

FFA starts school year with judging contests

Submitted by: Amber Bonert & Ryan Goedken- MV FFA reporters

The annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event was held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 29, 2015. The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes; and a general knowledge test. There were 157 members participating from 48 chapters.

Maquoketa Valley team members won the beef division and finished as 6th place GOLD overall in the contest. Team members were Cole Kruse, Ryan Goedken, Trent Westhoff and Kaleb Kruse.



Cole Kruse, Ryan Goedken, Trent Westhoff and Kaleb Kruse earned a gold rating in the livestock evaluation competition.

The 2015 Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was also held that day. Fifteen teams and fifty-one 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 milk quality and dairy foods.

Maquoketa Valley earned a GOLD rating and placed 7th overall. Team members were Amanda Engelken, Amanda Fortman (9th individually), Kristi Goedken and Josie Young.

Right: Amanda Engelken, Amanda Fortman (9th individually), Kristi Goedken and Josie Young earned a gold rating.

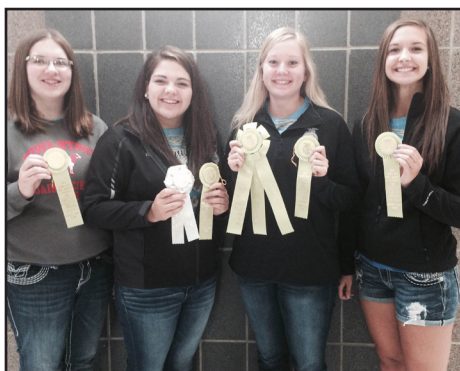
Also that day was the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event. The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity. There were 87 members participating from 26 chapters.

Maquoketa Valley was received a Silver rating and was 11th place overall. Team members were: Logan Fronatt, Colton Nefzger, Travis Knipper and Heath Gibbs. Special recognition goes to the crew at Dan's Earlville Locker for helping to prepare the team.

Mrs. Mausser is the FFA advisor.



Placing 11th in the meats evaluation competition were Logan Fronatt, Colton Nefzger, Travis Knipper and Heath Gibbs.



New students join the MV crew

by Krisin Lucas

photos by Megan Hogan

Each start of the year brings changes to MV, and one of the most exciting changes is welcoming new students. This year we have a few new faces to meet.

Dylan Happel is a freshman from Starmont. He plans to be in football, track, wrestling, and FFA. One of his hobbies is working with his cows.



A b e Miles is a sophomore who has been homeschooled. Some of you might know his siblings Molly and Misha. He is involved in band. Some hobbies he has is hanging out with friends, reading, and playing music.

Alyssa Otte is a senior from South Carolina who plans to be involved in track. She enjoys running and hanging out with Bridgett. When asked what she likes about MV so far she said it's really cool and that she loves the teachers and students.



Anna Coleman is also a new senior. She previously attended West Delaware and attends Kirkwood in the morning. She enjoys running and listening to music. She says that she loves MV and that the people are kind and helpful.



Be sure to get to know these students and get them involved. It's the Wildcat Way!

Sports Connection

Football team opens season with rain, then heat and loss

Brock Hillers fends off an Alburnett Pirate in the Cats' first football game of the season.



While the team, coaches, band and fan were geared up to open the football season Friday night, Mother Nature had her own ideas. Rain and lightning stopped the JV in midgame and caused a postponement of the varsity game until Monday night.

When the Alburnett Pirates

showed up Monday night, the Cats hosted them with good weather, but the game did not go in MV's favor. Alburnett won 28-14. No stats were available at press time.

Tonight MV hosts Monticello in a non-district game.

Cross country team sees increase in numbers

by Tate Trenkamp

Welcome back, Wildcats. This summer while you were still on summer vacation, the Cross Country team got a jump start on its season with early morning practices. Starting practice at about the time I now get up for school, we ran hills and some familiar routes, and we ran out for fifteen minutes and then back in fifteen.

After the school year began, we started our real practices after school with a warm up of about one mile, then stretches, and core exercises. After our preparation we listen for the route we're doing from our coach. Our routes are usually about three miles, repetitions, or out and back. This year we expect good things out of many of our returning runners as well as some of our new additions.

Our team consists of four seniors, one new to the team this year, Austin Stogdill, then three returning, Laisee Shakespeare, Tamala Askeland and Cassie Burkle. Our juniors include Nichole Winter and Bryant Meyer-Kemp. This year's sophomores are: Sean Hucker, Brenden Hogan and Rejji Smith. Freshmen joining the team this year are Brooklyn Sands, Madison Ott, Sammy Wall, Kristin Lucas, Jon Seibert, Canyon Richardson, Lane Coyle and myself Tate Trenkamp.

Our first meet was scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at MFL Mar-Mac but was canceled due to heat. The team will compete at Monticello on Sept. 12.



Weaving through Pirate players last week was Alec McDowell for the Wildcat first down. (photos by Shaylyn Trenkamp)

Volleyball team looking for first win

by Emily LaGrant

The volleyball team walked onto the court ready to play this year. After facing a tough season last year with a 7-14 record, this year's Wildcats are attempting to pave the road for success both this year and in the future.

The season started with a game against Jesup last Tuesday. The Wildcats walked away with a lot of reasons to be proud despite the 0-3 loss. The match scores were 19-25, 16-25 and 13-25.

The team had 33 attack attempts and a 79% serving efficiency. Lea Ries led serves going 12 for 12 with 4 aces.

Most impressively was the Wildcat's blocking abilities. There were 20 total blocks with 11 of them from senior, Megan Mensen.

The back row also had a strong night with 8 total digs including 4 from Aspen Britt, 2 from Emily LaGrant, and 1 from both Brianna Mensen and Angie Wilson.

The game was a learning experience that helped them prepare for the next game. The Cats hosted Clayton Ridge Tuesday night and lost in a close on 2-3. Stats were not available at press time. Find them in next week's issue.

Another Moenck joins the MV family

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Welcome back, Wildcats! It's a brand new school year, and with a new school year, there almost always come new classes and new students. This year, we have a new "new." As some of you may have noticed, there's a brand new teacher hanging out in the Junior hall, and if you haven't met her yet, here's your chance to learn a little something-something about the newest Wildcat faculty member.

Audrey Moenck (or Mrs. Moenck as you'll get to call her) is a new teacher and librarian here at MV. In the morning, you'll find her in the schools' libraries doing a number of jobs including: cataloging books, ordering new books, setting up Type To Learn and Reading Counts for new students, helping with the book fairs and working closely with the other teachers in the building. In the afternoon, you might get the chance to see her teaching English II to sophomores, Contemporary Lit. to juniors, or Applied English to juniors and seniors.

As a graduate of the University of Dubuque, Mrs. Moenck decided to be a teacher because she played school as a kid, she loves kids, and she wanted to become a life long learner. Before teaching at MV, Mrs. Moenck had a variety of jobs that worked with families. From college, to social work that dealt with high-risk, low-income families, to childcare, Mrs. Moenck definitely has acquired the useful skills needed to become a teacher.

About MV, Mrs. Moenck says, "I like how helpful everyone is. I'm not wor-



ried about asking questions because whether it's another teacher, a student, or a parent, I know I can ask a question and they'll find me the best answer."

When asked about working with her husband, Mr./Coach Moenck, she responded, "I love it. It provides comfort and puts me at ease to know my best friend works here. He's always been my biggest supporter, and he helped me get back to what I really wanted to do: teaching."

Outside of school, Mr. and Mrs. Moenck have four daughters, ranging in age from sixteen to three, and Mrs. Moenck says she enjoys reading, brain teasers, spending time with her family and sleeping.

Now that you know a little about our newest addition, don't be afraid to pop in and say hello. Let's make sure to give Mrs. Moenck our warmest Wildcat welcome!

Athlete of the Week

Name: Mason Hermanson

Sport: Football

What positions do you play?
Wide receiver and outside linebacker

What do you enjoy most about football?
Pre-game in the auditorium



How does this year's team differ from past teams? Pass more than we used to.

What's your favorite drill in practice?
Team Defense

How do you mentally prepare for the game? Stretch and go through pass plays in my head

Who's your football role model? The Robert Richard Bockenstedt



What are you looking forward to this year?

by Emma McDowell

Pedro Chavez- Enjoy my freshman year.

Brianna Mensen- Meeting new people and finding new things to do.

Olivia Hoeger- Meeting new people.

Norman Wilson- Homecoming.

Ryanne Pritchard- Homecoming.

Briana March- Graduating.

Jon Seibert- Baseball season.

Izabel Niehaus- Food and basketball season.

Angie Wilson- Games and activities.

Evan Hoefer- Sports.

Lucas Rickels- Doesn't know yet.

NHS prepares for busy year



Left: NHS advisor Mrs. Besler talks with NHS members at a meeting Wednesday morning. The students discussed service projects and began the office nomination process.

Meet the Freshmen



Eric, Brian, Maci & Chloe

Name: Maci Freiburger
Siblings: Kade
Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, softball, and track
Favorite Subject: English
Career Aspirations:
Hobbies: pitching
Something cool about you: I play varsity volleyball!

Name: Chloe Roling
Siblings: Preston
Activities you plan to be in: musical, play, speech, Spanish club
Favorite Subject: Spanish
Career Aspirations: something in the medical field
Hobbies: eating

Name: Brian Heims
Siblings: Eric and Mitch
Activities you plan to be in: football, basketball, play, speech, band, choir, dairy judging and 4-H
Favorite Subject: Science
Career Aspirations: Farmer or work for Select Sire
Hobbies: farming, hunting, and fishing
Something cool about you: I got top individual Jersey for Dairy Judging at the State Fair.

Name: Eric Brehm
Siblings: Kristin and Matthew
Activities you plan to be in: FFA
Favorite Subject: Intro to Ag
Career Aspirations: farmer
Hobbies: feeding cattle, hauling manure, and grinding feed
Something cool about you: I own a case IH 1468 that's restored and very rare.

—typist: Kristi Goedken

Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegg

For this year's senior class of 2016, we all come into this year a little bit different. Given each year we all come back a little more different: some are taller, some are more mature, some have a different outlook for the school year than previous years. But coming back as a senior this year, my school year outlook has changed immensely. You start to think that this is the year for lasts: your last first day of high school, your last first football game, your last year for musical and speech. I feel that this is the year that the senior classes come together in ways the never did before because they all realize that these moments are the last ones they will spend together.

With that saying, let's start this year off with a bang class of 2016. And for the rest of you, cherish the moments of your next years in high school.



Cutie



by McKenzie Lansing

She has an older brother who is a sophomore, a sister out of college and a younger sister in 5th grade. She lives in Earlville. She is in volleyball, dance and track. She has brown eyes and is a brunette. She is a freshman.

Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson
Beach Bums to Brainiacs

I'm not going to lie, I didn't read one book this summer. I wasn't tested on any math equations or English terms, but instead on counting out my money I didn't have. Summer consisted of taking naps, eating snacks, and lounging by the pool. The only challenge I faced in the summer was, time. I felt like I was accomplishing a lot of things but still didn't have enough time to just chill and go with my friends.

This time of year I forget what it feels like to be mentally, physically, and emotionally pushed to reach certain expectations. I especially am never prepared for being in a structured schedule. In the summer I could eat three lunches if I wanted to! Now my tummy rumbles every hour as I sit waiting for that lunch bell to ring. Every single grade is challenged in a different academic light. Sure, freshman year may be hard for freshmen. Sure,



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the sophomore class is thinking that this year is going to be the hardest. But "man o man" those juniors are looking at them thinking that they are all crazy because they haven't experienced junior year yet. Being a senior, (wow that's weird to say) I think that every year had their own challenges. Every grade is going to be pushed, tested and made sure that each and every student at Maquoketa Valley is succeeding the way they should be.

I'm just going to be honest, I have to have my freshman sister physically get me up to come to school every morning! I love school, but when summer treated you so well it's hard to adapt. I am guessing I am not the only one going through this. We all secretly, or some of us it's no secret at all, want to be beach bums again. Sorry, sistas, but it's school time and time to get your brainiac on!

Three foreign exchange students add to MV's diversity

by Nichole Lucas

photos by Megan Hogan

This year MV once again has had the opportunity to host foreign exchange students. Most of you probably remember Vicky and Minnie from last year. This year Vicky is attending college at Luther, and Minnie is starting the first part of the school year at Beckman in Dyersville with hopes to come back to Maquoketa Valley in the near future. Currently, we have three foreign exchange students: Matteo Zucca, Flavia Xavia, and Maeva Luis García.

Matteo Zucca is in the senior class. Matteo is originally from Milan, Italy, and didn't know much about Iowa before coming here. This year he is staying with Calvin Orcutt's fam-



ily. When asked what his favorite part of MV was, he said it was the people. One of the biggest changes and hardest adjustment was leaving his home and coming to a much smaller town. Make sure to keep an eye out for Matteo on the football field this Friday.

Also a senior is Flavia Xavia from Atibaia, Brazil. Like Matteo, she didn't know much about Iowa before coming here. She is staying with Chuck and Linda Deutmeyer. She is thinking about helping with backstage for musical and the Wildcat Echo. Learning a new language and seeing a new culture were some of the reasons she chose to become a foreign exchange student. The hardest adjustment for her would have to



be the change in food and place. One of her favorite things about MV so far is the football games.

In the junior class we have Maeva Luis García from the Canary Islands in Spain. Maeva is also staying with the Deutmeyers and is going to be in the musical as well as in contest speech. She wanted to come live in the U.S. and one of the things she knew about Iowa before coming here was that we have a lot of corn fields. The biggest adjustments she's had to make is leaving a big city and her country. When asked what one of her favorite parts of Maquoketa Valley was she told me the people.



Best Buds



Taylor White & Becky Thompson
by Nichole Winter

How long have you guys been friends?

Since the end of 6th Grade.

Do you have any nicknames for each other? Beck and Tay

What is one funny moment together?

When Becky pretended to be possessed playing ouija.

What are two words to describe your friendship? Hate, hate, but love, but still hate

Cutest Couple



Blake Becker & Rejji Smith
by Shawnae Hoeger

How long have you been dating?

2 months

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Watch movies

Where was your first date?

Pitch Perfect 2

What's your favorite place to eat together? DQ

Cat Attack Flashback

by Becca Hill & Amanda Fortman

10 years ago...2005

*Mr. Tuetken became our superintendent.
*Coach Manternach (now Coach Dutra) "killed" it as head coach of the high school volleyball team. Her assistant coaches were Ms. Unertl and Ms. Jesenovec.
*Coach Boeset had a running start as the school's new P.E. and health teacher and the newest cross country coach.

5 years ago...2010

*A new year brings new faces. Or what about familiar ones? Five years ago this week our favorite biology teacher, Mr. Osterhaus, came back to drop some knowledge on the explosive student body at Maquoketa Valley, after graduating 14 years prior.
*Teri Mueller was elected president of NHS, with Hannah Huber as vice president, and Kristi Bonert serving as the secretary/treasurer.

The Cat Box

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



A hopeful meow for Brody Sevart's recovery from injuries sustained from a longboard accident.



An admirable meow to our seniors who are running for student body president (Kalvin Orcutt, Shaylyn Trenkamp and Angie Wilson) along with the class representative candidates.



A welcoming meow to our new foreign exchange students and students and Mrs. Moenck.



A furball to the rain that throw off last Friday's night's game plan and the heat which cancelled what was supposed to be the first cross country meet last night.



A meow to the start of musical rehearsal, but a furball to those male Wildcats out there who wouldn't step out of their safe zone and audition and a meow to those who did.



A meow to contest speech participants who have reminded their parents about the meeting on Sept. 13. Get geared up for tryouts!



A proud meow to our talented FFA judging contestants who rocked it at the state competition in Ames at the end of August.



A furball to students who have already started suffering from procrastination.



A good luck meow to our football team tonight. Beating Monticello is always a good thing.



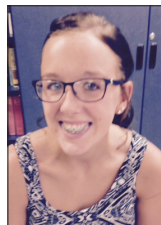
A furball to having to get up early for practices, especially when it's still so hot!



A meow to Jacob Bonert for modeling how to push chairs in in the library. Let's all be more like Jacob.

Do's and Don'ts of Back to School

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



Congratulations, you have survived the first two weeks of school! How will you survive the rest of the year? Here's how: follow these do's and don'ts.

Do manage your time. Be on time, use your time, and manage your time efficiently. It will help you tremendously, even in the long run.

Don't forget the character pillars you learned in elementary. In high school, being responsible, caring, respectful, etc. is just as important, if not more.

Do your homework. For most of you, this probably sounds simple, and that's because it is. It's simple but important, so don't put it off and don't neglect it altogether.

Don't disrespect teachers or underclassmen, or anyone for that matter. This goes with the character pillar traits, but it's super important. Teachers do a lot more for you than you know, and underclassmen are people too. Simply put: just respect others.

Do take this seriously. High school is the next step before the real world, so it's important that you take it seriously now so that you are prepared when you graduate and have to face the real world.

Don't forget to get involved in stuff. Missed the mark for fall sports and musical? Don't sweat it. Activities like vocal jazz and speech will be coming up soon. Hit up those new opportunities!

Do attend some football games, volleyball games, cross country meets and the musical this season. School spirit is a must. Go Cats!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

1. NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

1. Johnston Elementary 1st Day of Pre School - Tuesday, Friday and every other Wednesday

2. School Board Elections - Noon - 8:00 PM

3. HS Mentors Meet With Freshman - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 11:00 AM

4. HS Cross Country at Clayton Ridge in Guttenburg - 5:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

5. HS Varsity Volleyball Tournament - HOME - Cedar Valley Christian, MFL/MarMac, Tipton - 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

1. Earlville Elementary 1st Day of Pre School - Monday, Thursday and every other Wednesday

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

1. Jr. High Volleyball at Edgewood/Colesburg - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)

2. Jr. High Football at East Buchanan in Winthrop - 4:30 PM (Bus & Van Leave at 3:10 PM)

3. HS 9th/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Prince of Peace - 6:15 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

1. Delhi Elementary Grandparents' & Special Friends Day - 1:15 PM until 2:30 PM

2. HS Football at East Buchanan - 5:00 PM (JV Bus Leaves @ 3:10 PM / V Bus @ 4:30 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

1. HS Cross Country at Monticello Golf Course - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:15 AM)

2. HS 9th Volleyball at West Delaware in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:15 AM)

3. HS FFA to State Dairy Cattle Contest at N.F. in West Union - Noon (Van Leaves at 10:00 AM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

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

Summer's over and you need a new
squad? No worries, Shay's Squad
has got you. Squad up with Student
Council President Candidate
Shaylyn Trenkamp
and her class representatives Macy
Anderegg, Nichole Winter, Rejji
Smith, and Tate Trenkamp.

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ANGIE'S ALLIES

Angie Wilson

Senior Rep.: Emily Krapfl

Junior Rep.: Amanda Fortman

Sophomore Rep.: Heath Gibbs

Freshman Rep.: Brooke Wilson

Hello Maquoketa Valley! I am Angie Wilson and I am running for student body president! The president of the high school is looked up to for multiple reasons; school spirit advocate, being involved, good role model, and most importantly the voice of the students on what can be improved in this high school. I have multiple ideas on changes that could better our high school! For example, school spirit wars, school spirit twitter account (for theme of games), salad sign-up, sweetheart dance, "shoes for Haiti", and potentially getting craigslist back! If any of those ideas are trippin your trigger then I would suggest you vote for Angie's Allies!

"YOU MAY NOT SEE IT YET...BUT CHANGE IS COMING"



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