

Wildcat Echo

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New face in the library

by Grace Richter

While many students may be familiar with our new library aide, some Wildcat may not know the new addition to the high school staff: Mrs. Montz.



What previous work experience do you have? I taught at Cedar Rapids Prairie for 11 years and North Cedar for 19 years — all elementary students until I came to Maquoketa Valley.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? I'm not sure what I wanted to be as a kid, but I started college to be a physical education teacher and wanting to coach.

What do you like about working in high school? I am so lucky to have had the experience of working at the middle school last year and meeting all those Wildcats! What I think I'll like best about being in the high school is watching the students I've met find their strengths and interests and seeing where life takes them.

Where did you go to college? I started my college career at UNI and then my life took a slightly different path. I graduated from Mt. Mercy College.

Do you have any goals for the rest of the school year? My goals for this year remain the same as they have throughout my teaching career: to support students I work with and be one of their biggest "cheerleaders"! (and learn everyone's first and last names)

What do you like to do outside of school? Outside of school, I enjoy family time with my three grown children, playing the piano, watching sports and cheering on the Cyclones!!

Powderpuff, Iron Man provide Sunday night fun



by Kaytlin Nolan

For the second year in a row, the Class of 2024 won Powderpuff by beating the sophomores and moving on to beat the seniors. During Iron Man, the Class of 2024 took another victory after winning a close game against the seniors. Placements of each class in each event are listed below:

Powderpuff:

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshmen

Iron Man:

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshmen



Volleyball team goes 1-1 in recent conference play

by Toby Grimm

Last Thursday the Girls Volleyball team traveled to Edgewood to take on the Vikings in a conference matchup. The team lost 2-3 (16-25, 21-25, 27-25, 25-13, 7-15).

On the offensive end, Kiera Leytem led in assists(43). Haley Ronnebaum led in kills(11), followed by Grace Richter and Leah Reicher with 9 each. Defensively, Lili Bauers led in digs(33), followed by Jada Knipper(19), and Binaka Ronnebaum(15). Leytem led in serving going 27/28 with 3 Aces.

This Monday night, the team took on the Starmont Stars at home and won big by a score of 3-0 (25-20, 11-25, 23-25).

"The girls' chemistry really came together on the court," stated Coach DeGrott. "Communication was at an all time high. We did well to adjust to hits and continue to swing at them. I'm very proud of how they came off a tough 5 set loss to Ed-Co Thursday and turned it around Monday to get a win."

Leytem led in the assists category (26). Haley Ronnebaum led in kills (11), followed by Lanni Beaman (7). On the defensive end, Bauers led in digs (19), followed by Beaman (14). Leytem and Richter led the chase with 2 aces each to secure the win in conference play.

Last night the squad challenged North Linn in Troy Mills. The stats for that game will be in the next issue.

Football team aim to improve tonight

by Kaytlin Nolan

Last Friday the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats took on a tough East Buchanan team in Winthrop in a battle for the top spot in the district. The first half ended in a tie, but the Wildcats had a difficult time continuing their offense in the second half of the game.

"We started out giving up a few big plays in the 1st quarter for long touchdowns," Head Coach Trevor Arnold. "We buckled down defensively and held them scoreless the rest of the half. We also got things going on offense and punched in two TD's to tie the game before half 12-12. We held the momentum into the half stopping EB on their last possession of the half but the good times stopped rolling once the second half began. We failed to keep things going in the right direction especially defensively. We struggled throughout the sec-

Several runners run personal bests in recent meets

by Chantel Crowley

As the cross country team moves into the second half of its season, several runners are seeing some of their best times yet. Just compare the times from the Anamosa meet to the Jesup meet.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the MV cross Country team traveled to Anamosa to compete with 18 other schools.

The varsity boys finished ninth out of the 15-team field. Matthew Schaul placed 14th with a time of 18:01, George Livingston placed 24th with a time of 18:29, and Arion Rave placed 33rd with a time of 18:47. Toby Grimm placed 82nd with a time of 21:09, Kenyon Baker placed 84th with a time of 21:11, and Brady Eike placed 91st with a time of 22:07.

In the girls varsity race, Taryn Burbridge finished 9th in 21:07, and Isabel Imler finished 44th in 23:49. McKenna Bush and Allison Hogan completed in the JV race and ran 28:29 and 29:52, respectively.

Coach Meehan also mentioned that Audra Burbridge won the Middle School girls race. Taryn Burbridge was an individual medal winner in the Girls varsity race, and Matthew Schaul accomplished the same feat in the Boys Varsity race.

Their next meet took place in Jesup on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

For the girls varsity team, Burbridge ran a 20:20 for 12th place, and Imler ran a 22:54.9, placing 74th. In the JV race,



George Livingston and Arion Rave compete with a pack at the Anamosa meet. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple, Monticello Express)

Bush ran 26:03, Keely Recker ran 26:30, and Hogan ran 26:34.

The boys varsity team included Schaul, running a 17:17.2, placing 11th; Livingston, running a 17:55.6, placing 30th; Rave, running a 18:35.7, placing 58th; Grimm, running a 20:09.6, placing 116th; Baker, running a 20:45.8, placing 134th; and Eike, running a 21:00.0, placing 139th. The team finished 11th out of 24 teams.

The next cross country meet will be on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and will be covered in the next issue.



Junior Isabel Imler took off almost a minute between her races last Saturday and this past Tuesday.

"Wildcat fans can expect an improved and determined football team this Friday night."

—Coach Arnold

ond half and didn't finish the way we are capable."

He continued, "We are ready to bounce back after a good week of practice and are ready to 'Cage the Eagles' for homecoming. Wildcat fans can expect an improved and determined football team this Friday night. Go Cats!"

The big homecoming game is tonight. Show up in your black and gold to support the Wildcats at 7:00 PM to Cage The Eagles!

Big Games on the Big Stage

Iowa State was handed their first loss of the season in a Big 12 battle with #16 Baylor, losing 24-31. Personally, I didn't watch the game, but I kind of expected Iowa State to take the win on this one. Hearing about their loss was disappointing. At least they get a chance to redeem themselves against Kansas this Saturday at 2:30 PM.

The Iowa Hawkeyes traveled to the home of the Rutgers Scarlet Knights to take the big dub against a Big 10 team in the opener. It started off frighteningly slow for the offense, but thankfully the defense showed up and showed out (as per usual). They won 27-10, but that's not something

we should be focusing on. No, the Hawkeyes stay at home to take on #4 Michigan. Basically, we need a miracle and a half to take this win. At the same time, four out of the last five top five teams that have visited Kinnick Stadium have been upset. Michigan was one of them in 2016. Let's just hope the coaches and the quarterback are ready for this.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Meet the Freshmen



Carter, Ford, Teagan & Madison

Name: Teagan Monk
Siblings: Tate Monk
Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: Nursing
Hobbies: Going on lake and going shopping
Something cool about you: I have two dogs.

Name: Madison Thompson
Siblings: Macy Thompson
Activities you plan to be in: Softball, Basketball, and Volleyball
Favorite subject: P.E.
Career aspirations: Something in the medical field or physical therapist
Hobbies: Sports, boating/going to lake, shopping, and hunting
Something cool about you: I got lost in Florida when I was 6.

Name: Carter Hedit

Siblings: Rogan, Victoria, Dylan.
Activities you plan to be in: Football
Favorite subject: Lunch
Career aspirations: Concrete, Football
Hobbies: Riding dirt bikes.

Name: Ford Domeyer
Siblings: Alia, Lane
Activities you plan to be in: Speech, FFA, Football
Favorite subject: PE
Career aspirations: Welding or Ag
Hobbies: Four wheeler, sheep, dairy shows.
Something cool about you: I got named after Chevy.

—typist: Grace Richter

Athletes of the Week

Name: Sami DeMoss

What do you enjoy most about being part of the cheer team?

I enjoy the bond that all of us girls and guy have on the team.

Why is having cheer important at MV?

I think cheer is important because it shows the football team that we are supporting them no matter what.

What's your favorite cheer?

Do the hustle

What's something about cheer that others may not know?

People might not know that cheer takes a lot of technique and work to perfect all the cheers and for everyone to be together with the cheers.

Name: Taryn Burbridge

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

The conversations the team has while running.

How has cross country changed you?

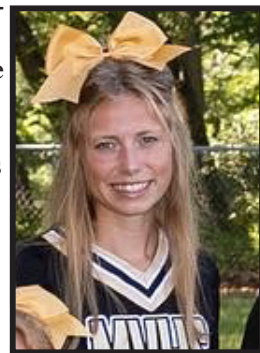
I have become a better athlete and a better person.

What has been your favorite memory of cross country?

When Isabel ripped her shorts hopping over the fence, or when Mckenna and I thumb wrestled for chocolate milk.

Where would you love to have a meet?

I would love to have a meet in Florida.



MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

More than **10 times** as many U.S. citizens have died prematurely from cigarette smoking than have died in all the wars fought by the United States.

Best Buds: Toby & Chewy

Matthew Schaul and Toby Grimm
by Grace Richter

How did the two of you meet?

Chewy: I think Toby and I met when he was in 5th grade and I was in 4th grade. I wanted to play on his grades travel team for basketball. Ever since then, we've just been pretty good friends throughout middle and high school.

Toby: random duos on Fortnite

What's the other person's name on Snapchat?

Chewy: toe bee

Toby: matthias

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Chewy: One time when Toby and I had to play for Tony Offerman's semi-professional baseball team. One of the guys on the team named Cam broke another guy's bat on the first ever in game at bat that bat saw. The guy that lended the bat noticed that the bat didn't fully break, so he snapped the rest in half over his knee.

Toby: going to Walmart and getting barked at by an employee after being falsely accused for riding little toy bikes and ringing the bells.

What song best describes your best friend?

Chewy: "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked" by Cage the Elephant

Toby: "Lights" by Ellie Goulding

What celebrity do you think your best friend looks like?

Chewy: David Dobrik

Toby: Shaquille O'Neal, Fred Figglehorn, or Paddy Pimblett



What does a typical hang out look like for you?

Chewy: Going to either Casey's or Sunset for food, looking around for random things at Walmart, then heading back to Toby's to play basketball or football with Lance McDreamy and Trevor, and talk about random things that come up.

Toby: heated 2v2 hoop sesh with Lance and Trev, Casey's breakfast pizza, Walmart run for candy and army palmers, cruising around, then smores and a fire, while conversing about life

Where do you see your best friend in the future?

Chewy: I see Toby going to college for baseball more than likely because I know well enough that he wouldn't go for cross country. I don't know exactly what Toby would choose for a career, but I definitely see his kids and mine being good friends in the future.

Toby: college for athletics, then becoming a coach/teacher

Cutie



by Lily Huber

What's happenin', Cutie! This Cutie is a senior, lives in Earlville, and is involved in volleyball and basketball. What you may or may not know is that she is obsessed with Harry Styles.

Can you guess who this is?

Last week's Cutie was Keira Leytem.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

When it comes to clothes, it's not all about wearing them. Putting away your clothes and organizing your closet is a big part of the fashion world. I know most of us do not have big walk in closets, but that doesn't mean it can't look good.

For my closet I have it set up in what I like to call, Sleeve order. This means my closet goes from tank tops, short sleeves, longsleeves, dresses/jumpers, and finally jackets. This becomes very handy when it comes to different seasons and putting laundry away. I used to have it in color

order but I had to change it because it got really hard to keep up and most of the clothes are black, white, and gray.

Some great closet essentials that I like are scarf/tie racks, earring holder, sunglasses rack, and my favorite, a shoe rack.



Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

What do you call security guards working outside Samsung shop?

Answer: Guardians of the Galaxy

What do pre-teens ducks hate?

Answer: voice quacks

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger..than it hit me

What kind of tea is hard to swallow?

Answer: Reali-tea

What did the grape say when he was pinched?

Answer: Nothing, he gave a little wine

Hall Smarts



by **Maya Smith**

In honor of homecoming week, I decided to ask some questions about the history of homecoming.

Question 1: When did the homecoming tradition start in the U.S.?

Lanni Beaman: 1962

Jada Knipper: 19-something

George Livingston: The Middle to late 1930s

Brooklynn Lammers: 1989

Answer: 1911

Question 2: What was last year's homecoming king and queen?

Lanni: Tanner Demoss and Amaya Hunt

Jada: Amaya and Tanner

George: Tanner Demoss and Amaya Hunt

Brooklynn: Amaya and Tanner

Answer: Amaya Hunt and Tanner DeMoss

Question 3: In the late 20th century, what item was placed outside M.V. by either the senior boys or senior girls?

Lanni: Balloons

Jada: A car

George: A customized display of some sort

Brooklynn: Hay bales

Answer: An outhouse

Question 4: In the late 20th century, Maquoketa Valley classes created spirit rings for homecoming instead of floats. What is a spirit ring?

Lanni: A circle with decorations on it.

Jada: no idea

George: Rings that the students decorated and wore. Everybody could have a unique ring and teams have matching rings.

Brooklynn: hoola-hoop type thing they decorated

Answer: A large ring decorated similarly to floats, one for each class, and during the homecoming game, the football team would run through one.

One at a Time

by **Arianna Nolan**

You never know what's going on inside of someone's head. When you walk past someone in the hallway and accidentally bump into them, you might have negative thoughts about them. But we shouldn't judge people like this. We have people all around us at all times; they may be close to us, and they may not be. But, we should still treat everyone with kindness because you may not know what they may be going through. It has been a rough week for some, and it may have been a great week for others. But, never say something that might make it worse. We are all trying to get to the same goal, and that is to succeed, or for some it might be to just make it to the end of the day.

On this topic, I want to say that everyone should make time for themselves. Taking care of yourself is important, not just physically, but also mentally. Mental health is a big issue in our school that some may not notice, but everyone is affected by it somehow. Whether it be sad that you got a low score on a test, or that your friend didn't come to school, or maybe the game you were looking forward to got canceled. Whatever it may be, your feelings matter. You aren't pathetic or dramatic for being upset about something.

If you have realized that you have done something wrong to someone this week, you should apologize. Apologizing may not make them forgive you, but it's always worth trying, because if you never try then you are always failing. Apologizing is a big step of moving forward with yourself and can make you feel better about yourself.

Students attend lifeskills seminar

Yesterday the juniors and seniors attended an assembly at West Delaware to learn from Brooks Harper. Students from West Delaware, MV and Ed-Co attended the event.

Harper, a career development expert and interview coach who has successfully led clients to rewarding careers in higher education, pharmaceuticals, biomedical, defense contracting, and a host of other industries, spoke to the students about the importance of having a plan, networking, and asking for help when needed.

But now, not everything isn't your fault. You can't control something, and that's just the way it is. Something important that I want people to remember this week to have a

more positive outlook on things, like if the game gets canceled just know that it was for a reason, and that there is always a next game to look forward to. You could hang out with your friends in the meantime and do things that you like to do since it might have been canceled. Of course, this is all metaphorical and I hope the game doesn't get canceled because I know some people really look forward to that.

This week, I have one goal for everyone and that is to make someone's day. Everyone needs a little pick up in their life, and helping people makes people feel good. You can give someone a compliment, or give them a little note in their locker, or if you are close to them you can give them a little gift or hang out. Whatever it is, make someone feel good and special. I love you all, and I hope you have a wonderful week next week.



what's up?

by **Lily Huber**

Would you rather talk like Yoda or breathe like Darth Vader?

Sami DeMoss: Talk like Yoda.. when I hear Darth Vader breathe, I'm like, "Are you okay?"

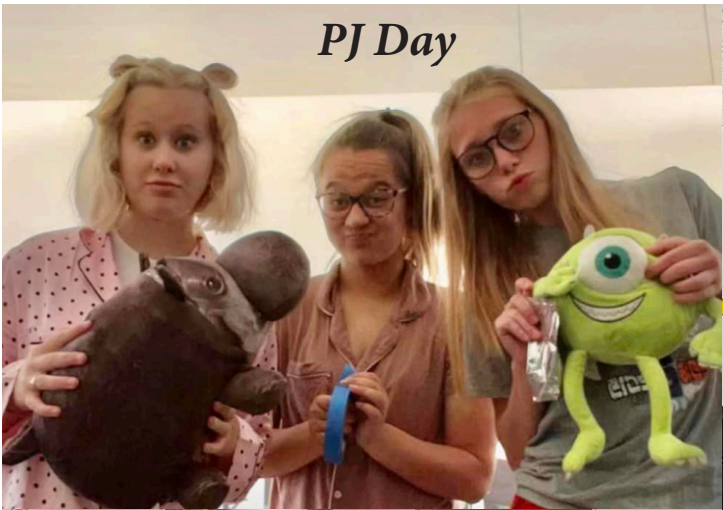
Livia Hermanson: Talk like Yoda (she proceeded to talk like him after this)
Mrs. Besler: What if I've never never seen Star Wars and don't know what either sounds like?

Dylan Schumuecker: Breathe like Darth Vader because it would make everything I say twice as dramatic

Mr. Arnold: Talk like Yoda because it's funny

Devin Meeks: Breathe like Darth Vader because he's awesome

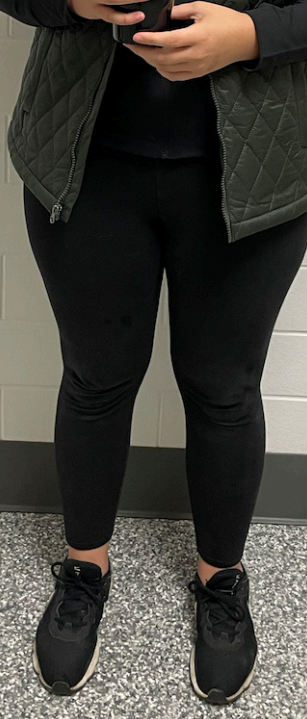
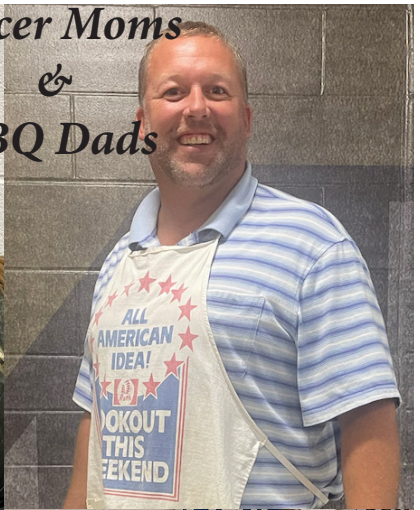
Anna Deutmeyer: Darth Vader for sure



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