

Foreign exchange students from France and Bolivia add new culture to DelCo

by Rejji Smith

Meet Valentina Amas

Where are you from? Bolivia, South America

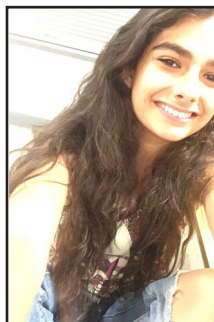
How do you like it here so far? Good, I love cheeseburgers and donuts.

Biggest change so far? The school and people. I'm used to having all my classes in room.

Do you have a favorite class? Not math. I hate math, but probably choir.

Are you interested in any activities? Dance. I tried volleyball but it's not for me.

One interesting fact: I'm very friendly, crazy, and sassy.



by Tyson Tucker

Meet Gianpolo Pillion

What grade are you in? 12th

Where are you from? Burgundy, France

What made you want to be a foreign exchange student? To discover the United States and the culture.

What did you think when you heard you were coming to Iowa? Happy, because I knew I would discover real American people.

Favorite Class? AP Calc

Favorite part of MV so far? Football

What's the French word for "Wildcats"? *Chat Sauvage*



Student council election to be held Tuesday

The student body will soon have a new president with the election being held Tuesday.

This afternoon, students will hear from this year's three candidates: Megan Beaman, Heath Gibbs and Rejji Smith.

Beaman is leading the Megan Incorporated party. Her running mates include McKenzie Lansing, Lane Coyle, Jordyn Kemp and Tim Harmon.

Gibbs' running mates are Brock Hillers, Katilyn Deutmeyer, Brooke Elgin and Taya Tucker. Gibbs leads Heath's Heroes.

Smith has added Tyson Tucker, Sam Wall, Jack Smith and Carter Kruse to her Rejji's Regime party.

The candidates will deliver their campaign speeches this afternoon.

The election will be second hour on Tuesday.

The class officer election will be held Wednesday.

Bruening, Ford become Wildcats

by Kristin Lucas

Many of you have probably noticed that we have a new band teacher this year. Mr Ford is from Wellman, Iowa and is a graduate of Iowa State. He previously was a substitute teacher in the Iowa City area.

Band was always special to him, not just the music, but the social aspect: concerts, competitions, football games, etc. He wants to be able to pass on his passion to others and help them grow. Mr. Ford says he's excited to see how the band grows over the year and see how the students improve musically. He's also excited to get to know everyone.

He said the atmosphere of Maquoketa Valley is great. The students are open to change and understand what it means to be in high school. He said the staff here is all very supportive and made him feel welcome right off the bat. "I didn't feel like the 'new' guy very long."

Mr. Ford's goals for the year are to get better, have fun, and get jazz band going.



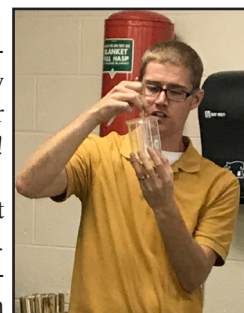
by Mason Lubben

Hey Wildcats, this year at Maquoketa Valley we got a new teacher! You may have noticed, but Mr. Osterhaus is no longer a science teacher because he got promoted! Mr. Brian Bruening took his place.

Mr. B says that his first week at MV has been great. "It's been a whirlwind. Getting to know all of the students and staff- I've loved it." He says that nothing has been difficult. "Everyone has been super helpful. All of the students and staff have been great!"

He says he wanted to start teaching to spread his love of science. "I didn't always want to teach. Originally, I went to college to become DNR. I wanted to get my PhD in biofuels and research making biodiesel out of algae." Mr. Bruening also stated that he wouldn't want to change anything about MV, except maybe add air conditioning. "I'm glad I have one of the coolest rooms- sorry Mr. DeVore!"

Mr. B said that he would want to travel to Australia if he had the chance. "There are so many different animals! The Great Barrier Reef and the Steve Irwin Zoo, I would love to visit." Mr. Bruening also stated that he used to be a Guitar Hero Master!



Volleyball team makes it out of bracket play at Cascade

by McKenzie Lansing

Last Saturday, the Wildcats travelled to Cascade to compete in a tournament. The Cats went competed against Anamosa, Center- Point Urbana, Monticello, Cascade, Beckman, and East Buchanan.

The ladies started the tournament with a win over Anamosa, 2-0. Scores were 21-14 and 21-17. The top hitters were Maci Freiburger, Payton Ries and Emerson Whittenbaugh. Leading in assists was Abby Holtz. Dig leaders were Maci Freiburger and Ella Imler.

The Cats had another win over East Buchanan, 2-0. Scores of this match were 21-15 and 21-13. Leading in Assists was Abby Holtz. Our top hitters for this match were Maci Freiburger, Macy Hoeger, and Payton Ries. Our dig leaders were Maci Freiburger, Emerson Whittenbaugh, and Abby Holtz.

The Wildcats played a close game against Cascade, but took a loss 0-2. Scores were 21-23 and 18-21. Top hitters were Maci Freiburger, Emerson Whittenbaugh, and Macy Hoeger. Leading in assists was Abby Holtz. Our dig leaders were Payton Ries and Maci Freiburger.

The Wildcat also took a loss

against Monticello, 0-2. Scores were 16-25 and 13-25. The top hitters were Maci Freiburger, Payton Ries and Olivia Hoeger. Leading in Assists was Abby Holtz. Dig leaders were Allie Knipper and Macy Hoeger.

The Ladies played against Center- Point Urbana, 0-2. Scores of this match were, 8-21 and 11-21. Top hitters were Macy Hoeger, Payton Ries, and Maci Freiburger. Leading in Assists was Abby Holtz. Our dig leaders were Macy Hoeger and Maci Freiburger.

The ladies also played a very close game against Beckman, but lost 0-2. Scores were 21-25 and 17-25. Our top hitters were Emerson Whittenbaugh, Payton Ries, and Macy Hoeger. Leading in assists was Abby Holtz. Our dig leaders were Macy Hoeger, Madison Imler, Maci Freiburger, and Emerson Whittenbaugh.

The Cats played in a Triangular match at Clayton Ridge on Tuesday. They took a loss against Jesup, 0-3 and another close loss against Clayton Ridge 2-3. Those stats will be in next week's Echo! On Tuesday our Ladies will host a tournament against MFL/ Mar- Mac, Lisbon, and



Peyton Ries gets a hit while Emerson Whittenbaugh provides backup. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple, Monticello Express)

Cedar Valley Christian. Make sure to come pack the gym to support your Cats!

Wildcats defeat Vikings 20-18 in season opener

MV's offense started the season off right by leading the team to a 20-18 victory on Ed-Co's turf last Friday night.

"This was a very good Ed-Co team," stated Coach Evers. "They were coached extremely well and played very hard." Ed-Co kept the game close. Ed-Co drove down the field and missed a field goal at the last second.

"Our offense was led by a solid performance by the O-line," stated Coach Evers. Coach Evers noted the efforts of center Brian Heims, Robert Hildebrand, Heath Gibbs, Mike Feldmann, Alex Digman and Norm Wilson.

MV ran the ball over 235 yards with two rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown. Quarterback Tyson Tucker went 9 for 16. Brock Hillers caught a 17-yard touchdown pass. Garrett Hogan ran for a 22-yard touchdown, and Tucker rushed for a five-yard visit to the endzone.

MV's defense was led by a strong D-line play by Digman, Heims, Gibbs, Feldmann and Wilson. Digman made an



Senior Garrett Hogan finds the endzone on a 22-yard run. (photo by Leesa Parmely)

athletic play to sack the Ed-Co quarterback, putting the ball back 10 yards and on a bad angle for a field goal try.

The linebackers finished off the tackles with great pursuit, according to Evers. Tucker, Hogan, Hildebrand, Mitch Smith and Wilson put some pressure on the Ed-Co offense.

"Brock Hillers had a great game making great pursuit tackles, catching an

interception, and knocking down passes to save first downs," noted Evers.

Coach Evers said the team has some things to work on to prepare for Star-mont tonight. "Our focus this week will be to finish the play on both sides of the ball and fine tune our football awareness of down and distance."

The JV team lost 0-8.

Tonight's Dress Up theme is Black Out!

what's up?

by Brooklyn Sands

What was your favorite thing you did this summer?

Megan Rausch- going to the Dominican and going to Florida

Kelsey Ries- going to the Dominican
Lane Coyle- going skiing and going to the Dominican

Mrs. Mueller- spending time with my daughter in Lancaster, PA.

Katie Snyder- went to Nashville for 10 days

Hannah Lahr- going to the Dominican and Keith Urban concert

Madison Ott- going to Florida

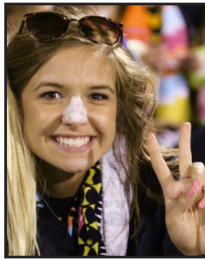
Alex Digman- work

Tyler Britcher- I got hit in the face with a baseball.

Lucas Johnson- went to Kansas City for the eclipse

Josie's Jibber

Welcome back everyone! I am so excited for not only a great year, but my last year as a Wildcat! As my last year may be a year full of lasts, I want to remind you of the biggest lesson



I have learned through my past couple of high school. I know you have probably heard this five hundred times, but do not wish all of your years away. In all honesty, I cannot remember my sophomore year. I cannot remember times with my friends, my academics, or extra-curriculars. Do you know why I can't remember? Since I was so focused on getting out of high school and going to college, I basically wished my years before away.

The night before the inevitable last first day of school, I sat in my bed thinking that in one year I will be on my own. I won't have my dad there to help me, my friends there to rant to, or the teachers' smiling faces every day when I walk into classes. Let me tell you, late night thoughts will hit you hard and may even put tears in your eyes.

But now I cannot dwell on the past and I let it slip away. I will just have to enjoy every moment, day by day.

Construction project continues for a few more weeks



by Kelly Winter

As you all may know our school is being renovated, which should include many new and exciting features.

The high school locker rooms have been re-done are are completed, with the exception of lockers. In the band room, all practice rooms have been painted and new carpeting installed, they also added in a new band director!

Much is happening inside the cafeteria and commons, with new ceiling tiles, lights and ventilation. The kitchen also endured new ventilation, ventilation hood, ceiling tiles and lighting. A new concession stand was put in on the south wall, including fixtures being brought in this week.

Some might be worried about the auditorium with the musical coming up, but it's coming right along. The new fixtures going in sound and light booths will be coming in the next few weeks and the set building room in almost done. Painting will begin soon, and drama stuff will be moved into the set building space.

Coming soon is steel paneling installation once the masons are done bricking the north side. The entryway is also coming along, including the new restrooms, gender-neutral restroom update, and remodeled office waiting area which should all be completed by mid-September. Fitness and weight rooms with their restrooms are to be done in October.

Mr. Tuetken said he feels that overall the construction project is going well. "We're a little behind schedule due to the amount of asbestos that was found in the tunnels that had to be abated. That was not anticipated. I am hoping that the project will be completed by October 31st and I think that is a reasonable timeline."

He also stated that everything being done needed renovation and after the work done in the coming summer, we will have an establishment that everyone, including students, teachers and our community will be proud of.

If you have anymore questions or concerns, Mr. Tuetken is happy to answer.



The concession stand is nearing completion. It is being used for serving lunch.

FCA chapter to be formed

Last year Brock Hillers set out to make a vision come true: to start a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapter for Maquoketa Valley students. With support from Mr. DeVore, Mr. Osterhaus and Mrs. Temple and Rejji Smith, this vision is becoming a reality.

The FCA website describes FCA's function as "an interdenominational Christian sports ministry to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes." Students do not need to be athletes to join.

The first step to forming the chapter is to recruit student leaders. They will then be trained. After that, all interested students will be invited to join in fellowship and faith development.

If you are interested in becoming a student leader, pick up an application in the office and return it to Mr. DeVore by Sept. 8. Student leaders must be involved in a sport and have an active faith life.

Even though the students and sponsors are MV-related, this organization is not a school event.

Vote Rejji's Regime

As many of you know I have decided to run for Student Body President this year at Maquoketa Valley! I have chosen some amazing people as my class reps! They are: Tyson Tucker, Sam Wall, Jack Smith and Carter Kruse. If you have seen any of my posters around school you're probably wondering why I chose "Think Differently" as my slogan. Well, I think every year the same thing happens. Past presidents promise certain things but never seem to follow up on their promises. That's why I chose "Think Differently" because it's time that Maquoketa Valley goes through some changes. That's why I believe that I'd be a good fit as the president. I won't give up when my suggestions get shot down, I will try to meet in the middle and compromise! If you have any suggestions or ideas of your own, I would love to hear them! I would appreciate your vote this next week!

*I'm Rejji Smith,
and I approve this message*

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are 10 things you won't know about some of your fellow Wildcats!

- Kelsey Ries almost cut her pinky toe off when she was two years old.
- Teige Hunt once ran himself over with a snowmobile.
- Brooke Elgin was taught how to write left-handed.
- Jordyn Kemp can speak French and knows sign language.
- In Megan Beaman's own words: she's "not fun."
- Brock Hiller's middle name is David.
- Josie Young was once sprayed on by a tiger.
- Mr. Bruening's favorite color is orange.
- Kylynn Clary once ate a dog treat.
- Emma Beitz has a cat Bredon.



Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

Parks and Recreation- Pawnee, Indiana is the best town in America and that's a fact, according to Leslie Knope. In this *Office*-esque show, we follow the happenings of local government in a small midwestern town. The characters truly drive the show and make it worth the watch. The story lines vary from downright absurd to fun little adventures through the town. Amy Poehler and Chris Pratt are standouts in the show and often deliver the funniest one liners. After watching the show for seven seasons, you become attached to the characters and root for them to succeed in their local government. However it does take a season for the actors to really develop their characters, so if it feels slow, just skip ahead or stick with it! *Parks and Recreation* is a definite must watch for anyone who's a fan of *The Office*.

Wet Hot American Summer- This offbeat summer comedy is about the last day of summer camp counselors in 1981. Raunchy, nonsensical, and downright crude describes this 2001 cult classic. However proceed with caution because *Wet Hot American Summer* isn't a type of comedy that applies to everyone. It often makes a mockery of traditional Hollywood tropes and features over the top acting reminiscent of the 80's. If you're a person who has an open mind when it comes to comedy and aren't afraid of some strange scenes, give this movie a watch. Fair warning, it is rated R and not for all ages!

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What has a mouth, but never eats.

Has a bed, but never sleeps.

Has a bank, but no money.

And can run, but can never walk.

Answer: A River!

Cross country teams ready to make some noise



The boys and girls cross country teams opened their season last night at the MFL-Mar-Mac meet. Results will be in next week's issue. The team is led again by coaches Pat Meehan and Sara Dever. The boys team returns seven letterwinners, including 2016 state qualifier Brenden Hogan. Returning letter winners include, front row, from left: Mason Lubben, Tate Trenkamp and Canyon Richardson; back row: Chance Downs, Sean Hucker and Hogan. Absent: Derek Mensen.

The Cat Box

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



A meow to a much needed three-day weekend.



A meow to Cheryl Gates who sends us the weekly calendar each week.



A welcoming meow to MV's new staff and students.



A meow to students running for student council. Way to put yourself out there!

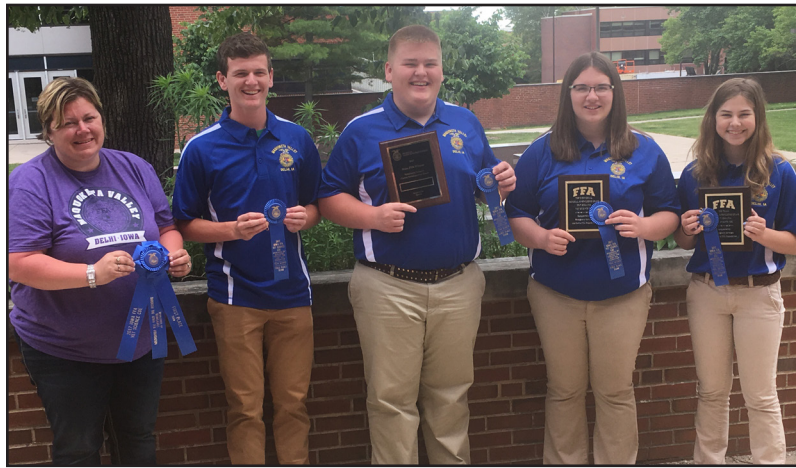
FFA stays busy during summer months

Throughout the summer, many FFA members stayed busy in multiple contests and local activities.

In the state vet science contest, which is an all online event, the team members of Mason Kruse, Mason Burlage, Amanda Engelken and Lauren Goldsmith earned a first place finish and will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in October. Individually, Kruse earned 3rd, Goldsmith earned 10th, and Engelken was named the champion individual.

June 8, the State Food Science, Ag Mechanics and Agronomy teams competed in Ames. The Agronomy team of Justin Wessel, Evan Gaul and Brandon Bonert earned a silver medal. The Ag Mechanics team of Jacob Besler, Avery Tauke and Dan Vorwald finished in 7th place. The Food Science team of Becca Dunkel, Cassi Westhoff, Amanda Engelken and Mason Kruse placed 6th. Becca Dunkel also placed 8th individually.

June 12, the State Floriculture and Nursery Landscape as well as District Livestock teams competed. The State Floriculture team of Josie Young, Amanda Fortman, Amber Engelken and Kaitlyn Goedken earned a silver medal. The State Nursery Landscape team of Lauren Goldsmith, Erin Bonert and Nichole Schilling placed 9th overall. Two District Livestock teams also competed. The team of Aaron Knipper, Becca Dunkel and Alex Elgin placed 7th. The team of Cole Kruse, Amanda Engelken and Mason Kruse placed 4th. Individually, Mason Kruse received 3rd, Alex Elgin placed 6th and Aaron Knipper placed 9th.



The state champion vet science team of Mason Kruse, Mason Burlage, Mason Kruse, Amanda Engleken and Lauren Goldsmith advanced to nationals.

The FFA chapter also helped with setup and cleanup at the Annual WMT Tractorcade that took place in Dyersville. Members also helped at the auction on June 11, where \$1905 was raised for our chapter.

The week of the Delaware County Fair brought many successes for our members. In agronomy, Seth Deutmeyer received Champion Corn. In poultry, Seth Deutmeyer won Champion Young Turkey and was named Champion Senior Showman. In the goat show, Carter Stahlberg won Reserve Champion Pygmy/Miniature/Fainting Goat. Gabriela Guetzko won Reserve Champion Dairy Wether Goat. Mason Kruse won Champion Breeding Goat and Reserve Champion Breeding Goat. In the dairy show, Cole Kruse received Junior Champion Holstein, Junior Champion Supreme, Junior Champion Jersey, Reserve Junior Champion Jersey, Reserve Champion Jersey, Reserve Best Udder, and Champion Senior Showman. Cassi Westhoff won Reserve Junior Champion Holstein. Brit-

tany Putz won Champion Jersey and First Place Jersey Dairy Herd. In beef, Gabriela Guetzko won Champion Shorthorn Heifer. Daniel Kluesner won Reserve Champion Market Dairy Beef. Joel Vaske won Reserve Champion High Quality Beef Carcass.

August 3, the District Milk Quality and Meats Evaluation teams competed in Earlville. In Milk Quality, the team of Becca Dunkel, Amber Engelken, Kristi Bries, and Haiden Koopman placed 1st overall. Individually, Dunkel placed 1st, Engelken was 5th, Bries received 7th and Koopman was 10th. In Meats, the team of Erin Bonert, Kaitlyn Goedken, Cole Kruse and Jake Recker placed 4th. The team of Mason Kruse, Carter Kruse and Mason Recker placed 6th.

Next was the State Fair. In the rabbit show, Tommy Lehmann received Reserve Satin and was named Champion Showman. In the dairy show, Cole Kruse won Champion Senior Showman and Junior Champion Jersey. Kaleb Kruse won Junior Champion Guernsey. In addition, the chapter was named Reserve Supreme Dairy Chapter.

August 26, the State Livestock Judging and State Meats Evaluation teams traveled to Iowa State to compete. The State Livestock Judging Team consisting of Mason Kruse, Cole Kruse, Aaron Knipper, and Alex Elgin placed 11th silver. The State Meats team with team members Erin Bonert, Kaitlyn Goedken, Jake Recker and Seth Deutmeyer placed 20th and earned a bronze medal.

Congratulations to all of our members on a successful summer! On to fall events!

*Co-reporter Amanda Engelken
Co-reporter Cassi Westhoff*



FFA members Shelby Westhoff, Brittany Putz, Cassi Westhoff, Cole Kruse and Josie Young pose with their dairy cattle at the Delaware County Fair.

Baseball and Softball Honors

All-Conference

Tyson Tucker - First team Pitcher
Zak Harbach - Second team Outfield
Clint Krapfl - Honorable Mention
Payton Ries - First team Infielder
Reiji Smith - First team Infielder
Brianna Mensen - Second team First Baseman

Abby Holtz - Honorable Mention

All District

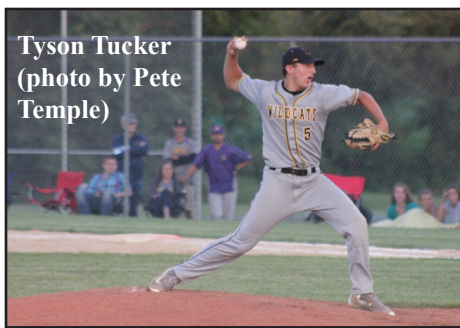
Tyson Tucker - 1st Team Pitcher
Trevor Elgin - 2nd Team Pitcher
Alec McDowell - 2nd Team Catcher

All State

Tyson Tucker - 3rd Team Pitcher

Iowa Newspaper Association

Tyson Tucker - 1st Team



Birthday Shoutouts!

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

This week's birthdays (and ones from August) are:

August 2: Teige Hunt

August 4: Holly Offerman

August 5: Rose Havens

August 7: Tate Trenkamp, Hannah Cornell

August 9: Megan Beaman

August 11: Olyvia Hanken-Arlen

August 12: Luke Richter

August 13: Valentina Asias, George Blair

August 17: Brianna Pohlman

August 22: Brody Severt, Matthew Hucker

August 26: Ella Imler

August 28: Allison Knipper

August 29: Kim Sellner

August 30: Eric Deutmeyer, Carter Stahlberg

August 31: Canyon Richardson, Logan Johnson

September 1: Angel Rumbo

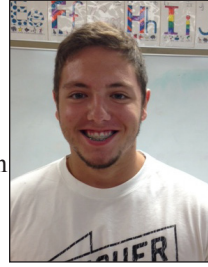
September 5: Evan Lubben

September 6: Brenden Hogan

September 7: Brittany Sabers

Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt



Hello, Wildcats, it's that time of year again: back to school. I hope that all of you had a fun and productive summer. But that's all done for the next couple of hundred days while we hit the books. This week's topic of questions will be about our return to school with our contestants being Megan Wulfekuhle, Chloe Rowling, Carter Hildebrand and Mitch Heims.

1. What is Mr. Bruening's hamster's name?

Megan: Henry

Chloe: Henry

Carter: Henry

Mitch: Hammy

Answer: Henry

2. Who is the middle school principal?

Megan: Mrs. Morrison

Chloe: Mrs. Morrison

Carter: Mr. Osterhaus

Mitch: Mr. Osterhaus

Answer: Mr. Osterhaus

3. What time does 3rd hour end?

Megan: 10:24

Chloe: 10:15

Carter: 10:18

Mitch: 10:24

Answer: 10:24

4. How many foreign exchange students are there this year?

Megan: 2

Chloe: 2

Carter: 2

Mitch: 3

Answer: 2

5. What is the new band teacher's name?

Megan: Mr. I don't know

Chloe: Mr. Band teacher

Carter: Mr. Ford

Mitch: Mr. Ford

Answer: Mr. Ford

That's all that I have for you this week, Wildcats, and good job to all of this week's contestants. Make sure you are kicking off the new year with some hard work in the classrooms, but still remember to have some fun.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 4, 2017

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

1. 1st Day of Earlville Pre School for Gold class - goes Tuesday, Friday and alternating Thursdays

2. Jr. High Volleyball Practice - After School until 5:00 PM (done early due to HS VB Tournament)

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

1. 1st Day of Earlville Pre School for Black class - goes Monday, Wednesday and alternating Thursdays

2. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

1. Jr. High Football at East Buchanan in Winthrop - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)

2. Jr. High Volleyball with Ed/Co at Edgewood at - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)

3. 5th Grade Beginner Band Night - Middle School Commons - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

1. School Bus Evacuation Drills - After AM Routes - All Centers

2. HS Varsity Football - HOME - Durant - One Game at 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

1. HS Cross Country at Monticello Golf Course - 8:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:45 AM)

2. HS 9th Volleyball at West Delaware in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:10 AM)

3. HS FFA State Dairy Cattle and Milk Quality Evaluation at West Delaware in Manchester - 10:00 AM