

FFA dairy judging teams excel at contests

by Alyssa Langel, FFA reporter

Last Thursday, nearly 400 FFA members from 27 high schools participated in the annual Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo in Calmar. Our very own Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter was named the champion dairy judging team. Members included Lane Dommeyer, Amber Engelken, Carter Kruse, and Mason Kruse. Mason additionally placed 2nd individually overall. But that wasn't all, we also were the leading team for the non-reasons dairy judging contest with a team consisting Courtney, Sarah, and Tara Goedken. Courtney was the high-scoring individual of the non-reasons contest with Sarah behind her in 2nd. Congratulations to all members who participated.

Dairy judging students also competed Saturday at state dairy judging. Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Amber Engelken and Mason Kruse received first place Over-

Juniors, seniors learn attend motivational career assembly

Maquoketa Valley junior and seniors have some new insight about what their future may hold thanks to a presentation by career expert Brooks Harper.

Harper shared anecdotes of his life which started with a humble childhood in South Carolina and grew to a successful corporate career as an entrepreneur, author and speaker.

Students heard about the importance of job shadowing and GPA: Goal—Plan—Action.

Senior Jake Hosmer said a lesson he took away was to “work hard for what you want to do.”

Harper stressed the importance of having passion for your job. He suggested students can turn their dreams into dollars by doing their work to the best of their ability. He encouraged them to make money doing what they love and to remember that it may take a while, but if they love the work they're doing, the payoff will come.



The dairy judging team of Amber Engelken, Lane Dommeyer, Carter Kruse and Mason Kruse were champions at a contest last week.

all Team, 1st place Oral Reasons and 1st place Dairy Cattle Classes Placings. Mason received 1st place Overall Individual, Amber received 4th place Overall Individual and Tara received 1st place in Classes Placings.

Best of luck as this team advances

to Nationals in Indianapolis, IN in October.

Courtney Goedken, Holli Hogan and Brooke Hogan received Gold in Dairy Handling. Courtney received 2nd place Dairy Handler. She will be joining the others at Nationals.



Brooks Harper, author, career expert and speaker, shared words of wisdom with area high school students Tuesday. (photo by Allie Knipper)

Academic Corner

by Paige Winter

Some of you have probably taken Earth Science with Mrs. Besler because it's a required course for freshmen. Major projects in this class are solar ovens, trash to treasure, and geologic timeline.

Some of the big topics in this class include the universe, natural disasters, climate change, and plate tectonics.

But you may have never heard about the class from the teacher's perspective. Mrs. Besler says that kids in Earth Science get a lot of background knowledge about Earth and the impact that humans make on it. They also learn skills in this class that will help them beyond high school, such as being able to learn and process information and being conscious of their actions in terms of climate change and making a greener environment.

Band, choir students take on Nashville in May



by **Kylynn Clary**

There were 24 students and four teachers who went to Nashville last May as part of a band and choir trip. They toured various spots of Nashville and the surround area, with many stops focused on Nashville's rich music heritage. I asked them what their favorite part of the Nashville trip was.

Mr. Ford: The orchestra concert.

Mrs. Mueller: The ballet / orchestra.

Mrs. Lewin: The Country Music Hall of Fame, the restaurants and food, and getting to walk around downtown.

Mrs. DeVore: The plantation and art museum.

Keziah Ambundo: Singing at the nursing home.

Kriya Atwell: The museums.

Matthew Brehm: Hanging out with friends.

Kylie Chesnut: Being with friends.

Noah DeVore: The Music Hall of Fame.

Zach Digman: Not being in Iowa.

Emma Gray: Fun times at the hotel.

Ashton Goldsmith: walking around downtown,

Mianna Gosche: All the stuff we did at the hotel.

Jordan Hogan: Seeing new places.

Jackson Hunter-Wagner: Fun nights at the hotel.

Logan Johnson: Hanging out with Zach.

Carlie Lewin: Walking around downtown.

Sydney Lewin: Nights at the hotel.

Elizabeth McDowell: The Music Hall of Fame.

Amanda Mohr: Walking around downtown and hearing all the music on the streets.

Tony Offerman: Riding on the electric scooters.

Ashtyn Porter: The music!

Emma Richter: Hanging out with friends.

Devin Smith: Singing in the same recording studio that Elvis sang in.

Kylynn Clary: My favorite part was hearing a Gorillaz song at the Hard Rock Cafe, but that's just because I love Gorillaz.

Wildcats fall short of a victory against the Cougars

by **Kylie Chesnut**

Last week the Wildcats traveled to take on the Cascade Cougars. After a rough four quarters the Cougars over took the Wildcats, 16-27.

Parker Sternhagen went for 156 yards in 24 pass attempts. In those 24 attempts, Trent Koopmann went for 106 yards in 8 of those attempts, AJ Ambundo went for 37 yards in 3 attempts, Andrew Kloser went for 8 yards in 2 attempts, Landen Deutmeyer went for 3 yards in 1 attempt and Andrew Holtz went for 2 yards also in 1 attempt.

On the rushing side of the game, the Wildcats got a total of 115 yards. Sternhagen hung onto the ball himself for 65 yards on 8 carries, Zach Digman pushed forward 48 yards in 14 attempts, and Kloser went for 1 yard in 2 attempts as well as Koopmann for 1 yard in 1 attempt.

The Wildcats found themselves in the endzone two times last Friday, both of which were scored by Koopmann. Two-point conversions were also scored by Koopman and Deutmeyer.

The defensive leaders were Kloser with 7.5 tackles, Digman close behind with 7 tackles, Issac Kramer, Carter Kruse, Koopman and Sternhagen each had 5.5 tackles.

Kick off was handled by Ambundo kicking 57 yards in two attempts, and Emma Beitz kicking 11 yards in 1 attempt. Punting duties were handled by Michael Feldmann, who kicked 145 yards in 5 attempts.

Tonight the Wildcats will be hosting the Monticello Panthers. There will be no JV game, and kickoff is to be at 7. The theme for tonight's game is black out.



The line does its job at the Cascade game last Friday night. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

Sports Connection

Cats get home win Girls finish 11th, boys 7th at Monticello



Kylie Chesnut attacks at the net.

by Tara Goedken

Last Thursday night, the Wildcats played Easton Valley in Delhi and won all three matches with the scores of 25-22, 25-7, and 25-22.

In the Easton Valley match leading in kills were Emerson Whittenbaugh with 18, Taya Tucker with 7, and Kylie Chesnut with 4 kills. Carissa Sabers led with 24 assists.

Payton Beaman, Chesnut, Lydia Helle, Ella Imler, Allie Knipper, Sabers, Tucker, and Whittenbaugh each had 3 sets.

Imler led in digs with 20, followed by Whittenbaugh with 13, Sabers with 12, Beaman with 11, and Knipper with 10. Chesnut led with 4 blocks followed by Helle and Tucker with 3 blocks each.

Whittenbaugh led in serves with 18, followed by Sabers with 16, and Knipper with 8 each serving 100%.

Last night the Wildcats traveled to Cedar Valley Christian. Details will be in the next issue.

This Saturday the Wildcats will play in the West Delaware tournament.



Mason Lubben, Michael Schaul and Derek Mensen take on the course at Monticello last Saturday. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

by Chance Downs

This past Saturday, the Maquoketa Valley Cross Country Teams traveled to Monticello for the Annual Panther Invitational. Due to construction at Monticello High School, a new alternative route was on display for the Wildcat runners. With beautiful weather and full teams, the Wildcats were ready to make a statement.

On the high school side, the girls kicked off the meet with another success-

ful showing and an 11th place team finish. Jaiden Porter led the girls once again with a time of 22:20. Emma Doyl found herself closely behind with a 23:05. Shortly behind her finished Kriya Atwell in a time of 23:56. Next finished Reece Mensen at 27:39 and Jordan Hogan at 29:12. Rounding out the girls' team was junior Annie Trenkamp at a time of 33:15.

On the boy's side of the competition, Chance Downs led the Wildcats with a time of 17:59. Nolan Ries (18:14) and Cy Huber (18:16) followed closely behind. The rest of the pack finished strong together with Michael Schaul at 18:31, Preston Rolling 18:34, Derek Mensen 18:39, and Mason Lubben 18:40. The Wildcats finished first in 1A competition and 7th overall with a total score of 198. Landin Frasher and Brock Trenkamp competed for the boys in the JV race on Saturday as well. Both saw improvements as Landin finished with a time of 21:01 and Brock 21:58.

The Wildcats ran yesterday at the Cascade Invitational at Anamosa (due to wet course conditions at Fillmore Golf Course). Results will be included in next week's issue.



Emma Doyl strides out on a flat part of the course.

what's up?

What was your favorite thing to do at recess when you were in elementary school?

by Paige Winter

Michael Feldmann: play kickball

Grace Wegmann: play games that we shouldn't have been playing and got yelled at for

Randy Thompson: chase the girls

Taya Tucker: play kickball

Matthew Brehm: play ready, set, go

Liz McDowell: play imaginary games

Dylan Schmuecker: play basketball

Saige Hunt: play minion tag

Mr. Bruening: dominate at four square

Mrs. Heims: go the swings

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Keziah Ambundo

You're auditioning for All-State. Tell us about this process.

I went to a camp at the beginning of August to learn my music. School didn't start for another 3 weeks, so I practiced on my own. Every Wednesday and Friday,



Noah and I practice (try to practice) for 45-ish minutes. I practice at home and on the weekends for a few hours. It's very hard not to have the music stuck in your head, so I am ALWAYS singing. This is my second year auditioning, so I know what to expect and how much dedication this is. I am fully committed.

What motivated you to audition? I really want to make it into this choir. My mom made it in high school, and I've honestly always thought it was so cool. Auditioning for All State also makes collage applications look great, so that's a plus.

How is preparing for All-State different than preparing for a concert or solo/ensemble contest? I can attest that All-State consumes a lot more time than solo/ensemble. I feel like I have to hold myself much more accountable. In solo/ensemble I had to know my part, but it definitely does not feel same. My capabilities determine whether or not I make it. I feel that it's a lot more pressure on me, but I think it's going to be worth it.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Madeline Gellersen

Activity: Band

What do you enjoy most about being drum major?

I like how being drum major has helped me become better at leadership, and also by getting to know my classmates better.



What is the hardest part of the job? I enjoy everything about drum major, there really isn't anything hard about it.

What's something about being drum major that outsiders might not know?

You have to make sure that you keep the tempo and that you know what is going on. A lot of counting is involved as well.

Name: DeVante Strickland

Activity: Band

What do you enjoy most about being drum major?

It's a different experience. It's something I have never had done before and it's just a really fun time



What is the hardest part of the job?

Conducting and remembering how music is supposed to end.

What's something about being drum major that outsiders might not know?

Almost everything that Mr. Ford makes look easy is way harder when you're doing it yourself. Conducting is way harder than it looks.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

There is one word in the English dictionary that is spelled incorrectly. Nobody has changed it, and nobody ever will. What is that word?

Answer: Incorrectly

Athlete of the Week

Name: Carissa Sabers

Sport: Volleyball

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

How much of a team sport it is. If you can come together as a team and play as one, you can become unstoppable. The energy portrayed on the



court passes through each other like no other. When you get a kill and everybody whips around to the middle with veins popping out from screaming their loudest, it is just one of the best feelings out there.

What's your favorite drill in practice?

Group Pepper

What's your least favorite drill in practice? Some of the drills can be difficult, but I do not have a least favorite one because really they all just make us better in the end.

What's your goal for the team this season? My goal for this team this year is to play unified and as a team along with keeping a positive attitude no matter what. If we do that, the sky is the limit. I truly believe that if we play our hearts out we could be conference champs and could even earn ourselves a trip to state.

What has made this year unique for you? Last year I played on multiple teams including Fresh-Soph, JV, and Varsity. Dressing for three teams was definitely a lot, but I still loved every minute of it. This year I only play on Varsity, so I am really focusing on this one team and dialing in on what I can bring to the team to help out the most.

"Carissa steps in as a first year starting setter for us this year, replacing a two year starter in Maddy Anderegg. She has done a great job learning her position and stepping up to the challenge and always willing to put in the extra reps needed. She brings energy to the game and we look forward to seeing Carissa progress in her setting career!" —Coach Whittenbaugh

Cutest Couple

A.J. Ambundo & Carissa Sabers

by Kylynn Clary

Where did you first meet?

A.J.- School
Carissa- At a baseball game.

What was your first impression?

A.J.- I thought she was cute and athletic
Carissa- Cute

How long have you been together?

2 and a half years

Where is your favorite place to hang out?

A.J.- Her house
Carissa- My house

Best memory?

A.J.- When we went to the Hawkeyes game.
Carissa- 7th grade art class.

What's your favorite thing to do?

A.J. bowling
Carissa- playing sports, watching movies, and playing with our dogs.

Favorite thing about the other person?

A.J.- Her fleckles.
Carissa- His eyes.



Who's got spirit?



Wildcat was overflowing this weekend. Far above: The MV fans donned their patriotic gear for America night at the Cascade game.

Above: Michael Feldmann, Grace Wegmann, Brooke Elgin and Chad Neuzil come out to support the cross country team Saturday.

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

11% of the alcohol consumed in the U.S. is consumed by people aged 12-20.

Information came from the Underage Drinking Facts Sheet on Center for Disease Control and Prevention's

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What kind of concert only cost 45 cents?...50 cent featuring Nickelback

What do sprinters eat before a race?... Nothing-they fast.

Why do melons have weddings?...Because they cantaloupe

Did you hear the rumor about butter? Well, I'm not going to spread it.

Cutie

by Maria Cole

This weeks cutie is a senior! She lives in Elkport, Iowa and has 6 siblings. She has 2 dogs and 1 cat. Her favorite subject is Art and her hobbies include hanging out with her boyfriend, drawing, and listening to music!



Last week's Cutie was Maria Cole.

Meet the Freshmen



Jaiden, Isabel, Marley & Kayla

Name: Isabel Landas
 Siblings: none
 Activities you plan to be in: Track, volleyball, dance team, speech, play
 Favorite subject: Fundamentals of art
 Career aspirations: no clue
 Hobbies: watercoloring, skateboarding, snow skiing
 Something cool about you: I have been in 19 states.

Name: Jaiden Haas
 Siblings: Cheyenne Cooksley, Dionna Corebell, Cameron Haas
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech
 Favorite subject: Science or English
 Career aspirations: not sure yet
 Hobbies: Writing or playing video games
 Something cool about you: I'm not cool.

Name: Marley Wagner
 Siblings: Laynie, David
 Activities you plan to be in: FFA
 Favorite subject: AG classes
 Career aspirations: horse racing
 Hobbies: speed shows, horse racing
 Something cool about you: I like to work on a farm and I ride horses.

Name: Kayla Otting
 Siblings: Jessica Thommen, Ashton Thommen, Nicholas Otting, Nathan Otting
 Activities you plan to be in: nothing
 Favorite subject: drawing
 Career aspirations: something in the art field
 Hobbies: drawing
 Something cool about you: I can draw.
 —typist: Allie Knipper

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

What do you think of when I say, "Taste the rainbow.?" Probably Skittles. This week I asked Liz McDowell, Kailyn Hogan, and Krista Ries if they could tell me the brands that go along with these slogans.



What brand's slogan is "Because you're worth it"?

Liz: Neutrogena
 Kailyn: Estée Lauder
 Krista: L'oreal
 Answer: L'oreal

What brand's slogan is "The best a man can get"?

Liz: Clorox
 Kailyn: Cabela's
 Krista: Zales
 Answer: Gillette

What brand's slogan is "Maybe she's born with it"?

Liz: Maybelline
 Kailyn: Maybelline
 Krista: Maybelline
 Answer: Maybelline

What brand's slogan is "It's g-r-r-reat"?

Liz: Frosted Flakes
 Kailyn: Frosted Flakes
 Krista: "Wheaties...It's with the tiger."
 Answer: Kellogg's Frosted Flakes

That's all for this week- "catch you on the flip side!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Sept. 23, 2019

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

1. Girl Scout Representative in MS Library - 3rd - Noon / 5th - 12:15 PM / 4th - 12:35 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

1. 7th Grade to Farm Safety Day at Fairgrounds in Manchester - 11:15 AM (Bus Leaves at 11:00 AM)
 2. Jr. High Volleyball - HOME - East Buchanan - 4:00 PM
 3. HS FS/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Edgewood/Colesburg - 5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

1. SCHOOL PICTURES at Johnston & Earlville Elementary (Kndg., JK & PreSchool Black) - 8:00 AM
 2. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Earlville Elementary (and PreSchool Black) - 1:30 to 2:45 PM
 3. MV HS Post Prom Party Committee Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

1. Jr. High Volleyball at Alburnett - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
 2. Jr. High Football with North Linn in Edgewood - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
 3. HS FS/JV/V Volleyball at Starmont - 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:05 PM)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

1. SCHOOL PICTURES at Delhi Elementary, MS & HS - 8:00 AM / Earlville PreSchool Gold - 11:30 AM
 2. Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Delhi Elementary - 1:30 to 2:45 PM
 3. HS JV/V Football at Edgewood/Colesburg - 5:45 PM (Bus, Suburban & Trailer Leaves at 4:30 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

1. HS Varsity Volleyball Tournaments at Denver - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)
 2. HS Cross Country at Mental Health Institute in Independence - 8:45 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:15 AM)
 3. 1st - 4th Grade Flag Football - HS Football Practice Field - 8:45 AM to 10:15 AM