

# Wildcat Echo

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## FFA students compete at sub-districts, advance one event

Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Brandon Frasher, Lane Domeyer and Holli Hogan participated in the sub-district FFA contest.



by Tara Goedken

On Tuesday night 13 FFA members traveled to Ed-Co for Sub-districts. All members competed well. Students competed in Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events. Results include:

Tara Goedken: Job interview, Gold Adv. to Districts

Lane Domeyer: Ag Broadcasting, Gold Alt. to Districts

Harold Mohr, Kody Hoeger, Haley Ronnebaun, Allison Hogan, Brooke Hogan, Ethen Brockhohn, Dannie Burkle: Conduct of Meeting, Silver Alt. to Districts

Sarah Goedken: Ag Sales, Silver

Holli Hogan: Public Speaking, Silver

Alia Domeyer: Creed Speaking, Silver

Landon Frasher: Greenhand Test, Bronze

## Students recognized for academic achievements

Sophomores - 3.600 GPA

Juniors - 3.400 GPA

Seniors - 3.400

1st Year - Letter

Kaela Clemen

Anna Deutmeyer

Trista Elgin

Brianna Fischer

Georjia Harmon

Avery Holtz

Saige Hunt

Carter Klaren

Erin Knipper

Jenavieve LeGassick

Ella Mensen

Zach Mineart

Kennedy Rausch

Dylan Schmuecker

Taylor Schmuecker

Emilee Supple

McKenna Thompson

1st Year - Letter

Noah DeVore

MacKenzie Hoefer

Cy Huber

Emma Richter

Nolan Ries

Preston Roling

Caelyn Sands

Devin Smith

Michael VanMeter

2nd Year - Bar

A.J. Ambundo

Matthew Brehm

Kylie Chesnut

Emma Doyl

Adrienne Freiburger

Courtney Goedken

Kendra Hillers

Jordan Hogan

Amaya Hunt

Avery Krapfl

Carlie Lewin

Caleb Livingston

Elizabeth McDowell

Amanda Mohr

Ashtyn Porter

Leah Ries

Carissa Sabers

Brock Trenkamp

Paige Winter

1st Year - Letter

Andrew Hildebrand

2nd Year - Bar

Mitch Heims

Jordyn LeGassick

Zoey Mulford

Krista Ries

3rd Year - Pin

Payton Beaman

Miguel Bojorquez

Allison Dunn

Madeline Gellersen

Sarah Goedken

Tara Goedken

Tim Harmon

Holli Hogan

Andrew Holtz

Ella Imler

Logan Johnson

Andrew Kloser

Claire Krapfl

Paige Panosh

Kim Sellner

Parker Sternhagen

Annisten Trenkamp

Emerson Whittenbaugh

**Schedule change  
for next week due to  
state basketball**

**Tuesday:  
1:00 dismissal**

**Wednesday:  
2-hour late start  
(no early dismissal)**

Throughout this FFA week, students participated in several activities, including dress up days. Each morning, classes competed to be the sixth caller for an FFA trivia contest. FFA members challenged students to bring items for the food pantry. FFA members also distributed donuts to students and staff Monday morning.



Students competing in Conduct of Meeting were, front row: Allison Hogan, Haley Ronnebaum, Brooke Hogan; back row: Dannie Burkle, Ethen Brockhohn, Kody Hoeger and Harold Mohr.

# Sports Connection

## Girls basketball players punch their ticket to state!



by Tara Goedken

The ticket has been punched and the girls are headed to state for the first time since 2013. The top-ranked Wildcats kept their eye on the next step with each game.

Last Friday night, the Wildcat Ladies played against MFL-Mar-Mac and won with a score of 48-30. The Wildcats were able to score 28 points in the first half and 20 points in the second half.

Carissa Sabers was the leading scorer of the night with 17 points and closely followed behind was Taya Tucker with 16 points and Ella Imler with 11 points.

On defense, Tucker led in rebounds with 11 followed by Whittenbaugh with seven rebounds. Tucker led in steals with six followed by Imler with four steals. Whittenbaugh led in assists with seven followed by Imler and Tucker with three assists each.

Coach Moneck stated, "We knew coming into this game it was going to be

physical. MFL is a very good team who was having an outstanding year. They play a lot of kids who can hurt you a lot of ways. I was so happy with the way we rebounded and defended the whole game. They went on some runs but our kids responded and really defended well the whole game! This time of year, you cannot have a bad defensive night. You can't always control the ball going in the hoop, but you can play great defense every night."

On Wednesday night, the Wildcats played against Beckman in the Regional Final game in Manchester. The Wildcats won with a score of 43-37. The Wildcats were able to score 26 points in the first half and 17 points in the second half.

Tucker came out of the shoot ready to go and set the pace for the Wildcats. She led the Wildcats with 16 points followed by Kennedy Rausch with nine points and Imler with seven points. Imler and Tucker led in rebounds with five rebounds each, Whittenbaugh and Chesnut followed closely

behind with four rebounds each. Imler led in assists with seven followed by Whittenbaugh with five assists. Chesnut led with two steals.

The Wildcats will advance to the state tournament and will play on Tuesday night in Des Moines at 7pm against Rock Valley.



Emma Beitz, Abbie Sheehy and Emma Ritz are the girls basketball team managers. (photos by Lesa Parmely)





The boys basketball season came to an end in the district finals game Tuesday night with a close fought battle against Gladbrook-Reinbeck. MV lost 41-42. Last Thursday MV defeated Dunkerton to advance to the district finals.

## Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Carlie Lewin  
**What event are you in for speech?**

Currently, I am in Literary Program and Original Oratory.

**What do you enjoy most about individual speech?**

I enjoy being independent and being able to pick what topic I talk about.

**What have you learned through this event?**

I learned that you really have to work hard. This is my first year being in two individual speech events and it has been a challenge.

**What other event would you like to try and why?**

To be honest, I am very open-minded about what my coaches put me in. I know they will put me in the place I need to be.

**How will speech help you in the future?**

Speech will help with my confidence within my daily life.



## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

**15.1 million** adults in the US aged 18 and older have an alcohol use disorder

-Alcohol Addiction Center

## Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

Our origins have shaped all of us and will continue to impact how we navigate the world.

This week's quote is, **"Knowing where you came from is no less important than knowing where you are going."** - Neil deGrasse Tyson.



One interesting thing I've learned from Intro to Psychology is the massive impact genetics have on our personalities and behaviors as we grow older. Studies comparing separated twin siblings show that we actually inherit a good chunk of our passions and interests from our parents. It's almost as if we were destined to be the people we are today.

While this factor is important to consider, I find that the "nurture" part of our upbringing is equally important. The kind of parenting we received growing up, the types of people we were exposed to, and the social status we were born into are all big determiners of our personal beliefs and cultural views.

Whether or not you are a big fan of the world you grew up in, you can thank those experiences for who you are today. One part of my past (and present) that I'm proud of is the instillation of a strong work ethic. Frequently juggling work at home, school work, and social life is something that has helped me learn to manage my time and prioritize what needs to be done first.

A piece of where we came from that is always changing, however, is the lessons we learn. The vast majority of the time, the mistakes we make offer a chance to act correctly a second time. Learning from mistakes personally is also far more effective than hearing them from someone else. As a teenager, I can admit that I've still got a lot to learn, and many adults will probably say the same as well.

I feel it's important for every member of the human race to take some time and reflect on where they started out, the positive and negative traits they've adopted, and the lessons they've learned over the years. The sooner you get to know your past, the easier it will be to navigate your future.

## FFA Member of the Month



Kody Hoeger

**What do you enjoy most about FFA?**

The people involved are interested in the agricultural field and I enjoy competing in contests.

**What events have you been involved in throughout your time in FFA?** I have been involved in Soil judging and conduct of meetings, along with the annual fruit sale.

**What is your biggest accomplishment in FFA?** As a freshman, I haven't been involved very long so accomplishments are slim, but I came in second in our FFA fruit fundraising sale.

**What is your biggest takeaway from being involved in FFA?** Being involved in FFA gives me a chance to be involved and have fun along the way.

**What skill have you gained from FFA?** I have gained leadership and communication skills

**Explain your SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience).** I work on my family's dairy farm where I get lots of experience for my future career of farming.

**What advice would you give to underclassmen involved in FFA?** Some advice to underclassmen would be to try and get involved in the contests and have fun.

**Why would you recommend someone to join FFA?** FFA is fun to be a part of and gives you a chance to explore new things.

# Best Buds



**Taylor Jones, Saige Hunt & McKenna Thompson**

**by Amaya Hunt**

**How did you three become friends?**

Saige: I have no idea, honestly; it just kind of happened with the help of the lake and summer

Taylor: We've always gone to school together, but we got really close in sixth grade.

McKenna: I honestly don't remember we've been friends for as long as I can remember.

**If you three were to spend an entire day together doing your favorite things, what would that look like? (if it's on the lake, where else would you go besides the water? :)**

Saige: We would most likely be on the beach at the lake all day, jamming out to music and then go watch the sunset at night.

Taylor: We'd pick one of our boats to go on and just spend the whole day skiing & boating.

McKenna: We would probably spend the majority of the day on the lake or at the beach, and towards the end of the night we would definitely go get ice cream and watch the sunset.

**If you three could travel somewhere (anywhere in the world) together, where you would go and why?**

Saige: I would want to go somewhere tropical, like the Dominican Republic, because we all hate the cold.

Taylor: Somewhere warm. We don't like the cold.

McKenna: I think we would go somewhere tropical where we could lay on the beach and go swimming all day (and play mermaids, of course :)

**What's your favorite quality about the others? And what annoys you the most about them?**

Saige: McKenna gives really good advice, but we are both very opinionated so we get

into a lot of pointless arguments. Taylor is super fun to hang out with, but she complains about almost everything 24/7.

Taylor: McKenna can always turn a bad thing into a good thing, but she sometimes talks too much about the weirdest things. Saiges is always fun to be around, but she gets annoying when her social battery runs out of juice.

McKenna: Saiges always complains that she has nobody to Snapchat when really she just doesn't respond to anyone. Taylor complains about absolutely everything and always talks about boys.

**If you had to pick one song that reminds you of the others, what would it be?**

Saige: McKenna makes me think of the song "Lost in the Wild" and Taylor makes me think of the song "Summer Days."

Taylor: Saige makes me think of the song "Party in the USA" and McKenna makes me think of any song by Dan + Shay.

McKenna: I just think of the song "That's How You Know." We sing it ALL the time.... Or any Luke Combs song, too.

**What's your favorite memory created together?**

Saige: On New Year's Eve, we went to Dairy Queen and bought a whole ice cream cake and then ate it in the Fareway parking lot.

Taylor: Definitely when we bought that ice cream cake on New Year's Eve and ate it in the Fareway parking lot.

McKenna: We were riding in one of our good friends' Moomba on the lake, and Taylor's dad was putting the nose of the boat in the air; we were with all of our other friends and each one of us was having a great time.

**As always... Where do you see the others in ten years?**

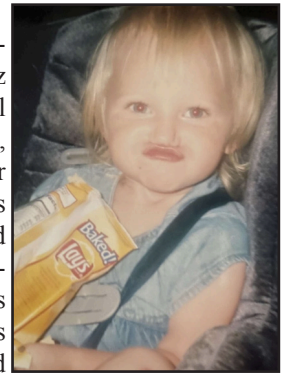
Saige: I think that Taylor will still be living here on the lake, as she says repeatedly all the time. I think that McKenna will more than likely still be in school because she wants to be a lawyer, or she'll be professionally skiing somewhere in Florida. Taylor: I don't know what we'll all be doing individually, but I can see us still being friends... I hope.

McKenna: Saige will definitely be a pharmacist, or have some other fancy job. Taylor will be married to a cowboy with a mullet and live on a ranch or in the woods.

# Cutie

**by Matthew Brehm**

This cutie is involved in Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Speech, and golf. Her favorite food is strawberries and she lives in Hopkinton. She loves fashion! She is also a senior and has blonde hair.



*Last week's Cutie was Harold Mohr.*

## Comedy Corner

**—compiled by Paige Panosh**

Two friends are walking their dogs -- a Dalmatian and a Chihuahua -- when they smell something delicious coming from a nearby restaurant.

The guy with the Dalmatian says, "Let's get something to eat."

But the guy with the Chihuahua says, "We can't go in there, we have dogs with us."

So the first guy says, "Just follow my lead." He puts on a pair of sunglasses and walks into the restaurant.

"Sorry," says the owner, "no pets allowed."

"But this is my seeing-eye dog," the guy with the Dalmatian says.

"A Dalmatian?"

"Yes, they're using them now."

The owner says, "Very well, then, come on in."

The guy with the Chihuahua repeats the process and gets the same response from the owner: "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed."

"But this is my seeing-eye dog," says the second guy.

"A Chihuahua?" asks the incredulous owner.