

Singers host MV's Got Talent

by Lawson Roof



Tomorrow night, the music department will be holding its annual dessert concert, MV's Got Talent. MV's Got Talent is an opportunity for any choir student to perform a solo. There will also be a few groups

performing, along with a performance from the whole choir.

MV's Got Talent will begin in the high school commons with a few performances and an appetizer buffet at 7:00 p.m. After those performances, we will move into the auditorium for the rest of the performances. Then, after the last performance of the night, we will move back out to the auditorium for a dessert reception where attendees can chat and eat dessert with all of

the performers!

All tickets are \$10 and all profits go to the music department. This money is used to fund trips to vocal jazz festivals, clinics and student recognition awards throughout the year.

"We've all put a lot of time into our solos and group performances," senior Eric Heims commented, "You should come see and support our music department."

"It will be a lot of fun, and there will be a lot of good food to eat!" added Rose Havens, a sophomore.

Don't miss your chance to see some people perform that you wouldn't expect, and there's a ton of food! It's also a fantastic time to support your school's music department, seeing that this is our biggest fundraiser because our music department does not charge for concerts. We hope to see you there!

Guest speaker



Cody Recker, MV class of 2008, spoke with Mrs. Spellerberg's Principles of Management class yesterday. Cody described his educational journey and life as a set dresser in Los Angeles.

Homecoming comes to an end, winners announced

by Emma McDowell

It was one busy homecoming week, and now that all the competitions and games are done, we have some winners to announce!

We started off the week with Ironman and Powderpuff. The Senior boys represented their class well with a 2-1 defeat over the Juniors. However, the Junior girls dominated the field with a victory.

On Monday the dress up day was jersey day; Kelsey Ries and Faith Hunt won. Tuesday was Goth vs Cowboy and out of the many fantastic costumes Derek Mensen, Kara Leibold and Jenna Nefzger won. Thursday was decades day and class competitions. The winners were Colin Wendt, Evan Hoefer and Emma McDowell. Finally, on Friday we had black and gold day which was won by Chance Downs and Aspen Britt.

Also on Friday, every class went head to head in a lip sync battle. There were wonderful performances all around but in the end the Freshman boys won.

During the pep rally Clint Krapfl was crowned homecoming king. During halftime of the football game, Kari Nefzger won homecoming queen. At halftime it was also announced that the freshmen won the hallway decorating contest and the juniors had the winning float!

Winners

Hallway: Freshman 80's theme

Float: Juniors

Lip Sync: Freshmen boys

Homecoming King: Clint Krapfl

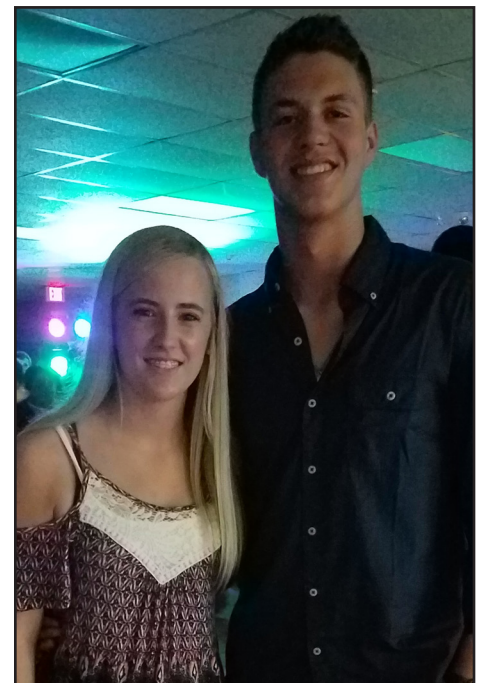
Homecoming Queen: Kari Nefzger

Jersey day: Kelsey Ries and Faith Hunt

Goth vs Cowboy: Derek Mensen, Kara Leibold and Jenna Nefzger

Class Competitions: Colin Wendt, Evan Hoefer, Emma McDowell

Black and gold: Chance Downs and Aspen Britt



Kari Nefzger and Clint Krapfl were crowned homecoming royalty last Friday. (photo by Faith Hunt)

Wildcats take second loss to Tipton 26-9



Quarterback Tyson Tucker gets a pass off during the homecoming game Friday. Tucker threw for 100 yards. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

by Patrick Hansen

The Wildcats had a rough homecoming game against the Tipton Tigers as they lost 26-9. The Wildcats fought a hard battle but just could not come out with the win.

Tyson Tucker threw four completions on 17 attempts for a total of 100 yards but was not able to score through the air. Tyson also rushed seven times but lost 12 yards.

Other athletes with yards on the ground include Zak Harbach with 12 yards on three attempts. Alec McDowell added 35 yards on 13 rushing attempts which he scored on one of them.

Athletes with receiving yards include Harbach with three receptions for 45 yards and Garrett Hogan with one reception for 55 yards.

The Wildcats will take on Clayton Ridge this Friday as they look to end their two game losing streak.

Strong serving helps volleyball team

Last week was another busy week for all the Maquoketa Valley Wildcat volleyball teams as they celebrated homecoming with a road trip and a home game.

On Tuesday September 20th, the Wildcats travelled to Springville to take on the Springville Orioles ranked 2nd in Class 1A. The Fresh/Soph team won their match 2 sets to 0. The Junior Varsity team lost 0 sets to 2.

In the Varsity match the Orioles prevailed over the Wildcats winning 3 sets to 1. After losing the first set the Wildcats were able to win the second set only to lose the last 2. Set scores for the night were 12-25, 25-19, 17-25, 17-25.

"I thought we started too slow in the first set but picked up intensity which allowed us to win the second set," stated Coach Holtz. "Springville stepped up their game and was a little too much for the Wildcats in sets 3 and 4 although we battled hard and played the most aggressively we have played all year. I think if we could keep that intensity for future matches we have a chance to pick up more wins."

Serving for the team overall this year continues to be consistent with around 90% serve in percentage. The serve in percentage was 92% against Springville. "We want to serve aggressively without erroring too often which hopefully will pick us up more aces," stated Holtz. "Overall I was happy with sets 2-4 as we played some of the best volleyball we have played all year." Stats for the night showed Maci Freiburger with 9 kills, followed by Brianna Mensen with 5, Payton Ries with 4, Brooke Wilson with 3, Danica Fjelstul with 2 and Lea Ries and Macy Hoeger had 1 each. Lea Ries and Maci Freiburger each had 2 aces on the night while Mensen and Payton Ries each had 1. Abby Holtz and Lea Ries each had 8 assists on the night with Danica Fjelstul adding 1 more. Mensen led blocking with 3 solo blocks and 1 blocking assist, Payton Ries had 2 solo blocks and 2 blocking assists, Hoeger had 2 solo blocks, Danica Fjelstul had 2 blocking assists and senior Angie Wendt added 1 blocking assist. The Wildcats dug the ball well with 67 digs on the night. Freiburger had 16 digs followed by Aspen Britt with 11, Lea Ries 9, Hoeger 7, Caitlin Schuman and Holtz each with 6, Mensen 5, Fjelstul 4, Payton Ries 2 and Wilson with 1.

On Thursday September 22nd the Calamus-Wheatland Warriors came to Del-

hi for the Wildcat Volleyball Homecoming matches. The Fresh/Soph Team won in 2 sets winning 15-12 and 15-6. The Junior Varsity also was victorious over the Warriors winning 21-19 and 21-16. In the Varsity match, the Wildcats won the first set 25-22, then lost the next 3 sets 12-25, 18-25 and 16-25.

"We Wildcats struggled a bit with ball control on the night with too many double contacts, in the net calls and passes on serve receive," stated Coach Holtz. "The ladies are doing a good job in the serving aspect of the game, which is a positive note, while still serving aggressively. We will continue to work defensively on tip and deep corner coverage which has bothered us in the last couple games along with ball control and court awareness on offense."

Brianna Mensen led the Wildcats with 7 kills, followed by Maci Freiburger with 6, Danica Fjelstul with 4, Macy Hoeger and Payton Ries with 3 each and Brooke Wilson with 2. Freiburger had 3 aces on the night while Payton Ries had 2 and Lea Ries and Aspen Britt had 1 each. Abby Holtz and Lea Ries each had 9 assists. Defensively Payton Ries had 1 solo block and 1 block assist. Brianna Mensen had 1 solo block. Hoeger and Fjelstul each had 1 block assist. The Wildcats had another big digging night with Aspen Britt and Maci Freiburger dug 11 attacks each followed by Hoeger and Caitlin Schuman with 7 each, Lea Ries and Payton Ries each had 4, Wilson dug 3 and Holtz, Mensen and Fjelstul had 2 digs each.

Tuesday night the Wildcats traveled to Lisbon and won 3-1 with set scores of 25-17, 25-18, 16-25 and 25-15.

Serving continued to be a strong suit for the team as they served successfully almost 89%. Mensen served 19 for 21 while Holtz was 15 for 15 and Hoeger was 14 for 14. Freiburger made good on 17 of her 20 serves.

Leading blockers for the night were Mensen with five and Wilson with three.

Mensen had eight kills on the night. Hoeger had seven and Freiburger had four. Lea Ries had 10 assists.

Last night the Cats hosted East Buchanan. Details will be in next week's issue.

Runners set personal bests at Jesup

by Kelly Winter

The Cross-Country team was supposed to compete at a meet last Saturday in Independence, but it was cancelled due to flooding. However, the team was able to compete at Jesup on Tuesday night, and the team was definitely ready to go as shown by several personal best times. At one point members of the boys team were excited to finish under 20 minutes; now four of them finished under 19.

The JV boys got 11th overall and Varsity boys got 9th. The girls were not included in the team overall scores.

Here are the individual stats:

Varsity Girls

Nichole Winter- 23:02, 70th

Cassy Wilson- 22:58, 64th

Varsity Boys

Derek Mensen- 18:25, 33rd

Chance Downs- 18:12, 23rd

Tate Trenkamp- 18:27, 34th

Brenden Hogan- 18:41, 44th

Canyon Richardson- 19:47, 93rd

Mason Lubben- 19:54, 98th

JV Girls

Megan Beaman- 30:32, 71st

Kristin Lucas- 31:01, 78th

Maddie Lahr- 39:28, 99th

JV Boys

Jon Seibert- 21:00, 30th

Cody Gibbs- 21:26, 40th

Chad Neuzil- 24:49, 76th

Alex McCusker- 21:56, 46th

Mitch Neuzil- 24:49, 74th

All of our team did an outstanding job! Most beat their scores since last week, and other even made new personal records! Awesome! Congratulate these students on their hard work. The next Cross Country meet will be next Tuesday at West Delaware -- perfect to go out and support the team!

Athletes of the Week

Name: Nichole Winter

Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country? I like setting goals for myself, competing, and the feeling at the end of a race.

What's the most fun part of practice? It's being with my teammates.

What's the hardest part? The hardest part is not giving in to your body and your mind. But nothing that's worth it comes easy.

How do you mentally prepare for a meet? I talk with Cassy, and we tell ourselves that we are going to do our best, never give in, and fill the pot.

What's your personal goal for this season? I want to do my best at every meet and improve each week. Bit by bit

Why should students go out for cross country?

Students should go out for cross country because it feels really good to compete and achieve your goals. We have a fun time.

Who's your cross country role model?

It's Mr. Meehan. He is just wonderful. He knows so much about the sport, he is inspiring, and he is dedicated. I really appreciate Mr. Meehan putting in all of the effort that he does to be our coach.

Prepping for college

Joe Slocum, a Mount Mercy University rep, spoke to the College Prep English class Tuesday on a variety of college-related topics: college visits, financial aid, time management and the application process.

Name: Cassiddy Wilson

Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country? I can really see my improvement, and I'm getting out of it exactly what I put into it the last four months. I've also made friends with people I might not have if I hadn't decided to join.

What's the most fun part of practice? Telling stories with Nichole on our long runs.

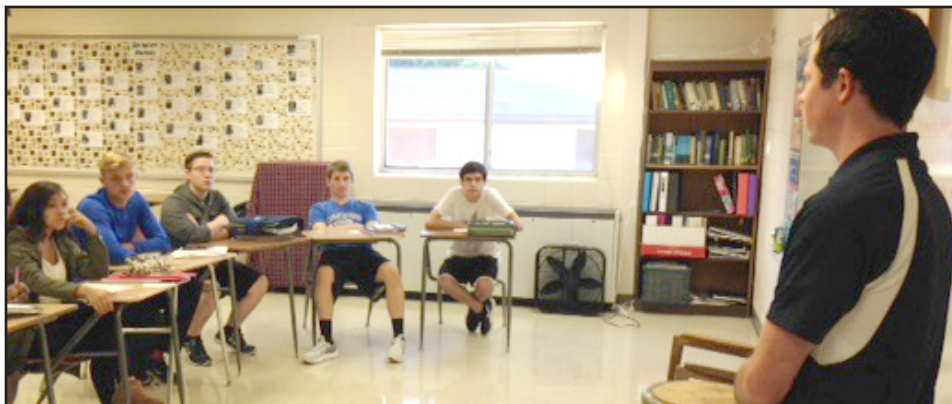
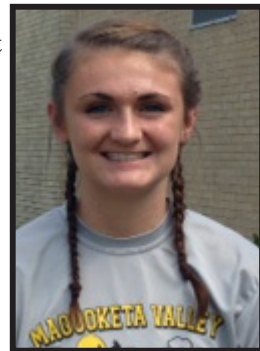
What's the hardest part? For me, with it being my first year, it's the adjustment, and getting used to the routine and what cross country is about in general. Definitely learning the mentality of a distance runner has been the toughest part for me. Going from competing for longer than two minutes thirty seconds to a twenty to twenty five minute race was difficult. I've really had to work on learning how to stay focused for that long and not letting my thoughts defeat me.

How do you mentally prepare for a meet? Nichole and I talk through our goals and what we have to do to meet them. We talk basically the whole time from the time we get on the bus till the race about the race and being mentally tough. We quote Coach Meehan a lot during these talks :)

What's your personal goal for this season? I'd really like to get inside the 20's for a time, but over all I just hope to become a better runner.

Why should students go out for cross country? It's sounds stupid, but through running I have gotten closer to my body and understanding it's mechanics, I personally am only involved in running sports now, however understanding your body will help you in any sport. And if you don't do other sports cross country is a good choice because if you want to become a better runner you really will.

Who's your cross country role model? Coach Dever. She is the bomb.com.



Meet the Freshmen



Lydia, Hannah, Mason, Chance & Frankie

Name: Frankie Mast
Siblings: Mikie and Sheri
Activities you plan to be in: FFA
Favorite subject: Earth Science
Career aspirations: Welder
Hobbies: dirtbiking, horse riding
Something cool about you: Love to have fun.

Name: Chance Downs
Siblings: Jordy, 18
Activities you plan to be in: Cross Country, Wrestling
Favorite subject: Math
Career aspirations: Teacher
Hobbies: Wrestling
Something cool about you: I'm a 2x all-american wrestler.

Name: Hannah Cornell
Siblings: Zach Cornell
Activities you plan to be in: Choir
Favorite subject: Ceramics
Hobbies: Art
Something cool about you: Nothing

Name: Lydia Helle
Siblings: None
Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Speech, possibly spring play.
Favorite subject: Math or Science
Career aspirations: Medical Researcher
Hobbies: Playing sports and reading
Something cool about you: I like to play the ukulele.

Name: Mason Lubben
Siblings: Two sisters
Activities you plan to be in: Cross Country, Basketball, Track or Golf
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: An engineer
Hobbies: sleep, my phone
Something cool about you: I can sing the Periodic Table of Elements.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Keep reading for ten more mind blowing facts.

- Google has a model T-Rex skeleton at its headquarters nicknamed "Stan."
- Peladophobia is the fear of bald people.
- The first Olympic Summer Games were held in 1896 and the first Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924.
- An average person has about 100 thousand hairs on their head.
- There's a fungus named after Spongebob Squarepants.
- The scientific term for when your foot falls asleep is "paresthesia."
- Pandas are no longer an endangered species.
- Goosebumps are caused by the arrector pili muscle.
- A study done by PLoS One shows that only half of your friends consider you their friend.
- South Koreans are required by law to use only Internet Explorer for shopping and banking.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jordyn Kemp



You're currently working on a perspectives drawing in art class. What is it of?
We've moved onto Three-Point perspectives, so we draw buildings from our imagination using view points.

What do you enjoy most about art class?
Annoying Mr. Dunlap.

What about art class makes it different from other classes? It's more relaxing than others.

What's an art project you'd like to do?
Mirror-Etching

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

There was a green house. Inside the green there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house, there were lots of babies. What is it?

Answer: Watermelon

Cutie



by Nichole Winter

This cutie is a senior. She is involved in volleyball and track. She is the youngest in her family. She loves horses and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite food is pizza.

what's up?

If you could've personally witnessed anything, what would you like to witness?

by McKenzie Lansing

Megan Beaman- When the dinosaurs die
Rebekah Hill- Martin Luther King Jr. "I have a Dream" speech
Maddie Lahr- 9/11

Abe Miles- The return of Jesus Christ
Kristin Lucas- Opening of Disneyland
Sean Hucker- Jesus' birth
Emma Hill- My parents' wedding
Ryan Dunn- When human genetic code was broke

Trent Reeves- Bombing of Hiroshima from a long distance
Alex Digman- Gettysburg Address

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Lawson Roof
Activity: Fall musical
What role do you play in the musical? Laurey

What's your favorite part of the show? I love all the songs, even the ones I don't sing. They're written really well and I love getting to geek out about the music aspect of the musical.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? I get to chase Patrick and hit him with a broom (a memory in the making).

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*

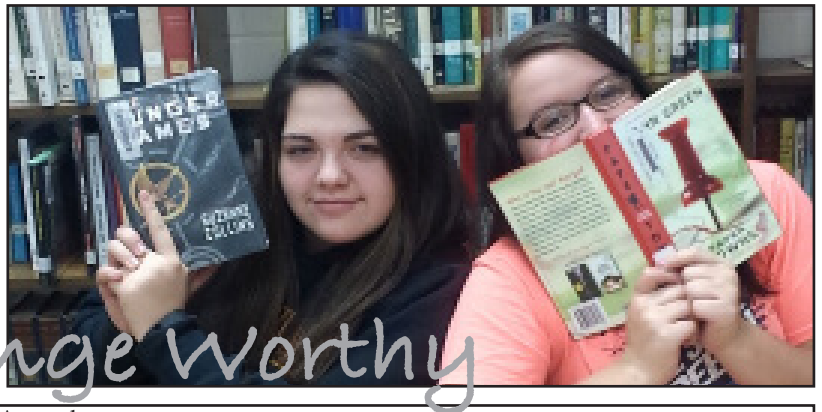
How has participating in the musical affected you? I am on stage quite often because I love to sing, but this is the first time I've ever really done acting. Though I'm very new to it, I think acting will be something I'll try to make time for in my future. It's also really helping me grow as a performer, and helping me grow my confidence in general. It's also nice to make friends I wouldn't expect to make otherwise :-)



Name: Rebekah Hill
Activity: Fall musical
What role do you play in the musical? I am a "girl." I am a dancer and a singer.

What's your favorite part of the show? My favorite part to of the show, it just how corny some of the jokes are. They are probably jokes that nobody else finds funny, but they crack me up so much.
What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? I love everything about rehearsals. I like dancing with a bunch of people, especially Faith and McKenzie. I always just like joking around with my friends on and off stage.
If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I would love to be in the musical *Rent*! I would honestly take any part, even a trashcan. I love that musical so much.

How has participating in the musical affected you? It really pushed me out of my comfort zone this year. I am a leader in most of the dances, and I never really tried to dance until this year, and it is super fun! I know that it is cliché, but I also made a lot of good friends through musical, and I wouldn't change those friendships for anything. Musical is just all around a great experience.



Rebekah & Amanda:

Chad's Pizza: So we really like pizza incase you didn't already know. One of our favorite places to get pizza is Chad's in Dyersville. Their pizzas are super good. I recommend all! Also the pizzas are pretty reasonable. So if you are looking for a new favorite joint to eat pizza at check out Chad's Pizza in Dyersville, Iowa.

Rebekah:

Wild Things by Alessia Cara: I am going to change my picks up a little bit this week, so here is a song. This is one of my favorite songs, whenever it comes on in the car I turn it up and jam out, ask Emma. I absolutely love the beginning of the music video too. "To me Where the Wild Things Are is a place that exists in our minds. It's a place of liberty and shamelessness." This song is important to me, because it shows us to be who we are and that we shouldn't care what other people think.

Red Robin: Another change up for this week. I love going here with my friends or family. It is a good place to go and sit and talk with your friends, and there is obviously good food there. They have the best burgers, and how can you go wrong with bottomless fries!

Leverage: Every single one of my Sundays is filled with this show. It plays from eight in the morning until ten at night. Non-stop. It is one of my favorite shows, and I get very upset when I miss it. It follows a crew, who have turned from being "criminals" to helping people that the law won't help. They "take place where the law leaves off." There is a mastermind, grifter, thief, hacker, and hitman, and they come together for the common show. I recommend that everyone watches it.

Amanda:

The Walking Dead: This has always been one of those shows that I was like I will watch someday. So when Danica recommended it, I knew I should. Although I just started season two I can tell why so many people love this show. After Officer Rick Grimes woke in the hospital he found his whole world turned upside down. A zombie apocalypse has plagued the earth. The story follows the life of him and other survivors as they try to survive and find safety in this new world.

The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner by Stephenie Meyer: This book wraps up one event and character that is briefly part of Eclipse. When Bree Tanner is turned into a vampire. She is not ready for the life or loss she will experience. Great book that really adds to the stories of the Twilight saga.

Captain America: Civil War: After the Avengers caused destruction in major cities, the United Nation decided to step in to take control. This caused a rift between Captain America and Iron Man causing the Avengers to divide. I was truly impressed with this movie. It had a really good plot and action scenes. I loved the new characters and this is definitely the most I have laughed during a Marvel movie. Also Tom Holland as Spiderman, best thing of 2016. Another great movie added to the Marvel Collection

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to Mr. Cassutt for arranging the senior field trip to the Delaware County courthouse.



A meow to the NHS students who helped at the Camp Courageous pancake breakfast.



A furball to this:



A meow to the cross country runners for all of the personal records set this past week.



A meow to the cooler weather and all things pumpkin spice.



A meow to all the vocalists preparing for MV's Got Talent and everyone who's purchased a ticket.



A meow to dependable people.

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

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

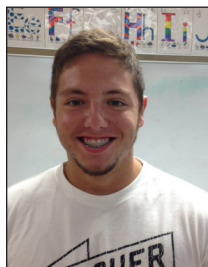
This week's birthdays are:

9/25- Brooke Wilson

9/29- Kara Leibold

by Brody Seavart

Well, Wildcats, it's getting closer and closer to America having a new president with the election being just a couple months away. Not many of us can yet vote, but that doesn't mean we don't know anything about presidents. This issue of Hall Smarts I found it only fitting to ask questions about our former presidents. This week we have Macy Hoeger, Kyle Wilson, Brooke Elgin and Jon Seibert as our contestants.



Who was the second president?

Macy: Thomas Jefferson

Kyle: Herbert Hoover

Brooke: John Adams

Jon: John Adams

Answer: John Adams

How many presidents has America had?

Macy: 62

Kyle: 52

Brooke: 45

Jon: 43

Answer: 43

What number president was Ben Franklin?

Macy: 4th

Kyle: 5th

Brooke: 14th

Jon: he wasn't a president

Answer: He wasn't one

Which president served four terms?

Macy: FDR

Kyle: Theodore Roosevelt

Brooke: FDR

Jon: FDR

Answer: President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Who is the only president from Iowa?

Macy: Herbert Hoover

Kyle: Woodrow Wilson

Brooke: Herbert Hoover

Jon: Herbert Hoover

Answer: President Herbert Hoover

Totals: Macy: 2 Kyle: 0 Brooke: 4 Jon: 5

Well this week's winner was sophomore Jon Seibert, good job. Some of us should probably talk to Mr. Huegel about our history... Kyle. Well that's all this week, Wildcats. See you at next week's Hall Smarts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Oct. 1, 2016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

1. HS Vocal Show "MV's Got Talent"
- Auditorium & HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

1. MV HS FFA Fruit Sales Begin - now until October 31st
2. HS Juniors to NICC Careers Presentation - HS Gynasium - 11:00 AM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

1. MV HS FFA to World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI - 7:00 AM (3:30 AM)
2. HS CC with West Delaware - JH @ Fair Grounds / HS @ Hartridge - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
3. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball at Cedar Valley Christian - 6:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:30 PM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

1. FFA to Greenhand Fireup at Wapsi Valley HS in Fairbank - 4:30 PM (Suburban Leaves at 3:00 PM)
2. MV Dollars for Scholars Mailing Meeting - HS Library - 4:00 PM
3. MV Athletic Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 AM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

1. MS Deficiencies & Proficiencies Due - Please Send to Office by 3:30 PM
2. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - North Linn - 5:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

1. HS Students to Delaware County Industry Tour in Manchester (Bus Leaves at 8:15 AM)
2. 6th Grade Class Trip to the Delaware County Museum in Hopkinton (Bus Leaves at 8:10 AM)
3. HS JV/V Football - HOME - Jesup - JV Game @ 5:00 PM / V Game @ 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

1. FUNDamental Basketball Camp for Grades 2nd - 6th - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 8:30 AM
2. HS Cross Country at North Linn HS - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:15 AM)
3. Men's Choir to "Real Men Sing" at Warburg College in Waverly - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:15 AM)



Homecoming '16 Highlights



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