

# Wildcat Echo

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## MV prepares to celebrate Homecoming



by Brooke Hogan

Homecoming at Maquoketa Valley is the week of September 26-October 1. The game is Friday, September 30 at Maquoketa Valley against Clayton Ridge Eagles. There are many activities going on this week. Join us for them as everyone is excited to see you there!

The theme this year is "Cage the Eagles."

Powderpuff/Ironman: September 25. Come out in your class shirts for some fun! We will start with Ironman volleyball at 5:30 pm in the high school gym. You will each play one game to 25 points. Next at 6:30 pm we will go out to the football field for powderpuff and will have a running clock of 10 minutes. A food truck will be in the parking lot.

Dress up Days:

Monday: Decades Day

Tuesday: Soccer Moms & BBQ Dads

Wednesday: PJ Day

Thursday: Color Block Day (wear your class shirts)

Friday: Black & Gold

Friday: 1:05 dismissal schedule

1:10-2:00 Class competitions

2:05-2:25 Parade

2:30-3:15 Pep rally!!

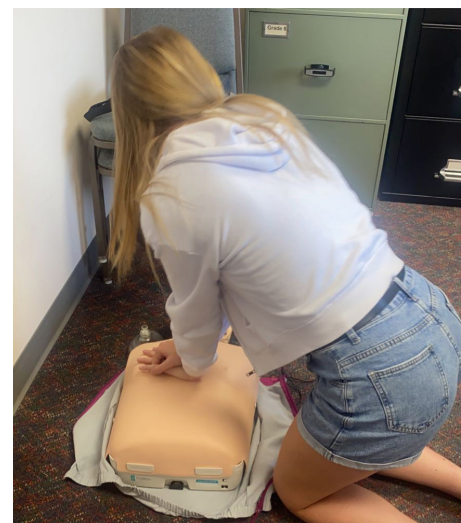
Homecoming Dance: October 1. Semi-formal attire (no jeans) from 7:30-10 pm in the high school commons. \$5 tickets may be purchased in the office during the week or at the dance.



Above: The cheer team preps decorations for homecoming week.

Left: The homecoming court includes front row, queen candidates Ella Mensen, Jenavieve LeGassick, Erin Knipper and Brianna Fischer; back row, king candidates Zachary Mineart, Carter Klaren, Avery Holtz and Kade Freiburger. The king will be crowned at the pep rally Sept. 30, and the queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game that night.

### *Certified!*



Seniors completed their CPR training last week, and several students, including Kennedy Rausch (above) earned their certification. (photo by Erin Knipper)

# Cross country runners brave the hills of Fillmore

by Chantel Crowley

On Thursday, September 15th, the MV Cross Country team competed at the Cascade Invitational in Cascade.

The boys placed 9th overall with 238 points. Runners were Matthew Schaul, 18:28.6, 15th; Arion Rave, 19:06.5, 28th; George Livingston, 19:09.8, 32nd; Toby Grimm, 21:28.9, 92nd; and Kenyon Baker, 21:56.9, 101.

"The placing was good in that most of the teams in the race were 2A and 3A teams whereas the Wildcats are 1A," stated Coach Meehan.

The girls placed 11th overall with 268 points. Runners included Taryn Burbridge, 22:01.6, 12th; Isabel Imler, 24:22.5, 43rd; McKenna Bush, 20:28.1, 111th; Allison Hogan, 32:05.8, 126th; and Keely Recker, 32:48.3, 128th.

Their next meet will be tomorrow on Saturday, September 24th at Anamosa,



Isabel Imler (left) and George Livingston (above) enjoy a bit of the flatter part of the course at Fillmore Golf Course.

# Volleyball goal: Top 3 in conference

by Toby Grimm

Despite a recent loss to conference leader and ranked team Springville, Coach DeGroot is still optimistic about her team.

"We have one more win as of right now then we did last year and still five more conference games to play, conference tournament, and post season play!" she stated. "Our goal is to finish top three in the conference and we have a great shot. We are young and we need to learn to finish a game but the attitude and the hustle these girls have will definitely give them a chance to get more wins! I'm excited to see where we can go and what we can get done, still a ton of volleyball left to play!"

Last Thursday night the volleyball team competed against the Central City Wildcats losing to the experienced team 1-3 (18-25, 19-25, 25-17, and 23-25). Offensively, Kennedy Rausch led in assists with 17, Haley Ronnebaum in kills with 11, and Grace Richter, serving 100% with 2 aces. Defensively, Lili Bauers led in digs with 14 and Haley Ronnebaum had 4 total blocks to complete the 4 close sets against Central City.

On Saturday, the team traveled to West Delaware to play in an Invitational Tournament. The squad started the day with Vinton Shellsburg losing 0-2(17-21

and 12-21). The assists column was led by Rausch(8), kills were Haley Ronnebaum and Lanni Beaman with 5 each. On defense, Bauers led in digs(11). The team then took on the Independence Mustangs losing 0-2(18-21 and 16-21). Rausch had 3 assists, Haley Ronnebaum had 2 kills, and Jada Knipper had 6 digs to lead the team. After that, the team played a conference opponent, the Starmont Stars winning 2-0(21-12 and 21-14) to bounce back. Rausch led in assists once again with 10, Haley Ronnebaum had 5 kills and 2 blocks. Bauers led in digs with 13, leading the team and both Grace Richter and Bianka Ronnebaum aced 3 serves a piece to help lead the team to victory. The Cats stayed hot winning their next game against the Ed-Co Vikings 2-0(21-10 and 21-7). Rausch led in assists(6), Haley Ronnebaum in kills(5), Leah Reicher in blocks(4), and Bauers in digs(8). The team served 100% on 20 attempts to propel them to their 5th win of the season. To end the day the Wildcats took on the West Delaware Hawks losing 0-2(10-21 and 11-21). Rausch led in assists(5), Beaman in kills(4), Haley Ronnebaum in blocks(2), and Bauers in digs(9). The team once again served 100% improving their season average to 93.6%.

On Tuesday the team took on the #1 Ranked Orioles of Springville at home



Haley Ronnebaum brings the heat against Central City last week. (photo by Danni Burkle)

losing 0-3(4-25, 22-25, 17-25). Beaman led in assists(1), as well as kills(3), and digs(6).

Last night the team traveled to Edgewood to compete against the Vikings. The stats for that game will be in the next issue.



## Student of the Week

*Paige Aulwes*



**You have been nominated because of your positive, helpful attitude and behavior. What do you think makes you so positive?** I love to help people when they need it and I been raised to make every day positive even if I'm having a hard day

**If you had to create a life motto, what would it be?** Be yourself and look towards the sunlight

**What advice do you have for other students to help them make the most of each day?** Look towards the light when your having a bad day look at the positive of something that is going to happen that day or later in the week

*Paige is the kindest student you will ever come across and you will be hard-pressed to find a more caring individual. She is a very responsible student and is always willing to go the extra mile to lend a helping hand. —Mr. Andrews*

# Cutie

**by Lily Huber**

Say hello to this Cutie! She is a junior, lives outside of Hopkinton, and is involved in volleyball and large group speech. A fun fact about her is she is a serious Iowa

Hawkeye fan. Do you know who this is?

*Last week's Cutie was Arion Rave*



## Fourth quarter surge ends with Wildcat victory



**Quarterback TJ Cook looks for a receiver in the Bellevue game last Friday night.**

**by Kaitlyn Nolan**

The Maquoketa Valley Wildcat football team won 22-20 against the Bellevue Comets last Friday in a close game with lots of energy filling the field and stands. It was a nailbiter down to the last ten seconds of the fourth quarter when an interception by Tate Intorf put the final statement on the game. Students, parents, cheerleaders, band members, and players alike were on their feet and cheering for the squad.

"We head to Winthrop on Friday looking to stay on top of the district," Head Coach Trevor Arnold stated. "With a win we move to 3-0 in the district. We also put ourselves in a good position to finish in the top 2 spots and that would enable us to host a home playoff game. East Buch likes to play physical and so do we. Who is able to impose their will on Friday night will be the one who comes out on top. After last year's 40-0 loss and some added post-game motivation we are looking to ruin the Bucs homecoming and bring back a W! See you in Winthrop. Go Cats!"

Tonight the Wildcats head to Winthrop to take on the Buccaneers of East Buchanan at 7:00 in a battle to stay on top of Class A District 4. The theme is neon, and we hope to see you there in bright colors cheering on the boys!

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kenyon Baker

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** Running with my friends and competing



**How has cross country changed you?** Being a better runner and staying in shape

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** Tripping into Brady while running "Long Trail"

**Where would you love to have a meet?** Bear LakeHighlands, Bear Lake MI

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "Hero" by Skillet

Name: McKenna Bush

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

I enjoy being around my teammates and becoming the best athlete that I can be.



**How has cross country changed you?**

Cross country has helped me to become more outgoing and hardworking.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** My favorite memory has to be team meals, particularly one time when we went swimming afterwards.

**Where would you love to have a meet?** I would love to have a "home meet" or in other words, a course in Delhi that we can run on.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "Break My Stride" by Matthew Wilder

# Best Buds



**Trista Elgin & Macy Thompson**  
by Grace Richter

## How did the two of you meet?

We met in 5th grade through school.

## What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Macy- Don't have any they all suck.

Trista- My favorite memory is when Macy clogged and overflowed my toilet and water got everywhere.

## What is your favorite thing about the other person? What do they do that annoys you?

Macy- My favorite thing about Trista is that she's always there for me and something she does that annoys me is that she's always sleeping. Or when I ask her a question and she thinks it's stupid, she will just ignore me.

Trista- My favorite thing about Macy is her humor and how sarcastic she is. Something she does that annoys me is when chomps on her food with her mouth open.

## What celebrity do you think your best friend looks like?

Macy-Cardi B.

Trista- Sue off "The Middle" when she had braces

## What does a typical hang-out look like for you?

Macy- A typical hangout is usually a Saturday night hanging out with our friends.

Trista- A typical hangout involves us going to get food somewhere and hanging out with our friends

## Where do you see your best friend in the future?

Macy-Probably working as a dental assistant and living with her poor husband.

Trista- In the future, I see Macy still in college not knowing what to do with her life.

# Big Games on the Big Stage

The Iowa State Cyclones are still undefeated after a huge win over Ohio this past Saturday. Coming off of a pretty low-level performance against the Iowa Hawkeyes (it was two-sided), they bumped up their game in an offensive showing of 43-10. This Saturday they head into their first Big 12 game against 17th-ranked Baylor who just dominated against Texas State last week in a 42-7 win. At least the Cyclones for having a good offense. The Hawkeyes cannot say the same...

## EXCEPT!

For the first time in forever it feels like, the Hawkeyes won a game and scored in the double digits (in fact, it's the first time since they played Nebraska last year to have checked off both categories). Thank goodness for that because these Hawkeyes fans needed a win after that last game against the Cyclones. After their win against Nevada in a blowout game, scoring 27-0 in the longest and latest game

I've ever witnessed, they move on to play their first Big 10 team on the road: Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights are 3-0 and are probably looking for their first win against the Hawks in history. What are the Hawkeyes looking for? Redemption. Plain and simple. Because even

though they won their last game, I feel that playing a B-Level team isn't enough to compensate for that loss against the Cyclones. I'd say I'm trying not to be biased, but that would be a lie.

Also, fun fact to end it for today, Spencer Petras has officially played football on a Sunday. I never thought I'd see the day that would happen.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

# what's up?

## Is it weird to wear shoes with no socks?

by Lily Huber

Sami DeMoss: If you're wearing tennis shoes... you're wearing socks. That's disgusting.

Harold Mohr: Yes it is... and if you put one sock then one shoe, one sock one shoe, that's weird.

Dylan Sands: The dogs stay in the cage unless it's the fish flops or Crocs... and guys got weird toes

Leah Reicher: Depends on the shoe, man  
Mrs. DeVore: I'm torn... depends on the shoe.

Zachary Leytem: Yes it is... You don't do that type of stuff

Anderson Holtz: Of course

Lainey Deutmeyer: No... that's why I got a hole in my shoe

Morgan Clemen and Keely Recker:

Depends, if it's tennis shoes, boots/closed shoes, please wear them.

Mr. Dunlap: Yes. Super weird. Gross.

Sweaty stinky feet. Never gonna get a girlfriend not wearing socks.

Jake Gellersen: Yes, you are a psychopath if you don't wear socks without shoes.

# MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Prescription drugs can be just as dangerous and addictive as street drugs.

Adviser's note: Watch Hulu's *Dopesick* (Emmy award winner). You'll see big pharma in a new light.

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

What did the duck say after she bought chapstick?

Answer: Put it on my bill

What do you call a fake noodle?

Answer: An impasta

What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested?

Answer: They gave him a tough sentence

What do frogs order at a fast-food restaurant?

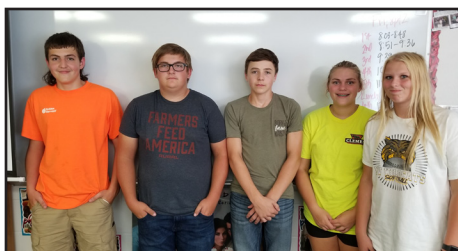
Answer: French Flies

What does a lemon say when they answer the phone?

Answer: Yellow!



## Meet the Freshmen



**Ashton, Ryan, Nolan, Jocelyn & Kallie**

Name: Kallie Friburger

Siblings: Adrienne, Cadence, Meleah  
Activities you plan to be in: Softball, Volleyball, and Speech

Favorite subject: Science

Career aspirations: Nurse

Hobbies: Babysitting

Name: Jocelyn Kelchen

Siblings: Ethan Ottaway, and Cody and Cade Kelchen

Activities you plan to be in: Speech and Volleyball

Favorite subject: Spanish

Career aspirations: I want to be a physical therapist.

Hobbies: Walking my dog.

Something cool about you: I can't run on a treadmill.

Name: Ashton Klaren

Siblings: Caleb, Haily, Brady, Felicity

Activities you plan to be in: FFA

Favorite subject: Wood working

Career aspirations: Welder

Hobbies: Working

Something cool about you: I've almost lost both of my pointer fingers.

Name: Ryan Beaman

Siblings: Logan and Megan

Favorite subject: Ag, metal fabrication.

Career aspirations: Welding or Farming.

Hobbies: Farming and riding four wheelers.

Something cool about you: I'm better at welding than my brother.

Name: Nolan Honkomp

Siblings: Griffin, Linken, and Aspen

Activities you plan to be in: Basketball and FFA

Favorite subject: Ag

Career aspirations: Farmer

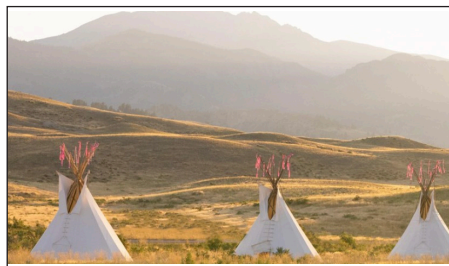
Hobbies: Farming, Riding four wheelers, jet skinning, and snowmobiling.

Something cool about you: I can back up a trailer better than most adults.

—typist: Grace Richter

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



For this week's Hall Smarts, I decided to ask some questions about national parks since September 24th is National Public Lands Day.

Question 1: How many acres of land are protected by the national park service?

Autumn Nelson: 40

Sami DeMoss: 100,000,000

Mason Jolley: 85 million

Derrick Mohr: 1.3 million acres

Answer: 84 Million Acres

Question 2: How many national parks are there in the U.S?

Autumn: 15

Mason: 423

Sami: 784

Derrick: 212

Answer: 423

Question 3: What is the most visited national park?

Autumn: Grand Canyon

Sami: Yellowstone

Mason: Grand Canyon National Park

Derrick: Yellowstone National Park

Answer: Grand Canyon National Park at 4.53 million

Question 4: What is the oldest national park, and when was it founded?

Autumn: Yellowstone, 1957

Sami: Glacier National Park, 1745

Mason: Yellowstone National Park, something old.

Derrick: Grand Canyon National Park, 1942

Answer: Yellowstone National Park, in 1872.

## One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan



The only way to succeed in life is to put yourself out there. I realized this at the beginning of the school year. When I was in 8th grade,

I felt like I wasn't important, and that if I wasn't at school for a day, nobody would notice. I felt like I was just another student in a gradebook. All that mattered was that I got good grades and that I was respectful and responsible. I didn't have a personality besides being the goody two shoes who wanted good grades. But, when I saw the email that the musical was going to be *Willy Wonka*, something awoke inside of me. I wanted to be more than a teacher's pet.

I tried out for multiple parts: Mike Teevee, Veruca, and more. I ended up getting Augustus. Some might laugh at the part, but I truly embrace it. I don't care if my character is a whole joke. I think it's amazing: being on stage and the audience's eyes on me for the first time in my life. People care about me. I need to be here. I am not just another student in some teacher's gradebook anymore. I am someone. I am worth more than my kindness and my willingness to work. Those are just a part of me now. I am someone who can laugh, smile, and have small talk with the teachers without them praising me for being so hardworking and not human. I used to think that being successful was just working hard and staying on the sidelines, but that's not even close to true. Being successful is liking yourself for what you are doing and being human and not just a working machine.

Do something that will make yourself want to live and be proud. Everyone is worth loving at some point, but it's up to you to make yourself feel like that. I love you all and thank you for being here. Do something this week that will make yourself or others around you smile. Love you and have a wonderful day.