

## Homecoming fun takes over next week

by Faith Hunt

Gear up for a week filled with even more school spirit than normal as homecoming is right around the corner.

Here's what you need to know:

### Dress up days:

Monday: Jersey Day - Wear your favorite sports team jersey.

Tuesday: Cowboys/girls vs Goth - dress up like you're from the wild west or go goth for a day!

Wednesday: No school

Thursday: Class War!

Decades

Freshman: 80's

Sophomores: 70's

Juniors: 50's

Seniors: 90's

Friday: Black and Gold!



Queen candidates this year include Danica Fjelstul, Brianna Mensen, Kari Nefzger and Caitlin Schuman. King candidates are Jacob Bonert, Clint Krapfl, Alec McDowell, Colin Wendt and Zak Harbach (not pictured).

### Schedule For Homecoming Week:

#### Monday

- Running a 1:05 dismissal
- At 1:00 we will head outside to the football field to watch powderpuff and

then after go straight to the gym to watch iron man volleyball.

#### Tuesday

- Normal school day
- Cross country competes at CPU
- Volleyball plays at Springville

#### Wednesday

- No school

#### Thursday

- Normal school day
- Home volleyball against Calamus-Wheatland

#### Friday

- Running a 1:05 dismissal
- Class competitions in the gym at 1:00
- Parade at 2:00
- Pep rally right after parade/king coronation
- Football against Tipton
- Queen coronation at varsity half time

#### Saturday

- Cross country runs at Independence
- Homecoming dance in the high school cafeteria from 8:00-11:00pm

## Straight from Madrid: Pablo Ostos

by Nichole Winter

Pablo Ostos is our new foreign exchange student who has joined the junior class. Let's learn more about him.

### Where are you from?

Madrid, Spain

### Who are you staying with?

With the Deutmeyers

### How long have you been growing out your hair?

6 months maybe more

### What's the most surprising thing you have seen in Iowa?

Buliceks Pizza

### What activities are you thinking about joining?



Football, basketball, maybe soccer

### How do you like MV so far?

Good, it's very nice. MV is the best part.

### What is something cool about you?

I surf and ski.

Let's try to get everyone in the high school to dress out every day of the week this year. Even if all you have is just a shirt or a pair of boots, wear them!! Show your school spirit! C'mon, Cats!

# Volleyball team takes down Prince of Peace, competes in quad

It was a busy week for the Maquoketa Valley Wildcat Volleyball teams.

Last Tuesday we held a varsity quadrangular tournament hosting Tipton, Cedar Valley Christian, and MFL Mar-Mac. The Wildcats were victorious over Cedar Valley Christian and MFL Mar-Mac, but fell to Tipton securing second place. "We started playing Tipton a little slow, and struggled to get some rhythm going in our offense because we were on our heels playing defense for most of the match," stated Coach Holtz.

Set scores were 15-21 and 11-21. The second game of the night was against Cedar Valley Christian. The Wildcats had a much better offensive game and won both sets 21-13 and 21-15. The third game of the tournament was against MFL Mar-Mac. The Wildcats once again had a slow start and lost the first set 20-22. After the set change the girls came out with a little more heart and determination and won the second set 21-12 and finished the match with a 15-12 third set victory. "I was happy to see the girls finish the match with the third set victory," stated Coach Holtz. "I hope this builds confidence that they can battle back and be victorious after a rocky start."

Stats for the night showed Danica Fjelstul leading the way in the kill department with 9, Maci Freiburger with 8, Brianna Mensen had 7, Macy Hoeger with 6, Brooke Wilson had 5, Payton Ries with 3 and Aspen Britt had 1 kill from the back row. Service aces for the night were Macy Hoeger with 8, Lea Ries with 5, Abby Holtz had 3, Freiburger and Payton Ries both with 2 and Aspen Britt had 1. Lea Ries and Holtz each had 13 assists for the night, while Maddy Anderegg had 4, Brooke Wilson had 3, and Freiburger with 1. Defensively for the Wildcats Britt had 12 digs, Holtz, Freiburger, and Payton Ries each had 7, Hoeger with 5, Caitlin Schuman had 4, Fjelstul with 2, and Wilson and Anderegg had 1 each. Mensen led blocking for the night with 3 solo blocks, followed by Wilson with 1 solo block and 2 assists, Payton Ries had 1 solo block and 1 assist, and Freiburger with 1 solo block.

Thursday night the Wildcat Junior Varsity and Varsity teams travelled to Clinton to compete against the Prince of Peace Irish. It was the first time a Maquoketa Valley team has travelled to Prince of Peace to play them on their home court.



**Danica Fjelstul attacks the ball while a Prince of Peace defender attempts the block. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)**

The JV team won 2 sets to 0 with scores of 21-7 and 21-15. The JV girls did a very good job serving and had their best offensive match of the year so far which proved to be too much for the Irish. The JV team now has an overall match record of 2-1 and set record of 4-2.

The varsity team also won in 3 sets with set scores of 25-22, 25-4, and 25-14. "Although they struggled in the first set, they came together to finish out the match with the victory," stated Coach Holtz. The varsity overall match record is now 3-3 and set record of 7-9.

Danica Fjelstul and Payton Ries tied for kill leaders with 7 each, Brianna Mensen followed with 5, Macy Hoeger with 4, Maci Freiburger with 3, and Aspen Britt, Brooke Wilson, and Caitlin Schuman had 1 each. Freiburger had an excellent night serving with 8 aces, Payton Ries had 5, Hoeger had 4, Lea Ries and Abby Holtz each had 2, and Brianna Mensen had 1. Lea Ries delivered 16 assists, while Holtz had 7 and Mensen had 1. On defense Aspen Britt led the way with 6 digs, followed closely

by Freiburger with 5, Hoeger and Lea Ries with 4 each, Schuman had 2, and Mensen and Fjelstul each had 1. Mensen had 2 solo blocks, while Freiburger had 1.

The Fresh/Soph team's only games of the week were on Saturday at a tournament at West Delaware. The Wildcats lost to West Delaware 0-2, Oelwein 1-2, West Dubuque 0-2, and won versus Independence 2-0, and Starmont 2-0. "The girls had a slow start, but heated up late morning and early afternoon," stated Coach Holtz. "I saw a lot of improvement over the course of the day. The girls were getting more aggressive and I could see some confidence building as they played. It was a successful day in my mind as I saw the potential for even more improvement. I am excited to see how much more this team can improve over the course of the season."

Next week the Wildcats host Central City on Tuesday September 13th and on Saturday September 17th the Varsity Team will travel to West Delaware for a tournament while the Fresh/Soph team will play in a tournament at West Dubuque.

## *Can Drive this Sunday*

Reminder that Sunday September 18th the Maquoketa Valley Wildcat High School Volleyball players will be conducting a can drive fundraiser to raise money to help pay for their team jackets. They will be knocking on doors and picking up cans in each of the communities of Delhi, Earlville and Hopkinton from 1:00-3:00 PM. There will also be a drop off station at each elementary school during this time where you can drop off your cans for the team. If you have cans that you wish to donate, and want to notify the team ahead of time, please call or text Coach Josh Holtz at 563-920-0500. Thank you for supporting Wildcat Volleyball!



# what's up?

## What is the worst injury you have ever had?

by McKenzie Lansing

Brittany Hines- a dog bit my face. Twice.

Brody Severt- No mas brain cells

Rylee Davis- Stitches in my chin

Hunter Glass- Pulled my groin muscle

Derek Mensen- Road rash to the extreme

Dylan Happel- Torn tendon in my shoulder

Lawson Roof- Broke my fingers and hand

Gracie Gellerson- Hyperextended my knee

Madison Ott- Fell into a ditch and broke my arm

Emma Hill- Broke my finger from a foam football

Mr. Dunlap- Broken vertebrae

Jordyn Kemp- Sprained ankle

Carter Hildebrand- Swollen knee

Derek Ludden- Fractured skull

Cassi Westhoff- I fell off my bike and got a scratch

Abe Miles- Broke my clavicle

Mrs. Lewin- fell off of my bike and scraped my face on cement

Rejji Smith- One time rolled my ankle pretty bad

Adam Goedken- Tore my ACL

Ty Domeyer- Broken collar bone

Summer Schmuecker- Broke my arm

## Juniors to college fair



The juniors made their annual trek to UNI in Cedar Falls for a college fair. Students had the opportunity to learn more about numerous colleges in the country. (photos by McKenzie Lansing)

## Athlete of the Week

Name: Mason Lubben

Sport: Cross country

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** The growth that you can make as a runner. At the beginning of the season, I could barely run a 5K. Now, that almost seems easy. Cross country is a great way to get in shape. It definitely will help me with my other sports.

**What's the most fun part of practice?**

The most fun is probably being with my friends. I have made a lot of friends in cross country this year. I didn't expect it to be as fun as it actually is. I would definitely recommend that people go out for cross country because of the atmosphere.

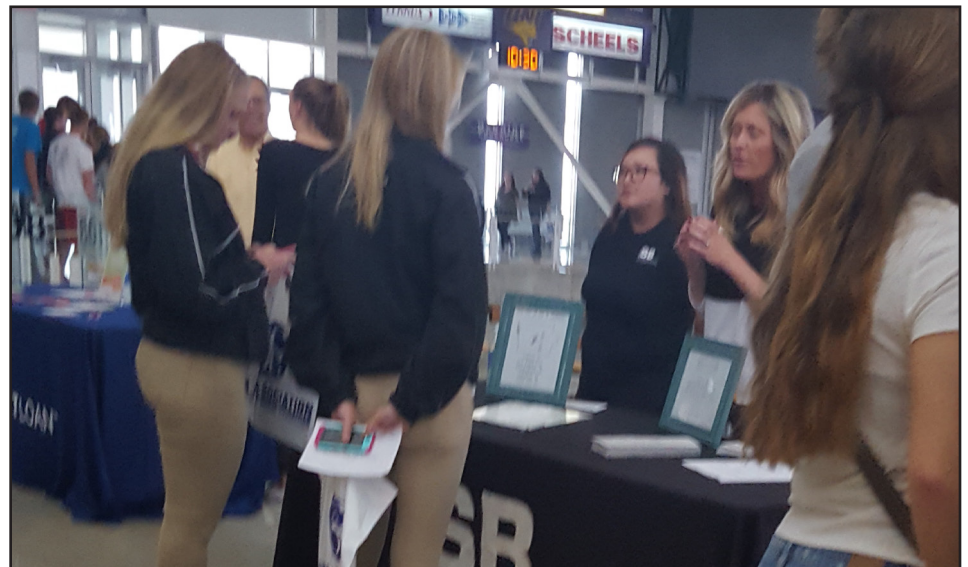
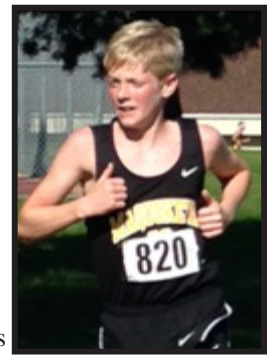
**What's the hardest part?** The hardest part is competing with yourself. If you think that you can't do it, you won't be able to. Keeping a positive attitude, especially when you come to a big hill, is probably the hardest thing to do. You have to stay focused and not give up which is a big thing that I've learned this year.

**How do you mentally prepare for a meet?** On the way to the meet, I'll listen to music and just let all the worries disappear. I have a workout playlist that will get me pumped up, so I will play that when we get off the bus. Physically, I try to jog about half of the course before the meet. This will help to loosen me up and get me into the running mood. Also that day, I will try not to eat a very greasy lunch or snack. I've found that my body runs better when I just drink water that day, and no Gatorade or Powerade before I run.

**What's your personal goal for this season?** My personal goal this season is to run a 19:30 5K. At the beginning of the year, it was to run a sub 21 minute 5K, but after the first meet I beat that. I now have to set my goals higher and train harder in order to reach my new goal. I will have to shave a full minute off of my time in order to beat this goal.

**Why should students go out for cross country?** I believe students should go out for cross country because it will help prepare you for other sports, or it can help you get in shape. I personally lost over ten pounds last year because of cross country and a good diet. Running has also helped me a lot with other sports. In basketball, I am quicker and more athletic than I have ever been.

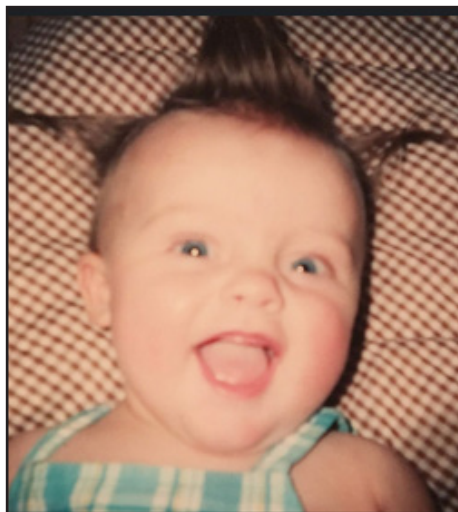
**Who's your cross country role model?** I don't have a role model. I have never really thought about looking up to someone because no two people have the same skills. I only try to beat myself every time I race. I feel like I shouldn't try to be as good as someone else. I should be the best that I can be. If that's not as good as someone else, then I shouldn't feel bad about it. They might be taller and stronger than I am and there is nothing I can do about it. In order to do well in cross country, you have to be able to beat yourself before you try to beat others.



# Cutie

by Brooklyn Sands

This baby is a senior girl. She lives in Manchester, but used to live on Lake Delhi. She participates in vocal jazz and has three dogs that she loves to talk about.



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## Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are ten more fascinating facts:

- Big Bird is 8 feet tall
- In Paris, there are more dogs than children
- Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single
- Jedi is an official religion with about 20,000 members
- The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man suit from the original "Ghostbusters" cost \$20,000 to make
- One pomegranate can hold more than 1,000 seeds
- McDonald's started as a hot dog stand, then in 1948 they started a burger and milkshake shop
- A piano has 230 strings
- Nearly 30% of dalmatians are born with hearing loss
- In Ireland, they used to carve Jack O'Lanterns from turnips

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

This week's Weekly Riddle is by Einstein:

A fellow encountered a bear in a wasteland. There was nobody else there. Both were frightened and ran away. -- fellow to the north, bear to the west. Suddenly the fellow stopped, aimed his gun to the south and shot the bear. What color was the bear?

*Be the first one to come up with the correct answer and tell Mrs. Temple, and you'll receive a prize!*

# Cutie

by Rebekah Hill

This week's cutie is a junior.

He lives in Manchester.

He runs cross country.

He has brown hair.

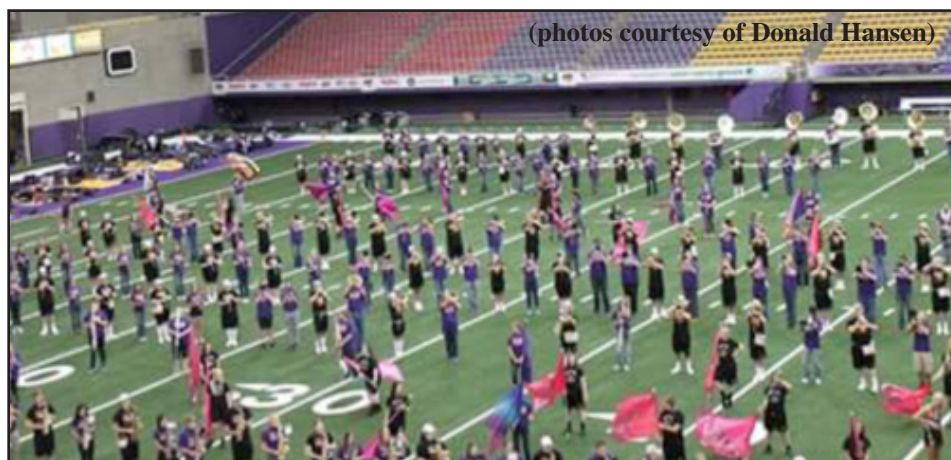
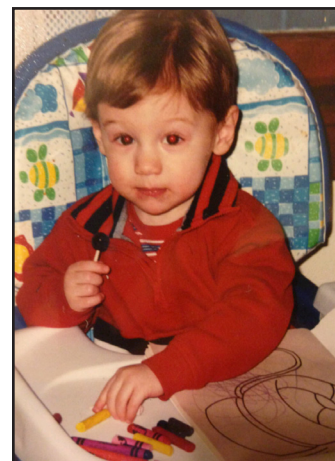
He is in the upcoming production of Oklahoma!

## Marching at UNI

Last weekend, Colin Wendt, Kelly Winter and Patrick Hansen marched at the UNI-Dome with hundreds of other high school students.



*Last week's Cutie was Daniel Hunter.*



(photos courtesy of Donald Hansen)



# Best Buds



**Allie Knipper & Shelby March**  
by Hannah Lahr

**How long have you guys been friends?**  
Since we were born.

**Do you have nicknames for each other?**  
Allie- "Dobbi, because 6th grade everyone called her that." Shelby- "I don't have one."

**What's your favorite thing to do together?** Anything and everything.

**What's your favorite thing about each other?** Shelby- "She keeps me under control." Allie- "She accepts me for me."

**Who is most likely to become famous?**  
Shelby "Me, Allie is too shy." Allie- "Shelby."

## Cutest Couple



**Evan Hoefer & Chloe Roling**  
by Kelly Winter

**How long have you been together?**  
A month and a half

**What's your favorite thing to do together?**  
Watch movies

**What's your favorite thing about each other?**

Evan: We have almost the same exact eye color #Twinning #Destiny #Kool  
Chloe: I like his socks

**What did you do for your first date?**  
Went went to *Finding Dory*.

**What's your Snapchat snapstreak?**  
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## Binge Worthy

**Rebekah & Amanda: Glee:** An amazing show, with quirky characters, great music and performances, and some pretty cute men. :) In a high school in Ohio Mr. Schue decides to take over the school's glee club. At first not many people try out, but as more and more characters are introduced, the show gets better and better. With fights, love, songs, accidents, and much much more the show always has you on the edge of your seat. We both love this show, and recommend that everyone watches it! You will not want to miss out on Finn and Puck! :)

**Rebekah:**

**Mamma Mia:** I love this musical/movie for many reasons. One of the biggest reasons though is because it is just so fun. The energy and storyline between the characters is amazing. As Sophie prepares for her wedding she starts looking for her father. Between a choice of three men that it could be, she decides to invite all three to her big day in the hopes of finding out which one it is. The past, present, and future are examined throughout this whole musical.

**All the Bright Places by Jennifer**

**Niven:** This is my all time favorite book. Engaging characters that everyone can relate to at one or two points in their lives. As Finch and Violet start to be in each other's lives more they take a new look at their own lives. Realizing what they feel, why they feel it, and how they can change. As the two help one another navigate through life's struggles there are unexpected twists and turns. An AMAZING book!

**Dancing with the Stars:** As a new season approaches I would just like to point out that this is a funny show. It is great to see athletes, actors, and other celebrities outside of their comfort zones on the dance floor. It is a great way to show that they are humans just like you and me. The show is filled with fun, dancing, and the occasional drama. This is one show that I watch every season of, for sure!

**Amanda:**

**Les Misérables:** This is my all time favorite movie. Nothing can beat this amazing masterpiece with beautiful singing, romantic love stories, high action, and of course Hugh Jackman! This movie follows the life of Valjean, a prisoner and his pursuit for a happy life. This movie is just absolutely the best.

**Wink, Poppy, Midnight by April Genieveve Tucholke**

No matter how hard you try sometimes you can't outrun your past. After Midnight and his father move out of town he thinks he will be able to start over. After years of being hung up on Poppy he hopes to reclaim his own life. But he never bargained for Wink, his new neighbor, to have such an affect on him. But nothing can keep Poppy away. This book keeps you guess with every turn and surprise along the way. Just when you think you know what will happen next, you'll be surprised.

**Revolution:** It has been fifteen years since the power went out. Humans all over the world have been plugged back into the dark ages; no technology and no electricity. Things seem simpler but dark is everywhere in this new world. Charlie's life is thrown upside down when the new government, the Militia, kills her father. Charlie must face her past in order to find the truth and save the future. This was definitely one of my favorite shows and always had me at the edge of my seat.

# The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to the anticipation of homecoming week next week.

Thanks, student council and dance team, for all your work.



A meow to the excitement of speech auditions.



A meow to Nurse Mary for sending words of encouragement to teachers each day.



A meow to Mr. and Mrs. Tuetken who cleaned classrooms last Friday to help Pete. How many other superintendents would take on that duty?



A meow to some of the new additions to the Echo this week.



A meow to the cross country runners who continue to improve their times. However, we once again need to give a furball to the hills of Cascade.



A meow to the 3-0 football team.

A meow to the start of play practice.



A furball to TPer...save resources, save money for college, save your time to do your homework...avoid TPing. :)



A meow to TEL for starting to work their magic.



A meow to Miss Hollinrake and everyone who helped get us to the college fair.

## Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

*It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!*

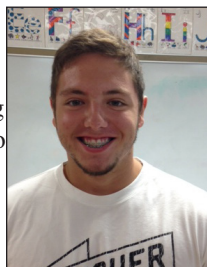
This weeks birthdays are:

9/15- Bryant Meyer-Kemp

9/16- Robert Hildebrand

by Brody Severt

This week's Hall Smarts is in honor of homecoming starting this upcoming week. So if any of you Wildcats will be using an excess of toilet paper, in the words of Mr. Drew, remember, "SAFETY." This week our four competitors going for gold are Jaiden Porter, Evan Hoefer, Casey Fry and Kyle Wilson.



What is Monday's dress up day?

Jaiden: Jersey Day

Evan: Goth

Casey: Jersey Day

Kyle: Jersey Day

Answer: Jersey Day

What is Tuesday's dress up day?

Jaiden: Goth vs. Cowboy

Evan: I don't know

Casey: Decades

Kyle: Year

Answer: Goth vs. Cowboys

What is Thursday's dress up day?

Jaiden: Class Day

Evan: Class Day

Casey: Goth vs. Cowboys

Kyle: Class Day

Answer: Class Day

What is Friday's dress up day?

Jaiden: Black and Gold

Evan: Jersey Day

Casey: Black and Gold

Kyle: Black and Gold

Answer: Black and Gold

Who do we play on Friday?

Jaiden: Tipton Tigers

Evan: Tipton

Casey: Tipton

Kyle: Tipton the little Tigers

Answer: Tipton Tigers

Total: Jaiden: 5; Evan: 2; Casey: 3; Kyle: 4

This week's winner was Jaiden with a gold star. The others on the other hand aren't so ready for homecoming week, but let's just hope we are better at tackling those Tigers.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 19, 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

1. HS Volleyball Program Can Drive Fundraiser - 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 - "Jersey" Day

1. HS - Running on the 1:05 PM

Early Dismissal Schedule

2. HS Iron Man Volleyball - HS Gym - 1:10 PM

3. HS Powder Puff Football - HS Football Field - after Iron Man VB (around 2:15 PM)

4. Junior High Football - HOME - North Linn - 4:30 PM

5. MV School Board Meeting - Johnston Elementary School - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 - Goths vs. Cowboys Day

1. MV Cross Country at Center Point / Urbana - 4:00 PM (Bus at 2:30 PM)

2. Junior High Volleyball - HOME (MS) - Lisbon - 4:00 PM

3. HS JV/V Volleyball at Springville - 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

1. NO SCHOOL -- Teacher Learning

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 - Decade Day 9 - 80's / 10 - 70's / 11 - 50's / 12 - 2000's

1. Junior High Volleyball at Central City - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)

2. HS 9th/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Calamus/Wheatland - 5:15 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 - Black and Gold Dress Up Day

1. HS & MS - Running on the 1:05 PM Early Dismissal Schedule

2. Class Competitions - 1:10 PM / Parade - 2:00 PM / King Crowning; Pep Rally - After Parade - HS Gym

3. Football - HOMECOMING - Tipton - JV Game at 5:00 PM / V Game After (around 7:00 PM)

4. Homecoming Queen Crowning & FFA Raffle - at Half Time of Varsity Football Game

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

1. HS Cross Country at Independence Invitational at MHI - 8:45 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:15 PM)

2. HS Homecoming Dance - HS Gymnasium - 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM



# Harriers compete at Monticello, Starmont: Varsity boys all run sub-20

by Kelly Winter

The cross country team continues to improve in both time and form as evident in their performances this week.

The team competed on Saturday September, 10th in Monticello. Our Varsity Boys came in 9th overall, and the JV boys got 9th also. Our girls are an incomplete team, not included on the overall scores. Times and places include:

## Varsity Girls

Nichole Winter- 25:00, 61st  
Cassy Wilson- 26:06, 73rd

## Varsity Boys

Derek Mensen- 19:26, 28th  
Chance Downs- 19:27, 29th  
Tate Trenkamp- 19:56, 43rd  
Brenden Hogan- 20:06, 49th  
Canyon Richardson- 20:58, 62nd

## JV Girls

Megan Beaman- 30:32, 71st  
Kristin Lucas- 31:01, 78th  
Maddie Lahr- 39:28, 99th

## JV Boys

Mason Lubben- 20:52, 7th  
Jon Seibert- 22:25, 34th  
Cody Gibbs- 23:15, 43rd  
Chad Neuzil- 26:12, 65th  
Alex McCusker- 26:29, 66th  
Mitch Neuzil- 26:31, 67th

They also had a meet on Tuesday, September 13th. The meet was located at Starmont High School. Our Varsity Boys team got an overall place of 7th, and the

JV boys got 10th. One point to note is that all of the runners on the varsity team ran under 20 minutes.

Time and places are:

## Varsity Girls 1A

Cassy Wilson- 23:02, 28th  
Nichole Winter- 23:16, 32nd

## Varsity Boys

Chance Downs- 18:35, 26th  
Derek Mensen- 18:39, 30th  
Tate Trenkamp- 18:59, 36th  
Brenden Hogan- 19:24, 47th  
Canyon Richardson- 19:46, 56th  
Mason Lubben- 19:59, 70th

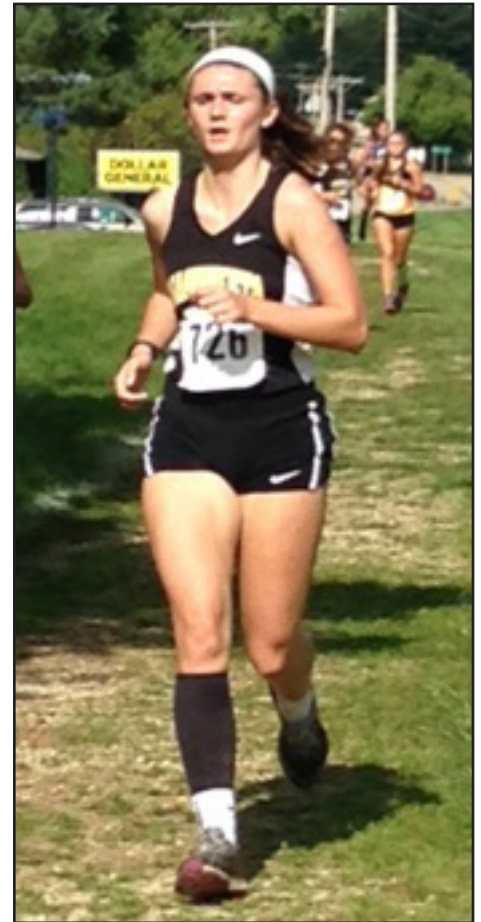
## JV Girls

Megan Beaman- 29:39, 41st  
Maddie Lahr- 35:06, 57th

## JV Boys

Jon Seibert- 21:39, 8th  
Cody Gibbs- 22:18, 10th  
Chad Neuzil- 24:49, 22nd  
Alex McCusker- 22:48, 13th  
Mitch Neuzil- 25:26, 23rd

Their next meet will be today at Cascade. Go out and support!



# Wildcats improve to 3-0 over Durant

by Patrick Hansen

The Wildcats showed last Friday night that they can still dominate even after a long bus ride as the Wildcats took down Durant in a hard fought and rainy football game, winning 18-11.

Tyson Tucker had yet another astonishing night scoring all 18 of the Wildcats points which all 18 were scored on the ground. Tucker carried the ball 27 times for 104 yards. He also had four completions on 11 pass attempts for a total of 30 yards. Others who also had rushing yards were Alec McDowell with 61 yards on 16 carries, Zak Harbach with 40 yards on four attempts and Garrett Hogan with six yards on two attempts.

Athletes who got their yards through the air included Hogan with 16 yards on two receptions, Norman Wilson with 13 yards on one reception, and also Harbach who had one yard on his one reception.

This Friday your Maquoketa Valley Wildcats will go on the road once again, hungry for another win. They will be taking on the 2-1 West Branch Bears. There will be no JV game, and the varsity will play at 7:00.

**Zak Harbach gains some of his 40 rushing yards. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)**



**Chance Downs and Derek Mensen run together at Starmont. (photo by Kelly Winter)**

