

Wildcat Echo

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FFA students have great success at competitions

Clayton County

MV FFA competed at the Clayton County FFA Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, September 15. Top individuals were Mason Kruse, 1st place; Evan Elgin, 2nd place; and Carter Stahlberg, 3rd place. MV FFA Team consisting of Mason Kruse, Evan Elgin, Carter Stahlberg & Matthew Hucker took 1st place Overall Team!

Tri-State Ag & Dairy Expo

Nearly 350 FFA members from 26 Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools participated in the annual Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo held Sept. 13, at Iowa's Dairy Center in Calmar.

The expo featured dairy judging and dairy products contests where students enhanced their evaluation skills on dairy cattle and products.

Mason Kruse was first place overall individual with reasons. Tara Goedken was seventh place overall individual with reasons. Courtney Goedken was eighth place overall individual without reasons.

MV had four teams participating and placed as follows:

5th place Reasons Team: Carter Kruse, Mason Kruse, Lane Domeyer

6th place Reasons Team: Amber Engelken, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken

3rd place No Reasons Team: Carter Stahlberg, Holli Hogan, Courtney Goedken

16th place No Reasons Team: Matthew Hucker, Michael Feldmann, Anthony March

Mikaela Boss is MV's FFA Coach.



Some top MV performers at the Clayton County FFA Livestock Judging contest were Mason Kruse, Evan Elgin, Carter Stahlberg and Matthew Hucker.



The Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo competitors from MV pose in front of the dairy building at Calmar.



Checking out health careers

Several juniors attended the first ever Delaware County Healthcare Day. Those participating got to tour Physical Therapy Solutions, Regional Medical Center and the Good Neighbor Home, pictured at left. (photo submitted by Summer Schmuecker)

Sports Connection

Wildcats compete at West Delaware tourney, Ed-Co

MV competed at the West Delaware volleyball tournament last weekend and faced some “really good competition,” according to Coach Whittenbaugh.

“Our blocking was off from the beginning and we struggled to find it throughout the day. We played a good match against Starmont. It was definitely a game I felt we could have won so we will be excited to see them again this week. We ended the day battling Bellevue and the girls bounced right back. I give a lot of credit to my back row as Ella Imler and Ali Knipper both played well. Ali came in and really sparked our defense to put away the third game! We have a big week ahead so we are anxious to get going!”

MV went 0-2 (13-21 in both games) against a ranked 4A Independence team.

Statistic leaders included Maci Freiburger with five kills and Emerson Whittenbaugh with four. Maddy Anderegg had 11 assists. Freiburger had 17 digs while Ella Imler had 14. Anderegg and Freiburger helped each other on the team’s only block.

Anderegg was seven for seven at the serving line. Whittenbaugh served one ace.

The team went 1-2 against Starmont with game scores of 11-21, 21-17 and 12-15.

Freiburger had 10 kills. Anderegg had 19 assists. Imler and Freiburger had 29 and 22 digs, respectively. Taya Tucker and Freiburger had one block together. Brooke Wilson served seven for seven with one ace.

MV got the win over Bellevue Marquette Catholic, 2-1. Game scores were 21-13, 10-21 and 15-9.

Freiburger had 12 kills, and Whittenbaugh added eight. Anderegg had 20 assists. Freiburger had 24 digs and Imler had 19. Olivia Hoeger and Wilson joined forces on a block. Whittenbaugh served 10 for 10 with one ace. Allie Knipper was five for five.

Tuesday night the Wildcats traveled to Ed-Co for a conference game. The Cats lost the series 1-3 with scores of 22-25, 25-20, 23-25 and 21-25.

Despite the loss, Coach Whitten-

baugh said the team played well. “I would say missed serves and critical opportunities probably was the difference maker. My girls gave a great effort all night. I thought Emerson Whittenbaugh had some key digs for us defensively. The girls stay persistent all night. We didn’t come away with the victory but there was a lot of good volleyball played last night and every game went down to the wire, could have gone either way! I feel our defensive gets better every match we play. I had my middle Brooke Wilson go down with a pulled hamstring which is also hard to adjust but we kept pushing and Taya Tucker filled in nicely.”

Whittenbaugh had 14 kills while Freiburger had nine. Anderegg had 29 assists, and Imler had 25 digs.

“I thought our blocking game was back on track,” stated Coach Whittenbaugh. Lydia Helle and Olivia Hoeger were a force at the net.” Helle had three solo blocks.

Wilson went nine for 11 at the serving line and had two aces. Freiburger was 12 for 14 with two aces.

Football team plays penalty-free, still winds up short

Despite Monticello’s 115 penalty yards and MV’s clean game, MV feel short last Friday night with a score of 7-43.

“The boys played well but ran out of gas,” stated Coach Evers. “Monticello had too many quality players in the field. Oline started to open holes and the defense flowed better to the ball. It’s a process if getting better every day.”

Quarterback Norm Wilson had 19 carries for 21 yards. James LeGassick had eight carries for 24 yards. Derek Becker had four carries for 20 yards.

Wilson completed 5 of 15 passes for 62 yards and one touchdown. Matthew Hucker caught three passes for 13 yards and one touchdown. Evan Hoefer caught one pass for 41 yards. Andrew Kloser caught one pass for 8 yards.

Hucker had an interception. Kloser recovered a Monticello fumble.



Matthew Hucker moves in for the tackle Friday night.
(photo courtesy of Pete Temple, *The Monticello Express*)

Downs wins Cascade race, team misses first by one

by Chance Downs

Last Friday the Maquoketa Valley cross country runners took to the hills of Eastern Iowa at the Cascade Invitational at Fillmore Fairways Golf Course. The Wildcats faced a new but still seemingly difficult realm of competition this year comprised of 1A, 2A, and 3A teams.

The girls team was represented by three runners. Leading once again was freshman Kriya Atwell with a time of 29:18.2. Not long after, sophomore Reece Mensen (32:30.6) and junior Ci'Ann Richardson (32:33.1) crossed the finish line.

The boys took to the hills in great stride with another well ran race. Though times may not necessarily show it, the Wildcats competed exceptionally. Leading the boys was junior and overall champion Chance Downs with a time of 18:08.5. Fellow junior Mason Lubben came in 10th with a 19:20.7. The close duet of Derek Mensen (19:41.2) and Nolan Ries (19:41.9) finished 12th and 13th respectively. Ethan Doyl came in next with a 19:51.2 followed by Canyon Richardson 20:05.8 and Tate Trenkamp 21:01.1. The Junior Varsity boys



Ci'Ann Richardson and Reece Mensen make their way up the final hill at the Cascade meet last Friday.

weren't far behind with freshman Cy Huber leading the group with a 21:30.7. One after another the boys rolled in, desperately trying to take points away from first place contender Monticello, Jon Seibert ran a (21:49.4), AJ Ambundo (22:32.5), Tyler Wallace (23:21.6), James DeMoss (23:41.3), Blake Becker (23:44.0), Brock Trenkamp (24:36.3) and Ashton Goldsmith (29:20.6).

At the end of the day the Wildcats fell just short of their goal to be team

champions by one point! The runners humbly accepted their hard earned second place and congratulated the Monticello Panthers on their nail-biting win. The boys JV team finished second.

The runners will take to the course tomorrow at the MHI in Independence. The races will begin at 8:45 and conclude around 10. Be sure to come out and support your Wildcats as they continue their successful season!



Tate Trenkamp powers up the hill to the finish.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

Question: I have a neck, but no head. You take my cap off when you use me. What am I?

Answer: A bottle!

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:

Adrienne Freiburger - 9/23

Michael Feldmann - 9/24

Dalia Chavez, Brooke Wilson - 9/25

what's up?

What's your favorite part of homecoming week?

by Leah Ries

Avery Krapfl: Pep rally

Jackson Hunter: Class competitions

Paige Winter: Theme days

Zach Digman: The football game

Jordyn LeGassick: Class competitions

Teige Hunt: Pep rally

Brooke Elgin: Friday, the parade and pep rally — it's cool to see the school and town come together to support the school

Norm Wilson: Seeing everyone's school spirit

Maci Freiburger: Pep rally

Mrs. Lewin: Pep rally

Mrs. Temple: Talking with all the alumni

Athlete of the Week

Name: Payton Beaman
Sport: Volleyball

What do you enjoy most about volleyball? Working as a team to accomplish one common goal
What's your favorite drill in practice? Serve receive

What's your least favorite drill in practice? Shuffling under the net
What's your goal for the team this season? Conference champs
What has made this year unique for you? Having the opportunity to play varsity

"She did an outstanding job filling in for an illness. She has such a good attitude and willing to do what we need when we need it. She is also a key player on our JV Squad!"

—Coach Whittenbaugh



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Tony Offerman

You have been working on music for MV's Got Talent. What are you singing?

I'm singing the song; "Beautiful Day" by Michael Buble with Jackson Hunter- Wagner, "Running Home to You" by Grant Gustin, and I plan on doing a duet with Annie but the song is to be decided.

What made you choose the song(s)?

Over the summer I watched *The Flash* and that is where I heard the song "Running Home to You," it sounded amazing to my ears and was such an amazing scene. That is what made me decide to sing it. Also over the summer I rediscovered the artists Michael Buble and the song "Beautiful Day," and not to forget the friend I became super close with Jackson.

If you could open a concert for anyone, who would it be? My friends and the ones I love, because my idea of a good concert is impressing people and making them happy.



Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Jordyn Kemp
Activity: Fall Musical

What role do you play in the musical? I play the Enchantress and one of the silly girls.

What's your favorite part of the show?

My favorite part of the show is watching Molly, she's doing so well and I feel like a proud mom. I also love the who I'm casted with for silly girls, it's a great group.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? My favorite memory has to be Emma getting stuck in a trash can backstage.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Oh, Gaston for sure. But to be totally serious I love the parts I was cast as.

How has participating in the musical affected you? It helps with getting to know the freshman and make new friends, plus it's a great way to get closer to who you're already friends with.



Name: Noah DeVore
Activity: Fall Musical

What role do you play in the musical?

I play Lumiere, the candlestick.

What's your favorite part of the show?

Gaston's tavern scene.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?

Brock breathing heavily as "the beast" comes down the stairs.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be?

Lefou, Cogsworth, or Lumiere, the part I was assigned.

How has participating in the musical affected you?

It has opened my spectrum to singing, acting, and everything in between.



MEET THE FRESHMEN



Adrienne, Zach & Anthony

Adrienne Freiburger

Siblings: 3 younger sisters: Cadence, Kalynn, Maleah

Activities you plan to be in: band, drama, newspaper (next year), speech, FFA

Favorite subject: English/History

Career aspirations: I don't really know, maybe a Photojournalist

Hobbies: Hiking, writing, photography, reading

Something cool about you: I'm the oldest cousin on both sides of my family.

Anthony March

Siblings: Shelby and Briana

Activities you plan to be in: Wrestling

Favorite subject: Intro to Ag.

Career aspirations: Diesel mechanic

Hobbies: restoring things

Something cool about you: I'm short

Zach Halverson

Siblings: Alexis Halverson - 6th grader

Activities you plan to be in: nothing

Favorite subject: lunch

Career aspirations: professional race-car team

Hobbies: drag racing and video games

Something cool about you: I'm a god at Fortnite.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What do you call a centipede that lost a leg?...A 99-ipepe

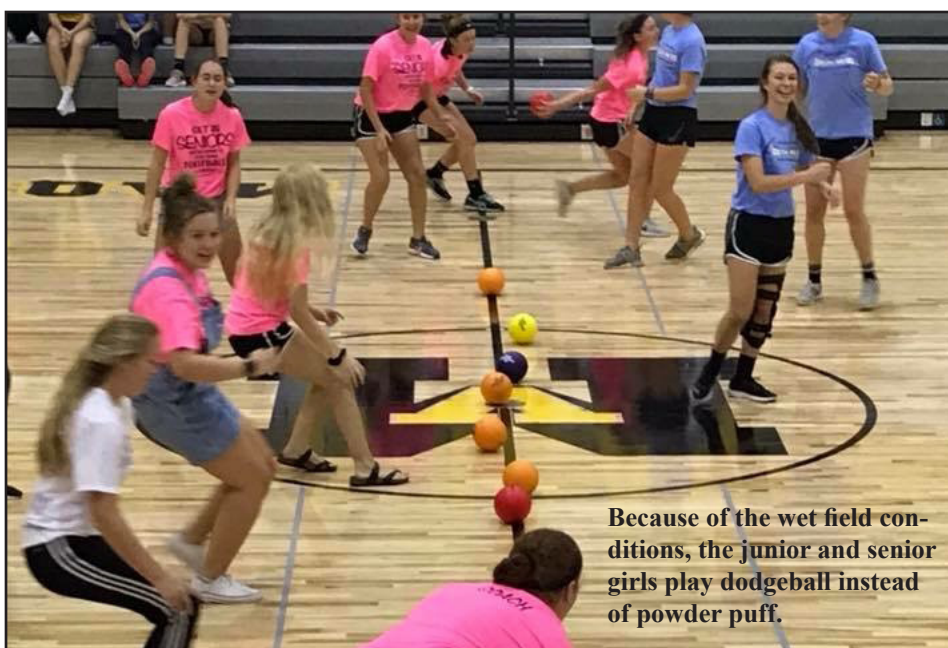
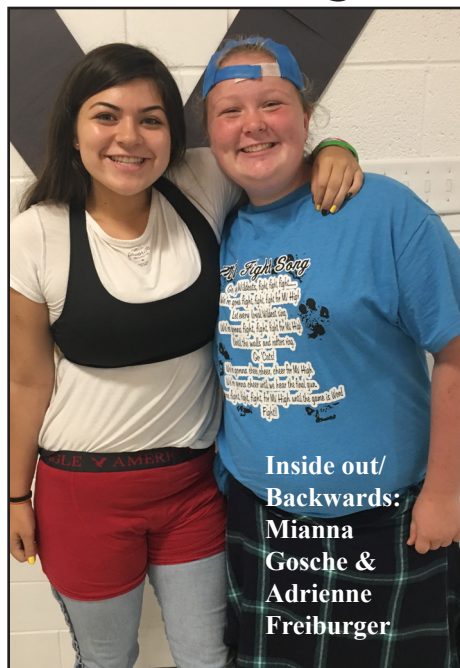
What is green and sits crying in the corner?...The incredible Sulk

Why do cows wear bells?...Their horns don't work

I forgot my cell phone when I went to the bathroom yesterday. We have 245 tiles.

What did the judge ask when he went to the dentist?...Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?

Homecoming Fun!



Best Buds



Brock Trenkamp & Landen Deutmeyer
by Paige Winter

How long have you been friends?

Landen: Since Kindergarten.

Brock: Too long.

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Landen: Beat each other up.

Brock: Play games either on xbox or outside doing something.

What's something that you guys know about each other that other people wouldn't know?

Landen: He only has one kidney.

Brock: Landen got 2nd in a cutest baby contest.

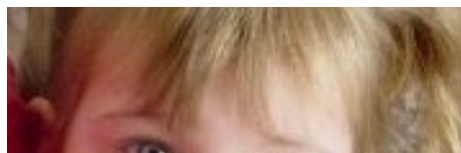
What's your favorite thing about them?

Landen: I don't know, he's just Brock.

Brock: He's a good competitor because he's more athletic.

What's their favorite food?

Landen: Pizza, I don't know. (Brock's actual favorite food is Pizza, not the school's though)



by Faith Hunt

This cutie lives in Delhi and has 5 dogs and a cat, whom she is obsessed with. She loves to sleep and has green eyes. Lastly, she loves to dance and work at Norby's with Austin Snyder.



Last week's Cutie was Kylie Chesnut.

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

Homecoming week- one of the most anticipated times of the school year: a time of school spirit, tp-ing, and constant competition. We all know what's happening this week, but can Emma McDowell, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Olivia Hoeger and Alex Digman remember what the Wildcats were up to last year?



Who were last year's king and queen?

Alex: Rejji and Heath

Emma: Trevor and Rejji

Emerson: Brock and Rejji

Olivia: Rejji and Brock

Answer: Brock and Rejji

What was last year's overall theme?

Alex: *Something* Bears

Emma: Welcome to the Jungle

Emerson: Bleed Black and Gold

Olivia: Take Down the Tigers

Answer: Welcome to the Jungle

Who did the football team play last year?

Alex: West Branch Bears

Emma: Starmont Stars

Emerson: West Branch Bears

Olivia: A faraway place that starts with a "b"

Answer: West Branch Bears

What was one of the dress-up days last year?

Alex: Black and gold

Emma: Tourist day

Emerson: Dynamic duo

Olivia: Black and gold

Answer: Black/gold day, Jungle day, Duo day, Class color day, or Sport team day

Well, I can't say that I'm not disappointed in some of these people and their school spirit. Were we at the same hoco? Hopefully, we make this year one to remember! **looks at the people who answered these questions with an obvious "Yeah, I'm talking to you" look** That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side"!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 24, 2018

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Learning Day
2. MV School Board of Directors Meeting - Johnston Elementary in Hopkinton - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

1. 7th Grade to Farm Safety Day at Fairgrounds in Manchester - 11:15 AM (Bus Leaves at 11:00 AM)
2. HS Cross Country at Jesup Golf Course - 4:30 PM (Bus at 2:40 PM)
3. Jr. High Volleyball at North Linn - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
4. JH Football Practice at Ed/Co HS in Edgewood - 4:00 PM until 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
5. HS FS/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - North Linn - 5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

1. SCHOOL PICTURES at Earlville & Johnston Elementary
2. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Earlville Elementary (and PreSchool Black) - 1:30 to 2:45 PM
3. JH Football Practice at Ed/Co HS in Edgewood - 4:00 PM until 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

1. SCHOOL PICTURES at Delhi Elementary, MS & HS - 8:00 AM / Earlville PreSchool Gold - 11:30 AM
2. Back Pack Delivery - Johnston, Earlville, Delhi Elementary, Middle School & High School
3. Grandparents & Special Friends Day for PreSchool Gold at Earlville Elementary - 1:30 to 2:45 PM
4. HS FS/JV/V Volleyball at Springville - 5:15 PM (Bus at 3:40 PM)
5. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME - Starmont - 4:00 PM
6. Jr. High Football - HOME - Starmont - 4:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

1. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Delhi Elementary
2. T.E.L. Presentation to all HS Students - Auditorium - During WIN (2:57 PM)
3. HS JV/V Football at MFL / Mar Mac - One Varsity Game @ 7:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:30 PM)