

Fortman elected student body president

by Emma McDowell

An interview with Amanda Fortman
How do you feel about winning?

I am very excited. I can't wait to serve the student body this school year. I hope to make this year super fun for everyone and accomplish as many things as possible.

What do you plan to do first?

First, I plan on making homecoming super fun and exciting. Also, I want to decorate the halls and lockers. I'll also be working on a senior WIN time.

What are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to getting more students involved in school and recognizing all activities with pep rallies.

Why did you want to become student body president?

I wanted to be student body president because I wanted to see change in our high school. I want to accomplish a lot of things that will make everyone have a great year.

Right: Students vote before school last Friday.



FFA has busy summer, gearing up for a busy year

by Heath Gibbs, FFA reporter

The Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter had a very eventful summer. Over 60 members participated in the Delaware County Fair, and many continued onto the state fair. Cole Kruse and Heath Gibbs were recognized in the parade of champions with Junior Champion Guernsey and Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn, respectively.

Other state fair results:

In the FFA breeding beef division Gabriela Guetzko's shorthorn heifer received a purple.

In the photography division, MV's chapter was fifth place.



Cole Kruse shows a guernsey at the state fair.



Mrs. Mausser poses with the national qualifying milk quality team. of Shelby Westhoff, Amanda Fortman, Josie Young, and Amanda Engelken.

Then to the Dairy Show where Maquoketa Valley was named to Supreme Dairy chapter after a exciting show day for Kaleb Kruse, Cole Kruse, Madi Gibbs and Heath Gibbs. Kaleb was the champion FFA showman and Cole and Madi received FFA belt buckles. Madi was the top Senior showman in the Holstein breed and Cole was the Intermediate Reserve Champion Holstein Showman.

An FFA pool party was held at the Earlville pool, and there was a great turnout.

Also the Milk Quality team placed first in the state and will continue onto nationals later this year. Placings included: Amanda Engelken (1st individual), Josie

Young (3rd individual), Amanda Fortman (5th individual), and Shelby Westhoff (8th individual)! They were the top team in the written test and milk fat.

In early August, the chapter competed in Northeast District Meats and Milk Quality. The Milk Quality teams were district champions and Reserve. Champion team members were Amanda Fortman 1st individual, Josie Young 2nd individual, Amanda Engelken 3rd individual, Shelby Westhoff 4th individual. Reserve team was Blake Becker (5th), Cody Hunter (6th), Eric Brehm (7th), Cassi Westhoff (8th). Third place district meats team was Jake Recker (8th), Nathan Weber (9th) and Zach Lansing (10th).

Wildcats take down the Stars 37-14

by Patrick Hansen

Last Friday night the Wildcats held their second game of the season and battled the Starmont Stars with a very impressive 37-14 win. Coach Evers said he was pleased with what he saw. "The team really got better from week 1 to week 2."

Tyson Tucker was explosive through the air on Friday night completing 10 of his 16 pass attempts for a whopping 215 yards and also rushed for a total of 26 yards on 4 rushing attempts. When the game finally came to an end Tucker was responsible for 3 passing and 1 rushing touchdown. Zak Harbach also had a big night scoring on 3 of his 4 receptions for a total of 136 yards and also had 1 rush for 5 yards. Alec McDowell also had 1 touchdown with his 22 rushing attempts for 181 yards. Tanner Parmely also helped out scoring by bringing a 27 yard field goal and 4 PAT's which comes to a total of 7 points.

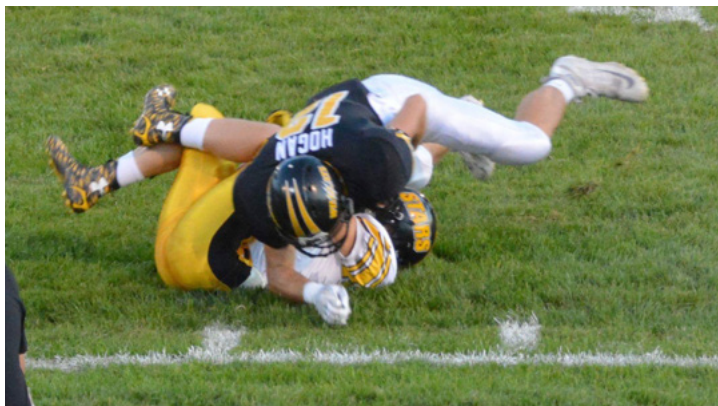
"The team really got better from week 1 to week 2."

—Coach Evers

Other athletes who also gained yards were Garrett Hogan with 3 rushing attempts for 12 yards and also 3 receptions for a total of 31 yards. Norman Wilson had with 2 receptions for 32 yards. Brock Hillers added 1 reception for 16 yards.

The Wildcats will have their first away game this Friday night as they look to put another game in the win column. They will be taking on Durant. Coach Evers said Durant will be tough. "They are big with some skilled players. We need to be ready to play from the very start."

Garrett Hogan makes a tackle Friday night against the Stars. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)



Volleyball team battles hard against Clayton Ridge

by McKenzie Lansing

The Wildcat volleyball team competed in their first home game against Clayton Ridge on the 30th of August. Sadly, the girls lost against this tough opponent 3-0. The game scores were 18-25, 21-25, and 17-25.

Leading in serves was Lea Ries having success with 13 of 14 serves and 3 aces. Next was Payton Ries, with 8 of 9 serves, and Maci Frieburger with 8 of 11 serves and 2 aces. Lastly was Macy Hoeger, with 6 of 8 serves.

Next, we have our setters leading in assists. Lea Ries had 8 assists. Abby Holtz had 6 assists.

Now we will look at kills, with Maci Frieburger leading, with 6 kills. Payton Ries was next, with 5 kills. Danica Fjelstul had 4 kills. And Macy Hoeger had 3 kills.

On the defensive side, Brianna Mensen and Payton Ries each had 4 blocks total. Danica Fjelstul and Brooke Wilson each had 3 blocks.



Libero Aspen Britt sets up a play. (photo by Pete Temple)

On Tuesday, the girls competed in a Tournament here at MV. They faced Tipton, Prince of Peace, and MFL- Mar/Mac. Those stats will be in next week's Echo along with the stats from tonight's game at Prince of Peace. Next week they have a game at home against Central City and a tournament at Western Dubuque on Saturday.

Boys take first place in first meet

by Kelly Winter

The Cross Country team had its first meet last Thursday at MFL MarMac. Overall the boys came in first, and the girls came in 4th.

Boys individual times included: Tate Trentkamp, finished 2nd, with a time of 18:55.8. Derek Mensen came in 3rd in 19:03.8. Following Derek was Chance Downs who came in 4th with a time of 19:08.2. Brenden Hogan finished with

19:19.6, good for 6th place. Canyon Richardson finished 8th with a time of 19:33.6. Mason Lubben came in 13th place in 20:30.4. Next was Cody Gibbs, with a time of 21:46.7 in 20th. In 30th place, Jon Seibert had a time of 22:48.4. Alex McCusker, 37th, had a finishing time of 24:23.2. Chad Neuzil came in 40th place in a time of 24:23.2. Finishing in 43rd with a time of 25:23, was Mitch Neuzil. Congratulate these guys on getting 1st in their meet!

For the girls: Cassy Wilson finished in 9th place in 22:51.1. Following her was Nichole Winter in a time of 23:58.4, good for 16th. Megan Beaman, finished in 42nd place with a time of 35:39.5. Katilyn Deutmeyer had a time of 37:35.1, in 43rd place. In 44th place with a time of 39:39.0 was Maddie Lahr. Great job, girls, on your first meet of the season!

The Cross Country team will be competing again Saturday, September 10 at Monticello. Come out and support the team!

what's up?

What is your greatest strength?

by **McKenzie Lansing**

Mrs. Richter- My personality
 Brody Severt- My arms
 Madison Ott- Making people hate me
 Emma Hill- Making people laugh
 Kari Nefzger- Eating food and watching TV
 Cole Kruse- Not blocking for Tyson
 Katie Snyder- Annoying people
 Trent Koopmann- Feeding my chickens
 Rylee Davis- Being funny
 Megan Beaman- Creativity
 Morgan Hermanson- Having Faith
 Mrs. Hunt- Being honest
 Rebekah Hill- Being independent
 Brittany Hines- Organization
 Megan McNamara- dislocating shoulders, breaking necks and being petty
 Danica Fjelstul- Being sassy

Did you know?

Here are ten fun facts that you probably don't know:

1. Cherophobia is the fear of fun.
2. George W. Bush was once a cheerleader.
3. There is a McDonalds in every continent except Antarctica.
4. Sonic the Hedgehog's full name is actually Ogilvie Maurice Hedgehog.
5. The most popular item at Walmart is bananas. They sell more bananas than any other single item they have in stock.
6. The national animal of Scotland is the Unicorn.
7. The most watched television event in the United States is the Super Bowl.
8. Apple has sold over 750 million iPhones.
9. The oldest clock in the world was made in 1386.
10. Before erasers were invented, people used bread crumbs to get rid of their mistakes.

Josie's Jibber

by **Josie Young**

We have had an awesome start to the wildcat school year from the student sections, to all of the accomplishments academically, within extracurriculars and sports, and just the atmosphere overall!



The Wildcat student section has been unbelievable this year, with the themes and everyone cheering as loud as they can. I know when people hear you cheering for them it gets them pumped up, especially in tough game and makes they play harder.

So this year when you attend all of the events that you can to support your fellow cats, make sure you cheer as loud as you can and go all out with your themes!

Now let's make note of everything we have accomplished in the first two weeks of school. The Wildcat community has been known for their accomplishments, but this year it seems different. During the first two weeks of school, already so many things have been accomplished, and so much more will be accomplished with everyone's hard work! Let's keep up all of this hard work through the year, to accomplish so much more through this wildcat year!

Election results

2016 - 2017 Student Council

Freshmen: Lydia Helle, Chance Downs (CP)

Sophomores: Brooke Wilson, Lucas Rumbo, Sam Wall (CP)

Juniors: Brock Hillers, Rejji Smith, Abby Holtz, Heath Gibbs (CP)

Seniors: Brianna Mensen, Clint Krapfl, Amanda Fortman, Alec McDowell

2016 - 2017 Class Officers

9th: President - Chance Downs
 Vice President - Shelby March
 Secretary/Treasurer - Jordyn Kemp
 10th: President - Sam Wall
 Vice President - Emma McDowell
 Secretary/Treasurer - Olivia Hoeger
 11th: President - Heath Gibbs
 Vice President - Macy Hoeger
 Secretary/Treasurer - Brittany Sabers
 12th: President - Brianna Mensen
 Vice President - Clint Krapfl
 Secretary/Treasurer - Nichole Winter

Athletes of the Week

Name: Kyle Wilson

Sport: Football

What do you enjoy most about football? I enjoy being with the guys and making myself better.

How does this year's team differ from past teams? We actually throw the ball.

What's your favorite drill in practice? Trap the trapper

What's your least favorite drill? Monkey rolls

Who's your football role model? Zak Harbach

Name: Madison Imler

Sport: Volleyball

What do you enjoy most about volleyball? I like being able to be loud

What's your favorite drill in practice? The butterfly drill!

What's your least favorite drill in practice? lanes wide and lanes narrow

What's your goal for the team this season? Stick together as a team and have a great season!

What has made this year unique for you? I am playing libero for jv, and I am a sub for varsity.

"Madison plays Libero for the JV team and does an excellent job of communicating while on the court. She is a very hard worker and tries every day to improve herself to help the team. She is one that is willing to stay after practice and get some extra passes in." —Coach Holtz



Meet the Freshmen



Nicholas, Caleb, Jackson, Tiffany & Erika

Name: Jackson Smith

Siblings: 6

Activities you plan to be in: Track

Favorite subject: Science

Career aspirations: Cardiologist

Hobbies: Skating

Something cool about you: I try at skateboarding.

Name: Tiffany Kelly

Siblings: Trenton Kelly, 17

Activities you plan to be in: None

Favorite subject: Art and Ceramics

Career aspirations: Counselor and/or welder

Hobbies: hunting, riding dirtbikes, and working

Something cool about you: I'm a pretty good skateboarder.

Name: Caleb Klaren-Reedy

Siblings: 5

Activities you plan to be in: Plays

Favorite subject: Science

Career aspirations: Farming/ Driving Semi

Hobbies: video games, biking, swimming

Something cool about you: I like technology and I am good with it.

Name: Erika Supple

Siblings: Aaron, Marcus, Adrianne, and Emilee

Activities you plan to be in: Speech, Volleyball, Softball, Musical, and Play

Favorite subject: Earth Science

Career aspirations: Elementary Teacher

Hobbies: playing sports, camping, hanging out with friends

Something cool about you: I have been a type one diabetic for 3 years.

Name: Nicholas Chen

Siblings: Kailene, Allie, Austin

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball

Favorite subject: English I

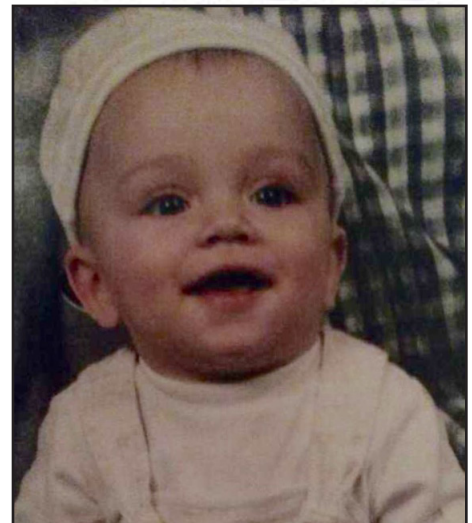
Career aspirations: Youtuber

Hobbies: video games

Something cool about you: I can write a song faster than anyone I know.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Cutie



by Brooklyn Sands

This baby is a sophomore boy. He lives in Hopkinton and he is a big Bears fan. He has two brothers and he plays basketball, football & runs track.

Last week's Cutie was Emmy Prindle.

Lincoln impersonator visits MV



Fritz Klein, an Abraham Lincoln impersonator, presented to MV students Friday. Mr. Huegel said this presentation was an opportunity for students to gain another insight and further appreciation for history. "Abraham Lincoln was a great emancipator and unifier," Mr. Huegel noted. Klein is noted as one of the nation's most foremost Lincoln actors.

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Best Buds



Lexi Deutmeyer and Jaiden Porter
by Kristin Lucas

When did you become friends?

Lexi- 3 years old

Jaiden- we were really little

Why do you like each other?

Lexi- sometimes we get along

Jaiden- we get along and annoy each other

What is your favorite thing to do together?

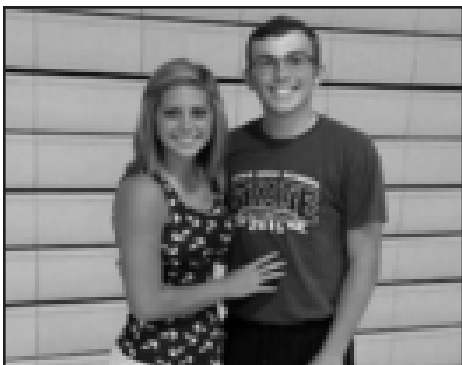
Both- go on walks by the lake

What is one word to describe your friendship?

Lexi- crazy

Jaiden- exciting

Cutest Couple



Faith Hunt and Morgan Hermensen
by Josie Young

How long have you guys been dating?

About six months.

What do you guys all each other?

Faith calls Morgan: Morg

Morgan calls Faith: The Wife

Where is your favorite spot to hangout?

Faith's house

Where is your favorite place to eat?

Buffalo Wild Wings



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda: Nerve: Are you a player or a watcher? Vee Delmonico was an average high schooler and never took any risks. Until the night she decides to play nerve. Nerve is the equivalence of high stakes truth or dare. If you win you make money and if you lose, you lose it all. Vee soon meets Ian and the watchers decide to team them up. Soon the risks begin to get higher and higher and Vee will have to put everything on the line, including her life. This high action movie had us guess until the very end. So do you accept the challenge to go watch Nerve?

Rebekah:

Panic by Lauren Oliver: A thrilling book that constantly has you on the edge of your seat. In a small town everyone had the same goal, find a way to get out. Whether it be to go to college, trying to get away from your parents, or trying to run away from a mistake. The graduating seniors have a chance to do just that with a game called "Panic." The contestants go through a series of challenges, and whoever wins the most, and wins the final Joust, gets the grand prize of cash. Heather and her friends are trapped inside the game, all aiming towards the same goal, but willing to help each other out. I highly recommend this book.

The Fundamentals of Caring: This is by far one of the cutest and funniest movies that I have seen. An adult man becomes a caregiver to a teenage that is barely able to take care of himself. The two become very close and decide to take an adventure together. One this trip they both learn things about themselves, one another, and life in general. Along the way you meet more characters that make this movie a must see.

Young & Hungry: Gabi needs a job in order for her and her roommate to make ends meet. She is a chef, and finds a job quickly as she becomes a personal chef to a rich man named Josh. Everyday she has to prove herself to Josh and the other people that work for him. Gabi goes through some pretty rocky times, but also has some amazing moments and memories. I binged watched one season in about three days. Once you start you will never be able to stop.

Amanda:

The Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls by Julie Schumacher: Has your mother ever forced you to do something that you absolutely dreaded? After Adrienna Haus is in an accident and injuries her knee her summer plans are ruined or so she thinks. Her mother had other plans and creates a mother-daughter book club. Adrienna soon becomes friends with another member of the club Ceecee and together they go on adventures that will save Adrienna's summer from being the worst. This book is a perfect mixture of literary insight and fun summer memories. This book keeps you on your toes till the very end.

Mono: In this hilarious film we see a classic geeks become popular. After an outburst of mono keeps home most of the popular kids home from Highland Park High, the outcast take matters into their own hands and rise up. And they will do anything to keep their popularity. This movie made me laugh and connect with the characters who were just trying to fit in.

Vampire Diaries: I have been watching this show since the very beginning and if you have yet to jump on the binge wagon and watch this show then you are definitely missing out. Elena Gilbert had a pretty normal life in Mystic Falls until she crosses paths with one, Stefan Salvatore. She gets thrown into a world of vampires, witches, and werewolves. As the show progresses we see their love be tested again and again. And it's also nice that the Salvatore brothers are pretty easy on the eyes.

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow goes out to Canyon Richardson for winning his age division at last week's NewBo half-marathon.



A meow to Mr. DeVore and company for delivering popsicles yesterday afternoon. What a cool treat on a hot day!



A furball to the heat and sticky chairs and damp papers. Isn't it supposed to cool off after Labor Day?



A meow to this four-day week.

A meow to the informative college planning meetings last night.



A meow to the official start of the NFL season.



A meow to our newly elected class officers, student council members, and homecoming court.



A meow to the cooks for the awesome mac and cheese on Tuesday.



A meow to the arrival of the Abraham Lincoln impersonator.



A meow to the return of pumpkin spice everything.



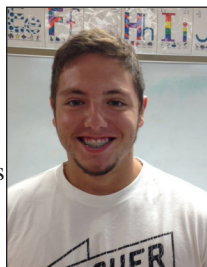
A meow to Cheryl Gates for sending the weekly calendar every week for the Echo. Thank you, Susan, for printing the Echo.



A meow to Pete Parsons, our building janitor, for taking on extra responsibilities lately while Doug Steger is recovering from surgery. Thanks for modeling impressive work ethic!

by Brody Severt

Well Wildcats, school's been back in session for a couple of weeks now. Many of us are now involved in this year's fall sports so let's just see how much this weeks contests know about our sports so far this year. Today we have Mason Lubben, Kelsey Ries, Robert Hildebrand and Jillian Thompson.



How many players on the football team have had concussions so far?

Mason: 3
Kelsey: 3
Robert: 3
Jillian: 2
Answer: 3

What place did boys XC get last week?

Mason: 1st
Kelsey: 1st
Robert: 1st
Jillian: 1st
Answer: 1st

How many girls on a side for volleyball?

Mason: 6
Kelsey: 6
Robert: 6
Jillian: 5
Answer: 6

How many consecutive district titles does MV football have?

Mason: 4
Kelsey: 4
Robert: 5
Jillian: 2
Answer: 4

Who did the volleyball team play last week?

Mason: Clayton Ridge
Kelsey: Clayton Ridge
Robert: Clayton Ridge
Jillian: Alburnett?
Answer: Clayton Ridge

Total: Mason: 5; Kelsey: 5; Robert: 4; Jillian: 1

This week's winners are Mason and Kelsey, great job. Robert came in at a close second, and then falling in last was Jillian. See you next week for our next round of Hall Smarts!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 12, 2016

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

1. High School FFA Officers' "Kick Off" Meeting - MV HS 307 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

1. HS Junior Class to UNI College Fair in Cedar Falls (Bus at 8:15 AM)
2. 7th Grade to Farm Safety Day at Fairgrounds in Manchester
3. HS Cross Country at Starmont High School - 5:00 PM (Bus at 3:10 PM)
4. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME (MS MPR) - East Buchanan - 4:00 PM
6. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball - HOME (HS Gym) - Central City - 5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

1. SCHOOL PICTURES at Earlville & Johnston Elementary
2. Deficiencies & Proficiencies Due
3. Boy Scouts Presentation to Grades 3, 4 & 5 - MS commons - 12:45 PM
4. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

1. MV HS FFA to Tri-State Dairy Expo in Calmar-8:15 AM (Bus-6:30 AM)
2. SCHOOL PICTURES at Delhi Elementary, MS & HS
3. Jr. High Volleyball at Troy Mills with North Linn - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
4. Jr. High Football at Edgewood with Ed/Co - 4:30 PM (Bus at 3:15 PM)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

1. SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION - Bus Barn - 9:00 AM
2. Delhi Elementary "Grandparents & Special Friends Day" - 1:15 to 2:30 PM
3. HS Cross Country at Cascade (Filmore) - 4:30 PM (Bus at 3:10 PM)
4. HS Football at West Branch - 5:00 PM (JV Bus Leaves @ 3:00 PM / V Bus @ 4:00 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

1. HS 9th Volleyball at Western Dubuque in Epworth - 9:00 AM (Bus at 7:30 AM)
2. HS V Volleyball at West Delaware in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Bus at 8:00 AM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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

