

## FFA Dairy Cattle Team earns berth to nationals



**Hunter Hamilton- Iowa FFA officer, Amanda Engelken, Cole Kruse, Jackie Ehrlich, Katelyn Goldsmith, Advisor Dawn Mausser and Erica Bair of the Iowa FFA are recognized for their first place finish at the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union.**

The 2015 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Seventeen teams and fifty-seven individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter located in Delhi was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team members included: Jacqueline Ehrlich, Cole Kruse, Amanda Engelken and Katelyn Goldsmith. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National

FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support from Associated Milk Producers, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Allflex USA sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

### Top Ten Individuals:

Trevor Malven, Crestwood FFA, Cresco  
Kaitlyn Hauser, Nashua Plainfield FFA  
Cynthia Hamlett, Starmont FFA  
Cole Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA  
Jacqueline Ehrlich, Maquoketa Valley FFA  
Amanda Engelken, Maquoketa Valley FFA  
Jessica Schmitt, South Winneshiek FFA  
Rachel Grober, New Hampton FFA  
Eric Richards, Wapsie Valley FFA  
Alexandria Sadler, North Fayette Valley

## And the votes are in: Orcutt as president

The student council election ballots have been counted, and some new faces will join the organization.

Results from Wednesday's election are:

Brooke Wilson (Angie's Allies Party) - freshman rep

Rejji Smith (Shay's Squad Party) - sophomore rep

Amanda Fortman (Angie's Allies Party) - junior rep

Colton Nefzger (Meninist Party) - senior rep

Kalvin Orcutt (Meninist Party) - Student Council President

The student council will now start preparing homecoming plans.

**Right: Kiesha Stelken picks up her ballot to vote on Wednesday.**

## New Officers, New Ideas

by Kristin Lucas

National Honor Society, known as NHS, is a group that recognizes outstanding high school students. It honors excelling student who show great skills in leadership, scholarship, service and character.

This year's NHS officers are Shaylyn Trenkamp, president; Angie Wilson, vice president; and Sienna Becker, secretary.

When asked what her goals for this year were, Shaylyn responded, "Our primary goal is to get NHS more recognition. Also, we plan to make the NHS process more prestigious for future members as well as current members." She said she believes there should be requirements to current members to remain members and make the process of getting in more difficult to make NHS an even higher honor to be part of. Some of the projects Shaylyn has for this year are to partake in the Camp Courageous breakfast and help with Dollars for Scholars. As always, there will be a school service day as well. Shaylyn said that they are always open to new project ideas and are looking to be involved in more community service projects.

As for gaining recognition, their ideas include locker posters and combining with the Excellence in Academics banquet in the spring. This year, NHS hopes to accomplish more community service. They also want to "focus more on our ideals of academics, leadership, and community service as well as build NHS up as an honored and well-known group in our school."



# Volleyball team brings season record to 3-3

by Emily LaGrant

The volleyball team faced a busy week, playing in both a tournament and a game. They walked away with three wins and one loss to show for it, bringing their record to 3-3-0.

On Tuesday night, the Wildcats played a home tournament against three other teams: MFL MarMac, Tipton, and Cedar Valley Christian. The team went 2-1 with victories against MFL and CVC. Both games had 2-0 sets. The MFL MarMac match scores were 21-13 and 21-17. The Cedar Valley Christian match scores were 21-10 and 21-8.

The Tipton game was a harder battle for the Wildcats. They came back from a rough first match to win the second match. The Wildcats were overcome in the third set to lose 1-2. The match scores were 11-21, 21-19, 5-15.

The stats that came out of the tournament were impressive. The team walked away with 42 kills and 31 digs from the night. The Wildcats also had an overall 88% serving efficiency. Against CVC, the Cats only missed 2 of 53 serves. Overall, they had 18 aces, 6 of which were from Erin Digmann.

Kill err was also at an all time low



Members of the team celebrate a point at the Central City game. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

during the two winning games. There was a total of 7 errors out of 4 sets. Out of 48 total hits, 25 were successful kills.

The Wildcats also took on Prince of Peace High School last Thursday. The team won 3-0 with the following match scores: 25-10, 25-16, 25-15.

Once again, the team stayed on top with their serves. They finished the night with a 97% serving efficiency and 9 aces. Megan Mensen went 15 for 15 with

4 aces. Erin Digmann went 5 for 6 with 3 aces.

Up at the net there were 9 blocks and 28 kills. Macy Hoeger and Brianna Mensen had 6 kills apiece, helped out by Lea Ries's 15 assists.

The team played Central City Tuesday night and ended 3-0. They will also be competing Saturday at the West Delaware Tournament. Stats to come.

## Times drop for many runners, new personal records

by Tate Trenkamp

Welcome back Wildcats once again the Cross Country had not one, but two meets. One at Monticello on Saturday, September 12.

Coach Rudd said she was pleased with the teams' performances. "I am very happy with our times today. Everyone came down in time, from 15 seconds to 3 minutes! They ran great!"

Let's begin with the girls' results: Tamala Askeland, 27:07 - 63rd; Laisee Shakespeare, 26:45 - 61st; Nicole Winter, 25:11 - 57th; Rejji Smith, 23:16 - 34th; Kristin Lucas, 30:26 - 70th; Sammy Wall, 25:04 - 56th. The team finished 11th.

Now the boys results for Saturday: Bryant Meyer-Kemp, 22:09 - 53rd; Brenden Hogan, 21:29 - 52nd; Sean Hucker, 24:26 - 63rd; Lane Coyle, 24:14 - 61st; Canyon Richardson, 20:48 - 48th; Jon Seibert, 24:34 - 64th; Tate Trenkamp, 20:16 - 40th. The team finished ninth.

The team competed this past Tuesday at Starmont. Six athletes dropped times



Sean Hucker and Jon Seibert push through the Monticello course Saturday. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

tonight: Tamala, Sam, Canyon, Brooklyn, Canyon and Tate got personal records, according to Coach Rudd.

The girls stats: Tamala Askeland, 25:43 - 44th; Cassie Burkle, 31:35 - 60th; Laisee Shakespeare, 28:23 - 57th; Nicole Winter, 25:17 - 38th; Rejji Smith, 23:28 - 24th; Kristin Lucas, 31:08 - 59th; Madison Ott, 33:15 - 60th; Brooklyn Sands, 30:07 - 45th; Sammy Wall, 24:10 - 30th. At this

meet, the team finished ninth.

Now for the boys results: Bryant Meyer-Kemp, 21:28 - 49th; Brenden Hogan, 21:45 - 51st; Sean Hucker, 24:48 - 72nd; Lane Coyle, 24:31 - 71st; Canyon Richardson, 20:29 - 38th; Jon Seibert, 24:52 - 73rd; Tate Trenkamp, 20:08 - 31st. Overall, the team finished 11th.

Read next week's Echo to find out how the XC team did at Cascade.

# what's up?

## What is your favorite animal?

by McKenzie Lansing

Heath Gibbs- Hedgehog  
 Adrienne Supple- Penguin  
 Caitlyn Gibbs- My little pony  
 Clint Krapfl- Dragon  
 Cassandra Ingles- Jellyfish  
 Danielle Schuman- Finger Monkey  
 Patrick Hansen- Polar Bear  
 Kristin Brehm- Monkey  
 Keegan Hayne- Honey Badger  
 Alex McCusker- Night Hawk  
 Bryant Meyer-Kemp- Saber Tooth Tiger  
 Tate Trenkamp- Armadillo  
 Brenden Hogan- Dog  
 Tyson Tucker- Dolphin  
 Katlyn Handel- my brother Kaleb  
 Mitchell Stender- Baby Tiger  
 Brittany Hines- Beaver

## Angie's Angle

### Her Problems Are My Problems

I know someone who knows me more than I know myself. We could be at opposite ends of a room full of people and still know what each other are thinking. This person accepts me for my past, loves me in the present, and will always be in my future. Our phone calls are never just a few minutes, but a few hours. Sometimes one listens and the other rants, and sometimes we sit in silence. She is sarcastic, stubborn, and as weird as I am. She is my best friend. I have lots of problems. She listens to them all. I cry over my family, my dog, and sometimes I don't even know why I am crying, but she cries with me. When I fell and hit my head, she was there to sit with me in the dark. She's always there, no matter what. As I will always be for her.

I walked into a typical hospital room. The extra table was full of gifts where I set my flowers and jar full of her favorite candy. She was sleeping, tangled up in wires and blankets. When she woke up, the grin on her face was priceless. I knew I couldn't do anything to get her out of the hospital, but I was there. If only I could trade spots with her, I would in a heartbeat. Just as she sat with me in that dark room, I sat with her in that hospital room. Sometimes it's not the acts of kindness but the mere presence. My problems were her problems, just as her problems are mine.

Get better soon, Emmkay! Love you!



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Cole Kruse & Amanda Engelken*



**You recently earned a trip to the national dairy judging contest after your state win. How did you prepare for contest?**

Cole: I studied the dairy evaluation test.

Amanda: I looked at the tests from previous years to review for the test. I also went over the management questions with my dad so I knew what I was doing. For the dairy judging part, I went through the cow yard and pointed out what was wrong with them and which cow was the best.

**What do you enjoy most about dairy judging?**

Cole: Looking at high quality mammary systems.

Amanda: I enjoy looking at the high quality cattle in each class that I judge.

**How will you put these skills to use in the future?**

Cole: I know what animals are good at a sale.

Amanda: Dairy judging teaches me to express my opinion, which is a skill that will always be useful, no matter what I do in the future.

**How do you see the dairy industry changing in the next 20 years?**

Cole: Robots will have a high impacted on the dairy industry.

Amanda: I see it changing by the increase in the use of robotics and technology.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Brianna Mensen

Sport: Volleyball



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

I like volleyball because of my teammates and all of the challenges it has.

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

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

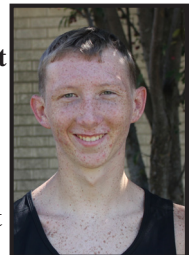
**What's your goal for the team this season?** My goal for the team this year is to become conference champions.

**What has made this year unique for you?** Playing with different people is unique this year and is a lot of fun.

**What's your favorite memory from being involved in volleyball?** One of my favorite memories from being in volleyball this year was at Clayton Ridge when the game was very close and the student section made it even more exciting!

Name: Bryant Meyer-Kemp

Sport: Cross Country



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

Running.

**What's the most fun part of practice?** Weight lifting.

**What's the hardest part?** Hills.

**How do you mentally prepare for a meet?** I think of how short it really is.

**What's your personal goal for this season?** Get under 19 minutes

**Why should students go out for cross country?** To help them get in shape and have fun!

**Who's your cross country role model?**

Eric Hogan is my cross country roll model because he worked so hard at practice.

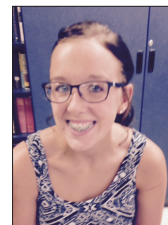
# It's all business

Staff Sergeant Nico D. Molton and Sergeant Leo F. Kavitz spoke about business careers in the U.S. Army to Mrs. Spellerberg's classes on Thursday.



## Do's and Don'ts of Supporting the Underdog

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



First of all, you should know that when I refer to the “underdog,” I’m really just referring to the people who don’t get enough credit. These people AREN’T actually underdogs! They just aren’t getting quite the attention they deserve! So, here’s the low down on how YOU can help get them that credit.

Do come to events that you maybe wouldn’t normally. For instance, cross country meets! COME SUPPORT! There should be more than than students come to support our XC team! In fact, I’m thinking a tailgate at West Delaware for the meet on October 6th?

Don’t count people out. You never know until you ask, so ask teachers, family friends, etc. if they want to come support you!

Do support some music events. MV’s Got Talent is coming up (the show where the choir provides appetizers and desserts), so hit up a choir member for a ticket!

Don’t be afraid to be the “underdog.” Be proud of yourself and grateful for the people who do support you.

Do say “hi” to people you don’t usually talk to. Just a quick “hey, what’s up, hello” can brighten a person’s day or even start a new friendship.

Don’t forget the people that help you get to where you are. Most often, these people are not given enough credit. Thank your teachers, coaches, parents, etc. They deserve that.

Do have a great Friday, regardless of your “underdog” status of lack thereof.

## Meet the Freshmen



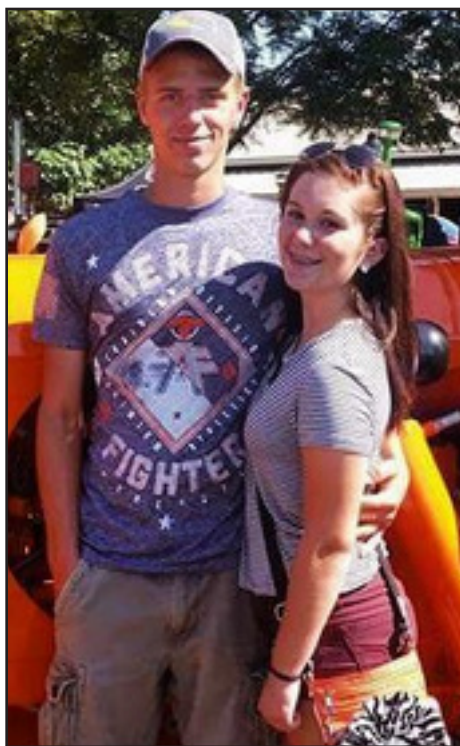
**Rose, Shana & Kristin**

Name: Rose Havens  
Siblings: Cory  
Activities you plan to be in: FFA, track, and choir  
Favorite subject: intro to ag  
Career Inspirations: farmer  
Hobbies: fishing, camping, horse back riding

Name: Kristin Lucas  
Siblings: Nichole  
Activities you plan to be in: band, choir, musical, play, cross country, speech, and wildcat echo  
Favorite subject: Spanish  
Career aspirations: elementary teacher  
Hobbies: reading, running, drawing, playing piano

Name: Shana Timm  
Siblings: Travis  
Activities: sports, choir, musical, maybe speech  
Favorite subject: creative writing  
Career aspirations: pediatrician  
Hobbies: animals, sports, writing, reading  
—typist: Kristi Goedken

## Cutest Couple



**by Emma McDowell**

This week’s couple is Megan Wulfekuhle and Andy Huber.

**Where was your first date?**  
We saw *Dumb and Dumber Too*.

**How did Andy ask you out?**  
We’re hanging out and he just asked.

**How long have you been dating?**  
9 months.

# Wildcats get first win of the season

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Last Friday, the Wildcats traveled to East Buchanan and channeled the inner fire they had after two hard losses the previous week.

MV and East Buc both began with skilled offense and defense, making for a great battle right from the beginning. Despite MV's fire, though, they let East Buc slip by for the first touchdown of the game. The Buccaneers were unsuccessful with an extra point, however, and remained at six points for the rest of the first quarter. The Wildcats came right back with a touchdown of their own before the first quarter was up and senior Matteo Zucca put the Cats in the lead with a successful kick for the extra point.

The second quarter brought another touchdown and extra point for the Wildcats, just before halftime began, putting the score at 14-6.

The Buccaneers then battled back with another touchdown in the next quarter and a two-point conversion.

Not satisfied with a tie, Maquoketa Valley wasted no time working for another touchdown and made it happen with less than seven minutes until the final quarter. Defensively, the Cats then kept it up and the score remained at 21-14 going into the fourth quarter. Then, in the last quarter



**Senior Calvin Orcutt works the Buccaneer defense away from the Wildcat play last Friday. The Wildcats beat East Buc 35-14 and earned their first win last week. (photo by Shaylyn Trenkamp)**

the Wildcats left it all out on the field and scored two more touchdowns. The final score was 35-14, making for the Wildcats' first win of the season.

Tonight the Cats travel to Ed-Co.

## Juniors attend college fair at UNI



The juniors traveled to UNI on Tuesday to get some insight on possible college options. Above: Amanda Fortman and Mikayla Callan talk with a Briar Cliff admissions counselor. Right: Clint Krapfl gets some information about Upper Iowa University. (photos by Nichole Winter)



## Cat Attack Flashback

by Becca Hill & Amanda Fortman

**1995;** Hola! Hallo. Twenty years ago the German and Spanish clubs kicked the year off right. Ms. Ernst (Now Mrs. Temple) started the new Spanish Club with 60 students involved. Twelve-thirty returning students started fundraising to go on the German club's trip.

**2010** Five years ago the homecoming court was announced. The king candidate were: Derek Dzaboff, Joel Gourley, Cody Kelchen, and Jared Kracke. The queen candidates and their escorts were: Jessica Huber with Ryan Boyles, Kayla Pins with Colt Feltes, Olivia Salow with Joel Gourley, and Sammie Salow with Cody Kelchen. Maquoketa Valley is a paradise when it comes to homecoming.

Germany or America? Pauline Rappold, a foreign exchange student from Germany, saw many differences when she came to America. Unlike MV, in Germany the schools did not have organized sports. Also, Germany did not have any school buses; they had things like trains.

## Cutie



by Nichole Lucas

This week's cutie is a junior from Earlville. She has two younger sisters. This cutie has hazel eyes and runs for cross country. She also has two cats. Her favorite food is ice cream.

Last week's cutie was Colton Nefzger.

# The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to the first FFA meeting of the year. Let the fun begin!



A meow to the success of the dairy gurus around school for rockin' the contests lately.



A meow to all the students who took risks at the speech auditions. A furball to students who won't try this activity that will positively impact their lives forever.



Rain...it's a mixed one. We know we need it, but the timing is bad for tonight.



A meow to the bravery of the cross country team for tackling the hills at Cascade. Bravo for improving times each meet!



A meow to our students who ran for student council. A meow to the elected officials. Make this term count!



A meow to the artwork that Shawnae Hoeger and Molly Miles have created that will be part of the school picture.



A meow to Comp I students for surviving their first major essay.



A get-well meow to Emily Krapfl as she recovers from a blood infection.

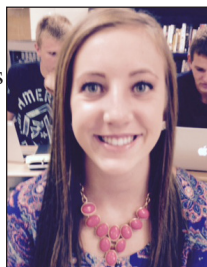


A meow to guest speakers. It was fun to have some Army reps speaking about business in Mrs. Spellerberg's classes.



A welcome back meow to Brody Severt.

by Shawnae Hoeger



This week was a tough one. I asked our contestants Tamala Askeland, Trevor Elgin with help by Heath Gibbs, Nichole Winter and Faith Hunt what animals these rarely known names correlate to.

Serval

Tamala: mole

Trevor: cat

Faith: whale

Nichole: snake

Answer: African cat

Aye-Aye

Tamala: monkey

Trevor: monkey

Faith: monkey

Nichole: rat

Answer: lemur- type of monkey

Gerenuk

Tamala: mini deer

Trevor: pig

Faith: gorilla

Nichole: mouse

Answer: deer

Babirusa

Tamala: cat

Trevor: fish

Faith: baby dolphin

Nichole: cat

Answer: pig

Chinook

Tamala: cousin of the chinchilla

Trevor: dog

Faith: lizard

Nichole: monkey

Answer: dog

It looks as if Trevor might be King of the Jungle with three correct, and Tamala's right with him with two correct answers. Faith earned one point while Nichole was the found herself pretty low on the food chain.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

1. HS 9th Football at Edgewood with Ed/Co - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:50 PM)
2. MV School Board Meeting - MS Conference Rom - 6:00 PM

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

1. HS Seniors to Delaware County Courthouse in Manchester (Bus Leaves at 8:05 AM)
2. Jr. High Volleyball at Lisbon - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
3. Homework Assistance for 7th & 8th Graders - 3:00 to 4:00 PM
4. HS Cross Country at CPU High School - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 AM)
5. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Springville - 5:15 PM

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

1. Homework Assistance for 7th & 8th Graders - 3:00 to 4:00 PM

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

1. HS Seniors Ordering Announcements - HS Lobby - 11:00 AM
2. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME (MS Multi-Purpose Room) - Central City - 4:00 PM
3. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball at Calamas/Wheatland High School - 5:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

1. Back Pack Delivery - Johnston, Earlville, Delhi Elementary & Middle School
2. HS Varsity Football - HOME - Lisbon High School - One Game @ 7:00 PM

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

1. HS Cross Country at Independence - 9:15 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:30 AM)



# ***THIS is MV***

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Flavia Xavier*

