

## Homecoming 2023 deemed a great success

by Grace Richter

Homecoming week was a blast! Here's a recap looking back on the week! Student body president Lily Huber stated, "I think that homecoming went amazing! Powderpuff and Ironman was a great kickoff to the week on Sunday, with the food trucks being a nice addition for spectators. We saw lots of participation in the dress up days this year which I loved. The fan support was fantastic during the home volleyball game. Now, finally Friday! The class games were entertaining and a great kickoff to the festivities of the day, the parade went smoothly, and the prep rally was energetic in preparing everyone for the football game. The Wildcats made Postville walk

the plank for sure!"

Lastly, the winners of the dressup days last week!

For the students/teachers:

Monday/Dynamic Duo:

Lily Huber and Kiera Leytem, Ms. Droetzler and Mrs. Besler

Tuesday/Throwback: Shane Wright, and Mr. Ford

Wednesday/Workout: Aidan Salow, and Mr. Dunlap

Thursday/Class Colors: Jeanie Teymer, and Mrs. DeVore

Friday/Spirit Day: Bianka Ronnebaum, and Señorita

The overall winner for the week was Josie Teymer.

Lily Huber and Lance McShane were crowned homecoming queen and king.  
(photo by Dannie Burkle)



## FFA team competes at dairy expo



by Kaya Knipper, FFA reporter

Last Thursday 11 members competed at the Tri-State Dairy Expo in Calmar at NICC. Members competed in Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Milk Products Evaluation.

Results include Dairy Cattle Evaluation Team 1, made up of Ford Domeyer, Caden Kremer, Bianka Ronnebaum and Tyler Hoeger, took 6th place and 10th in NE District FFA. Ty placed 10th in the individual competition. The Dairy Cattle Evaluation Team 2 included Braden Ronnebaum, Karly Kerch and Allison Hogan. Dairy Foods Judging with Haley Ronnebaum, Leah Reicher, Jada Knipper and Alexis Halverson took home 10th place team NE District FFA.

## MV stadium gets a new look

by Chantel Crowley

If you've been to any of the football games this year, or perhaps on a walk around the track, you've probably noticed the shiny new bleachers on our grounds. This project took place during the summer, and finished up around the beginning of the school year. I emailed Mr. Hoeger with a couple basic questions.

**How much did the project cost?**

The total cost of the bleacher project was \$1,049,917. This included demolition of the old bleachers, new bleachers on the home and visitor side, the new concrete patio and fence leading to the new home bleachers, press box, new fencing under the bleachers, and the sod for the grass area next to the home bleachers. The project was funded by the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). This levy was used to fund physical additions to school properties.

**How does it compare to the old bleachers?**

The new bleachers on the home side seat 952 plus 8 handicap seats for a total of 960. The visitor bleachers seat 232 plus 5 hand-



icap for a total of 237. I am not sure of the seating capacity of the old bleachers.

**Why did this project need to be done?**

The old bleachers were really starting to show their age and we were interested in getting new bleachers before we had a structural failure and someone got hurt.

Thanks are in order to all the behind-the-scenes people helping with the preparation, demolition, and construction of the bleachers. It's a great addition to our well-kept school!

# Sports Connection

## Wildcats make the homecoming game one to remember

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Dominating. That's the only word that could describe the homecoming game last Friday against the Pirates of Postville. The Wildcats put up high numbers, walking away with the 59-0 win and letting the golden victory bell ring for all to hear after last week's devastating loss to the East Buchanan Buccaneers.

"We made a lot of mistakes that we wouldn't get away with against other teams," commented senior Devin Meeks about the game last Friday. "We have yet to play a full four quarters as a team with the gas on."

Senior Lance McShane led the squad in multiple categories, including an impressive 238 rushing yards and 4 touchdowns. That puts him a mere 3 yards away from having 1,000 all-purpose (rushing and receiving) yards in the season.

Tonight the Wildcats take on the Eagles of Clayton Ridge, last year's homecoming opponent that the team beat in an impressive 42-0 shutout. The Eagles are 1-3 with their only win of the season being against Postville (which, ironically, was also their homecoming). Head on up to Guttenburg in your best pink outfits to support the Wildcats! The game starts at 7 p.m.

### STATS:

Brady Wall: 5/9 C/ATT; 69 YDS; 4 CAR; 45 YDS; 1 TD; 42 LONG

Eli Dougherty: 7 CAR; 60 YDS; 1 TD; 1 REC; 41 YDS

Kyle Engelken: 9 CAR; 20 YDS

Taten Intorf: 1 CAR; 17 YDS; 1 REC; 5 YDS

Lance McShane: 13 CAR; 238 YDS; 4 TDS; 44 LONG

Anderson Holtz: 1 REC; 5 YDS

Lukas Chesnut: 2 REC; 18 YDS; 1 TD; 12 LONG



Aidan Salow gets set on the offensive line in the game against Postville. (photos by Dannie Burkle)

## Big Games on the Big Stage

Well, #24 Iowa is now 3-0 following their high-score (for them) win against Western Michigan. How long that record lasts is dependent on well they decide to play this Saturday against #7 Penn State on the road. Oh, and did I mention that it's the infamous white-out game? And that Luke Lachey, a key offensive player for the Hawkeyes, is out with a "significant injury" to his right leg that is likely to put him out for the rest of the season?

If you can't already tell, I'm nervous. The I'm-sweating-bullets type of nervous actually. The Hawkeyes are predicted to only have a 13.2% chance of winning the Big Ten opener in Happy Valley. Those odds aren't good... at all. Both teams are undefeated as of right now, but Iowa is the only Big Ten West team remaining with a perfect record. Will that change? I can only dream that it won't.

The weekend wasn't great for the ISU Cyclones. Following their loss against the Hawkeyes, they traveled to Athens to play the Ohio Bobcats where they were upset in a 7-10 score. Cyclone fans were heated following a controversial "play" from the referees when they messed up a field goal call. The score is final though, so the Cyclones have to leave it in the past and focus on this Saturday's opponent. They host Oklahoma State at 4 p.m. At least the Cyclones are predicted to win this weekend.



by Kaitlyn Nolan



# Cats conquer Cascade climb

by Toby Grimm

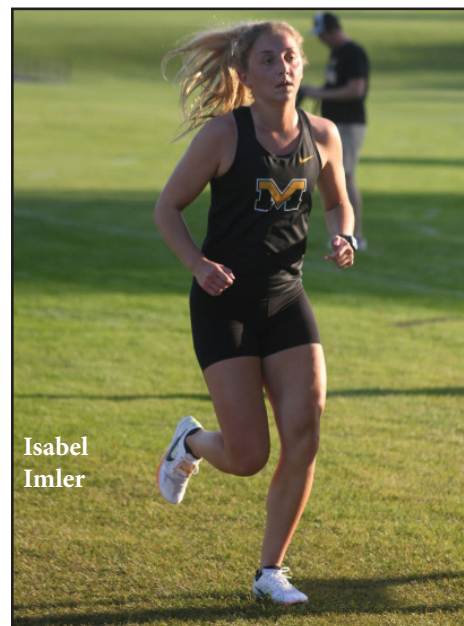
Last Thursday night, the MV Cross Country team traveled to Fillmore Golf Course, to compete in the Cascade Invitational.

The boys team started the high

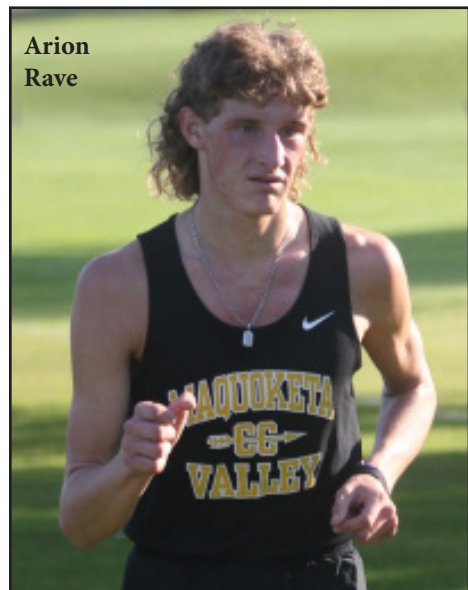
school races off placing 9th out of 15 teams. The boys were led by Matthew Schaul (2nd) running a 17:17, next was George Livingston (26th) running a 19:00. Kenyon Baker (37th) with a 19:27 and Arion Rave (59th) ran a 20:15. Jayden Schwandt (157th) ran a 27:41.

The girls team was led by Taryn Burbridge (12th) running a 21:40. Next was Isabel Imler (54th) with a 25:24 and McKenna Bush (78th) with a 27:35. Haydin Flanagan (107) ran a 30:28 and Allison Hogan (123) ran a 33:55. The girls team placed 10th overall.

"The most encouraging thing I saw was the toughness and resilience of all Maquoketa Valley runners. Almost all of our athletes moved up in the race during the last mile, and on a course like Cascade that is really hard to do. One thing that we will be working on is running in packs. That could be with teammates or other competitors. At this meet we had a lot of our runners run by themselves too often. Running in groups makes it much easier



Isabel Imler



Arion Rave

to keep a consistent pace. Overall the meet went well."

The Cross Country teams will run tomorrow at Anamosa. The times and results will be in the next Echo.

## Volleyball fights a tough fight in conference, tourney

by Natalie Ries

The Maquoketa Valley Wildcat volleyball teams hosted the Central City Wildcats last Thursday night at home. The Freshman team and JV team both gained a win. The varsity team fought hard but fell short. The MV team lost with the overall score of 3-1 (1. 25-23 CC 2. 25-16 MV 3. 29-27 CC 4. 25-19 CC).

The varsity team was led by Haley Ronnebaum and Grace Richter with the most aces of the night. Ronnebaum and Richter had two aces against the other Wildcats. Following Ronnebaum and Richter was Keira Leytem and Bianka Ronnebaum. Both of these girls had one ace. All of the aces last Thursday were performed by these four players. Lily Huber led the Wildcats in serving success percentage. Huber had 100% serve efficiency. Overall Lili Bauers had the most successful serves. Bauers made 16 of her serves and only missed one serve all night.

On the defensive side of the net the MV Wildcats had a total of 14 blocks. Leading the Wildcats in blocks was Camryn Paris and Haley Ronnebaum. Paris had 5 blocks and Ronnebaum had 4 total blocks all night. The digs category was led by Lili Bauers. Bauers had a total of 29 digs out of

the 95 team digs. Following Bauers was Bianka Ronnebaum. Ronnebaum had 18 digs on the night.

Haley Ronnebaum led the team once again in kills on the night. Ronnebaum had 18 kills against the Central City team. Following right behind Ronnebaum was Grace Richter. Richter had 16 kills. The whole Wildcat team had a total of 62 kills last Thursday night. Keira Leytem does not want that ball to touch the ground and that is shown with her 47 assists in one night. Leytem let four other girls help with ten more assists on the night.

This past weekend, the varsity team competed in the West Delaware Invitational tournament and went 1-4 for the day with a win against Ed-Co. The Wildcats fell to Vinton-Shellsburg (1-2), Independence (1-2), Western Dubuque (0-2) and West Delaware (0-2).

This past Tuesday the Wildcats took on Springville in an away matchup and came home victorious. MV won 3-1 (25-22, 25-16, 21-25, 27-25).

Game leaders were Leytem with 22 assists, Haley Ronnebaum with 13 kills and 2 blocks and Bianka Ronnebaum with 29 digs. Huber was 4 for 4 from the serving line with one ace.



Keira Leytem sets the ball while Grace Richter provides coverage. (photo by Dannie Burkle)

Last night the Wildcats hosted Ed-Co and lost 0-3. Details will be in the next issue.

# what's up?

## What are your NFL predictions? by Camryn Paris

Olivia Ronnebaum- Eagles and Cowboys, Cowboys will win.

Rogan Heidt- 49ers and Chiefs, 49ers will win.

Mr. Dunlap- Vikings and 49ers, Vikings will win.

Mr. Kirchoff- Packers and Bills, Packers will win.

Kyle Engelken- Jaguars and Cowboys, Jaguars will win.

Ella Reicher (With Trevor's help)- Texans and Bears, Texans will win.

McKenna Mineart- Chiefs and Eagles, Chiefs will win.

Lanni Beaman- Cowboys and Chiefs, Cowboys will win.

## Student of the Week

*Emily Rudd*



**You've been nominated because of your outstanding work in 2D art class. What have you been working on?**

Our most recent project was print making in art class. I made a slice of pizza with the name "piece" because it's a piece of pizza and art.

**What do you enjoy most about studying art?**

I like how I can be creative and there's no wrong or right answer.

**What is your favorite art medium?**

I really like using colored pencils for my art.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Haley Ronnebaum

**What do you enjoy most about volleyball this year?**

I enjoy playing with my teammates in front of big crowds at home games.

**How have you changed from last year as a volleyball player and teammate?**

Overall as a team, we have gotten a lot more digs, blocks, and kills than last year.

**What's your goal for the team this season?** Conference Champs.

**What has made this year unique for you?** Everyone on the team is bought into having a successful season.



Name: Lena Lewin

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

I like the team aspect of cheer. The friendships and bonds made with other cheerleaders and the opportunity to cheer together with the students and parents. It helps support the players and show our school spirit.

**Why is having cheer important at MV?**

Cheer really gets the students and players excited during games and other activities. Cheer shows the community that the Wildcats have spirit! In addition, we get the opportunity to volunteer which not only shows spirit, but how much Cheer cares!

**What's your favorite cheer?** My favorite cheer is "Marching." "And we're Marching! To the beat! Let me hear your Wildcat Spirit!" I love how loud and excited the crowd gets!

**What's something about cheer that others may not know?** There is a lot of time and dedication mentally and physically that goes into cheer! Cheer is not just calling the cheers; there is a lot of coordination and practice that goes into it. The cheerleaders and Coach Teymer put in a lot of time to make sure everyone around us is having fun!



Name: Taryn Burbridge

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** My favorite thing about cross country is the meets. I enjoy competing and cheering other teammates on while they run.

**How have you changed as a runner since last year?** I am trying to pace myself better during races. Last season I would often take the first mile too fast, and then I wouldn't feel good in the middle or towards the end. At Monticello my pacing was better, but I can still improve that.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country this year?** This year one of my favorite memories was when the girls team rode the school golf cart around the track after practice.

**You PRed in your first meet. How does that feel?** I was excited for the PR because I am improving from last year and I am able to build off of the last meet and hopefully drop my time even more.

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** "All I Do is Win"



Name: Aidan Salow

**What do you enjoy most about football this year?**

The amount of energy we have during practice, in the weight room, and before games

**How did you prepare for football in the off season?** Lifting weights and going to different camps throughout the summer

**How have you changed as a player over the years?** My mentality during games and practices have changed the most

**Who is your football role model?**

Lukas VaNness





# Best Buds



Jocelyn Kelchen & Lanni Beaman

by Chantel Crowley

## How did the two of you meet?

Jocelyn: Lanni and I met in elementary school but became close in middle school.  
Lanni: We met in elementary school but we got closer through other people throughout the school year.

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

Jocelyn: My favorite memory with Lanni is our golf cart ride on the 4th of July.  
Lanni: Tanning in her pool for hours.

## What movie/TV character do you see your friend as most?

Jocelyn: Lanni reminds me of Sloth from *The Goonies*.  
Lanni: Sid the Sloth lol.

## What do you admire most about each other?

Jocelyn: The thing I admire most about Lanni is her work ethic; she always pushes herself to do her best.  
Lanni: I admire her hard work in school.

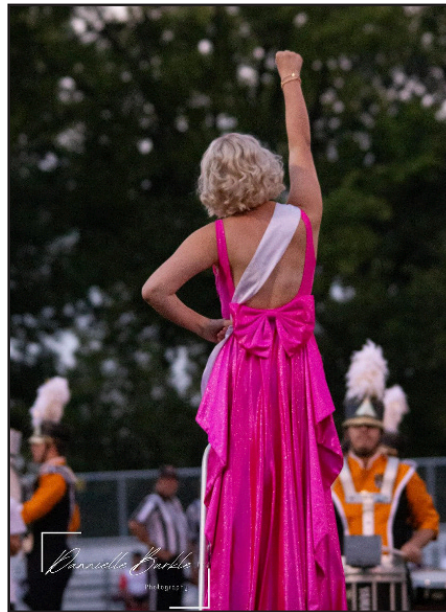
## What does a typical hangout look like?

Jocelyn: A typical hang out for me and Lanni is peppering, shopping, driving the golf cart around town, and swimming in my pool.  
Lanni: Going to Roast and Toast or sitting in my living room talking.

## Where do you see each other in the future?

Jocelyn: I could see Lanni as a doctor.  
Lanni: I see Jocelyn helping with kids in the future and being rich.

# Fine Artist of the Week



Name: Josie Teymer

## You were nominated for your impressive balancing act of serving as drum major and being on homecoming court. What did you have to do to balance those acts?

The only things that doing both affected me were I was unable to march in the parade and the half time show. Personally I loved directing in my dress. I felt very cool.

**How is being a drum major this year different than last year?** I am a senior so not only do I get to conduct two songs, I have to learn the National Anthem. It is tradition for the senior drum major to conduct the Anthem.

**What's your favorite part of the show?** My favorite part of the show is always being up on the ladder and watching the band perform. I think that everyone is super talented and it is really enjoyable to watch how their hard work has paid off.



Band members perform their half-time show "MV Radio."

# JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

As we approach fall time I think it's time we talk about jeans. Jeans have always been an important item in people's closets. In years past we have seen a number of denim trends that have flopped. This year the most fashionable choices are cargo jeans, patchwork jeans, and of course mom jeans. A good pair of mom jeans will never go out of style. They are an item that you can find anywhere and in any shade. A good way to look put together in the fall is by just throwing on a pair of mom jeans, a belt, and a nice shirt or sweater. We are seeing a lot more dark wash than light wash this year. Colors that go well with dark wash denim are greens, yellows, pinks and dark reds.



# Cutie

by Lily Huber

What a festive Cutie! This Cutie has one sibling and is a freshman that is involved in football, basketball, and track. Something that he enjoys in his free time is water-skiing. Last week's Cutie was Chantel Crowley.



## Meet the Freshmen



**Clayton, Ruby & Rousch**

Name: Ruby Recker

Siblings: I have two siblings.

Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, track, and speech

Favorite subject: Health

Career aspirations: Not sure

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends.

Something cool about you: I love to golf.

Name: Rousch Lammers

Siblings: Brooklyn Lammers

Activities you plan to be in: Choir

Favorite subject: Math

Career aspirations: Not sure

Hobbies: Bike riding.

Something cool about you: I'm not sure.

Name: Clayton Davis

Siblings: I have 2 brothers.

Activities you plan to be in: Wrestling, football, and FFA

Favorite subject: P.E.

Career aspirations: Work force

Hobbies: Hunting

Something cool about you: I show cattle.

—typist: Grace Richter

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

Why did Adele cross the road? To say hello from the other side.

What kind of concert only costs 45 cents?  
A 50 Cent concert featuring Nickelback.

To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.

Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango.

What was Forrest Gump's email password?  
Iforrest1.

## One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

The flashing of the lights, the blasting and pounding of the music was already too much at the dance, but now that you are hanging out with your friends afterwards, all they wanted to do was party some more...but with a different variable added to the mix. One of your friend's best friends happened to steal some alcohol from their parents' secret stash and brought it with them. All of them had already tried the forbidden drink, and now that they are all drunk and woozy, they want you to try it. The cup clenched with your sweaty fingertips in hand, your eyes peered down into the drink while your head continuously pounds. What happened for you to get here? This was supposed to be a fun night out with friends, and now you are going to be making the biggest mistake of your life that will lead to your never ending psychological and mental health problems. Although it may not seem like it, many teens around us are affected by teenage alcohol abuse. According to the NIH (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism) in 2021 almost six million people, who were ranging from 12 - 20 years of age, disclosed that they had been drinking more than "just a few sips" of alcohol in the past month. NIH also reports that youth are more likely to binge drink than adults. What may seem like some childish fun during homecoming week, a birthday, or prom is actually the start to almost all drinking addictions. It is the same situation as smoking, where once you do it, it's almost impossible to turn back. Some may say that teenage drinking won't affect them later on in life; others say that it's how they learn from their mistakes. But, drinking as teenagers will affect them later on in life, and they will never learn from their mistakes if they take even one sip.

Drinking as teenagers has many mental health and psychological health effects that not all people come to realize before it's too late. Drinking while you're a teenager can impair your critical thinking skills, and you are not able to make good decisions because of it. Some of these bad decisions include but not limited to drinking and driving, higher risk of sexu-



al assault and physical violence, and saying things that you will regret. Drinking and driving is not only a bad decision because it is against the law, but it can also lead to death. According to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), "About one in four teen car crashes involves an underage drinking driver." This doesn't even include the number of teenagers that can die due to these car crashes. And, even if they don't die from the crash, they can still get severely injured, and it will affect them for the rest of their life. Drinking can also lead to becoming the victim or even the culprit of sexual assault cases, as it increases the risk of it happening. While you are drunk, you do not have the ability to think properly, so before you can even think about saying something, it has already come out of your mouth.

But, what can someone do to prevent this from happening? First, do not fall into peer pressure. Although you may feel lame for not playing along with your friends, and they might make fun of you for not drinking, the risk is not worth it. You have to remember your morals and your future. Would you want to risk getting your dream job because of some mistake that you made when you were a teenager? You also have to think about the consequences of your actions. How would your loved ones feel knowing that you fell into the trap of alcoholism. How would your school feel? You have to consider all of these things before you decide to take even a sip of alcohol just to make you feel "cooler."

With this in mind, it is clear to see that drinking when you are a teenager is nothing to laugh about, and that it can truly affect your life, even when you grow older. I hope with all of this information, you can think about what you are truly getting yourself into when you take that first sip of alcohol. I love you all, and please stay safe! See you next week!

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

The CDC estimates that adult male smok-

ers lose an average of **13.2** years of life

and female smokers lose **14.5** years of life because of smoking. And given the diseases that smoking can cause, it can steal your quality of life long before you die. - DoSomething.Org



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