

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Hallways are filled with new Wildcat faces

by Annie Fjelstul and Shawnae Hoeger

Rarely has the high school scene such an increase in expected enrollment over the summer as it has this year. MV is fortunate to welcome some new students to our classes and activities. Let's meet them!



Lawson Wilson, sophomore
Where did you use to go to school at? Monticello
Why did you choose M.V.? MV has better classes.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, I like the football atmosphere.



McKenna Wenthe, sophomore
Where did you use to go to school at? West Delaware
Why did you choose M.V.? We had to move because my brother wasn't treated well.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, everything!



Paula Wear, freshman
Where did you use to go to school at? Southeastern Illinois
Why did you choose M.V.? My sister lives here.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, because I can use my phone more than I could at my old one.



Patrick Hanson, freshman
Where did you use to go to school at? Linn Mar
Why did you choose M.V.? My dad is directing the musical.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, it's a lot smaller.



Josie Young, freshman
Where did you use to go to school at? Starmont
Why did you choose M.V.? My dad and fiancé got a house together.

Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, everyone is so nice.



Logan Fronatt, junior
Where did you use to go to school at? Lando Lakes in Florida
Why did you choose M.V.? My cousins go to MV.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, I like the study halls.



Rejji Smith, freshman
Where did you use to go to school at? West Delaware
Why did you choose M.V.? It's a smaller school.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, the people are my favorite.



Kayeleena Wallace, junior
Where did you use to go to school at? East Buchanan
Why did you choose M.V.? I heard it was a good school.
Do you like it? What is your favorite part? Yes, everyone gets along.

Next week even more new students to the high school will be featured. Be sure to make these new students feel welcomed!

Icy challenge accepted



Monday during WIN time several MV staff members participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Those accepting the challenge were Mr. Tuetken, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Osterhaus, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Besler and Mr. Kudrna. (photo by Emily Krapfl)

'14 Wildcats introduce themselves to the crowd



Above: Dylan Wright runs the ball during the Gatorbowl scrimmage last Friday night. The class A #1 ranked Wildcats open their season tonight against Alburnett. (photos by Mikaela Reth)



Above: Running back Ryan Parmely marks his path.



Left: Quarterback Jeremy Fischer looks for a down-field connection with Zach Salow.

Judging team finishes sixth



Congratulations to the MV FFA livestock judging team on its sixth place finish at State FFA judging contest on Aug. 23 in Ames. Andrew Palmersheim, Kalvin Orcutt, Travis Knipper, Trent Westhoff Andrew Palmersheim and Kalvin Orcutt competed against over 50 teams from across the state.

Volleyball team opens season against Jesup

The volleyball team opened its season this past Tuesday at Jesup.

All three teams (fresh/soph, JV and varsity) played and were defeated in all matches. The varsity scores were 12-25, 9-25 and 12-25.

MV will host its first home game Tuesday night against Clayton Ridge with the fresh/soph game starting at 5:15.

Students meet the candidates at forum on Monday

Monday during WIN, the student body had the opportunity to listen to the student body presidential candidates share their ideas as well as introduce their class representative candidates.

Zach Salow spoke on behalf of candidate Ashley Holtz who is recovering from knee surgery. Ashley is with the Promising Party. Members of her party are Zach Salow, Jeremy Fischer, Brianna Mensen and Abby Holtz.

Annie Fjelstul introduced the rest of her Neon Nation party. Her running mates are Morgan Manternach, Erin Digmann, Danica Fjelstul and Brock Hillers.

Heather Sabers introduced her running mates on the Powerful party. Her running mates are Ryan Parmely, Macy Anderegg, Clint Krapfl and Brittany Sabers.

Students registered to vote online this year. Voting is today before school and through lunch.



Mr. Cassutt opens the Meet the Candidates forum Monday.

Trip to Mexico is in the works

by Macy Anderegg

Well it's that year again, time for Spanish Trip! This trip is for the sophomore, junior and senior Spanish classes.

There was a parent meeting last week on Tuesday, August 22 at 6 pm in the auditorium. At the meeting Señora Ries talked about all the trip information that parents and students needed to know. The trip is sometime at the end of July and the participants will be traveling to Mexico!

Señora said students should go because of how valuable the trip is. "It's going to be an exciting and fun experience full of new opportunities. There's lots to learn. Mexico has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. I think the students learn a lot about themselves through learning about new people and/or cultures. I would really encourage students to leave high school with 'NO REGRETS.'"

The down payment is due anytime from now until September 15. If you have any more questions about the trip, please stop by and ask Señora. I'm sure she'd love to answer any question or concern you may have.

Cutie



by Heather Sabers

This cutie is a freshman. She wears glasses. She lives in Delhi. You can find her on the volleyball court, basketball court, running track, or on the softball field. Her mom works at the school. She has beautiful hazel eyes.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Heather Sabers

Sport: Volleyball



What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

Getting to run a lot of fun plays and getting really excited when they work.

What's your favorite drill in practice?

Baseball!!!!!!

What's your least favorite drill in practice? Running the two laps before practice :)

What's your goal for the team this season? To work together as a team and always show energy.

What has made this year unique for you? I am going to be a setter which is a new position for me.

What's your favorite memory from being involved in this volleyball? Our game against Beckman in the scrimmage at Cascade last Saturday.

Name: Greg Guetzko

Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country? That we run together as a team.

What's the most fun part of practice? When we play games

What's the hardest part? When we have to run 10 miles or more and run up big hills too

How do you mentally prepare for a meet? I tell myself I can do it.

What's your personal goal for this season? To get first place in the cross country team

Why should students go out for cross country? It help you run better and you stay in shape too.

Who's your cross country role model? Coach Rudd



Meet the Freshmen



Dalton Sprau, Jordan Ross, Danielle Schuman and Andy O'Connell

Name: Jordan Ross
Siblings: Haley, Jalynn, Brody, Landon, Blake, Preslee
Activities you plan to be in: Track
Favorite subject: Ceramics
Career aspirations: I want to be a dental hygienist
Hobbies: running, art
Something cool about you: I think I'm creative.

Name: Danielle Schuman
Siblings: Caitlin and Tyler Schuman
Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, dance, golf, softball, speech, musical, play
Favorite subject: art
Career aspirations: Doing something in the hospital
Hobbies: Hangin' with my friends

Name: Dalton Sprau
Siblings: Walker, Ry
Activities you plan to be in: musical, choir
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: archaeologist, geologist, architect
Hobbies: reading, watching the dog
Something cool about you: I'm a caring person

Name: Andy O'Connell
Siblings: Cory, Carrie, Emily
Activities you plan to be in: football, FFA
Favorite subject: Intro to Ag
Career aspirations: mechanic
Hobbies: farming

—typist: *Mikaela Reth*

Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegg

In high school, I have learned a lot about myself and how to be around others. The most important, but probably the most difficult thing I have learned is to be myself.

When you surround yourself with all the diverse personalities and people at our school, finding yourself and then eventually, confidently being yourself is a challenge. As a freshman, and even now in some cases, I looked to what others were doing before I decided what I was going to do. But as a junior I have become more confident in who I am and what I want out of my life.

So my challenge for you is to go out on a limb. Be yourself and make your own decisions. You may be surprised about what you find yourself liking and changing to the person you really are.



Angie's Angle

Define Yourself
by Angie Wilson

Things and objects surround us every day. It's hard to believe that most of those "things" define us as a person.

The clothes that we wear. The food that we eat. The "things" we hold tighter to us than others. Everything that we are around help define who we are. It could be a physical object or an emotion. Do you surround yourself with happiness? Do you surround yourself with danger? It comes down to choices, to be honest. You have the right to chose what things and what emotions you want to surround yourself with.

We live in a country where those big choices in our lives are handed to us. We have the pen and pencil to write our own script to our lives. You don't get to blame anyone but yourself if you aren't happy with who you are. My challenge for you is to take advantage of the choices and opportunities you have here. Surround yourself with things that make you happy because you hold the definition of yourself in the palm of your hand.



Do's and Don'ts of Fall Activities

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Now that everything's officially getting started, let's get y'all some advice on this season and how to make it the best.



Do work hard in everything you're involved in. School and extracurriculars both require a lot of determination and time management, so challenge yourself to be organized and avoid a lot of the stress.

Don't forget to fundraise for... ya know, everything. If you're wanting magazines or food, hit up those music and Spanish kids...

Do sign up for speech this year! Auditions will be coming soon, and it's one of the best programs we have.

Do come to *The Wizard Of Oz* on November 7th, 8th, and 9th. I know that seems like a long time from now, but it is one fall performance you WON'T want to miss!

Don't leave out plans with friends and family this fall. Put aside time to be with the people you love.

Do enjoy this weather before winter. Take advantage of opportunities for swimming, bonfires, ice cream eating (oh wait, do that all year, duh), etc.

Don't forget about the other activities going on that you might not be involved in. For example, the first football game is tonight so get your wildcat butt out to Alburnett and show some school spirit, whoot whoot.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to the first musical practice last night.



A meow to students who are balancing soccer and cross country.



A meow to a developing volleyball team.



A meow to the upcoming Pentatonix concert at UNI.



A meow to *Phantom of the Opera* coming in Des Moines.



A meow to Mrs. Mueller for already having vocal jazz music lined up.



A meow to early outs but a furball to the heat and humidity.



A meow to everyone who's participating in the dance team's Dasher 5K Saturday morning in Earlville.



A meow to the Fashion Design class' entrepreneurship project. See the back page for details!



A meow to the FFA livestock judging team for making its mark across the state.

what's up?

If you were famous, what would it be for?

by Emily Krapfl

Molly Miles- acting

Zak Harbach- making Clint's hair gel

Josie Young- for being cool

Macy Anderegg- being attractive

Jeremy Fischer- being the friend of Rob when he goes pro

Rejji Smith- comedy

Tyson Tucker- for eating a lot of food

Megan Mensen- for being sassy

Jazz Niehaus- I'm already Twitter famous

Vicky Agromayor- filmmaker or dancer

Bryant Meyer-Kemp- engineering

by Emily LaGrant

The school year's only just started but already so much is going on. From the musical to volleyball to cross country, there's a lot to keep track of! Let's see how well these students pay attention to current events. The contestants are: Brody Severt, Megan McNamara, Cody Ries and Christie Fry.



1) Where did the volleyball team travel to on Tuesday?

Brody: Jesup

Megan: Jesup

Cody: Jesup

Christie: I don't know

A: Jesup

2) Who got the role of Dorothy Gale in the Wizard of Oz?

Brody: Emily LaGrant

Megan: Riley Kay

Cody: Well...Taylor got Glinda

Christie: Riley

A: Riley Kay

3) When is the first home football game?

Brody: Friday

Megan: Sept. 12

Cody: 3 weeks

Christie: I don't know

A: Sept. 12

4) Who are the candidates for Student Body President?

Brody: Heather, Ashley, and that blonde girl

Megan: Heather, Ashley, and Annie

Cody: Heather, Ashley, and Morgan

Christie: I don't know

A: Heather, Ashley, and Annie

5) Who are two teachers who took the ALS challenge at school last Friday?

Brody: Mr. Dunlap & Mr. Andrews

Megan: Mr. Hadley & Mr. K

Cody: Mr. O & Mr. K

Christie: Mr. Andrews & Mr. Dunlap

A: Mr. Hadley, Mr. Andrews, Mr. O, Mr. K, Mr. Tuetken, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Besler

The winner this week was Megan with all 5 points. Brody, Cody, and Christie tied for last with just 2 points each. Good job, Megan. Looks like the rest of you might want to pay a bit more attention for next time!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

1. NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

1. Johnston Elementary 1st Day of Pre School

2. SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION - Delhi Bus Barn - 8:30 AM

3. Homework Assistance for 7th & 8th Graders - After School until 4:00 PM

4. HS 9th / JV / Varsity Volleyball - HOME - Clayton Ridge - 5:15 PM

5. High School Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

1. Earlville Elementary 1st Day of Pre School

2. Homework Assistance for 7th & 8th Graders - After School until 4:00 PM

3. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

1. HS CC with MFL/Mar-Mac @ Tri City Golf Course - 5:00 PM (Bus Leaves @ 3:10 PM)

2. High School Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

1. SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION DRILLS - After the AM Routes

2. HS Football at Monticello - 5:00 PM (JV Bus Leaves @ 3:55 PM / V Bus @ 6:00 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

1. HS FFA to State Dairy Cattle Contest at N. F. HS in West Union - 8:00 AM (Van Leaves at 6:45 AM)

