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# Wildcat Echo

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## New legends of the fall: Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Grant become Wildcats

by Mason Lubben

Hey there, Wildcats! Lots has happened in the Maquoketa Valley school district since last year, from new carpet in classrooms to many new faces here at MV. Among those new faces are Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Grant. Mrs. Palmer was hired in place of Mrs. Spellerberg who retired, and Mrs. Grant was hired in place of Mrs. Mausser who left to teach fulltime at Beckman Catholic. Let's get to know these two new awesome teachers.

### How are you liking it here at MV so far?

Mrs. Palmer: I knew I would like it from previous feedback, but the students far exceeded my expectations.

Mrs. Grant: It's exciting, fun and challenging.

### Where did you work before this?

Mrs. Palmer: I've worked in the business world such as Regional Medical Center. I worked at North Cedar for a few years before going to Cascade for 14 years.

Mrs. Grant: I was a laboratory manager at Regional Medical Center for 15 years. I have been actively farming for 18 years. I have subbed here at Maquoketa Valley for the past nine years.

### Did you always want to be a teacher growing up?

Mrs. Palmer: I never even thought about it. It wasn't until I volunteered in my son's classroom that I realized I could bring a different way of teaching to those students that are not typical.

Mrs. Grant: I either wanted to be in the medical field or teaching. In management I got to do both.

### What are you looking forward to this school year?

Mrs. Palmer: My number one goal this year is to truly get to know the whole student not just how they do in my class. I also want to get to know the staff members and the families involved in this community.



Lane Domeyer suggests to Mrs. Grant a way to utilize the space in the ag classroom.

Mrs. Grant: My main goal is to get all the ag students actively involved in hands-on activities in the classroom and have guest speakers from the community. I also want more students to be involved with their areas of interest in FFA.



Mrs. Palmer leads an activity on wealth in Personal Finance.

### What is one thing you want your students to know?

Mrs. Palmer: Even though I am a business teacher, I'm here to help them along the way with their college and career prep.

Mrs. Grant: Life isn't always fair, but we choose our own paths and can always find

## Renovation project nears completion

by Kelly Winter

Hey Wildcats, it's great to be back! As many know by now, the school's construction project is coming to a close. Coming back to school, you may have noticed a few differences from last year. The downstairs hallway has gotten new floors and a few teachers have switched rooms. Mr. Bruening is now in Mrs. Besler's old room, Mrs. Moenck is in Mr. Bruening's old room, and Mrs. Besler is in Mrs. Moenck's old room with the addition of Mr.

Andrew's room. Her room now has an entryway in between the rooms, so she can have a classroom and a lab. You may have also noted the carpeted classrooms and hallways. Last but not least, the gym! Our high school gym has gotten a makeover. New floors were put in over the summer, and the bleachers started getting installed on Monday morning. The gym will reopen on Tuesday, September 9th. I hope all you Wildcats enjoy and respect our new and improved school!



One of the major projects over the summer was creating a new science space by combining two rooms in the lower level. Carpeting in classrooms was also completed.

# Sports Connection

## Volleyball team goes 1-3 at Cascade tourney, 1-1 at home triangular

The Wildcat volleyball faced a tough conference opponent last Saturday at the Cascade tournament and walked off the court with a win.

MV defeated last year's conference champ Springville 2-0 with game scores of 21-15 and 22-20.

Maddy Anderegg was 10 for 11 at the serving line, and Ella Imler went 10 for 10. Imler had 12 digs. Maci Freiburger and Emerson Whittenbaugh each had six kills.

In other matches at the tournament, MV went 0-2 against Dubuque Senior, Anamosa and Beckman Catholic.

Dubuque Senior won in close games of 21-18 and 21-19. Whittenbaugh had six kills, Helle had four blocks, and Anderegg was 8 for 9 in serving.

MV lost to Anamosa 18-21 and 12-21. Freiburger, Helle, Olivia Hoeger and Whittenbaugh each had three kills. Anderegg had 10 assists. Imler had 11 digs. Hoeger led in blocks with four. Anderegg served 8 for 8.

Beckman won 21-10 and 21-11. Freiburger led in kills with three and blocks with two. Anderegg had seven assists. Hoeger served five for five.

Tuesday night MV hosted a triangular with Clayton Ridge and Jesup and went 1-1.

In the matchup with Jesup, MV lost 20-25 and 18-25.

Freiburger had five kills and six digs.

The team had a serving efficiency of 97%. Serving leaders: Brooke Wooten was 9 for 9, Anderegg was 8 for 8, Whittenbaugh was 6 for 6, and Imler and Allie Knipper were both 4 for 4. Helle had two blocks.

MV got the win over Clayton Ridge, 26-24 and 25-21.

Anderegg was 12 for 12 from the serving line, and Imler was 10 for 11. Wilson had five kills. Freiburger and Hoeger each had four. Anderegg had 12 assists and 7 digs.



Returning letter winners include, front row: Allie Knipper, Olivia Hoeger, Ella Imler and Maddy Anderegg; back row: Lydia Helle, Maci Freiburger, Brooke Wilson and Emerson Whittenbaugh.

The Wildcats will host a round-robin tournament next Tuesday.

### *Volleyball team prepares for success*

MV's volleyball players have seen some good competition on the court so far this year, and they're looking to make it a great season.

The team is led by Brandy Whittenbaugh who returns for her second season as head coach. She is assisted by Ms. Dutra. Coach Whittenbaugh stated that the team has some strengths to capitalize on. "Our returning outside hitters is the teams strength's along with the extra work that was put in this summer in the off season." This year the team will have to adjust to losing two all conference middles.

Returning starters include outside hitters Maci Freiburger and Emerson Whittenbaugh and right side hitter Olivia Hoeger. Other notable returning letter winners include setter Maddy Anderegg, libero Ella Imler and middle Lydia Helle and Brooke Wilson. Other players who Coach Whittenbaugh noted as promising are

Coach Whittenbaugh said the teams in the area to look out for besides MV will be Starmont, Ed-Co and Springville.



Maddy Anderegg powers up for a serve Tuesday night. (photo by Lesa Parmely)



# Cross country teams ready to focus on 'Wildcat Goal'

The MV cross country teams have been putting in the miles, and they're ready for a season filled with smiles.

The Wildcat cross country teams consist of 18 boys and 7 girls. The boys return five letter winners from last year's team that placed second in the Tri-Rivers Conference and fourth in the State Qualifying Meet. Returning letter winners are seniors Jon Seibert and Tate Trenkamp; juniors Chance Downs, Mason Lubben and Derek Mensen.

Chance Downs and Mason Lubben had a good summer of training and look in good condition and vastly improved, according to head coach Mr. Meehan. Rounding out the boys team are seniors Canyon Richardson, Tyler Wallace and Lane Coyle; sophomores Ethan Doyl and James DeMoss; freshmen Preston Roling, Michael Schaul, Nolan Ries, AJ Ambundo, Cy Huber, Brock Trenkamp and Ashton Goldsmith. Canyon Richardson has three years experience. Coach Meehan noted that Ethan Doyl has come off a good track season as a 1600 Meter runner. The freshmen were seventh grade state cross country champions. Remaining varsity runners will come from any of these athletes. "Time will tell if this year's team will remain focused on the 'Wildcat Goal' – to use their talents every day to become the best they can be," stated Coach Meehan. "Good things will happen if they do."

The Wildcat Girls Team features



**Returning letter winners for the boys cross country team include, front row: Jon Seibert and Tate Trenkamp; back row: Mason Lubben, Derek Mensen and Chance Downs.**

seven runners: seniors Hannah Lahr, Kristin Lucas and Madison Ott; junior Ci'Ann Richardson; sophomore Reece Mensen; freshmen Kriya Atwell and Jordan Hogan. There are no returning letter winners but all have cross country experience which should give them confidence in focusing on the "Wildcat Goal," states Coach Meehan. "They all have shown improvement this year. Hannah Lahr has provided sound senior leadership. The hope this year is to enter a varsity team to compete in the conference meet. This group of girls can achieve that if they will remain confident and work every day to improve."

Mr. Meehan is assisted by Mrs. Dever. "Coach Dever is an avid runner who brings firsthand experience to the team,"

stated Coach Meehan. "She was fortunate to run on a state championship team in Illinois that was coached by her father." She is an assistant on the boys track and field team in the spring, coaching the distance runners. Her teaching assignment is 4th grade.

Coach Meehan said the favorites in the conference for the boys would be Clarence-Lowden, Starmont and Maquoketa Valley. Ed-Co appears to be improving. The girls conference favorite is wide open. North Linn is a traditional power and Springville-Central City has been strong in recent years. Bellevue Marquette fields good teams some years.

The teams competed at MFL last night. Results will be in next week's issue.

## Football team takes the field, falls to East Buchanan

The football team made its debut Friday night as it hosted East Buchanan and fell 8-42.

Highlights of the game include James LeGassick's third quarter touchdown run of 55 yards as well as quarterback Matthew Hucker's pass to Norman Wilson for the two-point conversion.

LeGassick rushed 62 yards on 13 carries. Hucker made good on four of his passes for 72 yards. Derek Becker gained 58 receiving yards. Defensively, Wilson had three solo tackles and six assists. Michael Feldmann had four assists.

The team includes some players with some good experience. Returning starters include Norm Wilson, Alex Diggins, Evan Hoefer and Brian Heims. Other returning letter winners are Derek Becker, Trent Koopmann, Mike Feldmann and Matthew Hucker. Coach Evers added that

Daniel Hunter has put some time in this summer and will add to the team as will senior James LeGassick.

The team's strengths are also met with some challenges. "We have had great senior leadership in the weight room," stated Coach Evers. "We don't have the numbers so depth is a concern. Our preseason schedule is brutal so we hope to make it through without injury and be ready for what matters, District Play."

Coach Evers said the district (District 5 Class A) looks tough. He noted that Ed-Co and Alburnett return the most talent. "Lisbon has tradition and will always be in the mix. Clayton Ridge is a dark horse. The unknown is MFL, but having coached in Postville back in the 90's I know those kids are tough so I would expect them to be solid. We need breaks to get in the mix. It could be an exceptional year or one of

those we will want to forget!" Coach Evers is at MV's helm for his third year.

MV plays at North Linn tonight.



**Senior James LeGassick weaves around an EB player in wet conditions. (photo by Lesa Parmely)**

# Best Buds



**Emerson Whittenbaugh, Avery Krapfl and Ella Imler**

**by Kylie Chesnut**

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

About 3 to 4 years and becoming closer and closer each year.

**What is your favorite thing to do together?**

They love to play sports with each other and go boating on Lake Delhi.

**Avery, if you had to name one of your favorite qualities about Emerson and Ella what would it be?**

"I like how Emerson always says how it is, and she never lies to me."

"Ella is always there to pick me up when I am down."

**Where is your favorite place to hang out with each other?**

The three girls' favorite hang out place is at Emerson's house on Lake Delhi.

**Ella if you could have one of Avery's and one of Emerson's talents what would they be?**

She wants Avery's "bomb" handwriting as well as Emerson's amazing talent of water skiing. Maybe Emerson could teach both of them a few things about skiing!

**What is your favorite song to jam to together?**

Their favorite song is, "I Like It" by Cardi B.

**Emerson, do you know Ella and Avery's biggest fears?**

Ella's biggest fear is snakes, and Avery's biggest fear is drowning.

## Birthday Shoutouts!

**by Chance Downs**

This week's birthdays are:

Logan Johnson, Canyon Richardson - 8/31

Evan Lubben - 9/5

# Hall Smarts

**by Lydia Helle**

As we all know, it is that time of year again when all of us students get back to...dun...dun...dun...SCHOOL!

While we try to stay up-to-date on our work, let's see if these teachers can keep up with teens today and our slang!



Use "boujee" in a sentence.

Mr. Bruening: That math assignment last night was boujee.

Mrs. Lewin: That was so boujee.

Pam: Boy, those jeans make that girl look like she has a big boujee.

Mrs. Palmer: You are looking pretty boujee today.

Use "Gucci" in a sentence.

Mr. Bruening: Lunch today tasted Gucci.

Mrs. Lewin: Mr. DeVore is Gucci.

Pam: That color makes you look Gucci.

Mrs. Palmer: I bought a Dairy Queen ice cream cone, and it was Gucci.

Use "drag" in a sentence.

Mr. Bruening: The new episode of Riverdale was drag.

Mrs. Lewin: Math is such a drag.

Pam: At the end of school, I drag.

Mrs. Palmer: Having WIN with Mr. Huegel is such a drag.

Use "finna" in a sentence.

Mr. Bruening: The football game is going to be finna.

Mrs. Lewin: She used a finna when she went swimming.

Pam: My finna will not fit in the refrigerator.

Mrs. Palmer: Is this survey finna yet?

On a scale of 1-10, how "woke" do you think you are?

Mr. Bruening: "Definitely a 10"

Mrs. Lewin: "I'm gonna play it safe and say 5"

Pam: "Imma say 2"

Mrs. Palmer: "I AM A 10 ON THAT SCALE"

After this, I think it's safe to say that the teachers aren't quite in the know as they think they are. That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side"!

# what's up?

**by Leah Ries**

**What is one thing you are looking forward to as school starts?**

Kennedy Ott: Seeing and meeting new friends

Allie Knipper: Homecoming

Lane Coyle: Graduation

Nolan Ries: Sports starting

Claire Krapfl: The end of the year

Carissa Sabers: Seeing friends

Brock Trenkamp: Sports starting

Brooke Wilson: Homecoming

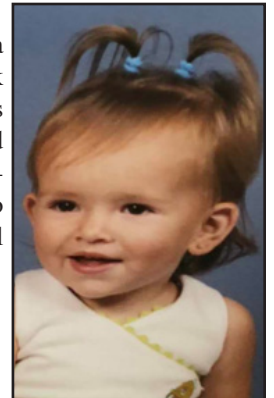
Parker Sternhagen: Summer

Aden Atwell: Summer of 2019

# Cutie

**by Paige Winter**

This cutie is a junior with dark hair. She lives in Earlville, and she has two siblings. She also plays softball and basketball.



## Comedy Corner

**—compiled by Lydia Helle**

What do you call an octopus with a knife?...Armed and dangerous

Why did the balloon go near the needle?... He wanted to be a pop star

I was trying to catch some fog earlier, but I mist.

They're building a restaurant on Mars now. They say the food will be great, but they're worried about the lack of atmosphere.

Two Wifi antennas got married last Saturday. The reception was fantastic!



# TEL students attend conference

MV representatives at a healthy choices conference were Kristin Lucas, Emma McDowell, Madi Lahr, Kelly Winter, Chloe Roling and Madison Imler.



by Kelly Winter

Last year, six TEL, Teens Eliminating Lies, students were chosen to attend a conference organized by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in Orlando, Florida for a week in July. They left on July 15th and returned on the 21st.

At the conference they learned many new ways to teach the public about alcohol and drug awareness and got to interact with students from all over the country. It was interesting for them to learn the different ideas that other students had or accomplished in their own communities.

The MV team participates in a break-out session where they develop a plan to implement at school.



The team was accompanied by Nurse Mary Ries and Lisa Dircks.

The TEL students came back with a plan and new ideas and are ready to start the year! Maddie Lahr explained, "It was eye-opening to see how different schools had the same problems as us, and that Juuling was definitely one of the major problems." Our TEL students have also made specific plans to implement in decreasing and preventing the use of E-cigarettes, especially the Juul.

The TEL group will start meetings very soon and are excited to get started!

## Message to ALL Wildcats!

TEL is looking for anybody wanting to join. TEL is a group whose main mission is to educate our school and the public about drug and alcohol awareness. Freshmen, there will be a meeting in the near future for your class where we will explain more in depth of what TEL does.

If you're a sophomore, junior, or senior and haven't joined TEL, you still can! It's never to late! Our first meeting date is still to be determined, but stay tuned in the announcements and next Echo Issue. Hope to see y'all there!



## Fan Power!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 3, 2018

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

1. NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

1. 1st Day of Earlville Pre School for Gold class - goes Tuesday, Friday and alternating Thursdays
2. Election Day for High School Student Council Officers and Representatives
3. HS V VB Round Robin Tourney - HOME - Cedar Valley Christian, MFL/MarMac, Lisbon - 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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 6, 2018

1. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME (Middle School Gym) - Springville - 4:00 PM
2. Jr. High Football at Alburnett - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
3. HS FS/JV/V Volleyball at Easton Valley - 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:20 PM)
4. 5th Grade Beginner Band Night - Middle School Commons - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

1. School Bus Evacuation Drills - After AM Routes - All Centers
2. HS Varsity Football - HOME - Cascade - One Game at 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

1. HS Cross Country at Monticello Golf Course - 8:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:45 AM)
2. HS JV Volleyball at West Delaware in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:10 AM)
3. HS FFA to IA Dairy Cattle and Milk Quality Evaluation at West Delaware in Manchester - 10:00 AM

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I can travel from there to here by disappearing, and here to there by reappearing. What am I?

Answer: The letter "T"