

Three students vie for student body president duties



Angie Wilson

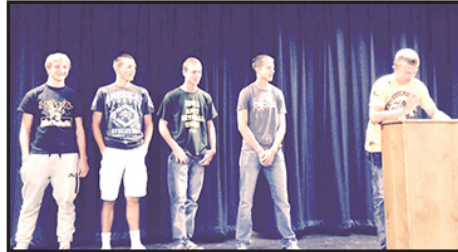
Why are you running? I want to be a positive advocate for the student body and help better and make my last year of high school one to remember.

Why did you chose your reps? Every single one of them are involved in so many activities, and all of them have a contagious personality that makes it easy for anyone to get along with and talk with.

What are your goals for this coming year? Promote school spirit through social media, salad sign-up, sweetheart dance, "shoes for Haiti," and anything else the you guys want to change for this school year.

What do you want to change/ improve? It's always good to change things up. Not only does it better the school but helps us look forward to something making the school year enjoyable.

Why should people vote for you? I am very easy to talk to and when I commit to something I am very dedicated.



Kalvin Orcutt

Why are you running? I am tired of the restrictions put on the student body because of students taking the easy road. They decide they will mess around on the computers and in study hall instead of doing homework.

Why did you chose your reps? I chose my reps because they show leadership in my eyes, whether it's during sports or leading by doing in the classroom.

What are your goals for this coming year? My goal is to make the school a place that the students want to come to and have fun. I want the students to feel a sense of freedom and responsibly.

What do you want to change/ improve? I want to bring freedoms back to the student body so they will feel more enjoyment while being here at school.

Why should people vote for you? I am a motivated individual that will make our high school great.



Shaylyn Trenkamp

Why are you running? I'm running because I have endless ideas about how to change our school and I want a chance to make those changes happen! I've always wanted to be a part of Student Council and put all the ideas I have, as well as the ones I hear from other people, into action! I constantly hear people talking about changes they want, and I ran for Student Body President so I would have a chance at making all of those ideas a reality.

Why did you chose your reps? All of my reps. are great friends of mine (and, of course, Tate also happens to be my brother) who are active in a bunch of extra-curriculars, friendly and also do well academically. I tried to choose people who had these traits in common and who I would want in the Student Council making decisions. Macy did a fantastic job last year and her experience would be useful this year; Nichole is not afraid to be completely honest when deciding on the best ideas; Rejji is a super example of someone who anyone would be comfortable coming to with ideas, and Tate is not only very realistic about ideas, but he also thinks outside the box and would be great for a different perspective in Student Council.

What are your goals for this coming year? My goals for this coming year are that the student body does better academically, has more school spirit, and overall that everyone has more fun and has a fantastic year.

What do you want to change/ improve? I want change a lot of things: I want more dances, more incentives (aka food aka ice cream), more privileges, more competitions (class and WIN groups), more giving back to the community, and more school spirit!

Why should people vote for you? People should vote for me because I am very passionate and once I want something I will give everything to make it happen. If voted president, I would make as many positive changes as possible and make this year one that none of the students will forget.

Voter registration ends Monday. You can register via the email Pam sent you.

Voting will take place in the lobby before school and during lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Sports Connection

Wildcats fight for five

by Emily LaGrant

The Wildcat volleyball team brought the heat last Thursday at their game against Clayton Ridge Eagles. Though they stepped away from the game with a 2-3 loss, the sets showed even more potential than ever. The match scores were 17-25, 25-16, 26-24, 24-26, and 10-15.

Despite a tough first set, the volleyball team stepped up for the second and third matches ready to play. Midway through the third match, the Wildcats faced a tough mental battle after setter Lea Ries was unable to continue playing because of the heat. The team pushed past the adversity and won the third match with competitive scores for the next two sets.

The match was filled with impressive stats from the Wildcats. Macy Hoeger walked away with 10 kills with Macy Anderegg right behind her with 9. Megan Mensen and Brianna Mensen both had 5.

Defense was also working hard. There was a total of 25 digs from the back-row last Thursday. Angie Wilson and Emily LaGrant led with 4 digs each. Aspen Britt, Brianna Mensen, and Macy Anderegg each had 3.

The Wildcats had an 81% serving efficiency with a total of 14 aces. Lea Ries went 10 for 10, and Macy Anderegg went 12 for 15. Erin Digmann had 4 aces out of her 9 successful serves.

The volleyball team faced MFL MarMac, Cedar Valley Christian, and Tipton Tuesday night. They walked away with two wins against MFL MarMac and Cedar Valley Christian and a loss against Tipton. The team also played East Buchanan on Thursday. Stats to come.

Wildcats go 0-2, defeated by Monticello



Quarterback Jeremy Fischer runs the ball in the Wildcats' home game against Monticello on Friday. He led the team with 174 passing yards last week. (photo by Shaylyn Trenkamp)

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Seven points away from a win, Maquoketa Valley found themselves with their second loss of the season last Friday against the Panthers. Despite the loss, all Wildcat fans walked away proud of how hard their boys fought and excited for the game tonight at East Buchanan.

Last week's game started out tough for the Wildcats; the Panthers took hold of the score almost immediately. In the third quarter, though, Alec McDowell ran in the first MV touchdown of the night and got the Cats back on their feet. A touchdown from Zak Harbach, another touchdown from McDowell, and two extra points from Matteo Zucca put the Wildcats at a score of 20 with just over seven minutes left in the game. The Wildcats then successfully held Monticello at their score of 27 for the rest of the game. However, Maquoketa Valley was unable to score again and lost 27-20.

Individual stats were as follows: Passing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 174 with 13 of 29 passes completed; Tyson Tucker, 76 with 1 of 1 passes completed. Rushing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 51; Alec McDowell,

82. Rushing touchdowns: Alec McDowell, 1, 22 yards.

Receiving yards: Zak Harbach, 169; Brock Hillers, 11; Alec McDowell, 58; Tyson Tucker, 12.

Tackles: Jeremy Fischer, 1; Kaleb Handel, 1; Zak Harbach, 2; Eric Heims, 3; Mason Hermanson, 2; Brock Hillers, 2; Garrett Hogan, 6; Alec McDowell, 8; Colton Nefzger, 2; Calvin Orcutt, 2; Kyle Wilson, 1; Dylan Wright, 1; Matteo Zucca, 1. Tackle assists: Jeremy Fischer, 2; Logan Fronatt, 1; Kaleb Handel, 3; Zak Harbach, 2; Eric Heims, 2; Mason Hermanson, 4; Brock Hillers, 2; Garrett Hogan, 4; Alec McDowell, 5; Colton Nefzger, 1; Kyle Wilson, 2; Dylan Wright, 3. Sacks: Eric Heims, 1; Alec McDowell, 2; Calvin Orcutt, 1.

Fumble recoveries: Jordy Downs, 1.

Matteo Zucca was 2 for 3 for extra points. Kick off return yards: Zak Harbach, 78; Alec McDowell, 9. Kicking yards: Matteo Zucca, 175. Punting yards: Matteo Zucca, 118.

Tonight the Wildcats travel to East Buchanan.

what's up?

by Kristin Lucas

If you could choose anyone to be the President of the USA, who would you pick?

Riley Sternhagen: Riley Sternhagen, "And I'd do a darn good job too!"

Hannah Lahr: Jennifer Lawrence

Kara Leibold: Zac Efron

Tate Trenkamp: Tate Trenkamp

Tamala Askeland: Mitt Romney

Shaylyn Trenkamp: Calvin Orcutt or

Ross Gentry

Rejji Smith: Shaylyn Trenkamp

Nichole Winter: Mr. Huegel

Bryant Meyer-Kemp: Calvin Orcutt

Madison Ott: Channing Tatum

Brenden Hogan: Neil Degrasse Tyson

Sean Hucker: Ozzy Osbourne

Cutie



by Nichole Lucas

This week's cutie is a senior with blue eyes.

He has one younger sister.

You can find him out on the football field.

His favorite place to eat is Smokey Ds BBQ.

Last week's Cutie was Katilyn Deutmeyer.

Best Buds



by Emma McDowell

This week's best buds are Kaitlyn Deutmeyer and Kara Leibold.

How long have you been friends?

Since second grade

What is your friend's name on Snapchat?

Kate

Kahara

What famous BFFs are you two like?

Kylie Jenner and Pia Mia

Why are you friends?

I don't know...

How did we even become friends?

Cat Attack Flashback

by Becca Hill & Amanda Fortman

The opening act of this week's column is in the year 2006. 42 speech and drama students attended Kirkwood for a day of acting. Mr. DeVore was very excited about the experience it gave. Four score and nine years ago the student council election of 2006-2007 was held. The votes were tallied, and Calvin Strum became the student body president. The reps were Abby Jurgens (12th), Pat Freiburger (11th), Carly Supple (10th), and Jordan Nurre (9th).

Girls rule, boys drool? Or maybe not. After the ballads were counted in the elections of 2009, boys conquered. Jamie Hucker became the new student body president. The reps were Lane French (12th), Derek Dzaboff (11th), Aaron Wendt (10th), and Carter Funke (9th). As history goes in 2009 Mr. Cassutt came to the high school to break down the laws of his fine classes. Mrs. McDermott's path guided her to come be the counselor at the high school.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Rejji Smith

Sport: Cross Country



What do you enjoy most about cross country? Team meals are always fun

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

What's the hardest part? Running hills on super hot days

How do you mentally prepare for a meet? Try and convince Sam she doesn't need to be nervous; it kind of helps me cool down a little

What's your personal goal for this season? I just want to try and beat my time a little every time during a race

Why should students go out for cross country? It gets you in shape for any sport

Who's your cross country role model?

Sam

Name: Zak Harbach

Sport: Football



What position(s) do you play?

Wide Receiver and Safety/Corner

What do you enjoy most about football? The intensity is wild

How does this year's team differ from past teams? We spread the ball around more

What's your favorite drill in practice? Tip drill

What's your least favorite drill?

Fumble recoveries

How do you mentally prepare for the game? Think through what my jobs are for the game

Who's your football role model?

Clint Krapfl (MV's center)

Meet the Freshmen



Austin, Izabel, Faith & Tyler

Name: Austin Snyder
Siblings: Ben
Activities you planned to be involved in: Spanish Club, Basketball, and Golf
Favorite subject: Science
Career aspirations: Architectural Designing
Hobbies: four wheeler riding

Name: Tyler Britcher
Siblings: Rayce and Jameson
Activities you planned to be involved in: Spanish Club and Basketball
Favorite subject: Math
Career aspirations: Engineer
Hobbies: playing baseball
Something cool about you: I have had stitches in the back of my head.

Name: Faith Hunt
Siblings: Teige, Amaya, Saige, and Kash
Activities you planned to be involved in: basketball, track, and speech
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: personal trainer or fitness trainer
Hobbies: running, talking
Something cool about you: I can speak some Spanish.

Name: Izabel Niehaus
Siblings: Jazz
Activities you planned to be involved in: musical, speech, cross country, dance team, and play
Favorite subject: English
Career aspirations: Engineer
Hobbies: eating
Something cool about you: Maci F. thinks I'm pretty (:

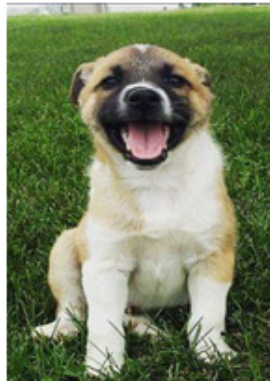
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Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson
10 Pounds of Joy

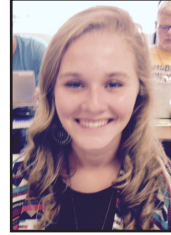
I had a friend for two weeks. I had a best friend for only two weeks. He bit through four pair of my shoes, two which still are missing, but stole my heart instantaneously. His name was Cooper. His face was blotched with colors from tan to black to white and his tail was tipped with a pure white fur. He was indeed a little puppy.

I was going to write about clique things that puppies do that melt our hearts, but everyone knows that warm feeling inside when you see that adorable face. Not only was my heart melted at that cute little face, my heart was overwhelmed by jealousy! I know, I was jealous of a puppy, I am not ashamed. I think puppies teach us a lot. Cooper didn't care about anything.



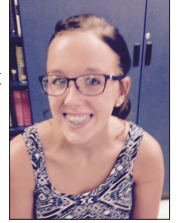
He didn't care that he barked for five minutes straight because he was so happy. He didn't care that he ran around a bush about twenty-two times because he had so much energy. He didn't care that he found a pool noodle and tore it to shreds because he was entertained. He could have cared less that he peed and pooped multiple times in the garage, he had to go when he had to go. He was carefree, reckless, and the happiest little guy I have ever met. Long story short, he was hit by a truck in those few short weeks. A few days after I noticed how happy I was when he was around.

I think it just explains that if you have a happy carefree attitude every day it will rub off to those around you. It will make life so much more fulfilling and when it's taken away, like it was for Cooper, you won't regret running those laps twenty-two laps around a bush.



Do's and Don'ts of Extracurriculars

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



"Get involved, get involved, get involved!" You hear it over and over again, and you are involved... So now what? I'll tell you what! Here's some tips on being in those extracurriculars that you love.

Do step out of your comfort zone! Join every extracurricular that sparks your interest!

Don't be scared of the upperclassmen/people who have been in the activity longer than you. They won't bite your head off (and shouldn't really be okay with morally doing that anyway) and they will probably even help you out.

Do support everyone in the organization you're in and everyone in other activities at our school.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Nothing bad can come from you trying to get better at whatever you do.

Do BE ON TIME. Being in an extra-curricular is a commitment. So be responsible and make it your commitment.

Don't leave out time for yourself. Hey, everyone's got to relax sometime! Take a break!

Do come to all practices, events, etc. Respect is a huge part of being a positive member of an organization. Other people, such as coaches, put a lot of time into your group. Respect that and put your full effort into it as well.

Don't be too hard on yourself. There's always going to be someone "better" than you, no matter what it is you're doing. That's not the point. Do extracurriculars because you enjoy them and make that your goal: to be happy.

FFA stays busy in summer

by Kristi Goedken

Another successful summer is in the books for the FFA family. Back on June 9th, we started off the summer with a District Livestock Champion Team! Members were Kaleb Kruse (1st individual), Andrew Palmersheim (3rd individual), Ryan Goedken (6th individual), and Kalvin Orcutt (7th individual). After winning it all, they also brought home top honors in the category of: oral reasons, beef, sheep, swine, and high team overall. The second livestock judging team consisting of Alex Elgin, Travis Knipper, Laisee Shakespeare, and Kaleb Handel placed 5th!

Also that day at Kirkwood Community College, the girls had the opportunity to showcase their abilities in the Nursery Landscape CDE and Floriculture CDE. Landscape team consisted of Rejji Smith, Kristi Mensen, Mindy Burkle, and Angie Wilson where they placed 10th in the state. In the Floriculture CDE, Josie Young, Amanda Fortman, Emily O'Connell, and Kristi Goedken received a silver rating.

After a jam packed day at Kirkwood, we sent two FFA members off to the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC for a week. Cassie Burkle and Emily Krapfl came back with many new memories and new friends from across the United States.

With a few weeks between events, the FFA chapter was asked if we wanted to participate in hosting a pedal pull at the Earlville 4th of July celebration. It was a great experience for members to interact with young potential FFA members!! MV FFA also had members who showcased tractors in the parade held later that afternoon.

Before we knew it, it was Delaware County Fair time. We had our chapter represented in many divisions of the fair such as the fair queen competition, showing dairy, beef, swine, rabbits, goats, agronomy, and many projects in the exhibit hall.

On August 4th, we were lucky enough to host two district contests in Earlville: District Meats and District Dairy Foods. The meats team consisting of Kaleb Kruse (2nd individual), Colton Nefzger (7th individual), Logan Fronatt, and Heath Gibbs took home the plaque winning the District competition held at Dans Locker! The Dairy Foods competition was held inside the community center where the team



Pictured are the livestock judging teams that competed at Kirkwood on June 9th.

earned a 4th place finish! The team consisted of a member from each grade: senior Kristi Goedken, Junior Amanda Fortman (8th individual), sophomore Josie Young (9th individual), and freshman Adam Goedken.

Cutest Couple



Garrett Hogan & Kara Orcutt
by Megan Hogan

How long have you been dating?

A year

What's your favorite thing to do together?

hang out at his house or watch movies

Where is your favorite place to eat together?

Dairy Queen

Where was your first date?

Subway

Reflecting back on the summer, the MV FFA was constantly striving to succeed and make a name for our chapter. Not only are we looking forward to the upcoming year, but the success we will have!

Harriers have first meet

by Tate Trenkamp

Hello again Wildcats, I hope everyone liked the first Cross Country update, because here's another. This Tuesday the Cross Country team had their first meet of the year at Clayton Ridge. This meet was not originally on the schedule; it was added after the MFL-Mar-Mac meet was canceled due to heat.

The times are as follows. First the girls: Tamala Askeland with a time of 27:18 coming in at 40th, Cassie Burkle with a time of 32:49 coming in at 79th, Laisee Shakespeare with a time of 29:44 coming in at 56th, Nicole Winter with a time of 26:03 coming in at 33rd, Rejji Smith with a time of 24:20 coming in at 18th, Kristin Lucas with a time of 31:43 coming in at 75th, Brooklyn Sands with a time of 30:28 coming in at 62nd, and Sammy Wall with a time of 25:43 coming in at 31st.

And now the boys: Bryant Meyer-Kemp with a time of 22:31 coming in at 33rd, Brenden Hogan with a time of 22:26 coming in at 31st, Sean Hucker with a time of 25:20 coming in at 52nd, Lane Coyle with a time of 24:23 coming in at 46th, Canyon Richardson with a time of 20:55 coming in at 19th, Jon Seibert with a time of 26:34 coming in at 57th, and myself, Tate Trenkamp with a time of 21:44 coming in at 22nd.

The Cross Country team will compete again on Saturday at Monticello.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow for the good ideas presented at the Meet the Candidates forum on Wednesday.



A meow for cooler temps in the school. Phew!



A meow for the cross country team kicking off its season. Be sure to watch for times to see improvement. Get out and cheer the team on!



A meow Shaylyn Trenkamp, Riley Kay Sternhagen and Taylor Guthrie for a beautiful rendition of the national anthem at the student body presidential forum. As this week marks the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 attack, the anthem sung so impressively hits home.



A meow to the volleyball for its win over Prince of Peace Thursday night.



A meow to Flavia for her impressive photos and bringing back the Photo Page. Seriously look at the pictures and see the school through the eyes of a foreign exchange student. Can you see the story each picture tells?



A furball to people who don't show up for practice. Commitment, people!



A meow for a quick recovery for our Wildcat friends Brody Severt, Brock Hillers, Emily Krapfl and Mr. Hadley as they heal from their surgeries.



A meow to Miss Swanson who is doing a great job of filling in for Mr. Hadley.

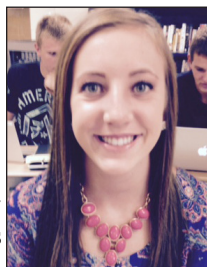


A meow for the success of the first mentoring session between the seniors and freshmen.



A meow to the huge turnout for the TEL meeting this week.

by Shawnae Hoeger



Bienvenidos to the Spanish edition of Hall Smarts. Let's see how inteligente these Wildcats are! Our amigos today are Lucas Rumbo, Kaleb Kruse, Ashley Stogdill and Garrett Hogan. What do these phrases mean?

¿Cómo estas?

Lucas Rumbo: How are you?

Kaleb Kruse: Have a good day.

Ashley Stogdill: How are you?

Garrett Hogan: How are you?

Answer: How are you?

¡Buenos días!

Lucas: good morning

Kaleb: How are you doing?

Ashley: Good morning

Garrett: Where are you from?

Answer: Good morning!

¿Dónde está el baño?

Lucas: Orange caterpillar

Kaleb: How was biology?

Ashley: I like peas.

Garrett: What's your phone number?

Answer: Where is the bathroom?

¡Feliz cumpleaños!

Lucas: Good afternoon

Kaleb: happy birthday

Ashley: happy birthday

Garrett: how old are you?

Answer: happy birthday

No hablo espanol.

Lucas: I don't speak English.

Kaleb: I don't speak Spanish.

Ashley: I don't speak Spanish.

Garrett: I don't speak Spanish.

Answer: I don't speak Spanish.

It looks as if Ashley has been doing some estudiando! The results:

Lucas: 2 points

Kaleb: 2 points

Ashley: 4 points

Garrett: 2 points

¡Feliz viernes, Gatos!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

1. HS Contest Speech Parents' Meeting - Auditorium - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

1. Deficiencies & Proficiencies

Due - Please Send to the HS & MS Office

2. HS Volleyball Scrimmage at Starmont - 5:30 PM (Bus at 4:00 PM)

3. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

4. High School Speech Auditions - Rm 205 - 5:30 PM

5. High School FFA Officers' "Kick Off" Mtg-HS Rm 307-7:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

1. HS Junior Class to UNI College Fair in Cedar Falls (Bus at 8:15 AM)

2. HS Cross Country at Starmont High School - 5:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

3. High School Speech Auditions - Rm 205 - 3:15 PM

4. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball at Central City - 5:15 PM (Bus at 4:15 PM)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

1. High School Speech Auditions - Rm 205 - 6:50 AM and 3:15 PM

2. SCHOOL PICTURES at Delhi Elementary, MS & HS - Staff @ 7:30 AM / Students @ 8:00 AM

3. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earl. & Hopk. - Teacher Learning Day

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

1. MV HS FFA to Tri-State Dairy Expo in Calmar - 8:15 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:00 AM)

2. High School Speech Auditions - Auditorium - 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

1. Deadline for October Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer in the HS Library

2. HS Cross Country at Cascade (Filmore Golf Course) - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

3. HS Varsity Football at Edgewood/ Colesburg - One Game at 7:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:30 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

1. HS Vocal to Pre All-State Rehearsal in Oelwein (Van Leaves at 7:15 AM)

2. MV HS FFA Livestock Judging Contest at Clayton County Fairgrounds (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)

3. HS Varsity Volleyball at West Delaware - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:30 AM)

4. HS 9th Volleyball at Western Dubuque in Epworth - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:30 AM)



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