

# Wildcat Echo

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## High achieving students recognized for academic accomplishments

Mr. Osterhaus and Mr. Arnold presented the 2021 Academic Awards Nov. 23 to students meeting a certain GPA requirement for the 2020-21 school year.

The following students are eligible to receive an academic award:

### Sophomores - 3.600 GPA

#### *1st Year - Letter (17)*

Payton Brown  
Chantel Crowley  
Cadence Freiburger  
Jake Gellersen  
Toby Grimm  
Livia Hermanson  
Kody Hoeger  
Lily Huber  
Addison Hucker  
Isabel Imler  
Lainey Knipper  
Keira Leytem  
George Livingston  
Kaitlyn Nolan  
Maddyx Rieniets  
Haley Ronnebaum  
Cece Trenkamp

### Juniors - 3.400 GPA

#### *1st Year - Letter (3)*

Shea Burcham  
Dannielle Burkle  
Lucas Orcutt  
*2nd Year - Bar (17)*  
Kaela Clemen  
Anna Deutmeyer  
Trista Elgin  
Brianna Fischer  
Jeorjia 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



Junior Erin Knipper receives her second year bar and certificate from Mr. Arnold.

### Seniors - 3.400 GPA

#### *1st Year - Letter (1)*

Molly Anderegg  
*2nd Year - Bar (9)*  
Noah DeVore  
MacKenzie Hoefer  
Cy Huber  
Emma Richter  
Nolan Ries  
Preston Roling  
Caelyn Sands  
Devin Smith  
Michael Van Meter  
*3rd Year - Pin (19)*  
AJ 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



## Self-care time

The day before Thanksgiving break, students had a chance to get extra help from teacher, relax with games and art or play some basketball.

# Sports Connection

## Team volleyball awards given

The volleyball team held its annual awards night Nov. 22. Several outstanding achievements were recognized:

### Fresh/Soph Team Awards

Offensive player: Alexis Halverson

Defensive player: Jada Knipper

Hustle: Alexis Halverson

Most improved: Jada Knipper and Addison Hucker

### JV Team Awards

Offensive: Lily Huber

Defensive: Lili Bauers

Hustle: Lily Huber

Attitude: Alexis Halverson

Most Improved: Alexis Halverson

Best Teammate: Keira Leytem

Spirit: Jada Knipper

### Varsity Team Awards

Offensive: Kylie Chesnut

Defensive: McKenna Thompson

Hustle: McKenna Thompson

Attitude: Leah Ries

Most Improved: Lili Bauers and Bianka Ronnebaum (tie)

Best Teammate: Kendra Hillers

Spirit: Carissa Sabers and Kylie Chesnut

The team also received academic excellence with a 3.25-4.0 GPA

Several names have also been added to the record books:

Kylie Chesnut now holds a top 5 all time single season blocking record.

Carissa Sabers holds two top 5 single season assists records along with the leading all time career assist leader with 1,144. She is also a part of the 500 club with digs and the 1000 club with assists.

Team captains this year were Kylie Chesnut, Carissa Sabers and Avery Krapfl.

Kylie Chesnut: Academic All State

Carissa Sabers: You Can award from the state

## Wrestlers open season with home double-dual



Senior Michael Schaul wraps up his Independence opponent Tuesday night. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

by Kaitlyn Nolan

This past Tuesday, the MV wrestling team hit the mats at home against Independence and Monticello.

MV first battled Independence, one of the top 2A teams in the state and lost 66-18. "It was a tough and physical dual with a lot of talent competing," Coach Hatfield stated. "It was great to wrestle against one of the top teams in the state. It gives us an opportunity to see where we fit in."

Michael Schaul at 152 won by fall at 2:50. Brady Davis won by fall at 3:14, and Devin Smith won by fall at 5:33.

Monticello proved to be a closer dual, but MV lost 41-30. "It was a back-and-forth dual," stated Coach Hatfield. "Even though we fell short from the win, our kids learned that we can compete with anyone. It was a great start for our team."

Michael Schaul won by forfeit, Kobe Peters won 6-2, Aiden Salow won 6-3, Nathan Beitz won by fall at 1:32, Brady Davis won by fall at 1:11, and Devin Smith won by fall at 4:21.

The wrestlers compete at West Delaware tomorrow.

## Athlete of the Week

Name: Carissa Sabers

**What position do you play?**

Two or three.

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?**

What I enjoy most is how intense basketball is. It gets me pumped up and gives you a rush that gets your blood flowing. I love getting in jump balls or having to dive on the floor after a loose ball.

**How has your role on the team changed this year?** My role has changed into being more of a leader than last year. We five seniors bring the intensity to every practice and get on people when they aren't going their hardest.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** Anytime we seniors stay in a hotel together.

**Who's your basketball role model?** My basketball role model is Brooke Elgin because even though she wasn't the most talented right away, she stuck with it and became a starter and key player her senior year. She was a determined, hard-working, fun, and caring teammate.





# Dance team brings home hardware, several awards

by Paige Winter

If you've noticed a few talented Wildcats missing from your classes the past couple days, that is because the lovely ladies of the MVDT were in Des Moines at Wells Fargo performing at the Iowa State Dance Competition. They received 5th place in their hip hop dance, a division one rating in pom, and sophomore Maddyx Kemp received a division 1 in her solo. This was Maddyx's first solo at state and though she claims she could have done better, she is proud of herself and looks forward to competing again in the future.

The team was also awarded with a Distinguished academic award for having a GPA above 3.5 and recognition for the team's many hours of community service.

Senior Kaelynn Clark commented, "I am extremely proud of the team. Every dance has flaws but overall looking back at the beginning of the year we have made SO MUCH progress."

Coach Teymer also emphasized the girls' amazing performances, "The girls had amazing energy through the entire performance. Hip Hop was something I have been excited about for what seems like forever. It's something we've never done before, and I could not help but cry when the girls went up to receive their trophy."

The awesome awards the ladies received aren't the only good part of the state dance competition. Some favorite

## Boys basketball starts season with a W

by Chantel Crowley

On Monday, November 29th, the MV Boys Basketball season started strong with a game against Cedar Valley Christian. Maquoketa Valley won 56 to 45.

Top scorers include Avery Holtz with 27 points, Kody Hoeger with seven points, Brock Trenkamp and Lance McShane with six points each, Toby Grimm with five points, Lucas Orcutt with four points, and Landen Deutmeyer with one point.

Trenkamp had 16 rebounds, McShane had eight, and Orcutt had six. Deutmeyer and Hoeger had five rebounds each, and Holtz had three, and Grimm had one. Along with rebounds, Holtz, Orcutt, and Trenkamp each had one steal. For assists, Holtz had four, Orcutt had two, and McShane had one.

The boys will play tonight at Prince of Peace in Clinton.



The dance team poses with the awards it was presented at state dance.

memories the girls talked about were at the end of the Hip Hop dance when they lifted their masks to the crowd and waving to Coach Teymer from the floor right before the awards ceremony: "They looked up at me with big smiles and waves," recalled Coach Teymer. "I didn't know any results; I just knew they had tried their best and I was so proud."

## Girls basketball opens with a win

by Toby Grimm

Last Tuesday the girls basketball team traveled to Ed-Co to take on the Vikings. The team came home with a 54-42 win. Even with the slow start which consisted of 4 total points in the first quarter and another 15 in the second they maintained a one point lead going into halftime. In the second half the Wildcats scored 35 securing the victory against the Vikings.

On offense Bianka Ronnebaum led the team in scoring with 11 points, Kennedy Rausch and Carissa Sabers had 10 each, Kylie Chesnut with 8, Haley Ronnebaum had 7, Liz McDowell with 6, and Erin Knipper had 2 points.

On the defensive end Sabers led in rebounds with 5, Haley Ronnebaum and Kylie Chestnut had 4 a piece, and Bianka Ronnebaum and Kennedy Rausch both had 2. The Wildcats had 13 steals as a team, with Chesnut having 4, Rausch with 3, Bianka Ronnebaum had 2, followed by McDowell, Sabers, Sands, and Haley Ronnebaum, each had one to get the Wildcats first win of the season.

Last Saturday the team competed in Rivalry Saturday against a tough Central Elkader team. The Wildcats stuck with them the whole game, but couldn't quite win it in the end, suffering a 49-43 loss.

Sabers led on the offensive end with 11 points, McDowell, Chesnut, and Bianka Ronnebaum all had 5 a piece.

This was obviously a special performance after missing state competition last year, especially for the seniors. Clark mentioned, "I cried, but it's bittersweet. I wouldn't trade all three years at state for anything else. Looking forward to basketball season, I'm excited to learn new dances and maybe get some more people involved."

Rausch had 5 points followed by Knipper with 4. Bianka Ronnebaum led in assists with 3 followed by McDowell, Sabers, and Rausch with 2 each.

Defensively, Chesnut was first in the rebound column with 9, followed by McDowell with 6, Haley Ronnebaum and Carissa Sabers with 4 each, and Mensen, Sands, and Rausch had 2 apiece.

This Monday the Wildcats went to Isaac Newton Christian Academy to compete against the Cedar Valley Christian Huskies. The team got off to a great start leading 53-12 at halftime and never slowed down, winning the game 80-14.

Offensively the Wildcats were led by Chesnut with 23 points, Sabers with 12, followed by Caelyn Sands with 9, and Liz McDowell with 8.

Defensively the team was also led by Chesnut, who pulled down 6 rebounds (5 of them offensive), followed by McDowell and Halverson getting 5 a piece, and Mensen and Sabers with 3 each. Freshman Bianka Ronnebaum led in steals with 6, just ahead of Chesnut who had 5, Sabers had 3, and Knipper, Sands, and Mensen each had 2 steals, to improve the team's record to 2-1 on the year.

Last night the Wildcats defeated Monticello and tonight they travel to Clinton to take on The Prince of Peace Irish. Stats for those games will be in the next Echo.

# what's up?

## What's your favorite grocery store? by Paige Winter

Jada Knipper: Fareway  
Lili Bauers: Sam's Club  
Lexi Halverson: Sam's Club or HyVee  
Jordan Hatfield: HyVee  
Taylor Jones: HyVee  
Lily Huber: Fareway  
Ashtyn Porter: HyVee  
Mr. Arnold: Fareway  
Ashton Goldsmith: Aldis  
Noah DeVore: HyVee  
Kaela Clemen: Randy's  
Landen Deutmeyer: Aldi  
Brock Daack: Walmart  
Caelyn Sands: Sonic  
Liz McDowell: Target  
Kylie Chesnut: Walmart  
Carissa Sabers: Dollar Fresh  
Lane Domeyer: Walmart

## Student of the Week

*Carissa Sabers*

**You've been nominated because of your positive leadership and communication skills. What do you think are the keys to being a positive role model?**

I would say one of the most important keys to being a positive role model is to set good examples by not only communication, but your actions. Another important key is to have a positive mindset towards everything you do whether that be for academics or extracurriculars.

**You're also in several extra-curricular activities. What time management skills advice do you have?**

I personally fill my planner out everyday in order to get all of my homework organized and straightened out. It also helps to have a priority list in order to separate what needs to be done first.

**What are three things that always make you smile?**

Being around my closest friends and family, accomplishing goals with those who helped you achieve them, and food.



## Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Taylor Schmuecker

**What event are you in for speech? Short film**

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?**

I love spending time with people I normally don't and coming up with different ideas as a group.

**What have you learned through this event?** To be more open to different ideas and not be afraid to speak up.

**Who is your speech role model?**

Mrs. DeVore. I love how true to herself she is. She definitely has inspired me to come out of my shell more.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I would love to judge improv because I think it would be fun to see what they come up with on the spot.



## FFA Student of the Month

*Jeremy Weber*



**What do you enjoy most about FFA?** I enjoy the experiences at competitions and at conventions talking to other peers that have the same passions that I have.

**What events have you been involved in throughout your time in FFA?** In my last 4 years in FFA, the events that I have been involved in are District Ag Mechanics, State Soil Judging, State Poultry Judging

**What is your biggest accomplishment in FFA?** My biggest accomplishment is that FFA has taught me to pursue what I'm passionate about and not to be afraid what others think.

**What is your biggest takeaway from being involved in FFA?** the biggest takeaway has been acquiring practical job skills and a strong work ethic.

**What skills have you gained from FFA?** Skills that I have gained are basic life skills and technical skills that I can implement into my everyday life.

**Explain your SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience).** So my SAE, is about doing routine maintenance at my family's trucking company, everything from changing oil to general maintenance.

**What advice would you give to underclassmen involved in FFA?** Step out of your comfort zone and experience opportunities you would not have done by yourself.

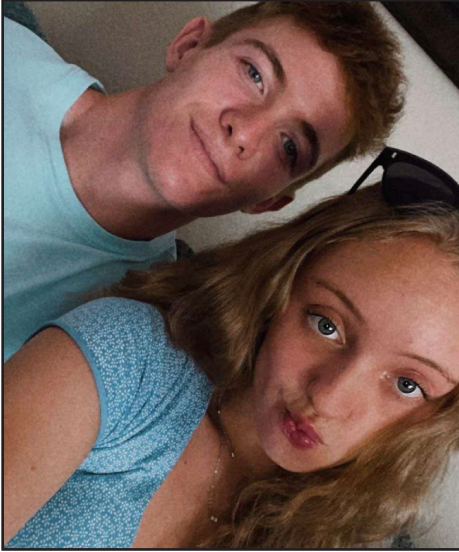
**Why would you recommend someone to join FFA?** The knowledge that you can learn from FFA can lead you to wherever you want to go.



**Sophomore Kody Hoeger receives his first academic award from Mr. Arnold at the assembly held Nov. 22.**



# Cutest Couple *All for fun and family support*



**Kennedy Rausch & Preston Roling**  
by Amaya Hunt

**What was the first thing that caught your attention about the other? What was your first impression?**

Kennedy: His red hair.

Preston: Her jump shot is the thing that caught my attention. Take it how you want to.

**What about the other gets on your nerves the most?**

Kennedy: I hate it when he tickles me.

Preston: She won't pick anything and can't make decisions.

**What would your idea of a perfect date night look like?**

Kennedy: Going out to eat somewhere, then watching movies somewhere.

Preston: A movie night with our favorite snacks, I think.

**What do you love most about the other?**

Kennedy: His muscles.

Preston: Love is a very strong word.

**What's a song that makes you think of the other?**

Kennedy: "I'm a Little Leprechaun" by the Kiboomers.

Preston: "Why Can't We Be Friends" by War.

**What do you like most about the other's family?**

Kennedy: I love his mom; I could talk to her for hours.

Preston: Rylan--he's a stud, and by far the best athlete in the family.

**If you could describe the other in one sentence, what would it be?**

Kennedy: A four year old ginger.

Preston: Her friends call her Kevin.



The student council sponsored a Pie-in-the-Face fundraiser to support an MV family at Christmas-time. The event, featuring Mr. Arnold, Mr. Osterhaus, Amaya Hunt, McKenna Thompson, George Livingston and McKenna Bush, raised \$97.

**Left: George Livingston remains calm as Kaitlyn Nolan attacks.**

**Below: Mr. Huegel appears to take pleasure in offering Mr. Osterhaus some whipped topping pie.**



## Cutie



**by Matthew Brehm**

This cutie resides outside of Delhi and has brown hair. She is a senior and enjoys participating in volleyball, speech, and softball. Something interesting about her is that she has the ability to wiggle her ears.

*Last week's Cutie was Zach Mineart.*

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

"I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now."

"A guy walks into a bar...and he was disqualified from the limbo contest."

"You think swimming with sharks is expensive? Swimming with sharks cost me an arm and a leg."

"When two vegans get in an argument, is it still called beef?"

"I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know..."

# Indigenous peoples: often overlooked

by Matthew Brehm

As some of you may know, November was Native American Heritage Month. Though we are now several days into December, I believe the celebration of diversity is something that should not be restricted to a single month. Indigenous peoples are far too often overlooked in American society.

Archeologists have reason to believe that people first arrived in the Americas around 12000 B.C. Over a period of several thousand years, they spread out across the two continents and developed vastly different cultures and lifestyles. It is estimated that by the time Europeans arrived, there were over 100 million Natives living in the Americas.

The arrival of colonists brought disease, and in turn, a genocide that wiped out around 90% of the indigenous people. There has always been strong tension dividing Europeans and Natives, and this divide lasts today. Forced into reservations and even denied citizenship on their own soil until 1924, indigenous populations are some of the poorest ones in the United States today. Here in Iowa, the median income for Native American households in 2019 was only \$26,255, compared to the statewide average of \$61,689. The unemployment rate for these populations was nearly double that of the state average in the same year, and 18% of Native American people in Iowa did not have health insurance. Despite their intense struggles, indigenous peoples in America retain strong connections to their cultures, and these bonds help them to maintain a sense of community and belonging. Hundreds of tribes reside across the country, a number of which speak in their native tongues.

The devastating injustices facing indigenous communities in the U.S. are just more examples of how influential the idea of perspective is in viewing different cultures, orientations, and identities. Maquoketa Valley's Diversity Club is young, but quickly finding its footing. One of our main goals is opening people's eyes to new cultures and learning to respect the beautiful mosaic that makes up our world. If this interests you, you are more than welcome to attend one of our meetings. They are held every Friday at WIN time in the High School office's conference room. We'd love to see you there!

## By the numbers

**40%** of sex trafficking victims in South Dakota are Native women.

Trafficking happens on the reservations, putting Native women and children at a greater risk than any other racial group.

**50%** of federal cases in South Dakota involve Native American women.

**70%** of domestic minor sex trafficking victims have experienced physical or sexual abuse in their homes.

Native women are 2.5 times more likely to become victims of sexual violence than women of other races.

**13%** of the sexual assaults reported by American Indian women result in an arrest. For Black women, the percent is 35%, and for white women it is 32%.

**4** times: The suicide rate for American Indian Youth is four times higher than the national average.

—statistics are from the Native Hope website

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

About **4** in **10** 9th through 12th grade students reported having tried cigarettes.

# Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

As I write this on December 1st, an annual event that my fellow music lovers look forward to all year has taken place once again. Spotify, the music streaming giant, has released "Spotify Wrapped," a slideshow revealing a listener's musical tendencies and inclinations. It reveals a person's top artists, favorite music genres, minutes of listening throughout the year, and more. Social media becomes littered with people sharing their music streaming habits.

After December comes to a close, however, Spotify users will notice that they are no longer able to access their statistics. The numbers, artists, and tracks will simply have vanished. As of right now, there is no possible way of looking back at a user's Spotify Wrapped from previous years.

This annual occurrence has inspired an interesting thought process in me: one concerned with the continuity of identity through time.

Every day, something I like to do is share what music I'm listening to on Snapchat. The platform keeps a log of those posts, and I occasionally look at what I was listening to a year ago on any given day, leading me to consider how my music taste has changed over time.

This, in turn, often reminds me of the ways in which our character and personality change fundamentally. Young people seem especially prone to this, as high school is often lauded as the prime time to discover oneself. Though it's true that young people are more likely to embark on massive identity shifts, change is a lifelong process, and older people are not exempt from growing and transforming with the progression of time.

For the sake of brevity, I will not venture into the philosophical debate on whether or not we are truly the same people for all of our lives. However, I will part with some advice: keep track of your changes. Don't let those past experiences slip away as they do on Spotify. This could mean saving what music you listen to on a daily basis. It could also mean keeping a journal of your thoughts, emotions, successes, and failures to look back on later in life.

Without recognizing the type of person you used to be, you cannot fully appreciate yourself as the person you have become.

