

Wildcat Echo

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FFA students compete in soil judging contest

The soil evaluation teams were, front row: Jordan Hatfield, Kaya Knipper, Jada Knipper and Alexis Halverson; back row: Ethen Brockhohn, Ty Hoeger, Kody Hoeger and Leah Reicher.



by Lainey Knipper

Students of the Maquoketa Valley FFA participated at the Northeast District Soil Evaluation on Wednesday, September 28 at Hawkeye.

Two teams went to the competition. Team one consisted of Kody Hoeger,

Ethen Brockhohn, Ty Hoeger and Kaya Knipper. They placed 23rd out of 62 teams.

Team Two consisted of Alexis Halverson, Leah Reicher, Jada Knipper and Jordan Hatfield. They placed 25th out of 62 teams.

Knipper and Holtz: Homecoming Royalty



Erin Knipper and Avery Holtz were crowned homecoming queen and king last Friday.

UNI Vocal Arts Festival provides learning opportunity

by Kaitlyn Nolan

This Sunday and Monday, five choir students participated in the UNI Vocal Arts Festival to enhance their learning on the music for All State auditions later this month. It was a great festival full of concerts, fun learning under the direction of UNI's vocal educators, and offered a chance for everyone there to feel better prepared for auditions. After spending two days practicing and perfecting the music on a different level than before, the students that came from all over the state performed a short concert filled with the pieces for All State. The students who participated were Julia Ambundo, Cece Trenkamp, Jesús Rumbo, Chantel Crowley, and Kaitlyn Nolan. A special thanks to Ms. McCrary for taking us!



Participants in the UNI Arts Festival were, front row: Julia Ambundo and Cece Trenkamp; back row: Kaitlyn Nolan, Chantel Crowley and Jesús Rumbo.

Wildcats play big for homecoming victory

by Kaitlyn Nolan

For the third time this year, the bell rang on the home field after a win against the opposing team. What made this third time different? The bell rang on the night of Homecoming after a dominating performance against the Clayton Ridge Eagles. The Maquoketa Valley Wildcats won 42-0 last Friday night, but that doesn't mean they're satisfied.

Head Coach Trevor Arnold wrote, "We played well enough on Homecoming to get a shut out victory. Shutouts aren't easy to come by and the way out defense played, they earned it. We didn't have the rhythm on offense that we would like to have but the kids pushed through it and we ended up with a decent night offensively. TJ Cook threw for over 100 yards for the first time in his career which is an awesome milestone to hit. 8 for 14, 147 Yards and 2 TD's. It was also his first multi-TD pass game of his career. Lance McShane continued his great year running the ball with 124 Yards on only 13 rushes and 2 TD's to go along with 70 yards receiving and another TD. Brady Wall, Anderson Holtz, Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf all had yards and catches in the passing game. Intorf and Holtz both scored TD's as well. Defensively as usual, Aidan Salow was a one-man wrecking crew. Devin Meeks had another great night at Defensive Tackle for us in only his 3rd game playing the position. We ended up collecting three turnovers on the night.



The defense wraps up a Clayton Ridge player during MV's homecoming game last week. (photo courtesy of Crystal Breitbach)

(2) interceptions by Brady Wall and Tate Intorf. A blocked punt recovery by Anderson Holtz as well. In the end, we won, celebrated homecoming and we were injury free. Starmont provides a challenge. They need a victory to stay alive for the playoffs. If they lose, they play week 8 and their season is over. They will be hungry. So should we. If we win, we keep the hope alive for a home playoff game if we also take care of business week 8 against North Linn. 1-0 is the goal. Beating Starmont is what matters right now. We hope to see you at Starmont on Friday. We celebrated Homecoming of our own last week and it is time to crash the Stars party on their homecoming."

Tonight is the night, Wildcats, for

the last regular season away game against the Stars of Starmont. The theme is USA, and the game starts at 7:00. Show up and support! Go Cats!

Individual/Team Highlights

TJ Cook: threw for 147 yards; first career 100 yard passing game; passed for 2 TDs
Dylan Knipper: personal best single game rushing total with 79 yards on 9 carries
Anderson Holtz: scored first TD on a pass from TJ Cook

Lance McShane: first receiving TD of the year; has 919 rushing yards on the season; scored his 16th rushing TD of the season
Defense: 1 fumble recovery; 2 interceptions; held Clayton Ridge to 36 total yards

Faster, faster, faster runs the cross county team

by Chantel Crowley

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the MV Cross Country team traveled to Manchester to compete on the Hart Ridge Golf Course.

"We performed quite well," stated Coach Meehan. "Most ran close to their best times, if not their best times. The improvement in performances are coming at the right time. The conference meet is next week, and the following week the State Qualifying Meet takes place. We are looking to finish the season strong."

For the Varsity girls, Taryn Burbridge ran with a time of 20:35, placing 14th, and Isabel Imler ran with a time of 23:34, placing 88th.

On the Junior Varsity girls team, Allison Hogan ran a time of 26:43 placing 81st, and McKenna Bush ran a 28:25, placing 108th.

The Varsity Boys were able to compete with a full team, placing 15th overall. Matthew Schaul placed 24th with a time of 17:22, George Livingston placed 46th with a time of 17:57, and Arion Rave placed 78th with a time of 18:73. Toby Grimm placed 124th with a time of 20:01, Brady Eike placed 141st with a time of 20:50, and Kenyon Baker placed 143 with a time of 20:56.

Their next meet will be on Saturday, October 8th at North Linn and then they will gear up for the conference meet next Thursday. Good luck!

Brady Eike heads to the finish of Tuesday's meet. (photo courtesy of Susie Schaul)



Wildcats face tough conference VB foes

by Toby Grimm

The Wildcats Volleyball team traveled to Troy Mills last Thursday Night to take on the Lynx of North Linn. The Cats lost to an experienced Lynx squad by a score of 0-3 (20-25,13-25,16-25). On the offensive end, Kiera Leytem led the team in assists(14). Haley Ronnebaum was on top of the kills category(10). Defensively, Lili Bauers led in digs(13), followed by Bianka Ronnebaum (7), and Leytem (6). Haley Ronnebaum led in blocks(3), followed by Leah Reicher (2). After the loss, the team fell to 1-4 in conference play.

On Tuesday night the team went out of town to take on the East Buchanan Buccaneers. The team lost 1-3 (25-17, 24-26, 13-25, 20-25), after winning the first set. Offensively, Leytem led in assists(6), followed by Rausch (7). Haley Ronnebaum led in kills (10), Grace Richter (7), and Lan-ni Beaman (3). Defensively, Lili Bauers led in digs(18), Bianka Ronnebaum (11), and Rausch (7). Haley Ronnebaum and Alexis Halverson were on top of the blocks with 3 each. The Cats served 85.7% as a team. Richter had 3 Aces on 10 attempts and Haley Ronnebaum had 2 aces.

Last night the team challenged the Alburnett Pirates at home. The stats for that will be in the next issue.

Big Games on the Big Stage

Iowa lost. Again. I'm trying to keep a positive outlook on this game. Not many people expected us to even score, and the Hawkeyes still managed to score two touchdowns against the #4 ranked team in the country. That's pretty good, right? Last year, with a more put together team that had won the Big Ten West, we only managed to score a field goal worth three points against Michigan's dominating forty-two points. Losing the game 14-27 wasn't terrible whatsoever. We showed that we have some talent in offense, but that doesn't mean the Hawks are perfect. If they were, we would have won.

If they were, we would have beaten Iowa State (yeah, I will not get over it any time soon). If they were, our offense wouldn't be ranked second to last in the nation (special shoutout to Colorado State

Athletes of the Week

Name: Matthew Schaul

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

I enjoy cross country because it's a sport that helps push you to your limits. I've met many people that have turned into my friends from our school and even from different schools in this sport and I love seeing how they do at different meets and even being able to compete against them at different meets.

How has cross country changed you? I feel like cross country has impacted my life and changed me in a great way by forcing me to become mentally stronger.

What has been your favorite memory of cross country? My favorite memory by far has to be last year after taking second as a team at the state meet. Just being able to finish the seniors last cross country season like that was incredible. During last year's cross country season, they pushed all of us underclassmen during the tough practices and the meets, which helped us achieve what we did, and is even helping us this season. They had a huge impact on us underclassmen and were great role models for us, which made taking the lead of the team this year much easier for us.

Where would you love to have a meet? Big Sky, Montana.

If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be? "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash



for being the worst). If they were, Spencer Petras wouldn't be ranked 127th out of 129 quarterbacks in the country (#givepadillaa-chance).

The Hawks head to Champaign this Saturday to battle against the Fighting Illini. The Illini are currently at the top of the Big Ten West and are looking to beat the Hawkeyes for the first time since 2008. Again, here I'm praying that we don't let a team we usually beat take a dub from us.

Iowa State just barely lost to a ranked Kansas team last Saturday, losing by a mere three points. The Cyclones head back to Jack Trice Stadium in Ames to prepare for yet another battle against

Name: Claira Gray

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

The thing I most enjoy about being part of the cheer team is definitely how much all the little kids from our cheer camps look up to us. Also just hearing stories from so many other people about the cheer team back when my mom was in high school I'm just glad I'm able to take after her and be a part of this team, I know I'll be able to look back and have many stories of my own to tell from being on the cheer team- we can leave out the one where I spelled "Wildcats" wrong in front of the entire school, haha;)

Why is having cheer important at MV? I think that having cheer at MV is important because we haven't had it for so many years I've noticed it definitely helps bring more energy to the game.

What's your favorite cheer? My favorite cheer is definitely "jump shake your booty" or "Toughen up big D!"

What's something about cheer that others may not know? I think something about cheer that a lot of people don't know is how much time goes into it. Not only did we have a lot of early morning practices throughout the summer but you have to spend time on your own outside of practice stretching, practicing cheers, jumps, etc, and making sure your arms are strong.



a Sunflower State team: Kansas State. So far, it's pretty up in the air as to who will win. Iowa State has the best defense in the Big 12, and they have been pretty consistent on offense. On the other hand, Kansas State's quarterback has really been showing his skills having since left the Nebraska Cornhuskers (good choice, man). This game is looking to be a close one.

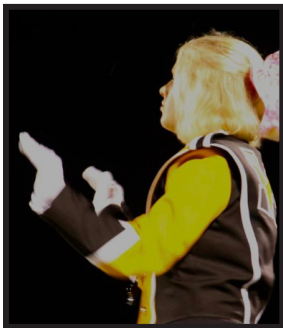


by Kaitlyn Nolan

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Josie Teymer

This is the second year you've been a drum major. How does this year feel different? I feel like I have gotten a lot better compared to last year.



What are the keys to being a good drum major? A good drum major keeps the band in time, helps their band members, and respects everyone.

If you had to design a marching band show, what theme would you choose?

If I had a choice I would go with an Alternative showcase. The songs would be "All The Small Things" by Blink-182, "Holiday" by Greenday, and "Teenagers" by MCR.

Cutie

by Lily Huber



What's poppin', Cutie! This Cutie is from Earlville. He is a sophomore and is involved in football, track, and baseball. A fun fact about him is that he doesn't know how to throw a football (his words)... Do you know who this is? *Last week's Cutie was Kennedy Rausch.*

Student of the Week

Rash Hunt



You've been nominated because of your initiative to help out in the FCS kitchen. You recently jumped in and started washing some dishes. What made you decide to do that? I started to really enjoy Beginning Foods and being in the kitchen lately, mainly because Mrs. Downs might be my favorite teacher and I just wanted to help her out because I always have a study hall after so I can stay and help her so she doesn't have to do as much. Then when it comes to cooking, I decided to really focus and help out because I'm most likely one of the worst cooks in the school, and needed serious help. Like I still don't know how long to put certain foods in the microwave to reheat. It's that bad.

How else in your life have you shown ambition and initiative? I've always been a really active person, and I'm always trying to go do something fun because I hate just sitting around and doing nothing, so I guess I'm always ambitious to just go get out there and do something fun. I've always tried to live life to the fullest and do as much as I can in a day because you never know when your last is.

What do you enjoy most about high school? I enjoy the people, like getting to see my upper-class friends every day and seeing some of my favorite teachers.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

If smoking continues at the current rate

among U.S. youth, **5.6 million** of today's Americans younger than 18 years of age are expected to die prematurely from a smoking-related illness. This represents about one in every 13 Americans aged 17 years or younger who are alive today.

Dying Words

by Cadence Freiburger

Marie Antoinette was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1755. At the young age of fifteen, she was married to King Louis XVI and became a symbol of the hated French monarchy.



Due to her position, Marie's life mostly revolved around socializing and indulging in luxuries the average French citizen could not afford due to excessive taxing. Rather than blaming the nobility for resisting the King's attempts at taxation with representation, the citizens took it out on Marie. She was subject to many political cartoons that painted her as a foreign woman only trying to destroy France.

After an attack on the royal family, the King and Queen fled to the Austrian border, and rumors flew that Marie's brother (the Holy Roman Emperor at the time) was waiting to invade France, painting the Queen as a confirmed traitor. The royal family returned to the Tuileries Palace, and a mob trapped them—along with other royals—in a tower.

The royals were executed in groups by the revolting French citizens. King Louis XVI was executed before Marie Antoinette in December of 1792. Nearly a year later—after losing custody of her son—the French Queen was convicted of treason and taken to the guillotine. At the age of 37, Marie Antoinette faced death. After accidentally stepping on the executioner's foot, the Queen of France spoke her dying words:

"Pardon me sir. I meant not to do that."

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Answer: Because they make everything up.

What musical instrument is found in a bathroom?

Answer: Tuba toothpaste

How are false teeth like stars?

Answer: They come out at night

What is a computer's favorite snack?

Computer Chip

Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

Answer: Because he felt crummy

what's up

What is your most recently used emoji?

by Lily Huber

Mr. Cassutt: Just the regular smiley face (😊), keeping it simple

Danielle Burkle: 👍

Jordan Hatfield: 👎

Jesus Rumbo: ❤️ and 🤔

Kallie Freiburger: 🎉

Mr. DeVore: 🍌 , that's what the Wordle was today

Arion Rave: 😂

Bianka Ronnebaum: 🥛

Ford Domeyer: 🙄, I can wink with both eyes at the same time

Tayrn Burbridge: 😂

Rachael Hoefer: 😄

Lanni Beaman: 👍

Kash Hunt: 😂

Anderson Holtz: 🧢

It's never too early to think about DFS



Keith Kramer spoke with the seniors this week about Dollars for Scholars as well as Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization that builds beds for children.

Scholarship tip: Are you keeping track of your activities, work experience, and volunteer work? If not, now's the time to record what you've accomplished. Update it each quarter. Create an activities resumé so you have an easy reference for scholarship applications or to give to someone to write a letter of recommendation.

One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

Everyone seems tired this week. Like, very tired. People don't want to do much this week, and I can tell by just looking around. People might say that it's because of homecoming, but I don't think that's it. It is like this every week. Everyone loses motivation to do anything until Friday, and then it's back to the same old attitude back on Monday. Why is it like this? I think it's because this school is lacking positivity. You may be asking, "Well, then how do we fix this?"

It's pretty simple, actually. It's not up to the people around you to do good and make you feel good; it's up to you to get it started. Once someone does something good to you, it's only natural to want to do something good in return. Whether it may be returning a favor, or even something as simple as holding the door open for someone, it can still spread positivity. Positivity is very important, especially in a school environment when things can get very negative very fast. Either it be a rumor spread, or someone woke up late, it's very easy for things to become rough for a student. All you have to do to make someone's day better is to ask them if they are okay. Simple things like that can make people want to spread more positivity, and it all becomes a chain.

This week, I have a challenge for everyone. Even when things get rough and you don't want to do anything, like most everyone, do something to counteract that thought. Make next week a great week. Make someone's day, make someone smile, do something that will get positivity spreading throughout the school. I will even do something this week. I just want people to be happy, which is why I am writing this article in the first place. I have one thing in life I want to do and that is to make people happy. If that takes getting out of my comfort zone, then I will do it. I love you all, and, people, have a great week next week.



Meet the Freshmen

Name: Arianna Nolan

Siblings: Abram Nolan

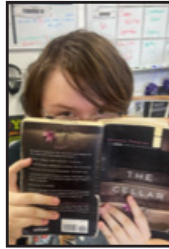
Activities you plan to be in: The musical and play

Favorite subject: History

Career aspirations: CSI or Author

Hobbies: Writing, drawing, and listening to music.

Something cool about you: I have written a novel, but it's not published yet.



Name: Elizabeth Kraft

Siblings: Lilly Kraft

Activities you plan to be in: Track and speech.

Favorite subject: Normally history of any sort of, english.

Career aspirations: You tell me.

Hobbies: Reading and writing.

Something cool about you: Published author



Name: Lee Rowan

Siblings: Grace Rowen and Mason Rowan

Activities you plan to be in: Choir, band.

Favorite subject :Band

Career aspirations: Mechanic

Hobbies: Ride horses

Something cool about you: I showed a horse in the Delaware County Fair.



—typist: Grace Richter



Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



October 4th was National Cinnamon Bun Day. For Hall Smarts this week, four students' knowledge was tested on cinnamon buns.

Question 1: How many cinnamon rolls does Cinnabon sell each hour?

Brianna Fisher: 5,000

Isabel Imler: 1,000

Sebastian Charles: 468,479

Taryn Burbridge: 1,000

Answer 1: 8,300

Question 2: What are other names for cinnamon buns?

Brianna: Cinnamon Rolls

Isabel: Cinnamon Roll

Sebastian: Cinnamon Bun

Taryn: Cinnamon Roll

Answer 2: Cinnamon roll, cinnamon snail, cinnamon swirl, cinnamon danish.

Question 3: Where did cinnamon rolls originate from?

Brianna: Sweden

Isabel: France

Sebastian: France

Taryn: France

Answer 3: Sweden

Question 4: When did national cinnamon bun day start?

Brianna: 1990

Isabel: 1990s

Sebastian: 1947

Taryn: 1998

Answer 4: 1999

Taryn Burbridge brings it home at the meet Tuesday in Manchester. (photo courtesy of Susie Schaul)

From the Diversity Club

by Josie Teymer

Sci-

ence shows that telling affirmations to others and yourself can boost activity in the parts of your brain that con-

trols your self-value. To promote National Smile Day, here are some affirmations to brighten your smile:



I am proud of who I am today

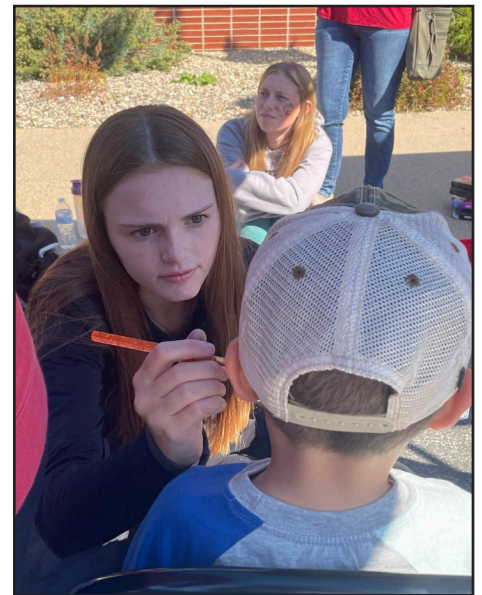
I am blessed with a wonderful family and loyal friends

I am loved more than I ever thought possible

I deserve happiness, health, and love

I radiate charm, beauty, and kindness

Sharing talents, helping others



MV dance and cheer members painted faces last weekend at Hopkinton's Hot Rods & Harleys event. The dance and cheer teams have made volunteering a part of their programs.



Homecoming Highlights



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