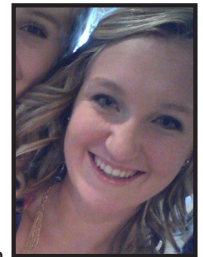
I wouldn't say that I have a specific part of the musical that I like more than others. But my favorite part of the show is getting to go up on stage and make AWESOME memories with amazing people.

**What would surprise people about the show?** I think people will be surprised on who is in the musical and what roles people got (if they don't already know).

**What's your favorite part of rehearsal?**

My favorite part of rehearsal is when you have been messing up on one part over and over again and then that time that you actually get it and it all starts to come together.

**Who is your drama role model?** My role model is probably Marlaina Orcutt. Even though she isn't in school anymore, she has helped me open up and become more confident with myself. She always gave 110% with everything she did.





# Meet the Freshmen



**Garrett Hogan, Alex Elgin, Angel Rumbo and Sean Hucker**

Name: Angel Rumbo  
 Siblings: Lucas Rumbo, Jesus "JR" Rumbo, Harold Green, Kevin Jones  
 Favorite subject: Language arts  
 Career aspirations: something to do with sports or advanced technology  
 Hobbies: hanging out with friends, playing sports  
 Something cool about you: I'm am from San Jose, California

Name: Alex Elgin  
 Siblings: Evan Elgin  
 Activities you plan to be in: FFA, baseball  
 Favorite subject: Intro to ag.  
 Career aspirations: Start a farm  
 Hobbies: sports, farming, FFA, hunting  
 Something cool about you: I like to farm.

Name: Garrett Hogan  
 Siblings: Megan and Kailyn  
 Activities you plan to be in: football, baseball, basketball, track, speech, FFA  
 Favorite subject: Math, Ag  
 Career aspirations: Farm, drag racer, dirt track racing  
 Hobbies: sports, farming, working, racing  
 Something cool about you: I can fix anything with a combustion engine.

Name: Sean Hucker  
 Siblings: Addison, Lucy, Donavon  
 Activities you plan to be in: musical, play, cross country, track, speech, Spanish  
 Favorite subject: History  
 Career aspirations: taxidermy, construction  
 Hobbies: sports, hunting, fishing

—typist: Mikaela Reth

## Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegge

There are many things in life that we all struggle with, staying on the positive side is one of them. With the upcoming musical this weekend, there are many kinds of charges, both positive and negative, going through the air. Time is winding down to the day of the show and some are worried about it being ready in time. To stay on the positive side, think of all of the hard work and hours you have dedicated into this show. Isn't that all worth something? The same aspect applies to the conclusion of this years football season. All of these players and performers had some sort of goal that they wanted to achieve. I encourage all of you to come out and support this year's musical, and

I hope you supported the Cats on the field Monday night. Watching people's hard work paying off, really could open your eyes on what dedication and hard work can do to a person, a team, and a cast.



## Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

**Wear More Than One Pair of Shoes**



It's easy to judge somebody by what they have done in the past. What they look like as you first see them. How they act. The way they hold themselves. It's easy to judge someone on decisions they have made. In fact, it is just easy to judge people. That's the easy part. The hardest part is to correct it. Take a step back and push aside all of your own opinions, all of your own morals, and all of the things that you think is right. Slip off your shoes and squeeze into someone else's. Your perspective will change on the situation and as you stop judging, but start helping. Once you realize what they are going through and why they are doing what they are doing, then that's when most start to react. That's when you count your blessings.

My goal for you this week is to put yourself in someone else's shoes, because it will train you not to jump to assumptions and judgements.

## Do's and Don'ts of Being a Wildcat

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



At Maquoketa Valley we have an abundance of school spirit and a lot of support from parents, staff and past Wildcats. As many of us say, "Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat." This week I just wanted to throw out some advice about how to hold to that statement and represent what we really stand for here at Maquoketa Valley, so here you go Cats: Do's and Don'ts of being a Wildcat.

Do support everyone and everything. For example, I applaud all of you who supported the football boys this season. And if you are one of those football boys, congratulations on such a great season. You all have a lot to be proud of. As the Wildcat fans say, "We are the Wildcats, couldn't be prouder..." Exceptional job, boys.

(Speaking of support): Don't forget to come to the musical this weekend! Come out and support the musical cast Saturday at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. or Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and you can get them in the office or at the door on one of the performance nights!

Don't skip out on school spirit. This is not only attending different events, but CHEERING different teams and groups on. Tell players, performers, and team members good job- they deserve it!

Do remember to act like a Wildcat at any school event you attend. You may not realize it, but your individual behavior can affect an entire crowd of people's view on Maquoketa Valley. So, be proud of where you come from and honor the name of a Wildcat that you have been given.

Don't overlook all of those people that make being a Wildcat such a great privilege. Teachers, staff, and coaches can never hear enough gratitude for all of the extra work they put in, and don't forget to thank your parents, family, and friends for all of their support.

Do continue the good name of Maquoketa Valley. We are one team and always will be. Do your part in making MV the school that you want to be a part of, a school that you would be proud to be a part of.

## Best Buds



**Kody (Kod) Orcutt, Curtis (Crab) Nefzger, Clay (Big Clay) Willenbringtheheat, Matthew (The Poet) Lansing**

by Heather Sabers

**How long have you been friends?**

Since the womb

**What do you do for fun?**

Riding Mike's horsing Mr. Huegel, enjoying fireworks, burnin' tires, car hood sledding, hill climbing, off-roading, level B-ing with Mike, dropping transmissions, etc.

**What's your most embarrassing moment together?** The Dairy Queen run (extra snickers, DON'T DO IT!)

**Describe your friendship in one word.**

#freetanki

## Staying safe



**MV alumnus Nick Jay spoke to the Street Law class Monday about drugs, violence and gangs in Iowa City, where he is a police officer. He made connections with what's going on in Delaware County and also gave advice on staying safe in college.**

## Quotastic

*"Monsters are real... They live inside us, and sometimes, they win." ~ Stephen King*

While helping out at the craft show on Sunday, I got to talking to a good friend of mine. We were discussing how life can become especially frustrating at the age when one feels like an adult but is not quite there yet. This applies, of course, to me in many situations. One of these being how many of my best friends are aged between mid-twenties and mid-seventies. They all, of course, have a considerably larger amount of experience than I do with life. Part of the reason that they are my best friends is because I can go to them with my silly teenager problems and they make everything seem so simply logical. However, I fear that I bother them too much with these issues that seem so ludicrous after being put into perspective. Of course, all of them are wonderful, understanding people. I do not know what I would do without them, but that does not stop the monster inside of me from persuading me otherwise.

Monster Me tells me almost hourly how worthless I am and what a burden I am in other people's lives. It will not let me see the good things in myself, blinded by piles upon piles of insecurities and self-doubt. During Sunday's conversation, I apologized for being so bothersome with such childish problems all the time. I received the reply of, "You're not a bother."

I would love to be able to wholeheartedly believe what my friend said. I trust her completely and would not ever suspect that she was lying to me, but Monster Me demands that there is no possible way that I cannot be a bother. I even told her,

"It's the monster in the mirror." She knows that I am extremely critical of myself and often think too much and become my own worst enemy. All too often, Monster Me reminds me that I constantly take away time that my older friends could be spending with their families or working on paperwork or projects for their jobs instead of listening me talk about whatever is on my mind at the time.

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*afraid to bother your friends some more. They're there for a reason.*

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Thankfully, I am starting to be able to combat my monster and know that these wonderful people are my best friends and that they wouldn't ever lie to me. My friends help me to fight my monster even more by telling me these things in honesty. Sometimes, as King says, the monster does win. Other times, it doesn't. I am just trying to turn the score in my favor. It isn't an easy task by any means, but I have always been one for a challenge. I am extremely glad that my friends understand my position. If not for them being so patient with my slowly lessening self-depreciation and combating me whenever I say something unkind towards myself, I don't know where I would be.

When I first acknowledged my monster staring back at me every time I looked in the mirror, my freshman year was almost at an end. The only reason I even let myself admit that it was there was because my friends kept pointing it out to me. I hope that if people ever find themselves in my position that they have real friends to go to like I did. I am my own worst enemy. I know this is too true. My teachers tell me at conferences, my friends tell me on my worst days, and my best friends tell me every day. I am fortunate that I've had my disposition brought to the front lines of my warring brain time and time again. If one only acknowledges the fact that he/she faces a monster nearly every time one glances in a mirror, he/she can begin the process of taming the monster.

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## FFA members attend convention, dairy judging team finishes 11th in nation

On Tuesday October 28th at 5 am with the two vans left Delhi headed for Louisville, Kentucky for the 87th National FFA Convention.

Students attending were Emily O'Connell, Kristi Goedken, Ryan Goedken, Kaleb Kruse, Emily Krapfl, Andrew Palmersheim, Laisee Shakespeare, Travis Knipper, Amanda Fortman, Cole Kruse and Heath Gibbs from MV, and they were joined by Beckman students. Chaperones for the trip were Mrs. Mausser, Vicki Fortman, Janet Fortman and Bruce Knipper.

The first stop was to setup National AgriScience Fair Plant Science display for competition on Wednesday for Jay Wessels. After a delicious meal at Cracker Barrel, students checked in to hotels and rested up for the big days ahead. Bright and early Wednesday morning students toured Churchill Downs home of the Kentucky Derby where they show horses working out and observed history in the museum. They also toured a local chocolate factory and 3 acre antique store and ate at Wagner's Pharmacy made famous by the movies. Then they heading to the grand opening of the convention & expo. Students interacted with vendors, colleges. At Noon the Dairy Judging team started their contest with professional photos and orientation at 1 pm. Then the practicing and dairy knowledge was put to the test with the dairy knowledge and DHIA management tests as well as the Management presentation students participating in the Dairy Cattle CDE were Emily O'Connell, Trent Westhoff, Kaleb Kruse and Nick Bagge. Jay Wessels has his interview with the panel of experts on Wednesday afternoon as well.

Meanwhile for the non-contest students it was time for the opening session with guest speaker Nick Vujicic. Imagine getting through your busy day without hands or feet.

Students also enjoyed speed painters and laser light shows. Also during that time Ryan Goedken began her process of competing in the National Career Development Event of Dairy Handlers Showmanship. After the session students headed out to eat at Marks Feed Store a fun little BBQ joint.

On Thursday morning at 7:30 am was Dairy Cattle CDE Day two and Ryans contest. Ryan showed a Holstein calf that was less than cooperative. The judging team evaluated six classes of cattle and



**Members of the 11th place national dairy judging team, Nick Bagge, Trent Westhoff, Kaleb Kruse and Emily O'Connell pose with their plaque.**

presented three sets of oral reasons to the judges.

Thursday morning the non contest students participated the National Days of Service at the Brightside. They planted trees with guidance from supervisor whom planted trees slightly different then the Iowa way.

Then at 1:30 was the dairy contest debriefing. The team felt good and we headed back gear up for the evening. Students also attended the 2nd general session listening to Steven Brockhus, National FFA Officer from Iowa.

We spent Thursday evening at FFA only concert featuring The Springs, Danielle Bradberry and Scott McCreery.

Friday morning tour was to Louisville Slugger. Then the day was spent at the career fair, FFA mall and leadership workshops learning about service and being the best you you can be. At noon on Friday was the dairy results banquet. First the announced the National Dairy Handler contest results where Ryan Goedken received a silver rating. Then it was the moment of truth for the dairy team. First they named individual results starting with bronze individuals, then silver individuals when Emily O'Connell, Kaleb Kruse and Trent Westhoff were honored. Finally was the gold medalist which Nick Bagge received. Then it was on to the team results which added the 600 point team presentation. Bronze teams were announced, Silver teams were announced and then Gold teams were announced with MAQUOKETA VALLEY FFA placing 11th Gold in the Nation!! The team was super excited especially since several of the teams in the top ten included several college freshmen.

Friday evening members celebrated a great week by enjoying supper at Texas Roadhouse. The original schedule including at haunted house in honor of Halloween but when temperature dipped into the 30s with wind and run the plans changed and landed members at a roller skating rink where they met with fellow FFA members from Westbrook, Texas who have a school farm.

The crew returned to Delhi Saturday evening exhausted with a lot of memories that are sure to help their FFA potential "Go All Out."

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV**  
**the week of NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

1. 12th Graders to Real Life Academy at Ed/Co in Edgewood - 8:45 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:05 AM)
2. Elementary to Audi. for HS Musical Matinee - 1:00 PM (Earl. & John. Buses Leave at 12:30 PM)
3. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

1. JH Girls Basketball at Ed/Co in Edgewood - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
2. JH Wrestling - HOME - Alburnett & Midland - 4:30 PM
3. HS Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014**

1. HS Fall Musical "Wizard of Oz" - Auditorium - Performances at 2:00 PM & also at 7:00 PM

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014**

1. HS Fall Musical "Wizard of Oz" - Auditorium - Performances at 2:00 PM