

# Wildcat Echo

Issue 5  
October 2, 2020

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## Wildcats honor deceased classmates as king and queen



The senior class honored Teige Hunt and Anna Nefzger as homecoming king and queen. Teige passed away this past summer, and Anna passed away in 2016. 2019 queen Shelby March and king Morgan Hermanson along with this year's court pose with Teige's and Anna's families. The floral arrangements were a gift from the West Branch students. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

### *Coming Home*

Home is where the heart is, they say  
The place where love will always stay  
Laughing, learning, growing along the way  
Home is where the heart is, they say

Wildcats come home and fill the stands  
Hearts full of pride, clapping their hands  
Cheering, loving, hearing Coach's commands  
Wildcats come home and fill the stands

Wildcats have come home to celebrate  
And the seniors, we will commemorate  
these special Wildcat memories they make  
Wildcats have come home to celebrate

The class of twenty-one, tonight with warm hearts we  
meet  
Knowing their class does not feel complete

Two young Wildcat souls, taken in their prime  
Yet their memories stay alive all of the time

Young Anna, with her smile, her laugh, her willing shoulder to  
give  
The class tomboy, the farm is where she wanted to live  
On the court she thrived; she played with force  
A crazy adventure? "It's fine." She would always endorse.

Young Teige, the daredevil, the wild man, the fearless friend  
"Do a flip" "Just gonna send it" "No regrets" to the end  
He ate, he lived, he breathed all the good of Lake Delhi  
A flip of his hair, a charming smile, a winner's spirit, there is no  
goodbye

Yet in their absence, their memory is not lost  
Their spirit of competition lives with each ball tossed  
Their fearless spirit carries on with each new proposal  
Their love of adventure seen in gatherings social

We still see these spirits in the class tonight  
And honoring the missing classmates just feels right  
We love you, we miss you, we hold you tight  
Our royalty you'll be, in our hearts so bright.

—Mrs. Temple

# Q&A: Get to know Mr. Hoeger

by Paige Winter

**What are your duties here at MV?**

I am the Superintendent at the Maquoketa Valley and North Linn School Districts.

**Where have you worked previously?**

I was the Superintendent at Montezuma. Before that, I was a teacher and principal at Western Dubuque and I also worked in the Dubuque School System.

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

I graduated college from the University of Iowa with a degree in Math Education. I received advanced degrees in Math, School Administration, and a Superintendency Endorsement.

**What do you like about MV so far?**

During my interviews, I heard a great deal about the very positive, family oriented atmosphere at MV and I am happy to see that is the case. There is a great sense of community in the district.

**What goals do you have here at MV?**

My goal this year is to keep school open during the COVID pandemic. I believe students do much better with school open then everyone learning from home. I continue to learn more about the district each day and will investigate ways to help the district improve. I will spend much of my time this year learning about the district so I will better be able to suggest some areas of improvement.

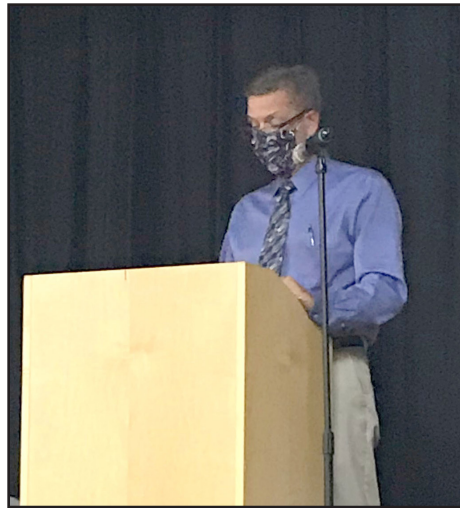
**Can you describe your family?**

My wife's name is Jane and we have been married for 34 years. My oldest daughter, Alissa and youngest daughter Kimberly

---

***I will spend much of my time this year learning about the district so I will better be able to suggest some areas of improvement.***

---



**Mr. Hoeger speaks at the NHS induction ceremony.**

both live in San Diego. My middle child, Sam lives in Phoenix.

**What do you do with your time away from school? What are your hobbies?**

I like to golf and I also do a lot of wood-working. I am building bigger things for our house that we are renovating but like to do smaller projects for gifts as well.

**What is one thing you want all of the students to know about you?**

I grew up in Dyersville and so feel very fortunate to be back in the area and serving as your superintendent. I am very motivated to create the best learning experience possible and am always looking to create more opportunities for students. You have a great school and I hope to find ways to keep improving.

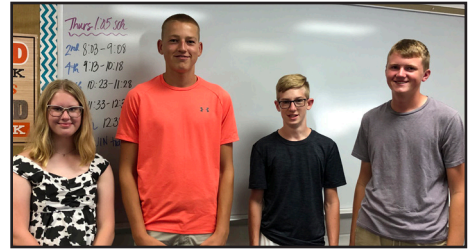
**Are you willing to tell us a fun fact about yourself or something interesting that not many people know?**

My wife and I have a dog named Marley, and she is a really cool dog. She is an Aussiedoodle, part Australian shepherd and part poodle. When I was at my last school, Marley and I became a certified Therapy Dog Team. I would love to bring her to school but that is not advised at this time due to COVID. Hopefully, we can resume going into classroom soon so the students can meet Marley.

**Anything you would like to add?**

I again want to say that I consider myself very fortunate to be here and look forward to meeting many more MV students.

## Meet the Freshmen



**Josie, Kody, Michael & Jake**

Name: Kody Hoeger

Siblings: 4 younger sisters

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball and FFA

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Farming

Hobbies: Basketball and farming

Something cool about you: I love farming

Name: Josie Teymer

Siblings: Jeanie

Activities you plan to be in: Cross country, dance team, play, track, band, and choir

Favorite subject: English

Career aspirations: Fashion stylist or personal stylist

Hobbies: Sewing

Something cool about you: I have four ventriloquist dolls

Name: Jake Gellersen

Siblings: Madeline and Gracie

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball, golf, and musical

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Advertising fishing gear

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, and golf

Something cool about you: I fish in live bass fishing tournaments

Name: Michael Schnittjer

Siblings: 3 younger brothers

Activities you plan to be in: Track

Favorite subject: Playing GTA

Career aspirations: I don't know

Hobbies: Playing outside

Something cool about you: I have white Adidas shorts on

—typist: Leah Ries



# Best Buds



**Emma Beitz & Jeorjia Harmon**  
by Amaya Hunt

**How long have you two been close friends? What brought you together?**

Jeorjia: We have been friends since 2018 when Josy was a senior but in the last year and a half we have become really close. I'd say we got really close when we started working every Wednesday night by ourselves at Pizza Place since Jim never showed up :)

Emma: We've been around each other since my freshman year when I started to hang out with Josy, but we got really close when she entered high school and started working at the Pizza Place with me on Wednesdays.

**If you could pick one trait about the other that you could have for yourself, what would it be and why?**

Jeorjia: I'd love to be as funny as Emma is; she can always cheer anyone up and make a laugh out of any situation.

Emma: I'd love to have her ability to not really care about what others think. She just doesn't ever let people bring her down in any way.

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

Jeorjia: Personally, I think our best memory is either when we were in Dubuque and accidentally drove on the sidewalk at Loras, or when we rode her grandpas ranger in the cornfield and she went through a huge puddle and soaked us both.

Emma: There was the one time that I drove through a puddle on the ranger and got us both soaked and she yelled at me to "Not do that!" I also really loved the time that we ate Chinese in her backyard :)

**It's common knowledge that you both work at Pizza Place together... Where**

# FFA starts off year with contests



Students who competed in the FFA dairy judging contest were Lucas Orcutt, Carter Kruse, Lane Domeyer, Haley Ronnebaum, Alia Domeyer, Tara Goedken, Sarah Goedken and Courtney Goedken.

by Tara Goedken

The MV FFA chapter is once again putting its knowledge to the test at area competitions.

Last week Wednesday, four FFA members traveled to Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo to compete in the District Soils Judging. The team received 10th overall as a team.

This past Saturday, the MV FFA chapter hosted the District Dairy Judging at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Two teams competed in the contest. Team 1 received 9th place overall and Team 2 received 3rd place overall. Haley Ronnebaum received 9th place individual. Several other FFA members from MV helped prepare the animals and helped in the ring.

On Saturday, four FFA members also participated in the States Meats Evaluation virtually. Results were not available at press time.

**do you two like to go on your days off?**

Jeorjia: We do a lot of things together... we like going to get our nails done, going to Dairy Queen, and going to Dubuque to go shopping.

Emma: A lot of times I love to go to Jeorjia's house to bully Timmy with her :) But we also love to go out driving around, and sometimes go to DQ or Dunkin', or just go shopping.

**If you could pick one animal to describe the other, what would it be and why?**

Jeorjia: I'd have to say that Emma is a squirrel because she's energetic and funny most of the time, but she's dumb enough to get run over by a car ahahaha :)

Emma: NEMO! She loves adventure but doesn't really like to listen. She's never afraid of a dare, or to go "touch the butt" (figuratively, of course).

**As always... What's your biggest pet peeve about one another?**

Jeorjia: Emma's car is such a mess.

Emma: She complains that my car is a mess... but yet, somehow, I still always have anything that she needs.

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

Jeorjia: I see Emma being really successful. I think that she'll live in Georgia and either be a semi driver or a chef at a nice restaurant.

Emma: I see Jeorjia with her sister Josy in Georgia, but she'll still be doing the same dumb stuff that she does here. I know she will do great in whatever she figures out that she wants to do, and no matter what that is, I'll always be here by her side to support her no matter where life takes her.





# An unforgettable homecoming under the lights

by Kylie Chesnut

Last Friday, the Wildcats had a special homecoming, different than ever before. West Branch did an amazing thing, giving up their homecoming game at home to come play in Delhi for a reason bigger than football, and the whole community was thankful. The Wildcats fought, but fell short, and West Branch brought a win back home with them 50-14.

On offense the Wildcats worked hard. Parker Sternhagen led passing yards with 143. Leading in receiving yards was Owen Mensen with 126 yards in 4 receptions. Next in line was Andrew Kloser with 8 yards in 1 attempt, and close behind was AJ Ambundo with 7 yards also in 1 reception. Ambundo also led the team in rushing yards for this game with 50 yards in 7 carries, followed by Sternhagen with 44 yards in 9 carries, and Zach Digman with 12 yards in 8 carries.

Defensively the boys were tough. Your tackling leaders for the game were Aidan Salow with 6.5 total tackles, Kloser with 5.5 tackles, and Andrew Holtz with 4.5.



**Parker Sternhagen passes off the ball to Zach Digman. Digman rushed for 12 yards for the night. (photos by Lesa Parmely)**

The Wildcats made it to the endzone 2 times in the game, both times by Mensen, who also scored the 2 point conversion.

Kickoff was handled by Ambundo who kicked for a total of 140 yards in 3 kicks. Tony Offerman took care of punting

duties, punting 126 yards in 3 attempts.

Tonight the MV Wildcats are proudly traveling to Alburnett's field to take on the Pirates. Varsity kickoff is to be at 7:30. The theme for tonight's game is pink out, so bundle up and cheer loud and proud.

## Imler reaches 1000 digs mark

by Tara Goedken

Libero Ella Imler can add a new honor to her list of volleyball accomplishments: 1000 career digs — and the season isn't over yet! Imler hit the milestone during the game against North Linn last week. Although Imler wasn't aware she was near that mark, her fans knew it was coming and came prepared with signs.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats played against North Linn. They ended the

night 2-3 with scores of 25-21, 25-16, 26-28, 21-25, and 15-17.

On offense, Emerson Whittenbaugh led in kills with 36, followed by Taya Tucker with 19 kills and Payton Beaman with 13 kills. Carissa Sabers led in assists with 56. Ella Imler and Whittenbaugh both led in serves with 25 each.

On defense, Whittenbaugh led in digs with a total of 18, followed by Imler with 14 digs and Beaman with 12 digs. Whittenbaugh led in blocks with 3 followed by Sabers and Kylie Chesnut with 2 blocks each.

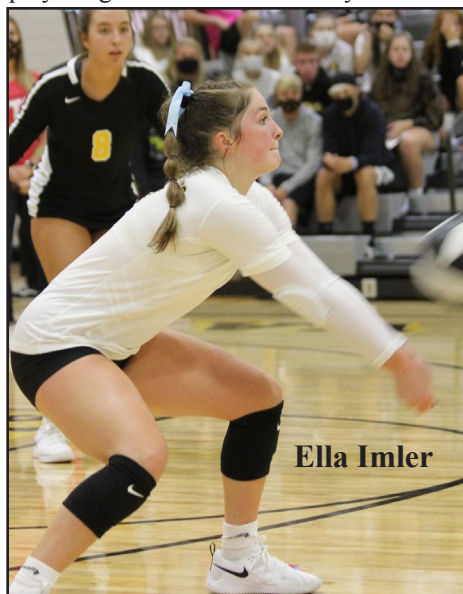
Tuesday night the Wildcats traveled to Springville to take on the highly-ranked Orioles. They ended the night 3-0

with scores of 25-23, 25-19, and 25-18.

Whittenbaugh led in kills with 21 kills, followed by Tucker with 12 kills and Beaman with 5 kills. Sabers led in assists with 32 assists. Beaman led in serves with 15, followed by Avery Krapfl with 14 serves and Sabers with 10 serves.

On defense, Imler led in digs with 21 digs followed by Whittenbaugh with 17 digs and Beaman with 13 digs. Krista Ries led in blocks with 5 blocks followed by Tucker with 3 blocks and Beaman with 2 blocks.

Last night was Senior Night for the Wildcat Ladies as they played against Alburnett. Details will be in next week's Echo.



## XC boys finish first



**Jordan Hogan and Cecily Trenkamp make their way on the new Independence course (photo by Amy Ries) by Chantel Crowley**

The third and fourth meet of the cross country season took place in Independence and Jesup.

The varsity boys took first overall in Independence. Cy Huber leads the team and placed third with a time of 18:39.84, followed by Nolan Ries with a time of 18:49.44. Michael Schaul came in sixth, finishing with 19:40.59; Mitch Heims in 20:01.59; Landin Frasher in 21:16.55; and Brock Trenkamp in 22:00.59. In Jesup, Huber placed fourth with a time of 17:04.5, along with Ries behind him in seventh, and a time of 17:19.0. Schaul was next with a time of 18:05.0, then Heims in 18:53.4, Trenkamp in 19:53.4, Frasher in 19:31.9. Finishing strong was Toby Grimm in 20:15.1.

The JV boys team in Independence included Grimm with a time of 21:38.83 placing third, Caleb Livingston with a time of 25:01.86 placing 15th, and George Livingston with a time of 27:43.08. The JV boys team in Jesup included George Livingston with a time of 25:20.8.

The girls' team in Independence included Allison Hogan, 10th, with a time of 31:56.35, Zari Ambundo, 11th, with a time of 32:14.80, Jordan Hogan in 32:36.82, and Cecily Trenkamp, with a time of 35:09.58. The team competed in the JV race. For the Jesup meet, Allison Hogan finished in 28:05.6, Ambundo in 28:17.4 and Jordan Hogan in 29:47.2. Trenkamp finished with a time of 31:16.3.

The next meet is scheduled for Tuesday in Manchester at Hartridge Golf Course.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Josie Teymer

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** Being there with my friends.

**How has cross country changed you?**

Cross country and our coaches have taught me to work hard and to not give up.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** When Zari pushed me in a ditch while we were at practice in 7th grade. I have also enjoyed the team dinner at Subway.

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

I would love to have a meet here at MV.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "Still Breathing" by Green Day.



Name: Nolan Ries

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** It is a sport that requires a lot of patience and hard work. You have to be mentally strong in order to succeed, and the way to do that is by getting longer miles in and getting after it in practice. The team has also gotten a lot closer during the season. I truly enjoy running with the boys.

**How has cross country changed you?** I am in the best mental and physical shape of my life, and I now know how to trust the process of getting better bit by bit. I have also met new people and have gotten closer to them along with learning various lessons from upperclassmen.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** Making to State the last two years and being able to bond with the boys in the hotel.

**Where would you love to have a meet?** Anywhere that is not in Iowa to race against different competition on a course I've never been on.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "Congratulation" by Post Malone (feat. Quavo)



Name: Leah Ries

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?** I enjoy being a part of a small team and being able to make good connections with all of my teammates.

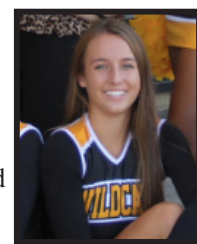
**What's the hardest part of it?** Learning routines in a short amount of time.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** What did you like about it? I have many but one that tops my list is the Christmas routine from last year not just because of Lydia, but because we had a lot of fun teaching and performing with the other students.

**What's something about dance most people don't realize?** There are so many details that go into performing a routine, such as where your hand goes when you aren't moving it or what way your head is turned.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be?** It would be a pom routine to a mix of songs.

*Leah has been working so hard on a great Pom routine for HOCO. She keeps so busy yet always makes time to help her team. She's a great girl and I'm lucky to have her on the team! —Coach Teymer*



Name: Cy Huber

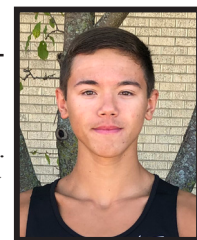
**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** I enjoy training with my teammates and getting better with them.

**How has cross country changed you?** Cross Country has made me get into the best shape of my life and has taught me to maintain it. Cross has also changed my mindset by making me realize that even with the increase in the volume of miles I do, there are still people who are way faster than me. With that I always have someone to catch up to ultimately get better.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** Going to state with my teammates.

**Where would you love to have a meet?** Mount Fuji in Japan.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes.





# Cutie



by Kaitlyn Nolan

This cutie is a freshman. She will be involved in softball later this year, and her favorite class is English I. She also enjoys reading books in her free time.

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

Alcohol abuse can lead to long-term health issues like cardiovascular disease, cancer of the throat, liver, or mouth, anxiety and depression, dementia, liver disease, and much more.

—according to the CDCP on USA.gov

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, “Jesus is watching you.” He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, “Jesus is watching you.” In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, “Was it you who said Jesús is watching me?”

The parrot replied, “Yes.”

Relieved, the burglar asked, “What is your name?”

The parrot said, “Clarence.”

The burglar said, “That’s a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?”

The parrot answered, “The same idiot that named the Rottweiler Jesus.”

# what's up

## What’s the weirdest food you’ve ever eaten?

by Paige Winter

Lane Domeyer: crocodile, it was so salty that I almost had a heart attack

Señora: shark meat and conch

Mianna: A cow brain

Brock Trenkamp: when I was 3 I swallowed tobacco

Erin Knipper: a hamburger with ranch

Kennedy Rausch: pizza with pickles

Carter Klaren: liver

Adrienne Freiburger: raw octopus

Cy Huber: peanut butter and pasta

Michael Schaul: yogurt with ketchup and cottage cheese

## Fine Artist of the Week



Name: Noah DeVore

What is your role in the fall play?

The Boy

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I love the way the toys interact with each other.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

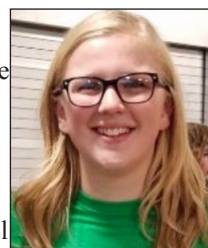
I think they’ll love the amount of imagination of blocking and set Mrs. DeVore and Mrs. Teymer have put into it so far.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? “Whose Line Is It Anyway?”

# Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Since classes have been turning more towards online work instead of paperwork, I thought it would be interesting to challenge some high school students -- Logan Johnson, Keziah Ambundo, Travis Pohlman, and Zari Ambundo -- with some questions on technology’s history.



In a website browser address bar, what does “www” stand for?

Logan Johnson: World Wide Web

Keziah Ambundo: World Wide Web

Travis Pohlman: World Wide Web

Zari Ambundo: Website website website

Answer: World Wide Web

What year did the first Apple iPhone launch?

Logan: 2007 or 2009

Keziah: 2002

Travis: June 29, 2007

Zari: 2014ish

Answer: 2007

What was the name of the first internet search engine, launched in 1990?

Logan: AOL

Keziah: Explorer?

Travis: Archie

Zari: I don’t know

Answer: Archie

When Amazon started, it only sold one product. What was that product?

Logan: Books

Keziah: I don’t know, a book

Travis: Books

Zari: I don’t know

Answer: Books



