

Wildcat Echo

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We are the champions!

MV FFA students are clearly making a name for themselves with yet another bid for the national convention in dairy judging.

Last Thursday, MV's team consisting of Lane Domeyer, Courtney Goedken, Alia Domeyer and Haley Ronnebaum finished first in the Tri-State Dairy Expo Reasons Competition. The team was led by Alia Domeyer who finished first place individual overall.

MV also had a non-reasons team compete that received sixth place as a team. Allison Hogan received second place individually, and Lucas Orcutt received 9th place individually.

At the Northeast District FFA Contest the team finished third, and Haley Ronnebaum finished in eighth place individually.

On Friday, MV competed at the Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE. The quartet of Domeyer, Domeyer, Ronnebaum and Goedken once again finished first place as a team, first place team placing classes and first place team reasons. Alia Domeyer was first place High Individual, and Ronnebaum was fifth place Individual.

The team competes again on October 28th in Indianapolis at the National FFA Convention & Expo.



Above: The dairy judging team of Alia Domeyer, Haley Ronnebaum, Lane Domeyer and Courtney Goedken finished first in two different competitions last week.



Left: Alia Domeyer poses with her individual champion plaque.

Dance team gears up for the year

by Paige Winter

When halftime comes around and the marching band takes the field, we usually expect to see the dance team out on the field with them. However this year, the cheer team will be performing with the marching band (with the exception of three girls who will be performing in the band).

However, don't get discouraged; dance team will start soon in October and the girls have a lot in store for us this year.

Junior and Co-Captain McKenna

Thompson said we can expect some really good routines at basketball games this year as well as a performance at state dance competition. The team will be performing two routines at state in December including a hip hop routine that the girls have been working on since last year, which is what McKenna said she is most looking forward to this season.

So though you won't see the dance team out on the football field this year, expect big things from them coming up!

what's up?

If you had a talk show, whom would you invite as your guest?

By Paige Winter

Emilee Supple: Cole Sprouse

Michael Schaul: Taylor Swift

Nolan Ries: Your mom

Brock Trenkamp: Jimmy Butler

Devin Meeks: Joe Rogan

Mr. Dunlap: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and if he turned me down because

he's a busy dude, I would want Teddy

Roosevelt or Dale Chihuly

Kennedy Ott: Tana Mongeau

Brock Daack: Snoop Dog

Sports Connection

MV Cross Country: Boys bring home another team title

by Chantel Crowley

On Thursday, September 16th, the MV Cross Country team competed at Cascade. The boys' team finished first overall.

For the varsity girls' team, Isabel Imler placed 32nd with a time of 24:36.99. McKenna Bush placed 82nd with a time of 29:07.53, Jordan Hogan placed 30:10.43, and Allison Hogan placed 34:59.64. Coach Meehan commented, "The Varsity Girls did not have a full team due to Emma Doyl developing respiratory problems and was not able to finish the race. Watching the girls run, it appeared that they were having trouble with the toughness of the course in that it is the toughest course we run. But analyzing their times later, it was pleasing to see their times were what a person would expect. Newcomer Isabel Imler is starting to adjust to the sport."

For the boys' team, Nolan Ries placed 4th with a time of 17:53.08 and Cy Huber right behind him in 5th with a time of 17:57.52. Michael Schaul placed ninth with a time of 18:38.74, Arion Rave finished in 26th with a time of 19:52.05, and Matthew Schaul in 36th with a time of 20:23.73. George Livingston came in 52nd with a time of 21:18.82, Toby Grimm

in 53rd with a time of 21:23.37, Landin Frasher in 68th with a time of 21:59.98, Caleb Livingston in 81st with a time of 29:59.05, Brady Eike in 108th with a time of 24:14.86, and Sebastian Charles in 141st with a time of 35:29.59. Coach Meehan commented, "The Varsity Boys showed a certain toughness in their race. They rose to the challenge and competed as they did in previous meets even though this was a much tougher course. They have been team champions in two of the three meets we have competed in. They have consistently placed ahead of some 3A and 2A rated teams this year. They are currently rated 3rd in Class 1A and have not lost to any teams in that class. Nolan Ries and Cy Huber are consistent top ten finishers. Michael Schaul is knocking at the door of becoming a consistent top ten finisher. Freshmen Arion Rave and Matthew Schaul are currently



Senior Michael Schaul powers through to the finish at the Cascade meet. (photo by Amy Ries)

the 4th and 5th scorers."

The next meet is planned for Saturday September 25th at Anamosa.

Wildcats face tough opponents

by Leah Ries

Last Thursday night the volleyball team took on the Ed-Co Vikings and lost in three sets (20-25, 16-25, 21-25). The team leaders for kills were Molly Anderegg and Carissa Sabers each with four. Kennedy Rausch led the number of assists with seven. On the defensive side Lili Baures had eleven digs. Sabers and Kylie Chesnut had 5 blocks. Rausch had one serving ace.

Last weekend the Cats traveled to the West Delaware tournament. The Wildcats first opponent was the West Delaware Hawks. The Cats lost in two sets (7-21, 6-21). Chestut, Anna Deutmeyer, Haley Ronnebaum, Sabers, and Anderegg each had one kill. Rausch had three assists. McKenna Thompson had five digs. All players served 100%.

Next the team battled the Star-mont Stars and lost in two sets (10-21, 13-21). Offensively Chesnut and Bianka Ronnebaum had four kills each, and Rausch had six assists. Sabers had two blocks and

Thompson and Sabers had five digs each.

The Wildcats took on the Independence Mustangs and lost in two sets (6-21, 17-21). Sabers and Bianka Ronnebaum led the number of kills with three each. Rausch and Sabers each had three assists. Sabers also led the number of kills with three.

The Wildcats had a rematch with the Ed-Co Vikings but came up short again (11-21, 16-21). Chesnut had three kills. Sabers had five assists in the game. Thompson had eight digs and Bianka Ronnebaum had two blocks.

Tuesday night the team traveled to Star-mont to compete against the Stars again. The Cats came up short in the three sets (14-25, 10-25, 9-25). Sabers had the most kills with four and seven assists on the nights. Thompson had 17 digs and Chesnut had two blocks.

The Wildcats faced the North Linn Lynx Thursday night and travel to Denver this weekend. Results will be in next week's issue.



Carissa Sabers and Molly Anderegg celebrate after a point in the Ed-Co game. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Student of the Week

Kaelynn Clark

You have recently stepped up to help Mrs. Downs while she's been absent. In fact, you finished the cross country shirt order. What made you decide to do that?



Mrs. Downs has always been very helpful in my life the past couple years. With sports, homework, and just needing an adult perspective on things she's always been there to listen to me talk. I call her my school mom sometimes because she feeds me when I'm grumpy. I know that she would much rather be at school right now rather than at home, and the stress of having the shirts done shouldn't have been added to her plate. I took her fashion design class my sophomore year so I knew how to make them, and I just figured I'd help her out.

How does helping others fit into your future plans? As of now I want to go into cosmetology after high school. I guess I want to help people be more confident with themselves.

"She isn't even in any of my classes this semester but wanted to help in anyway she could and knew how to heat press from taking the class in previous years. A huge high five to Kaelynn. She even checked in on me several times to see how I was doing. Thanks, Kaelynn." —Mrs. Downs

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered.

My wife said I should do lunges to stay in shape. That would be a big step forward.

Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing? In case they get a hole in one!

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common? They're both Paris sites.

What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie? Sosishticated.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Mason Jolley

What role do you play in the musical? Pinocchio



What's your favorite part of the show? Freak Flag song

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? doing act 1 scene 2 for the first time

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

Name: Carlie Lewin

What role do you play in the musical? I am Princess Fiona.



What's your favorite part of the show?

My favorite part of the musical is when Fiona meets Lord Farquaad or the Farting scene with Shrek.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? My favorite memory is watching Brock and Noah twerk on stage. Other than that, I enjoy singing my music or, spending time with Jesús.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I worked extremely hard during the summer just so I could be Fiona. She is the perfect role for me and, I am so excited for people to come and watch all of the hard work we have accomplished.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

The average age teen boys first try alcohol is age 11; for teen girls, it's 13.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Isabel Imler

What do you enjoy most about cross country? The feeling you get when you finish a long run or a hard work out.

This is your first year in cross country. What made you decide to go out?

I wanted to try something new and cross country seemed interesting.

What has been your favorite memory of cross country? My favorite memory was during this summer when it was raining really hard on us while we were running.

Where would you love to have a meet? I would love to have a meet here in Delhi.

If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?

"I Believe That We Will Win" by Pitbull



Name: Carissa Sabers

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

I enjoy the energy that the volleyball court always has. It's easy to celebrate in volleyball after each point which makes it super fun and intense. I also enjoy

how fast-paced it is, and how fast your reaction time has to be.

What's your favorite drill in practice?

Hitting lines is my favorite drill because as a hitter, you get to try different things. You also get to see which spots are going to be open and try to hit off different kinds of sets.

What's your least favorite drill in practice? When we serve ten and you have to start running down and backs when you miss.

What's your goal for the team this season?

To find a rotation that fits us as a team. Then we will focus on getting more dubs along with making it farther than we usually do during post-season.

What has made this year unique for you?

This year has been unique for me because it is our senior year. Senior year really puts things in perspective and makes you work harder every second because you never know when it will all be over.



Meet the Freshmen



Brendin, Clairra, Jalyynn & Emily

Name: Jalyynn Ross

Siblings: Jordan, Haley, Brody, Landon, Blake, Preslee

Activities you plan to be in: FFA

Favorite subject: Animal science

Career aspirations: Home design

Hobbies: Four wheeling, playing with my pups

Something cool about you: I have been in the Jersey Shore show house

Name: Clairra Gray

Siblings: Emma and Dominic Gray

Activities you plan to be in: cheer, dance, track, FFA, speech, play

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Work with special needs people

Hobbies: Riding dirtbikes, running, and dancing

Something cool about you: I love traveling and have been to 33 states so far

Name: Brendin Frasher

Siblings: Landin, Aidan

Activities you plan to be in: Football, golf, wrestling

Favorite subject: Ag

Career aspirations: Electrician

Hobbies: Going on Lake Delhi

Something cool about you: I drive a 2012 Chevy Cruze

Name: Emily Hogan

Siblings: Hadley Underwood and Ashley Hogan

Activities you plan to be in: Play, speech

Favorite subject: History

Career aspirations: Teaching

Hobbies: Swimming, hiking

—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Today I want to talk about color combos. One of the hardest things about fashion, in my opinion, is figuring out what colors look good together. Let's get started.

Let's start off easy. The colors black and beige. You can make any color work with black and beige. It could be a black or beige bottom with any color top or a black or beige top with any color bottom. My favorite colors to wear with black are red and yellow. For beige I like to wear grey, white, dark blue, or red.

Don't be afraid to play with color. Fun color combos can really show off your personality. One of my favorite combos is burnt orange with a dark purple. For this

look I would do an orange bottom with the purple accent as the top. I also like pink and green together. You could also pick out a brighter color like teal or yellow and style is with a leopard, cheetah, or zebra print.



Homecoming fun



The DeVores: Like father, like son

Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

The cutie this week has blonde hair. She is a freshman and lives in Hopkinton. You can find her playing softball, running on the track, or participating in speech this year. One of her hobbies is listening to music.



Last week's Cutie was Demarius Strickland.



Kaitlyn Nolan and Lily Huber



Jeremy Weber

Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

"4'33" is a piece composed by John Cage in 1952. Though I want to call it a piece of music, I'm not sure that I can. 4'33" has a clef, a time signature, a key signature... but no notes. In fact, the sheet music itself instructs the performer not to interact with their instrument at all. Instead, the instrument of choice in this song happens to be a stopwatch. The first movement of the piece is 33 seconds long, the second is 2 minutes and 40 seconds, and the third is 1 minute and 20 seconds; hence the name 4'33".

But what makes this song so special? And why are these four minutes and thirty-three seconds of silence so famous? That's something I'd like to look into.

A man with a long tailcoat suit walks onto the stage. He takes a seat at the Steinway piano and straightens his music. After a moment, he plucks a stopwatch off of a holder and gently closes the cover over the piano's keys. After an inaugural beep, anticipation (or a lack thereof) sets in. A man coughs. An ambient buzzing noise takes the stage. You could hear a pin drop.

Cage's work questions the definition of music because rather than focusing its audience's attention on a performer, it forces the audience to focus on themselves. People suddenly have to mind their breath, hold that sneeze, refrain from interacting with one another. While a traditional performance encourages people to listen to distractions from the artist, in this piece, people need to become the artist. At least, until the next movement begins.

The very idea of silence as a presence of its own has a special place in my mind. Silence is so devoid of anything, but also so full of everything. While a true lack of sound may be possible in space, it's not possible on Earth. There will always be ambient sounds taking over. Practices like meditation have even emerged as ways of realizing the importance of this and using it to achieve inner peace. A state of mind where thoughts fade away and all that's left is breathing.

For me, 4'33" makes me wonder if the true art, the true music of life, really happens externally to us or internally. Does a focal point create the activity in our heads, or is that up to us?

How much background noise makes up our world--and our minds--when we don't even realize it?



More homecoming fun

