

# Wildcat Echo

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## NHS chapter gains 12 new members, changes made to application process



Current NHS members are Madeline Gellersen, Kim Sellner, Jordyn LeGassick, Ella Imler, Kendra Hillers, Carissa Sabers, Kylie Chesnut, Emerson Whittenbaugh and Amaya Hunt; second row: Sarah Goedken, Jenavieve LeGassick, McKenna Thompson, Avery Krapfl, Payton Beaman, Kaela Clemen and Emilee Supple; third row: Adrienne Freiburger, Paige Winter, Paige Panosh, Amanda Mohr, Logan Johnson and Caleb Livingston. Not pictured is Parker Sternhagen.

MV inducted 12 new members into its National Honor Society chapter Monday, Aug. 31. Students were recognized for their outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Newly inducted members are Payton Beaman, Kaela Clemen, Logan Johnson, Avery Krapfl, Jenavieve LeGassick, Caleb Livingston, Amanda Mohr, Paige Panosh, Parker Sternhagen, Emilee Supple,

McKenna Thompson and Paige Winter.

Also recognized were the six members who were selected last spring but were not able to have their own induction ceremony: Carissa Sabers, Kendra Hillers, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Kylie Chesnut, Amaya Hunt and Adrienne Freiburger.

Mrs. Temple is the new NHS advisor. Over the summer, Mrs. Temple, with the guidance of Mr. Osterhaus, steamlined

the application process. To be selected, students must have at least a 3.8 GPA after freshmen year, have approximately 10 hours of volunteer work, and be involved in school and out-of school activities. Students' employability skills now determine a student's character score. The induction ceremony was moved to the fall to allow seniors who are inducted an opportunity to participate in service projects.

## Two new teachers join the MV staff

The retirements of Mr. Drew and Mrs. Mueller have led to the hiring of two new teachers.

Mr. Edwards has shifted to industrial tech, and we now have a new ag and vocal music instructor.

**by Cadence Freiburger**

Name: Ms. Lau

What are your duties here?

I'm the high school ag teacher and co-FFA advisor

Where have you been previously?

This is actually my first year teaching.



Where did you go to school and what did you study?

I went to Iowa State University, and I have a degree in Agriculture Education.

What do you like about MV so far?

I think the culture. You guys are family-oriented and seem to flow very well.

What goals do you have here?

To build a strong agriculture program and to get more students who aren't involved in agriculture more involved.

Family?

I'm currently living with my parents who live forty minutes away, so I'm just kind of starting out.

Hobbies?

I like fishing, kayaking, and I spend a lot of time on the Mississippi River.

**by Kaitlyn Nolan**

Name: Mr. Rath

What college did you attend?

Central College in

Pella, Iowa

What high school did you attend?

Solon High School

What are your duties here?

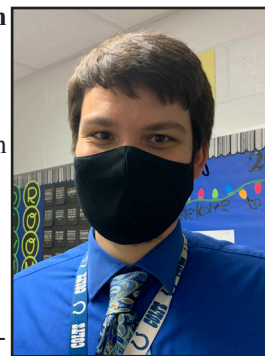
I teach middle and high school choir

Where have you taught previously?

I have taught at West Sioux in Hawarden, Iowa

What do you like about MV so far?

I like the climate in the school.



# Sports Connection

## Maquoketa Valley cross country begins, boys take first

by Chantel Crowley

On Thursday, September 3rd, the Maquoketa Valley Cross Country team traveled to MFL for their first meet. The girl's team came in fifth out of the seven competing schools, while the boys came in first out of the eight schools.

The girls team features four freshmen who ran their first varsity race. "Allison Hogan was a pleasant surprise in having the confidence to lead the team as a freshman," Coach Meehan commented. Hogan came in 27th with a time of 29:11.10, then Junior Jordan Hogan in 29th with a time of 29:42.50. The rest of the freshmen completed as follows; Zari Ambundo in 30th with a time of 29:50.20, Cecily Trenkamp in 32nd with a time of 32:37.70, and Josie Teymer in 33rd with a time of 37:08.30.

"The boy's team had a stellar performance to start off the season. Nolan Ries and Cy Huber both broke the coarse record

and placed 1 and 2 individually," says Coach. Nolan Ries had a finishing time of 17:05:60, and Cy Huber with 17:25.70. Michael Schaul finished 4th with 18:20.70. Mitch Heims and Landin Frasher placed 8th and 9th, respectively, with times of approximately 18:37. Brock Trenkamp came in 14th with a finishing time of 19:34.00, and Toby Grimm in 19th with a time of 20:04.50.

Coach Meehan stated he was pleased with several of the athletes. "Mitch Heims ran very well for his first high school cross country race. Landin Frasher was a pleasant surprise in running a time of 18:38--more than 3 minutes faster than last year. Brock Trenkamp bested last year's time also. Toby Grimm and Caleb Livingston also ran in their first high school race and did very well."

The Wildcats will next compete Saturday, Sept. 12 in Anamosa.



Nolan Ries and Cy Huber make their way up a hill on the MFL Mar Mac course. (photo courtesy of Amy Ries)

## MV volleyball starting the season ready to dominate



Carissa Sabers and Kylie Chesnut prep for the block Tuesday night. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

by Kylie Chesnut

Last Tuesday, the Lady Cats took on Jesup and Clayton Ridge in a triangular. They fell short of the win against Jesup, going 0-2. They came back ready to fix their mistakes against Clayton Ridge, finishing the game on the winning side 2-0. Last Thursday the Wildcats traveled Cedar Valley Christian dominating on the court, 3-0.

This week, on Tuesday the Wildcats held a triangular at home against MFL - Mar-Mac and West Central. They finished the night 4-0.

Against MFL, the Wildcats were offensively aggressive. Leading the kills was Emerson Whittenbaugh for 16, Payton Beaman for 6 and Krista Ries with 6. Carissa Sabers led assists with 17, Kylie Chesnut and Molly Anderegg both getting the assist 2 times each. The team served well, Whittenbaugh leading with 10, Sabers with 9 serves and Chesnut with 8.

Defensively the team was strong.

Leading in digs was Whittenbaugh with 14, following close behind was Ella Imler with 13, and Sabers with 12. Chesnut and Sabers brought down 2 blocks each, with Beaman putting one right back down as well.

The Wildcats had another good game against West Central, winning 2-0. Again, on offense the girls were ready to attack. Whittenbaugh led the team in kills for this game with 10 kills, Beaman followed with 6 kills, and Chesnut finishing up with 5. Sabers again led in assists 15 for this game, Anderegg assisted for 4, and Imler and Whittenbaugh both had 1 assist.

On the defensive end of the game the Lady Cats dug the ball well with Whittenbaugh led with 7 pop ups and Imler with 6. They got big at the net with Chesnut and Beaman each blocking 2, Whittenbaugh with 1.

Last night MV hosted Easton Valley and won 3-0. Details will be in next week's issue.



## Back and forth game ends with Cougars on top



Avery Holtz breaks away from a Cascade defender while Tony Offerman makes room. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Last Friday night on the MV field found two teams hoping to get their first win of the season, and the teams kept the crowd on their toes with the teams switching leads often. When the final buzzer ran, the Cascade Cougars won the favor of the scoreboard, 42-36.

QB Parker Sternhagen found some success in both a passing and rushing game. He threw for 54 yards on 17 attempts. He connected with Avery Holtz seven times for 38 yards, resulting in a touchdown. Owen Mensen caught a pass for four yards gain. Andrew Kloser made good for 12 yards on one pass.

Leading rushers for the night were Sternhagen for 143 yards with one touchdown, A.J. Ambundo for 116 yards on 17 carries which led to three touchdowns and Zach Digman for 28 yards on 10 carries.

Points on the two-point conversions came from Ambundo once and Sternhagen twice.

Defensively, Lucas Orcutt and Aidan Salow worked together to get a sack. Andrew Holtz had six solo tackles, while Tim Harmon, Kloser and Landen Deutmeyer each had four solo tackles. Orcutt and Tanner DeMoss each recovered a fumble.

Avery Holtz gained 51 yards on two kick returns.

Tonight the Wildcats are scheduled to play at East Buchanan. When the Wildcats played them last year, fans were treated to triple overtime.

The fan theme for tonight is jersey night.

## Wildcat football starts the season with a tough loss

by Kylie Chesnut

On Aug. 28, the Wildcats traveled to Monona, Iowa to take on the MFL Mar-Mac Bulldogs. The Wildcats put up a fight, but the Bulldogs came out ready to dominate on their home field ending the game 65-28.

Throughout the game, quarterback Parker Sternhagen made 17 passing attempts, and completed 7 of those for 62 yards. Leading receiving yards was A.J. Ambundo going for 32 yards in 3 attempts. Sternhagen also attempted to make contact with Owen Mensen 3 times for 24 yards, and Avery Holtz received the ball once gaining 6 yards.

Ambundo also led the team in rushing yards going 96 yards in 12 attempts. Sternhagen kept the ball in his paws to gain the team an extra 86 yards, and Zach Digman pushed for another 65 yards for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats were able to reach the end zone 4 times. Sternhagen getting there twice, and Ambundo and Mensen each scored one touchdown for the Wildcats. Sternhagen also gained the team 4 extra points by completing two 2-point conversions.

Kicking was handled by Ambundo and Digman. Ambundo kicked for 92 yards. Digman went for 25 yards. Ambundo also took care of punting duties, 35 yards in two punts.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Allison Hogan

Sport: Cross country

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?**

Running with my teammate and cheering on the middle school and the high school boys

**How has cross country changed you?**

Cross country has changed me by having more perseverance to do things and I can set high goals to accomplish.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** My favorite memory was when my friends who do cross country with me told weird stories at practice and at meets.

**Where would you love to have a meet?**

I would like to create a course here in Delhi for us to run but we don't have enough space.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "One of Them Girls"

by Lee Brice



Name: Ella Imler

Sport: Volleyball

**What do you enjoy most about volleyball?**

Being around my teammates and coaches every day, and listening to music in the locker room.

**What's your favorite drill in practice?**

Serve receive or hitting lines.

**What's your least favorite drill in practice?** Net shuffles and approaches.

**What's your goal for the team this season?** To be conference champs again, go to state, and have a lot of fun.

**What has made this year unique for you?** This year I am a senior so taking on the role of being a senior leader is new for me.



# Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

This week was shortened due to the holiday known as Labor Day. Since Labor Day was on Monday, I decided to ask Jacob Leytem, Amaya Hunt, Kaela Clemen, and Lauren Knock these trivia questions regarding the holiday.



Which city in the United States was the first to celebrate Labor Day?

Jacob Leytem: Somewhere in Oregon

Amaya Hunt: Philadelphia

Kaela Clemen: New York

Lauren Knock: New York City

Answer: New York City

What was the name of the strike which led to making Labor Day a national holiday?

Jacob Leytem: The Bolshevik Revolution

Amaya Hunt: Labor Strike

Kaela Clemen: The World War II one

Lauren Knock: Labor Strike

Answer: The Pullman Strike

The bill that made Labor Day a national holiday was signed by which U.S. president?

Jacob Leytem: Cleveland

Amaya Hunt: Someone named Cleveland

Kaela Clemen: Reagan

Lauren Knock: Abraham Lincoln

Answer: President Grover Cleveland

The largest Labor Union in the United States in 2005 was?

Jacob Leytem: National Labor Union

Amaya Hunt: No idea

Kaela Clemen: The teacher one

Lauren Knock: The Office Jobs

Answer: National Education Association

It was a well-fought battle, but Kaela came out on top with two correct answers. Congratulations to all, and enjoy your Friday.

# Welcoming New Wildcats

by Tara Goedken

We all know MV is a special place with great students and staff, and now six new students get to learn how special it is.

Libby DeMoss is a new senior from West Delaware. She plans to be involved in speech, football manager and basketball manager. Libby likes how the people at MV are so friendly. Some of Libby's hobbies include watching kids, going to sporting events, and watching Netflix. Some of Libby's favorite things are Grey's Anatomy, football, and pizza. Libby has a job at Delhi Landing as a server.



Brock Daack is a new junior from Hempstead High School in Dubuque. He plans to be involved in football and basketball. Brock also likes how friendly everyone is at MV. In Brock's spare time he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball and playing some video games. Brock works at a movie theater.



Kansas Berthel is a new sophomore from Durant Community School. She is currently a virtual student. Kansas plans to be involved in softball. She likes how all of the students and teachers are kind to each other. Kansas hobbies include camping and shopping. Some of her favorite things to do are hanging out with



her family and going tubing. She will soon have a job at Delhi Landing.

Brady Hogan is a new freshman from West Delaware. He plans to be involved in football and baseball. One thing that Brady likes about MV is how there are a variety of ag classes to choose from. Some of his hobbies include raising lambs and cattle and restoring his 1978 Chevy k20 and a 656 International. Brady enjoys working on the farm and showing cattle. Brady works for his neighbor, a crop farmer with 1200 acres and on the weekends he works at Fareway.

Lacce Barry is a new freshman from Roosevelt in Dubuque. She plans to be involved in volleyball and wrestling. She likes how MV is smaller than her school from last year. Lacce enjoys writing and listening to music. She works at Delhi Landing. In the future, Lacce wants to become a mechanic.



Deion Wilson is a freshman who transferred from West Delaware.



**What's the funniest joke you know by heart?**

by Amaya Hunt

Miguel Bojorquez: Why does a duck have feathers on its butt?... to cover its butt-tquack.

Kylie Chesnut: What do you call a cow with no legs?... ground beef. What do you call a cow with three legs?... lean beef.

Ben Weber: Wanna hear a joke about paper?... it's TEARable.

Anna Deutmeyer: Why did the bike fall over?... he was two tired.

Brady Davis: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?... he felt crumbly.

Taylor Jones: What's a cat's favorite color?... Purrrple.

Ethen Brockholm: My life.

Mrs. Besler: Why did everyone want to dance with the mushroom?... cause he's a funGUY hahaha

Mr. DeVore: What did 0 say to 8?... nice belt.

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

Why was the math book sad?.... It had so many problems.

Why did the students eat their homework?....Because the teacher told them it was a piece of cake.

What do you call a duck that gets all A's?.... A wise quacker.

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?....A stick.



# Best Buds

**Ella Mensen, Taya Tucker, & Payton Beaman**

by Amaya Hunt

**What brought you 3 together as a best friend group?**

Ella: Softball.

Taya: Softball is when we all three started to get really close; Payton and I have been friends for a long time, but this summer we picked up Ella, too.

Payton: Softball this summer.

**Who do you think the mom of the group is, and why?**

Ella: Probably Taya, because she drives everywhere.

Taya: Definitely me because the other two aren't the smartest, so I'm always driving and paying for them because they always forget their own money.

Payton: Honestly, Taya because she drives everywhere.

**What's the best/your favorite memory you've created together?**

Ella: When we did the scavenger hunt on Taya's story and drove around everywhere all night.

Taya: I can't pick a specific one, but all of the time we spend shopping and on the lake together.

Payton: When Ella and I died of laughter in Dicks Sporting Goods and Taya sat there quietly questioning why she's friends with us.

**Favorite activity or place to go together?**

Ella: When we spend the day on the lake it's always fun.

Taya: Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A.

Payton: We love to go to Chick-Fil-A.

**What's the best quality about the others, in your opinion?**

Ella: Taya is always down to do anything on any day, and Payton will laugh with me about everything and anything.

Taya: Payton has really pretty eyes, and Ella has a perfect personality.

Payton: Their best quality is to be able to make something out of nothing. Like when we are together, we always can find something to do.



**Now on the other hand, what's your biggest pet peeve about one another?**

Ella: Taya is good at every sport and it's annoying, and Payton is a dumb blonde even with her brown hair.

Taya: Payton has attachment issues, and Ella always thinks that she has a rough life:)

Payton: Ella has no common sense and Taya always has the urge to buy a new pair of shoes everytime we go shopping.

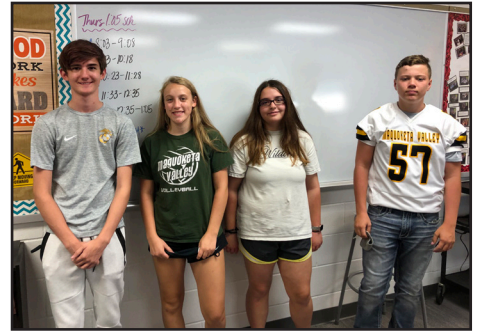
**Where do you see each other in five years?**

Ella: Taya is definitely going to be playing in the NPF, and Payton is going to end up marrying an NFL player.

Taya: I see us all being successful. I know that I will not be around Ella as much because she will be in college, but Payton could potentially be living close to me depending on what job path she chooses.

Payton: I see Ella still in high school but married to Tyson Tucker; and Taya I can see her in her second marriage.

## Meet the Freshmen



**Leighton, Keira, Chantel & Dylan**

Name: Leighton Deutmeyer

Siblings: Lexi, Landen, Lainey, and Langston

Activities you plan to be in: Track

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: None

Hobbies: Golf and archery

Something cool about you: I have red hair

Name: Chantel Crowley

Siblings: 1 younger brother

Activities you plan to be in: Golf

Favorite subject: Possibly English

Career aspirations: Interior design, architecture

Hobbies: Reading and decorating

Something cool about you: I have a pet skunk

Name: Dylan Sands

Siblings: 3 sisters and 1 brother

Activities you plan to be in: Football

Favorite subject: Ag

Career aspirations: Heavy equipment operator

Hobbies: Showing cattle, football, and fishing

Something cool about you: Nothing

Name: Keira Leytem

Siblings: Jacob, Zach, and Amanda

Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball

Favorite subject: History

Career aspirations: Realtor

Hobbies: Cooking/Baking

Something cool about you: I have a dog  
—typist: Leah Ries

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

~88,000 people die annually from alcohol-related causes. Alcohol is the

**THIRD** leading preventable cause of death in the US after tobacco in first and poor health habits being the second. (*The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism*)