

FFA has busy summer, start to school year

by Lainey Knipper, FFA reporter

State Fair

August was a busy month for the MV FFA members. Six members took their projects to the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. The following members exhibited projects: Carter Kruse (Dairy- Purple), Brooke Hogan (Performance Beef- Red & Breeding Beef- Blue), Allison Hogan (Performance Beef- red), Haley Ronnebaum (Breeding Doe & Market Wether- Purple), Bianka Ronnebaum (Breeding Doe- Purple). We had multiple class winners and division champions this year! MV alumnus Carter Kruse also was awarded Premier Exhibitor and earned Top Chapter in the Dairy Cattle Division for his amazing performance this year!

Delaware County Fair

Everyone in Delaware County typically attends the Delaware County Fair in some capacity each summer. If you were



Lucas Orcutt shows his dairy calf at the Delaware County Fair in July.

there you probably saw 4-H and FFA members everywhere. This year MV FFA had a high number of members exhibit their projects through FFA. The following members exhibited projects: Lacy Reth (Horse & Poultry), Marley Wagnor (Horse & Market Steer), Ethen Brockhohn (Swine), Brooke Hogan (Market Steer & Breeding Heifer), Lucas Orcutt (Market Steer & Dairy cattle), Allison Hogan (Market Heifer, Dairy Cattle & Sheep), Dannie Burkle (Dairy Cattle), Lainey Knipper (Meat Goat), Kaya Knipper (Meat Goat), Haley Ronnebaum (Meat Goat), Bianka Ronnebaum (Meat Goat). FFA members also volunteered their

time to the Delaware County Fair in the Farmer for a Day tent and the Steer n Stein.

Milk Quality

On August 22 the milk quality team went to districts which were held at Beckman Catholic High School. The team placed first overall and had the top four individuals with Alia Domeyer placing 1st, Haley Ronnebaum placing 2nd, Bianka Ronnebaum placing 3rd and Alexis Halverson placing 4th. The team will be going to state Sept. 9 in Manchester to bout for a state title and a chance to earn their way to nationals!



Allison Hogan poses her entry in the beef show at the Iowa State Fair in August.



The milk quality judging team of Haley Ronnebaum, Alia Domeyer, Alexis Halverson and Bianka Ronnebaum earned first place at the district competition.

Meet MV's newest Wildcat: Lucas Knipper

by Erin Knipper

Lucas Knipper is a junior this year. He previously went to Beckman Catholic High School but decided to join us at MV.

One thing that he likes about Maquoketa Valley is how welcoming everyone is. He plans to become another solid member to our FFA program.

You can find Lucas working around the farm with his dad. In his free time, Lucas is usually outside working on different projects or is enjoying the outdoors. He is also active in 4-H and shows sheep at different shows throughout the year.



Lucas Knipper

Big Games on the Big Stage

People argue that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but I beg to differ: it's football season. The excitement, the pure energy, is everywhere. Whether you're an NFL fan, a NCAA fan, or just a FNL-let's-watch-our-classmates-play-football fan, you know the feeling of watching the team take the field, score a touchdown, win the game... it's addicting.

Or maybe you aren't a fan at all to which I have some rather friendly advice: try it once.

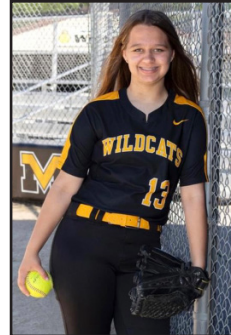
We here at Maquoketa Valley have already started football season. We watched the Wildcats take the field last Friday night in a thrilling game against North Cedar that resulted in a huge win. The crowd was into it, the football players were into it, the cheerleaders were into it, the marching band was into it, and the list could go on. With the lights shining down on everywhere as the numbers on the scoreboard increased, it felt like heaven (or maybe I'm just being overdramatic).

I'm not the biggest fan of the NFL, so I don't usually discuss it in this column that often. Maybe if the state of Iowa had a NFL team, it would be a different case. Instead, our neighbors to the northeast have the teams that we are most likely to cheer for: Vikings, Packers, and Bears. The west side of Iowa is slacking. Alas, NFL football doesn't gear up for official play (not including preseason) until September 11th.

College football is my type of football. Week 0 began last Saturday with games across the country and world, but this was basically college football's preseason. The official season starts this Saturday. For us fans in Iowa, here's the list of times and opponents that our instate teams play: first, Iowa Hawkeyes vs. South Dakota State Jackrabbits at 11:00; second, UNI Panthers vs. Air Force Falcons at 12:00; and finally, the Iowa State Cyclones vs. Southeastern Missouri State Redhawks at

1:00. Perfect opportunity to catch a bit of each game.

Me? I'll be watching the entire Hawkeye game and the preshow of the next game just to see reruns of what I am confident will be a Hawkeye win.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Volleyball team shows support for Holtz family

Long-time youth coach/AAU coordinator and athletic fan Josh Holtz has been undergoing cancer treatments, and the volleyball team is asking for your help in supporting him.

The team will be wearing their Hitting for Holtz shirts at the Sept. 6 home game, and they will have donation buckets available. Between games, the team will present Holtz with a check from the proceeds of the shirt sale and serve-a-thon.

High Five Friday starts off the day with spirit



The band, under the direction of drum major Josie Teymer and Mr. Ford, play the school fight song before school last Friday, the day of MV's first home game.

Students including Julia Ambundo, pictured, get high fives from teachers as they transition to their first hour class.

Bells are heard after Wildcats' win over Knights

by Kaitlyn Nolan

On the first Friday Night Lights of the season for Maquoketa Valley's football team, the game ended with celebration and the sound of the bell ringing throughout the field after the 46-6 victory.

The Wildcats played a hard-fought game of football against the Knights of North Cedar High School in the first battle of the season. The game started off on a high note with the Cats scoring first with a touchdown by junior Lance McShane who also, in the eyes of the coaching staff of the football squad, also earned Skill Player MVP. The O-Line/D-Line MVP was awarded to Nathan Beitz. At first, it seemed like North Cedar was still closely in it as they retaliated with a touchdown of their own. Soon after, the Wildcats took off and left Knights scoreless in the second half.

Head Coach Trevor Arnold was very pleased with how his team performed: "The excitement was great. The kids got to Ring the Bell on their home field and that is the way every home victory should end!" he commented.

"We had freshmen start at 2 WR positions, Left Tackle, Defensive Tackle, Cornerback, Free Safety, Strong Safety and Outside Linebacker. That in itself is huge. The first taste of playing time and varsity snaps is a big deal for anyone, especially a freshmen. So we were able to get those jitters out and just play football. Week 2 will be much easier in that department but we will also be taking on a better opponent. We need to be better in every facet of the game."

North Cedar game leaders

Passing-TJ Cook, 6 for 11, 42 Yards



Linemen Carter Klaren (17) and Lucas Orcutt (63) make way for Lance McShane (30) to gain some ground. (photo courtesy of TJ Photography & Designs).

Rushing-Lance McShane, 21 Carries, 201 Yards 6 TD's; Cook 6 carries, 37 yards; Tate Intorf, 4 carries, 34 yards
Receiving-Anderson Holtz 3 Receptions, Tate Intorf 14 Yards

Solo Tackles-McShane (8), Aidan Salow (7)

Assisted Tackles-Nathan Beitz (5), Aidan Salow (5)

Total Tackles-McShane (10), Aidan Salow (9.5)

Tackles for Loss-McShane (5)

Fumble recoveries: Holtz, Lucas Orcutt

MV's defense held North Cedar to -4 yards rushing and 72 yards passing and

(1) TD that was 74 yards of their offense.

The Wildcats' 46 offensive points are the most since they scored 56 on Oct. 16 in the first round of the playoffs in 2020.

Lance McShane tied Alec McDowell with 5 tackles for Loss in a Game which Alec set back in 2015.

MV had 8 of its 11 freshmen record a Varsity statistic on Friday.

The Wildcats play tonight in Calmar against the South Winneshiek Warriors. The game starts at 6:00 instead of 7:00. We hope to see you there! Go Cats!

Wildcats open season with 1-1 finish at triangular

by Toby Grimm

Last Thursday night, the girls volleyball team started off their season with a triangular meet against Jesup and Clayton Ridge ending the night even at 1-1.

The team lost to Jesup 0-2 (22-25 and 20-25). Leading the team in assists was Kiera Leytem with 5. Grace Richter led the Cats in kills with 3. On the defensive side of things, Lili Bauers led in digs with 10, Bianka Ronnebaum had 7, followed by Leytem and Richter with 5 each, and Kennedy Rausch with 4. Grace Richter also led in Aces with 3, followed by Bianka

Ronnebaum and Kennedy Rausch with 2 apiece.

The team was victorious against Clayton Ridge winning 2-0 (26-24 and 25-16). The assists column was led by Leytem with 19. Kills was Haley Ronnebaum with 3.5 also leading the team in blocks with 1. Bauers led in digs with 14 followed by Bianka Ronnebaum with 9.

When asked about the night, Coach DeGroot said, "I was very happy with the way we played at the Tri. We came out with a win against Clayton and played a very close game against Jesup. It was good

to get that first game out of the way. For so many of these girls, this is the first varsity game in high school and that can be a lot! I think they definitely rose to the challenge and are very excited to see how this year goes!"

Last night the team traveled to North Cedar to take on the Knights. On Saturday the team will compete at Anamosa to play against some new competition including Clear Creek Amana and Anamosa. The results and stats will be in next week's issue.

what's up?

by Lily Huber

If you were on death row, what would you request for your last meal?

Mr. Dunlap: Korean bulgogi and mandu... by the way, I am innocent.

Devin Meeks: I'll go to Olive Garden to get unlimited breadsticks so I'll never die :)

Kesley Hoeger: Steak and potatoes

Dylan Knipper: Honey barbeque wings from Buffalo Wild Wings

Preston Salow: Imma have to say probably Mexican or mom's meatloaf

George Livingston: A Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich... no pickles.

Kennedy Rausch: Spaghetti and breadsticks with fruit punch

Mr. Huegel: I'd ask for a Lifesaver!!! (he laughed at his own joke by the way)

Grace Richter: Chips and queso... like a ton of it

Kallie Freiburger: Alfredo and a breadstick from Olive Garden

Jesús Rumbo: A bottle of Sprite and a sirloin from Texas Roadhouse

Matthew Schaul: A peanut butter and 'nana sandwich

Get your service game on

This year marks MV's second year of having Wildcat Star Service Awards.

Students are encouraged to keep track of their volunteer hours on the form that's available in the office, from Mrs. Temple, or on the Wildcat Star Service webpage under Clubs & Organizations on the school website.

This year's seniors must have 150 hours of volunteer work documented by May 1, 2023. Juniors need to have 225 hours by May of 2024. All other students will need to have 300 hours by May of the year they graduate.

This program is designed to promote volunteerism and self-discovery through helping others.

If you have questions about this program, please visit the website or contact Mrs. Temple.

One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

It might be weird seeing a freshman having their own column that's supposed to be "serious," but I am going to try my best to make everyone interested in what I have to say.

So many things have happened so far, and I want everyone to know to not be afraid of change. The seniors will have to leave a school they may have been to their whole life—all the friends they have made, all the memories they will have to leave behind. We freshmen were pushed into an environment where we were basically spoonfed to where we have to fight for ourselves to succeed. Not many people are the fondest of freshmen, some with valid reasons, but we all want the same thing for each other: We all want to succeed.

We all want to leave school either in four years or one, being proud of all the things that we did here. High school is one of the most important years of your life, and we all need to take it for granted. That's why I am here. I want to leave my mark. I want to give students advice. You may forget it the next day, but all that matters to me is that you read it once. It means a lot to me.

During my time with the Echo I want to create a healthy environment in the high school, even if I can only do it through my words through this paper. I want people to be happy for their last year or the next four years ahead of them. This may only be my introduction, but I promise that there are many things to come. I will try my best to satisfy all of you. Thank you for being here.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Lance McShane

What do you enjoy most about football? Friday night lights

What lessons about life have you learned from the sport? Don't expect more until you do more.

Who are your favorite pro/college football teams? Iowa Hawkeyes and Seattle Seahawks

Why is football a sport worth going out for? It is a team game and everyone has to contribute and do their part to make the team successful. It is also a very physical sport which is super fun.

Who is your football role model? Emmitt Smith

Name: Haley Ronnebaum

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

Celebrating with the team after a kill or block.

What's your favorite drill in practice?

I love doing the box drill. We get to stand on a box and just hit balls.

What's your least favorite drill in practice?

The chair drill. I am always dead at the end of it.

What's your goal for the team this season?

Finish at the top of the conference.

What has made this year unique for you?

How close of a team we are friendship-wise. It makes everything flow on the court.



Meeting scheduled

This year's first Diversity Group meeting will be held during WIN Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the high school conference room. If you have any questions please contact Josie Teymer.

Best Buds

Macee Nolan & Grace Richter

by Josie Teymer

How did the two of you meet?

Macee Nolan: We met in kindergarten.

Grace Richter: I believe we met in kindergarten.

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Macee Nolan: The one time we were laughing so hard and she peed her pants was literally the funniest thing in the world.

Grace Richter: I don't have any because we always have such a great time together.

What song best describes the other person?

Macee Nolan: "Anaconda" by Nicki Minaj

Grace Richter: Any Katy Perry song because she loves Katy Perry!

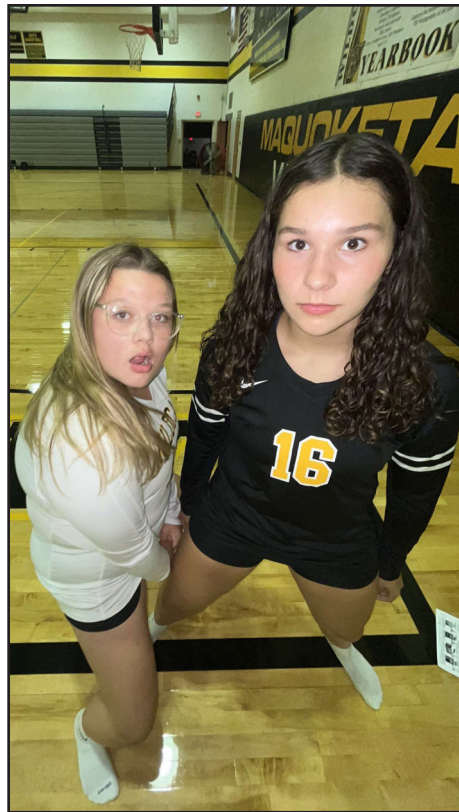
What is your favorite thing about the other person? Do they do anything to annoy you?

Macee Nolan: She is always happy and she is funny, but when we're going somewhere together she won't let me drive.

Grace Richter: My favorite thing about Macee is her humor. She could say anything and I laugh just because of the way she says things. She does a lot to annoy me ;), but the biggest thing is when she doesn't let me sit on her couch because that is where her boyfriend sits. She has loosened up a bit in the last few weeks and let me though :)

What does a typical hang out look like for you?

Macee Nolan: Our typical hangout is in my basement playing ping pong. Or upstairs playing Jackbox on the TV with



my family.

Grace Richter: I would say a typical hang out for us would be we hang out in her basement playing ping pong or on her xbox!

Where do you see your best friend in the future?

Macee Nolan: Going to college and doing good things for herself because she would be able to do that. Maybe even wearing Jojo bows :)

Grace Richter: In the future I think Macee will have a fun job. I'm not sure exactly what, but it won't be boring. I also think she will have a ton of dogs, and maybe one kid, if that, and married (likely to Abe :))

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had an amazing summer. I know that a lot of you already went back to school shopping, but why not go over this year's closet essentials?

The official colors for back to school are surprisingly neutral tones. These would be colors such as greys, browns, black, white, light greens, and denim.

I'm sure you've seen a few people walking around school wearing bikershorts or sweat shorts. I just want to say that I've been wearing bikershorts for YEARS and everyone told me they were ugly.

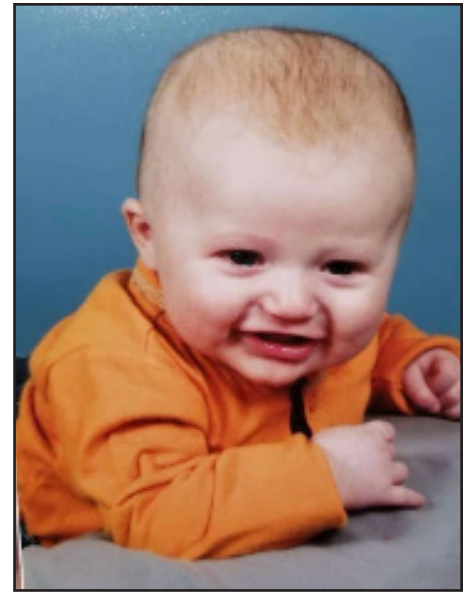
For those of you who like the comfy fit, oversized shirts are still in.

I also hear that boyfriend jeans are back in style.

The popular shoes for the back to school season are low rise Air Jordans and platform Converse.



Cutie



by Lily Huber

This cutie lives in Earlville! He is involved in football, basketball and track. One thing that he likes to do is fish in his spare time. Can you guess who it is?

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Smoking is the lead cause of preventable death. Cigarette smoking is responsible for

480,000 deaths per year, which is

1 in 5 deaths annually, or 1,300 deaths every day.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lily Huber

This week has a summer theme!

-What does the sun drink out of? Sunglasses.

-Why are basketball players afraid of going on vacation? They don't want to get called for traveling.

-What do you get when you cross a lake with a leaky boat? About half way.

-Did you hear the score between the ocean and the beach? It's tide.