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# Wildcat Echo

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## Homecoming festivities planned



Homecoming court members include, front row from left: Keziah Ambundo, Amaya Hunt, Emma Richter and Leah Ries; back row: Tanner DeMoss, Noah DeVore, Domarius Strickland and Brock Trenkamp.

by Paige Winter

As we get farther into the school year, there is something we can look forward to besides graduation. Homecoming is next week! There is a lot going on during homecoming week so let's break it down. First things first, we will be playing East Buchanan Buccaneers, and the theme for the week will be "Sink the Ship."

It all starts on Sunday at 1:00 for hallway decorating.

Monday is also a big day. The theme will be color block. Seniors dress in black, Juniors in purple, Sophomores in navy blue, and Freshman will be pink. Then at 5:30 we will have Ironman in the Gym. Seniors will play Freshmen and Juniors play Sophomores. Afterwards the winners will play and the losers will play to determine the overall winner. Powerpuff will be at 6:30 run in the same way as Ironman; the girls will play with 10 minute running clock halves.

Tuesday will be Yee Haw dress up day. And the week isn't just about the football team: Volleyball will be competing at Starmont Tuesday night at 5:15.

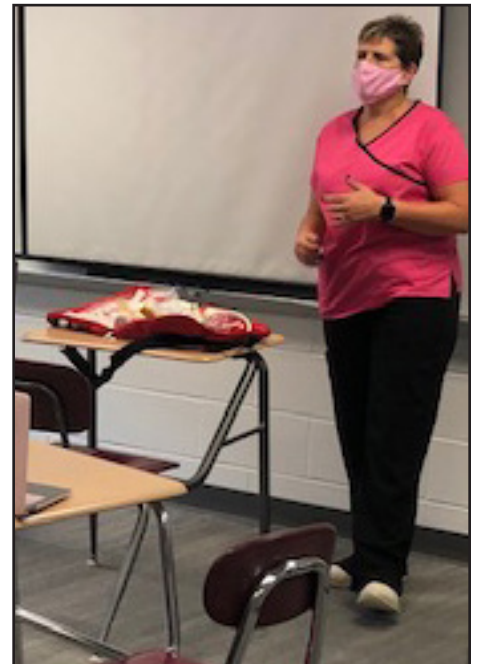
Wednesday there is no school.

Coming back to Thursday will be Look Alike Day (or Dynamic Duo) and all three volleyball teams will be hosting North Linn Thursday starting at 5:15.

And finally Friday is the big game! It will be black and gold dress up day, and there will be a 1:05 dismissal schedule. At 12:50 we will play class competitions in the gym. Then at 2:00 there will be the parade, then back into the gym for the Pep rally from 2:30 to 3:15 where the homecoming king will be crowned. JV football will compete at 5:00 and the varsity will compete at 7:30. At halftime of the varsity game the homecoming queen will be crowned. However, that's not the end of this week's festivities.

On Saturday the cross country teams will be competing at Anamosa. The meet will start at 9:00am. Then Saturday night will be the homecoming dance from 7:30 to 10:00. Admission will be \$5 per student. The doors lock at 8, and once you leave you are not allowed back in. The dress code is semi-formal, so no jeans. Hopefully now that you have all the info, you're just as excited for homecoming as I am!

## *Taking care of yourself*



Nurse Mary presented on "first aid for adults" for the Career/College Prep English students this week.

## Diversity Club designed to promote positive change

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Culture, race, gender, and sexuality are some of the key components that lead to separation in society. People are diverse with their own special things about themselves, and sometimes these people feel secluded from what people have branded as the “normal.” Most people don’t try to make a change to this wrongfulness, but one person at Maquoketa Valley has stepped up with new ideas and a new group, the Diversity Club.

With the first meeting of the group being last week on Friday during WIN time, it’s time to dig into what Josie Teymer has planned for the 2021-2022 school year.

**What’s your reason for starting this club?** My reasoning for starting this club is to make a change in our small community. As an ally and not a member of the LG-BTQ+ community, I’ve seen a lot from an outsider’s perspective. I’ve seen people in the community be called derogatory terms, and I felt that something needed to be done.

**Who all can join?** Anyone and everyone!

**When and where are the meetings? How often are they?** The meetings are every Friday in the high school conference room.

**Any goals for the year?** To educate and make a change.

*Cutie*

by Matthew Brehm

This cutie lives in Hopkinton. He enjoys taking part in football and track. You’ll see him on homecoming court. Something you may not know about him is that his favorite childhood movie is *Finding Nemo*.



Last week’s Cutie was Avery Holtz.

## Construction students improve tables



Mr. Palmer stated earlier this year that he wanted to see his students learn how to use their skills to help others, and that’s just what the Advanced Construction class did when they repaired some of the tables from the art room. Ben Weber, one of the students, said one skill he learned was how to get into a rhythm to knock out our projects one by one. “I know as of now we are in the final stretch on the last table, and we had been getting faster as we went. All this was learned aside the basics and some advanced methods so these tables will be as rugged as ever,” Weber stated.

## JO-JO’S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

With the Homecoming dance being next week, I thought that it would be a good idea to discuss Semi Formal. While most people have their outfits at the ready, there might be a few of you who need a bit of advice.

As always, ladies first. Let’s talk about trends. A couple of popular trends for semi-formal dresses this year are sequins, glitter and metallics. Open backs and spaghetti straps are also very popular. You could always try a romper look if you don’t like dresses. If all of the fun fabrics are too much for you, try getting a plain black outfit and add a fun purse or clutch to get the job done. If you’re going the bold route, I personally would keep the shoe simple and strappy.

Alright, fellas, it’s your turn. Boys, don’t be scared of skinny legged pants. You can’t go wrong with a collared shirt...just make sure that the collar is crisp. If you are planning on taking a date, find out what they are wearing and try to match.

Neck ties, bow ties, vests or suspenders are a great way to add a fun color or pattern. You can dress up and still be

comfortable by wearing a tennis shoe. Converse are always in style and have many classic or unconventional looks to pick from.



## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

What’s the best thing about Switzerland? I don’t know, but their flag is a big plus.

Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs

What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop



# Sports Connection

## Wildcat football back on the battlefield

by Kylie Chesnut

The Wildcats have started their football season with a 1-2 record, with a mix of district and non-district games.

In the season opener, MV traveled to North Cedar and returned home with a 40-22 victory.

Two weeks ago, the Wildcats took on South Winneshiek. The boys fought hard but were conquered, ending the game with a score of 19-0 on the road.

Last Friday, the team took on the West Branch bears, this time on the home field. The Cats fought hard and clawed their way through the game leaving the field defeated 52-0.

Offensively the Wildcats worked hard. Leading in passing yards was freshman TJ Cook, with 47 yards in 6 completions. Senior, AJ Ambundo led the team in rushing yards with 25 yards. Receiving yards for this game was led by Avery Holtz, a junior, with 34 yards.

In terms of defense, the boys gave it their all. Leading the team in tackles was sophomore Aiden Salow with 7.5, Ambun-



**Freshman quarterback TJ Cook looks for an open receiver in the West Branch game. (photo by Lesa Parmely)**

do with 4, and junior Lucas Orcutt finished the game with 3.5 tackles.

Kick off was handled by Ambundo who kicked a total of 49 yards. He also took care of punting duties, with a total of 135 yards with 5 punts.

Tonight the Wildcats will be challenging the Bellevue Comets on the road. Start time is at 7:00 pm, and the theme for the game is black out. Be loud, and be proud Wildcats!



**Senior Michael Schaul powers through the finish in Saturday's meet.**

## New best times for the season for many harriers

by Chantel Crowley



**Jordan Hogan and Allison Hogan both had their best season times last week at the Monticello meet. (photos by Amy Ries)**

Last Saturday, the MV Cross Country team competed at Monticello. Some highlights include 100% of the girls' team setting new best times for the seasons, along with 80% of the boys!

The girls' team had four runners. Isabel Imler placed 57th with a time of 23:29, then McKenna Bush in 73rd with a time of 26:00, Allison Hogan in 85th with a time of 28:01 and Jordan Hogan in 88th in 28:24.

The boys' team finished fourth overall. Nolan Ries placed 5th with a time of 17:07.6, Cy Huber in 10th with a time of 17:25.7, Michael Schaul in 15th with a time of 18:01.6, Arion Rave in 36th with a time of 18:50.1, Matthew Schaul in 59th with a time of 19:42.0, George Livingston in 74th with a time of 20:54.9, and Toby Grimm in 75th with a time of 20:55.4.

The JV boys' team also ran in this meet. Landin Frasher finished 11th with a time of 20:07.5 and Brady Eike in 42nd with a time of 21:50.8.

The team competed in the Cascade meet at Fillmore Golf Course last night. Results will be in next week's issue. The next cross country meet will be Sept. 25 in Anamosa.

## Wildcats fall to River Hawks

by Leah Ries

Last Thursday night the Wildcats battled the River Hawks of Easton Valley. The team lost 0-3 (16-25, 17-25, 11-25).

Leading the team in assists was Kennedy Rausch with eight. Kylie Chesnut had seven kills to lead the Cats.

On the defensive side leading the blocks with two were Carissa Sabers, Anna Deutmeyer, and Chesnut. McKenna Thompson had the most digs that night with nine. Serving, Chesnut and Sabers both had two aces to give the team a total of four.

After this game the Wildcats post a 3-3 record and faced the Ed-Co Vikings last night at home with results in next week's issue.

## Student of the Week

*Kendra Hillers*



**You've been nominated because of your positive attitude and a general optimistic attitude. Why are those important qualities to have?** I feel like having a positive attitude not only helps you get through the day, but it also helps your peers too. The more positive your attitude is, the more other people feed off of it. When someone is optimistic it automatically makes them have a positive attitude. That is why it is always so important to be optimistic because it makes you feel better about yourself.

**What do you enjoy most about being in school?** I enjoy being able to interact with everyone. Last year I got Covid and was quarantined for a couple weeks. Those weeks were torture for me because I couldn't go to school and see everybody and interact with them. So now I take it for granted because I know what it is like to not have it.

**When you think about what makes MV special, what do you think of?** We are really one big family. I am never afraid to go up to a teacher or student and have a conversation with them, or ask them for help. Everybody at the school wants to see everyone succeed, and that is what makes MV so special.

**Who are some of your "optimistic" role models?** My brother is a huge optimistic role model for me. Whenever I have a problem or am struggling with something, he always makes me look on the positive side of the situation. Having an optimistic person like that in my life, helps me be the way I am too. I wouldn't be the person I am if it wasn't for my family.

## Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Noah DeVore

**You've been recognized for your outstanding work as a drum major.**

**What have you enjoyed most about this position?** I really like being able to take charge, and being able to help everyone.

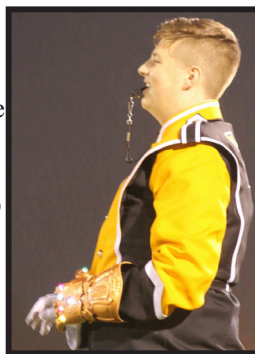
**What kind of skills do you need to be successful at it?**

Obviously, you need to be good with your rhythm, but your leadership skills need to be spot on.

**How does it make you see the band differently?** I wasn't ever thinking of the band from a leadership perspective, but now, I must make sure that everyone has their part down.

**What song will the crowd love the most this year for the marching band show?**

I'm most excited for the whole song set to be performed for the crowd.



**what's up?**

## What's your favorite song right now?

by Paige Winter

Señora: "I'm Not for Everyone" by Brother's Osborne

Minanna Gosche: "Oompa Loompa"

Tierai Morgan: "Oompa Loompa"

Izzy Heffernan: "Good Lord Lorrie"

Jake Gellersen: "Everything" by Michael Bublé

Matthew Schaul: "Fireflies" by Owl City

Daniel Glass: "Buy Dirt" by Jordan Davis

Macy Thompson: Carissa and Liz's soundcloud

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Nicotine is highly addictive and can: slow brain development in teens and affect memory, concentration, learning, self-control, attention, and mood.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kylie Chesnut

**What do you enjoy most about being part of the cheer team?** Being a part of something new and exciting for our school, learning new skills like stunting; I also love spending time with my best friends at cheer too.

**Why is having cheer important at MV?**

Giving people the chance to be more involved is always a good thing, and spreading school spirit is always a plus.

**What's your favorite cheer?** The Hustle or Get Rowdy

**What's something about cheer that others may not know?** There is a lot of behind the scenes practice and time put in to get stunts and cheers perfected.



Name: George Livingston

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?**

The people I've met. Thanks to my exposure to the Cross Country team I have adopted healthier habits and have gotten rid of bad ones!

**You set a new PR by four minutes. What**

**has changed since last year?** The amount of time I put into running. Having an entire team of like-minded runners to work with has really sped up my progression. With their support, I was able to stick with running and constantly improve myself over the summer.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** During my Freshman year when we, as a team, went to Dubuque for my older brother's birthday. I really felt like I was a part of the team that day, and I was really glad my brother could have a good birthday with people he could call friends.

**Where would you love to have a meet?**

It is a little too far away, but I would love to have a meet in Scotland. The rolling green hills and golf courses would be a great place to run. It is also the land of my family's history, so it would be good to visit and spend time there.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "We Are The Champions" by Queen.





## Meet the Freshmen



**Jordan, Julia, Sebastian & Kain**

Name: Julia Ambundo  
Siblings: Keziah, AJ, Zari, Sellah, Mallori, and Charidy  
Activities you plan to be in: All State, musical, sports  
Favorite subject: Choir  
Career aspirations:  
Hobbies: Singing, running  
Something cool about you: I can sing

Name: Kain Krogmann  
Siblings: Two  
Activities you plan to be in: FFA, football, golf  
Favorite subject: Algebra  
Career aspirations: Welder  
Hobbies: Working and lifting  
Something cool about you: I dirt bike

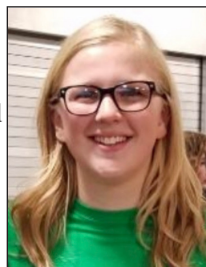
Name: Jordan Hatfield  
Siblings: 2, Marcus (7), Kourtney (10)  
Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, track, softball  
Career aspirations: I don't know like at all  
Hobbies: Hanging out with Alexis  
Something cool about you: I have a dog named Ceaser

Name: Sebastian Charles  
Siblings: 4  
Activities you plan to be in: A lot  
Favorite subject: Microsoft  
Career aspirations: IT support  
Something cool about you: Very cool  
—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

## Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Because the anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 just passed, I found it fitting to ask some highschoolers some questions about the tragic event.



How long did it take to clean up the damage at the World Trade Center?  
Kaela Clemen: A couple months  
Lauren Knock: 8 months  
Jordan Hatfield: 3 years  
Answer: 9 months

What year was footage of the attack on the Pentagon released?  
Kaela: 2005  
Lauren: 2005  
Jordan: I'm not sure  
Answer: 2006

How many people were rescued alive from the wreckage at the World Trade Center site?  
Kaela: Lauren: 15-20  
Jordan: I'm not sure  
Answer: 18



## Who's got spirit?

(see below)



## Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

Ever since I took photography with Mr. Dunlap last semester, I've been a bit fascinated by cameras.

While photos have been around for nearly two centuries, the wonder that comes with them still holds to this day. After all, cameras capture a form of reality. Photographs hold life within their borders; they each contain a unique story.

What I really love about cameras is their ability to crystallize a moment in time. To freeze life for one frame and to peer into the fabric of time itself. Life, after all, is just one continuous stream of infinitely tiny moments. A camera provides a way to revisit some of these moments.

For me, revisiting photos makes me realize how much of my life doesn't happen on a screen but instead happens in my mind. Revolutionary moments have flashed before my eyes, as with everyone's, without so much as a thought of documenting them.

The journalist's best friend and the criminal's hindrance, cameras have been used to record history since the American Civil War. Some say that a picture is worth a thousand words, and I have to agree, but something we don't think about often enough is the hand that holds the camera behind each photo. The story that brought that person to that place with that tool. We all want to be a part of history, and the world's photographers are some of its most important curators.

The first photograph ever taken (see left) was "View from the Window at Le Gras," taken by French inventor Nicéphore Niépce in either 1826 or 1827.

Though this picture doesn't look like much to us today, it was revolutionary for its time. People could see a graphic that hadn't been hand-crafted. They could experience a world free of bias, a world that hadn't been filtered through another's interpretation. For the people of France, of Europe, of the world, the creation of the camera left an imprint still celebrated today.

*"Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still."*

— Dorothea Lange

