

# Wildcat Echo

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## FFA competes in dairy contests

On September 9, the Milk Quality team, Dairy Judging team and the dairy handlers competed at the state competitions held in Manchester. The dairy judging team consisting of Abby Hoefler, Evan Gaul, Shelby Westhoff and Jake Recker earned a 6th place ribbon. The team also received the top Pedigree Evaluation plaque. Individually, Hoefler placed 10th overall.

Carter Kruse, Tara Goedken, Sarah Goedken, Cassi Westhoff and Amanda Engelken competed in the dairy handling activity. Tara Goedken received 4th place gold. Other gold participants include Kruse, Westhoff and Engelken. Sarah Goedken received a silver.

The Milk Quality Team consisting of Amber Engelken, Becca Dunkel, Kristi Bries and Haiden Koopman placed 4th in the competition. Individually, Dunkel placed 7th, Bries placed 9th and Engelken placed 10th.

*Amanda Engelken, co-reporter  
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## New students become Wildcats

Part 1 of 2  
by Josie Young

**What is your name?** Jasmine Rossi

**What grade are you in?**

I am a junior

**Where did you used to go to school?**

I went to West Delaware.

**What is your favorite thing so far?**

How caring and welcoming the people are. They're very nice.

**What activities do you plan to be involved in this year?** I am involved in cross-country, musical, and I plan on being in speech, track

**What are you most excited for this year?** Getting to meet all of the people



**What is your name?** Hadley Underwood  
**What grade are you in?** I am a sophomore

**Where did you used to go to school?** I

went to Ed-Co.

**What is your favorite thing so far?** The teachers.

They actually know what they are doing.

**What are you most**

**excited for this year?** I am excited to get my license.



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## Homecoming Court



Maquoketa Valley is celebrating its Homecoming week this week. Court candidates include, front row from left: king candidates Trevor Elgin, Heath Gibbs, Brock Hillers, Garrett Hogan and Tyson Tucker; second row: queen candidates Megan Beaman, Macy Hoeger, Abby Holtz, Brittany Sabers and Reiji Smith and honorary queen candidate Valentina Asias; back row: escorts Eric Deutmeyer, Ryan Dunn, Alex Elgin and Cole Willenbring. Not pictured is escort Tanner Parmely.

# Sports Connection

## Harriers face tough competition

by Chance Downs

Last Saturday, the Maquoketa Valley Boys and Girls Cross Country Team competed at the Monticello Invitational Cross Country Meet. This meet displayed some of the toughest competition in Eastern Iowa, including 1A, 2A, and 3A schools.

The girls, against heavy competition, made great strides in time and placed 8th as a team in the JV Race scoring 218 points. The boys gave similar effort and fought hard to uphold their respective time goals. The boys finished 7th overall in the Varsity Race earning 168 points and placing number one amongst 1A teams.

The girls' times include:

39th	Reece Mensen	30:12
40th	Kristin Lucas	31:45
45th	Hannah Lahr	33:53
46th	Maddie Lahr	34:25
48th	Abbie Sheehy	37:39



Brenden  
Hogan



Hannah  
Lahr

The boys' times include:

15th	Chance Downs	18:17
28th	Brenden Hogan	18:59
32nd	Tate Trenkamp	19:09
44th	Mason Lubben	19:54
49th	Daniel Hunter	20:02
51st	Jon Seibert	20:14
60th	Derek Mensen	21:20

The future of Maquoketa Valley's Cross Country Program ran as well in their respective Middle School- 2 mile race.

Middle School Boys:

6th	Cy Huber, 8th Grader	13:14
30th	Landin Frasher, 7th Grader	14:46
43	Brock Trenkamp, 8th Grader	15:20
64	Ashton Goldsmith, 7th Grader	17:37

Middle School Girls:

11	Kriya Atwell, 8th Grader	15:18
38	Jordan Hogan, 8th Grader	19:26
39	Mianna Gosche, 8th Grader	19:49

The athletes compete tonight at Fillmore Golf Course near Cascade.

## Wildcats claim win over Durant

Last Friday night, MV hosted Durant and handed them a 28-14 loss.

Those touchdowns were distributed among Tyson Tucker, Garrett Hogan and Matthew Hucker.

Hogan rushed for 140 yards on 20 attempts. Tucker kept the ball and scored on two of his 15 attempts. He gained 54 rushing yards.

Tucker made contact with Hucker to add six to the board on Hucker's 28-yard reception. Tucker completed 11 of his 20 passes.

Other yardage was gained by Mitch Smith who added 23 yards, Brock Hillers with 97 yards, Justin Krapfl for two and Norman Wilson with 29.

Polo Pillon made good on two of his three PATs, and Krapfl found the end-zone on a two-point conversion.

Defensively, Hogan had an interception in which he gained 18 yards.

Leading in tackles were Smith with two solos and five assists, Hogan with one solo and five assists, and Tucker with two solos and three assists.

The JV did not play Friday night. They played Alburnett Monday and lost 14-32.



Quarterback Tyson Tucker contemplates his move. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

# what's up?

by Rejji Smith

**If you could go to homecoming with whomever you wanted, whom would you choose?**

Brody Severt: Elon Musk  
Dustin Heims: Neil DeGrass Tyson  
Brittany Hines: My boyfriend  
Norman Wilson: Genghis Khan  
Jon Seibert: Myself.  
Kristin Lucas: My dog  
Jack Smith: No one, people are gross.  
Derek Becker: Carrie Underwood  
Grace Wegmann: Thomas Rhett  
Andrew Holtz: Megan Fox  
Ella Imler: Kris Bryant  
Mrs. Temple: It's a tie between Pete Temple and Justin Timberlake.

## DO's and DON'T's of the Homecoming Dance!

by Kara Orcutt

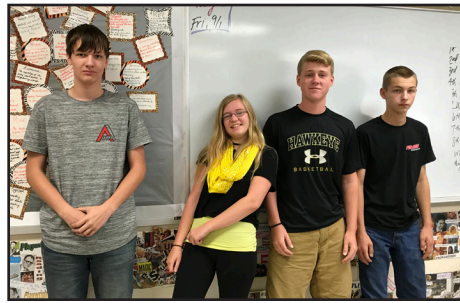
Well Wildcats, you know what Saturday night is! The Homecoming dance! Heed these tips!



DO go out to eat with a group of friends before the dance!  
DO take lots of pictures!  
DO actually dance while you're at the dance!  
DON'T just sit on a chair the whole night!  
DO try to have fun! The dance is what you make of it!  
DON'T dance inappropriately. Nobody wants to see that.  
DO thank the chaperones. They gave up their Saturday night for this!  
DON'T be a debby downer all night.

*Tonight's dress up theme for football is Black and Gold. Keep what you have on today and add even more for tonight!*

## Meet the Freshmen



Evan, Kylynn, Tony & Garrett

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Kylynn Clary  
Siblings: Nia and Autumn are in sixth grade, and Mason is in fifth grade  
Activities you plan to be in: choir, play, musical, and golf  
Favorite subject: Spanish  
Career aspirations: Photographer  
Hobbies: playing piano  
Something cool about you: I'm in the musical.

Name: Garrett Lahr  
Siblings: Maddie Lahr  
Activities you plan to be in: nothing  
Favorite subject: small gas engines  
Career aspirations: Heavy Duty Mechanic  
Hobbies: Pulling semis and shooting guns

Name: Tony Offerman  
Siblings: Holly: 16 year old sister, Casey: 30 year old half brother, and Justin: 32 year old half brother  
Activities you plan to be in: band, choir, musical, vocal jazz, play, golf, baseball, and speech  
Favorite subject: Math  
Career aspirations: MLB player, Fishing guide, Chiropractor, or YouTuber  
Hobbies: riding my dirtbike, hanging with friends, Netflix, and fishing  
Something cool about you: I am not afraid of anything, and I like food.

Name: Evan Lubben  
Siblings: Derek and Danielle  
Activities you plan to be in: none  
Favorite subject: Social Issues  
Career aspirations: Zoo owner

## Athlete of the Week

Name: Maddie Lahr  
Sport: Cross country

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** I enjoy the satisfaction of knowing I just completed a 5K, knowing I did the best to my ability.



**How has cross country changed you?** It has changed me to have the mental ability of a runner. Last year when I first started I gave up thinking that I wasn't able to do it. Really all I needed was a little but of a push from myself, or the motivation to know I can do it.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** My favorite memory from cross country has got to be last year when we all were on the way to the meets and everyone was singing and it was terribly out of key.

**Where would you love to have a meet?** I would like to have a home meet somewhere near Delhi. I feel as if it would be a lot of fun to say that we did very well at our own meets.

## Fine Artist of the Week

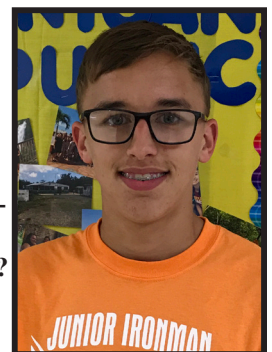
Name: Tate Trenkamp  
Activity: Band

**What instrument do you play in band?** percussion

**What do you enjoy most about playing in band?** feeling the beat

**What life lessons have you learned by being in band?** to be studious and always on time

**If you could join a famous band, which one would it be?** Nirvana



# Best Buds



**Norman Wilson & Blake Becker**  
by Kara Orcutt

**How long have you two been friends?**

Since Kindergarten, and our dads were friends since kindergarten too!

**What's something you like to do for fun?** Buy fireworks, and read Shakespeare  
**What is your funniest memory together?**

"Was the bus ride comfy? (Some people will get it)"

**Do you have any nicknames for each other?**

Norman: Blakie

Blake: Normiepoo

**What is one word that can describe your friendship?** Interesting

## Brain Teaser College fair trip

by Mason Lubben

How far can a rabbit run into the woods?

A: Halfway, after that he'll be running out of the woods.

## 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:

Robert Hildebrand - 9/16

Emma McDowell - 9/18

Ci'Ann Richardson - 9/18

Norman Wilson - 9/19

Shelby March - 9/20

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# Josie's Jibber

by Josie Young

With school back up and running, the main thing on our minds is academics. Well, it should be towards the top of our lists. I mean this is why we do go to school. Whether its sports, work, academics, the musical, or anything in between, most Wildcats can say their plate is pretty full. So make sure to stay up to date on your work. Not only do you put more stress on yourself, but you are setting a bad habit for your future. If you know that there is a day where you are going to be gone, be sure to get all of your work beforehand. And if you are not at school due to an urgent event or an illness that pops up, simply email our teachers. This will not only allow you to stay up to date with your classes, but you might also gain respect for taking responsibility. Have a wonderful week!



## Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

**Arrested Development-** The Bulth family is a trainwreck and this show is all about their fall from grace. Starring Jason Bateman, Michael Cera, and Jeffrey Tambor this cult classic emerged in 2003 and was picked up again in 2013. *Arrested Development* is best described as an offbeat comedy with inside jokes and gags galore. The characters are easily the highlight of the show with each bringing their own personalities to the screen. Each person is distinct and memorable with their witty one liners and interesting story lines. If you're into character driven shows then definitely binge *Arrested Development*.

**Heathers-** Do you like the 80's? Do you like dark comedies? Then *Heathers* is the movie for you. Imagine *Mean Girls* but with more murder and shoulder pads. With such memorable lines as "What is your damage, Heather?" and "Do I look like Mother Teresa?" *Heathers* will have you laughing as much as it will have you staring at the screen in disbelief. Some characters actions are shocking, and motives unclear. If you couldn't tell, this movie is rated R, so proceed with caution while watching.



The juniors, accompanied by Miss Hollinrake and Mrs. Lewin, participated in the college fair at UNI Monday. Students were able to speak to a variety of college admissions staff. Above: Faith Hunt gathers some information. (photo by Emma McDowell)

# Easy access: High school has gone 1:1 with computers

by Kelly Winter

We started this school year, and although not everyone was too happy, we sure did get excited when we found out that each and everyone of us gets our own computers! This was a huge step from the administrative department and a big alteration to our school lives.

Now, all students get their own computers to carry around during the day. This lets the teachers have more advantages in ways to use technology in their classes. Mr. Osterhaus said that technology gets students more involved, allows them to work together, and offers more “creative learning opportunities within the curriculum.”

Technology is a definite part of our future and we need to learn how to use it properly and effectively. Mr. Osterhaus stated, “In today’s world, being able to use technology efficiently is a critical skill to being successful beyond the walls of our school. It is critical that we prepare students with the skills necessary to develop strong technology skills so they can feel comfortable and want to learn more about technology as new uses of technology continue to arise on a yearly basis within schools and the workforce.

He has also said that he’s heard very positive feedback from the students and staff. “Technology is critical piece to the educational process. I am very pleased with how the use of technology is going in the classroom.”

Overall the 1:1 computers have made great progress and will hopefully continue to affect the student body in a

positive manner.

Students see many positives to the computer initiative, including how it’s convenience, safety, and accessibility.

“It’s a lot easier to get homework done,” said Emerson Whittenberg. “You don’t have to get leave study hall to get a computer. You can just get started.”

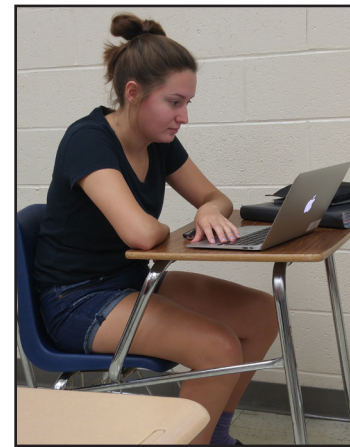
“It’s amazing. I don’t have to sign out or worry about people messing with my stuff,” commented George Blair.

While students appreciate the convenience of the computers, teachers have been able to improve instruction because of them.

Several teachers commented on relying less on paper.

“Students having a computer in statistics has changed how we graph some of our data. We currently have done our circle graphs on the computer instead of using a protractor/compass.”

Mrs. Besler, along with other teachers, have also started using Google Classroom which has eliminated the need for lots of copies. But the benefits don’t end there. Mrs. Besler added, “I also found that for writing lab reports, kids can now take pictures with their computers and incorporate those into their reports, as well as



**Emma Hill works on an assignment during study hall. (photo by Kelly Winter)**

graphs. It has made writing lab reports far easier.”

Mrs. Downs noted two other benefits: students can check their grades more easily to stay on top of missing assignments and they allow teachers to problem-solve with construction issues. “Also, with the construction here in the building I had to switch to the sewing room [Wednesday] and even without a LCD projector, I was able to have the kids bring up my slideshow and teaching went on as usual.”

Do students use the computers to play games? Maybe, but hopefully the educational benefits will offset game usage.

## Volleyball gets win over P of P

by McKenzie Lansing

On Tuesday the Wildcats played their Homecoming game against the Irish from Prince of Peace. The ladies played great winning 3-0. Scores were 25-12, 25-10, and 25-9.

Leading in Serves was Macy Hoeger and Abby Holtz, each being 100% proficient with 19 serves. Each player also had 3 aces.

On the offensive side, Abby Holtz was our setter of the night with 11 assists. Maddy Anderegg had 7 assists. Leading in Kills was Maci Freiburger with 9 kills. Payton Ries had 6 kills and Macy Hoeger had 4 kills.

On the defensive side, Payton Ries had a great night blocking, with 4 blocks total. Our backrow also worked hard. Leading in digs was Macy Hoeger, with 11 digs. Emerson Whittenbaugh had 10 digs and Abby Holtz had 7 digs.

Last night the girls travelled to Calamus-Wheatland to face the Warriors. You can find those stats along with the stats



**Senior Abby Holtz sets up a play.**

to tomorrow’s tournament at West Delaware in next week’s Echo. Your Cats will be on the court on Tuesday at home to face the Pirates from Alburnett.



**Spanish students are making use of Google Classroom.**

## Juniors-seniors split on homecoming games



**Junior Norman Wilson holds nothing back as he serves. (photos by McKenzie Lansing)**

The shorts were tight, but the class spirit was free flowing Monday afternoon at the annual Iron Man and Powder Puff games.

The seniors, many wearing their denim cut-offs, swept the juniors, in their shorty-shorts, 3-0.

In Powder Puff action, the juniors defeated the seniors 26-12.

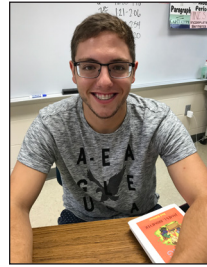
Juniors Olivia Hoeger, Maci Freiburger and Sam Wall found their way to the endzone multiple times. For the seniors, Cassi Westhoff and Macy Hoeger scored touchdowns.



**The mascots have a showdown.**

## Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart



Hello, Wildcats, this past week has been a blast with homecoming. The enthusiasm throughout the school has been amazing, and we have all made some great memories. All of this week's questions will be about one thing, and you probably guessed it already. They're about homecoming. This week's contestants are Kristin Lucas, Abraham Miles, Chance Downs and Reece Mensen.

What is Wednesday's dress-up theme?

Kristin: Jungle/tourist

Abe: super heros

Chance: tourist/Jungle

Reece: tourist and jungle

Answer: Jungle/Tourist

Who do we play for homecoming?

Kristin: The Bears

Abe: West Branch

Chance: West Branch Bears

Reece: the Bears

Answer: West Branch

What is Thursday's dress-up theme?

Kristin: Jersey Day

Abe: Team Day

Chance: no Idea

Reece: Jersey Day

Answer: Team Day

What was the freshman's color day?

Kristin: Yellow

Abe: Grey

Chance: Yellow

Reece: Orange

Answer: Yellow

Who did we play for homecoming last year?

Kristin: Tipton Tigers

Abe: Starmont

Chance: Tipton Tigers

Reece: Tigers from somewhere

Answer: Tipton Tigers

Great job to the contestants this week. Have a wonderful time this weekend and enjoy the homecoming dance. Admissions are only \$5 per person at the door :)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of September 18, 2017

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

1. MV HS Speech Auditions - MV HS Room 205 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
2. MV HS FFA Meeting - MV HS Room 309 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

1. Proficiency and Deficiency Reports Due to the MS & HS Office
2. Jr. High Volleyball at Lisbon - 4:00
3. Herff Jones Senior Announcements Meeting - Auditorium - 2:55 PM until 3:20 PM
4. MV HS Speech Auditions - MV HS Room 205 - 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
5. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Alburnett - 5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

1. Grandparents & Special Friends Day for PreSchool Black Class - Earlville
2. MV HS Speech Auditions - MV HS Room 205 - 6:50 AM to 7:50 AM / 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

1. Deadline for October Newsletter Articles
2. HS Government Students to Delaware County Courthouse in Manchester (Bus Leaves at 8:10 AM)
3. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Johnston Elementary
4. HS 9/JV/V Volleyball at North Linn - 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
5. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME - Central City - 4:00 PM
6. MV HS Speech Auditions - MV HS Room 205 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

1. MV HS Speech Auditions - MV HS Room 205 - 6:50 AM to 7:50 AM
2. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Delhi Elementary
3. HS JV/V Football at Tipton - 5:00 PM (JV/V Bus, Suburban & Trailer Leaves @ 3:00 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

1. HS Cross Country in Independence on MHI - 8:45 AM (Bus at 7:15 AM)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
2. MV School Board Meeting - Johnston Elementary in Hopkinton - 6:00 PM