

The week full of school pride: Homecoming 2019



Homecoming court candidates include, front row: Shelby March, Emma Hill, Brooke Elgin and Allie Knipper; back row: Morgan Hermanson, Chad Neuzil, Carter Stahlberg and Matthew Hucker.

by Allie Dunn

Homecoming. A time for school spirit everywhere you look. Decorations plastered in every hallway way, class competitions, and dress-up days, moments to remember, and the infamous football game.

This year we are playing MFL-Mar-Mac. Do you know what we are going to do? "Pound the Hounds!" Coincidentally "Pound the Hounds" is this year's school-wide theme.

Each day leading up to the highly anticipated Friday has its own dress-up theme. Monday won't be a drag because it's Greek Day! Dress up just like those frat and sorority college students! However, make sure it is still school appropriate! Tuesday is Throwback day. Wear that vintage skirt or even your grandparent's childhood clothes. Wednesday is Destination day. Seniors, you're headed to Hawaii! Juniors you're flying down to Africa, and taking a Safari. Sophomores, you're putting on your celebrity style and heading to Hollywood. Lastly, freshmen, you're staying in America! Show your red, white, and blue pride! Thursday, you get to connect on

a personal level with your favorite Meme! Friday is the day everyone's waits for: the theme is Black and Gold! Go all out, show your school pride!

Making memories is the best part of high school -- hanging out with friends and doing crazy things. Ironman and Powderpuff is just this crazy memory-filled time. On Wednesday, October 2nd, the school will be running a 1 o'clock dismissal schedule. At 10 am the Juniors and the Seniors start competing. Ironman will be first with best out of three games, with scores going up to 21, 21, and 15. Then the Lady Wildcats will get a chance to rumble in some flag football. Powderpuff will run two 15-minute quarters with a running clock. After the games are finalized around 12 pm, then everyone will eat lunch.

We go through the week anticipating Friday. Friday is a day full of fun! You will have to go to class for the day; however, the school is running a 1 o'clock schedule. So after 8th hour is over, you go to the gym to watch which class, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores or Freshmen will dominate the class competitions. Class Competitions

will start at 1:10 and finish at 1:50. Then the parade starts at 2 and goes till 2:30. The parade is filled with all things school spirit. The king and queen candidates make their debut in fancy cars. The pep band plays some great music, and we, of course, see the Seniors of all fall sports. Once the parade is overtime for the Pep Rally. Led by the MVDT, the student body will participate in games and laughs. At the pep rally, you will hear from Coach Arnold, and you will see the crowning of the Homecoming King. The pep rally will begin at 2:40 and go till 3:20.

Saturday is the last day of fun. The homecoming dance will be held Saturday, October 5th from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Admission is 5 dollars each person. The dress code is casual. Some suggestions are to wear a nice shirt and jeans or button-up shirt and khaki pants!

The week of Homecoming is jammed packed with fun and games. I hope to see everyone participate in all the fun and games! Have an amazing and safe week.

Sports Connection

Cross country teams finish strong at Cascade meet

by **Chance Downs**

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley Cross Country teams traveled to Anamosa for the Cascade Invitational. After a week of rain, Fillmore Fairways, the usual sight of the Cascade Invitational was deemed unfit to run on. In an attempt to keep the meet running, Anamosa offered to host the invitational with the same teams and order of competition.

The Wildcat girls started the night off with a 7th place finish and a total score of 173 points. Emma Doyl led the Wildcats placing 19th with a time of 22:57. Jaiden Porter was right behind her, finishing 21st with a time of 23:00. Next came Kriya Atwell at a time of 24:23 placing 33rd. Wrapping up the girls' team was Reece Mensen in 49th place at a time of 29:11 and Jordan Hogan in 51st with a time of 29:40.

On the boys' side of the competition, the Wildcats finished runner-up with a score of 50. Cy Huber led the Wildcats with an impressive time of 17:55. Chance Downs finished 2nd for the Wildcats and

10th overall with a time of 18:12. Right on his heels was Nolan Ries in 11th place with an 18:16 and Michael Schaul in 12th with an 18:21. Seniors Mason Lubben and Derek Mensen came in next with Lubben running an 18:44 and Mensen running an 18:55. Brock Trenkamp wrapped up the boys' team with a time of 20:35.

The cross country teams will compete again tomorrow morning at 8:45 in Independence. Be sure to come out and support your Wildcat runners!



Above: Jaiden Porter works her way around the course last week. She finished in 23:00.



Left: Chance Downs and Nolan Ries push through an often-muddy course. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

Wildcats took on the Panthers under the lights Friday night

by **Kylie Chesnut**

Last Friday night the Wildcats battled the Monticello Panthers under the lights. Although the final score was 14-21 in the favor of Monticello, don't be fooled by who dominated the game and clock.

Parker Sternhagen threw for 202 yards in 34 pass attempts. AJ Ambundo led in receiving yards with 92 yards in 4 receptions, Andrew Kloser followed with 59 yards in 5 attempts, Trent Koopmann with 27 yards in 2 attempts, Owen Mensen with 22 yards in 4 attempts, and Andrew Holtz gaining 2 yards in 1 reception.

The team also gained yards by playing a rushing game. The rushing leader for this game was Derek Becker with 47 yards in 15 attempts, Zach Digman with 28 yards in 13 attempts, Koopmann gained 25 yards in 6 attempts, and Sternhagen kept the ball for 7 yards in 3 rush attempts.

The Wildcats worked their way into the endzone two times. Touchdowns were scored by Becker and Mensen. Becker also put a two-point conversion up on the boards last Friday night.

The game was also exciting on the defensive end of the game. Holtz intercepted 2 balls, and Mensen had an interception himself. Leading in tackles was Matthew Hucker with 7.5 tackles, Ambundo brought down 5 opponents, Tim Harmon with 4.5 tackles and Koopmann with 4 tackles.

Ambundo took on kickoff duties, kicking 75 yards in 3 attempts. Michael Feldmann took care of punting, kicking 136 yards in 4 punts.

Tonight the Wildcats will be traveling to Ed-Co's home field to battle the Vikings. The theme for tonight's football game will be white out. JV kickoff is to be at 5:45 with varsity to follow.



Trent Koopmann looks to gain some yards.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Reece Mensen
Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

The people. We have a strong bond and have really become a family this year. Great things are coming our way.

How has cross country changed you?

Cross country has changed me in more ways than just one. It's also taught me what I am capable of, and I am so happy with what I have accomplished already. It has changed my attitude and the way I think about my physical abilities, but most of all it has taught me to be there for other people too, because we are all going through the same thing.

What has been your favorite memory of cross country?

The team meals. It's fun to see everyone together and not caring about much of anything besides each other. Everyone is mostly laughing and making jokes about something. We are one big family and the memories that come with it will forever be the ones that I'll never forget.

Where would you love to have a meet?

Honestly, I'll run about anywhere. I don't have much of a preference on where our meets take place.

If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be? "Run Run Run" by The Who.

Name: Zach Digman
Sport: Football

What do you enjoy most about football? Friday night under the lights

What lessons about life have you learned from the sport? When it hits the fan you have to learn to bounce back somehow

How have you changed as an athlete



Volleyball goes 1-1 in conference action

by Tara Goedken

Last Thursday night, the Wildcats traveled to Cedar Valley Christian and lost all three matches with the scores of 13-25, 19-25, and 21-25.

Leading in kills were Taya Tucker with 10 followed by Lydia Helle with 8 and Payton Beaman with 6. Carissa Sabers led with 16 assists. Ella Imler led in digs with 14. Kylie Chesnut and Helle had 3 blocks each. Imler led with 8 serves followed by Allie Knipper with 6 serves, both 100%.

This past weekend the Wildcats travel to West Delaware for tourney play.

The Wildcats lost against Vinton-Shellsburg with scores of 13-21 and 16-21. In the Vinton-Shellsburg match leading in kills were Tucker with 7 and Helle with 5. Sabers led with 10 assists. Imler led in digs with 15 and followed by Knipper and Sabers with 7. Lydia Helle led in blocks with 1. Chesnut and Imler had 5 serves with 100%.

The scores in the Independence matches were 16-21 and 12-21. Tucker and Chesnut led in kills with 2 each. Sabers led in assists with 4. Imler led in digs with 11, followed by Beaman with 10. Krista Ries and Chesnut each had 2 blocks. Sabers and Knipper led in serves with 5, serving 100%.

In the Edgewood-Colesburg match, the Wildcats won 1 and lose 2 with the scores of 17-21, 21-15, 12-15. Leading in kills was Tucker with 11, followed by Helle with 3 kills. Sabers led in assists with 14. Imler led in digs with 25 followed by Sabers with 14 digs and Beaman with 7 digs. Tucker and Helle each had 2 blocks. Imler led with 11 serves followed by Knipper with 6 serves, both serving 100%.

On Tuesday night the Wildcats played the Ed-Co Vikings winning 3 out of the 4 games with scores of 25-13, 25-13, 15-25, and 25-17.

In the Ed-Co match leading in kills were Emerson Whittenbaugh with 11 and Tucker with 10 kills. Sabers led with 18 assists. Imler led in digs with 16, followed by Whittenbaugh with 11 digs. Sabers and Tucker led blocks with 5. Sabers led in serves with 21.

Coach Whittenbaugh stated she was happy with the improvement of the girls blocking game. "It was a total team effort, but thought Taya Tucker did very well out of the middle for us Tuesday night, which was a difference maker." Coach Whittenbaugh stated, "Our serving was key for us as we recorded a number of aces serves. We need to focus on cutting out small runs that teams make on us and play better point for point."

Last night, the Wildcats traveled to Starmont. Detail from the Starmont game will be in the next Echo.



Junior Taya Tucker attacks at the net during the Ed-Co game. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

over the past few years? I have changed as an athlete by being more aggressive than I was

Why is football a sport worth going out for? It teaches you football and life lessons

Who is your football role model? I really don't have a role model in football, I just push myself to be better

Name: Michael Schaul
Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

I enjoy being around my teammates. I enjoy long runs with them and talking about random things on our runs.

How has cross country changed you?

I have changed mentally, I am more focused and motivated this year. I have really pushed myself this year, and it's paying off.

What has been your favorite memory of cross country? Going down to state and cheering on my teammates

Where would you love to have a meet? Alaska



what's up?

by Paige Panosh

What is your favorite part of Homecoming week?

Keziah Ambundo: The dress up days

Lydia Helle: The class competitions on Friday

Logan Johnson: The dress up days

Mr. Huegel: Seeing the alumni come back and the football game

Abbie Sheehy: The pep rally

Devin Smith: The pep rally

Mrs. Palmer: The activities in the gym because everyone is getting fired up

Nicholas Chen: Seeing everyone dress up during the week

Kim Sellner: The football game

Jordyn LeGassick: The parade

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jake Kosmer



What motivates you to do your best?

To make senior year the best year of all out of my other years of high school and end on a good note

What advice do you have for underclassmen about making the most of school?

To enjoy everything you can do with your friends and classmates like for choir and band going to different places to perform and for people who like sports going to games and make great memories with your friends

What are your future plans?

To get a job and start earning money and take a year to decide which path my life will take.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Paige Panosh

Activity: Fall musical

What role do you play in the musical? Alice Murphy at ages 16-17 and 36-37.

What's your favorite part of the show? Whoa Mama. It's so upbeat and brings a smile to my face every time I hear it.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? When we were trying to find me a hat and decided to use a white Easter hat with huge orange bow and everyone got a kick out of it. It's too big for my head, but I can't even see the brim.

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

Elphaba from *Wicked* because she's such a strong-minded character.

How has participating in the musical affected you? It's given me something to look forward to at the end of the day and has made me step out of my comfort zone.



Name: Andrew Kloser

Activity: Fall musical

What role do you play in the musical?

Jimmy Ray

What's your favorite part of the show?

The emotional roller coaster that the show sends the audience through

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?

My "Big Steps," (it's an inside joke)

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

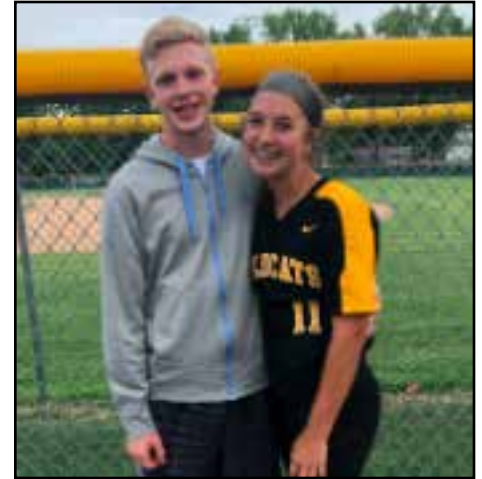
Anyone from *The Book of Mormon*

How has participating in the musical affected you?

It has forced me to step out of my comfort zone and put myself out there. It makes me do things I wouldn't normally do outside of musical.



Cutest Couple



Andrew Holtz & Avery Krapfl

by Amaya Hunt

When did you two first meet?

Avery: We became friends in 7th grade WIN time.

Andrew: I think she was in my homeroom in middle school.

What/where was your first official date?

Avery: We went to Pizza Place, I think.

Andrew thought we could eat a whole large pizza and cheeseballs- that didn't happen.

Andrew: Dairy Queen.

In your opinion, what makes your boyfriend/girlfriend so special?

Avery: Andrew is just genuinely a nice person. Thinking about him makes me smile. He's always worried about making me happy before himself.

Andrew: She's super goofy and likes to have fun without caring what other people think.

What's your favorite memory together?

Avery: Going to Adventureland with him and his family or Jeep rides.

Andrew: Jeep and jet ski rides.

If you are not together, what is the other most commonly found doing?

Avery: Andrew would be playing Call of Duty or sleeping.

Andrew: Avery would be watching Grey's Anatomy, for sure.

What is your favorite thing about the other person?

Avery: Andrew can make me laugh even when I'm really mad, and he always says stupid things that make me smile.

Andrew: There are so many different things I could say about her, but her ability to always stay positive and have fun no matter what is my favorite.

Best Buds



Mason Billings and Evan Elgin

by Kylvynn Clary

Where did you first meet?

Preschool

What was your first impression?

Mason - Not too smart

Evan - Trouble maker

Where is your favorite place to hang out?

Mason - The Elgin Man Cave

Evan - The Trapping Shed

What's your favorite thing about the other person?

Mason - He's down to do anything.

Evan - He always has terrible ideas.

What's your least favorite thing about the other person?

Mason - He's loud.

Evan - We look too much alike.

Do you see yourself being friends in the future?

Mason - yeah

Evan - duh

Cutie

by Maria Cole

This week's cutie is a freshman! She lives in Hopkinton, Iowa and has two brothers, two sisters, and two pet dogs. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, musical, play, and speech! Her favorite subject is English and she enjoys watching Netflix, playing sports, and hanging out with my friends and family.



Last week's Cutie was Hadley Underwood.

Students learn about health careers



Last week several MV students explored various health occupations at a career fair sponsored by NICC.



Dancing through the Decades
The MV dance team joined forces with the marching band during the halftime performance of "Thriller."

MV TEL-ALL

by Lydia Helle

In 2013, there were approximately

119,000 emergency room visits by persons aged 12 to 21 for injuries and other conditions linked to alcohol.

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

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?...They lactose

I'm thinking about removing my spine.
It's only holding me back.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Alien.

Alien who?
Just how many aliens do you know?

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Broccoli.

Broccoli who?
Broccoli doesn't have a last name, silly.

Meet the Freshmen



Kennedy, Dylan, Jaxson & Carter

Name: Jaxson Kramer
 Siblings: 1
 Activities you plan to be in: football, baseball, golf
 Favorite subject: science
 Career aspirations: I don't know yet.
 Hobbies: playing video games, hanging out with friends
 Something cool about you: I enjoy shopping for shoes.

Name: Carter Klaren
 Siblings: Brayden Klaren and Lincoln Klaren
 Activities you plan to be in: football, baseball, basketball, track, TEL
 Favorite subject: math
 Career aspirations: architect
 Hobbies: playing sports and video games
 Something cool about you: I can one-hand clap.

Name: Kennedy Rausch
 Siblings: Megan and Rylan
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, softball, track, speech, and play
 Favorite subject: science
 Career aspirations: physical therapist
 Hobbies: watching Netflix
 Something cool about you: I have gotten 1st for nationals in gymnastics.

Name: Dylan Schmuecker
 Siblings: Summer and Taylor
 Activities you plan to be in: Spanish club, TEL
 Favorite subject: ceramics
 Career aspirations: programming or veterinarian
 Hobbies: video games
 Something cool about you: I can grow an afro.

—typist: Allie Knipper

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

I think it's safe to say that everyone likes music. From country to pop, rap to r&b, there is something for everyone. Now, everyone has that one song that they listened to over and over again until they knew every single word to it. This week, I decided to ask Paige Winter, Chad Neuzil, Summer Schmuecker if they could finish these song lyrics.



“So tell me where your _____”

Paige: love lies
 Chad: loves lies
 Summer: love lies
 Answer: “...love lies”

“You probably think that you are _____”

Paige: better now
 Chad: better now
 Summer: better now
 Answer: “...better now”

“Chilling on a dirt road. Laid back swerving like I'm _____”

Paige: George Strait
 Chad: George Jones
 Summer: George Joe
 Answer: “...George Jones”

“Baby, lock the doors and turn the lights down low. Put some music on that's _____”

Paige: nice and slow
 Chad: soft and slow
 Summer: soft and slow
 Answer: “...soft and slow”

After looking up songs and listening to them, I vote for having a school-wide jam session. That's all for this week- “catch you on the flip side!”

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

The more there is, the less you see. What am I?

Answer: Fog

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV
the week of September 30, 2019
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 -
 “Greek” Dress Up Day (HS only)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019 -
 “Throw Back” Dress Up Day (HS only)
 1. MV HS FFA to World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI - 7:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 3:30 AM)
 2. JH/HS Cross Country to Jesup Invitational at Jesup Golf Course - 4:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:15 PM)
 3. HS 9th/JV/V Volleyball at North Linn - 5:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:10 PM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019 -
 “Destination” Dress Up Day (HS only)
 1. Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton (Teacher Learning Day)
 2. HS FFA to NE District Green Hand Fire-Up at Wapsi Valley - 9:00 AM (Van Leaves @ 7:30 AM)
 3. HS Iron Man Volleyball - HS Gym - 10:30 AM until 11:15 AM
 4. HS Powder Puff Football - HS Football Field - 11:15 AM until Noon (Lunch After Game)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 -
 “Meme” Dress Up Day (HS only)
 1. HS 9th/JV/V Volleyball - HOME - Springville - 5:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019 - “Black and Gold” Dress Up Day (both HS & MS)
 1. HS & MS Classes will run on the 1:05 PM Early Dismissal Schedule
 2. HS Students to Advanced Manufacturing Day at West Delaware in Manchester - 8:00 AM
 3. Class Competitions - 1:10 PM / Parade - 2:00 PM / King Crowning/ Pep Rally - HS Gym - 2:40 PM
 4. Football - HOMECOMING - MFL/Mar Mac - JV @ 5:45 PM / V @ 7:30 PM
 5. Homecoming Queen Crowning - at Half Time of Varsity Football Game - around 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
 1. Men's Choir to “Real Men Sing” at Warburg College in Waverly - 9:00 AM (2 Vans Leave at 7:45 AM)
 2. Homecoming Dance - HS Cafeteria - 7:30 - 10:30 PM