

Wildcat Echo

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New driving simulator test students' skills

by Natalie Ries

Every student received an email about the new driving simulator that is going to be at the school for the next couple of months.

The goal is to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the dangers of texting & driving, drinking & driving, and other distractions while operating a vehicle. Deputy Matt Menard with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is leading the learning. The Delaware County Sheriff's office has supplied MV with this equipment.

Students are slowly starting to be able to test out the simulator. Freshman Izzi Moenck says, "The simulator was not the most realistic feeling, but most parts were." Izzi had very different results for all three categories. You drive normally with no distractions, drive while texting, and drive with drunk goggles on. Izzi hit three cars and one person while driving with no distractions. When she was texting and driving Izzi hit one car and that was it. The drunk goggles were put on Izzi and she was a better drunk driver than with no distraction. Drunk Izzi ran over a curb and ran through a stop sign.

All students will have an opportunity to experience the simulator during a study hall.

FFA National Convention provides learning experiences



FFA members pose at convention, from left to right: Ethen Brockhohn, Kody Hoeger, Ty Hoeger, Lainey Knipper, Kelsey Hoeger, Kaya Knipper, Leah Reicher, Jada Knipper, Haley Ronnebaum, Allison Hogan and Bianka Ronnebum.

by Kaya Knipper, FFA reporter

On Tuesday October 31 11 FFA members and Ms. Lau left the school at 4:30 am and began their trek to National FFA Convention Indianapolis, Indiana.

That Tuesday members were able to take a tour of Hummel livestock where they raise exotic cats and Boer Goats. Hummels also have a kangaroo roaming the property that the members got to meet. That night after 7 hours of driving the crew made it to Indianapolis where they met up with chapters from Beckman and Starmont.

On Wednesday the group enjoyed their first day of convention where they attended workshops about mentorship and how to manage time. That night the group got to see Lainey Wilson in concert.

Thursday was another day of convention where some students got to see the contests that they will be participating in.

On the last full day of Friday the crew took a drive to Tuttle Orchards where they learned about the history of apples and how the company has stayed open for 95 years. After Tuttle Orchards they took another drive to Louisville, Kentucky where they toured the Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run and got to watch a

horserace.

Saturday was the day to head home. Overall the students learned about the power of the blue jacket, mentoring others, managing time, how to better themselves and the agriculture industry.



On the way to convention, FFA members toured Hummel Livestock in Cabery, Ill.

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Sports Connection

Basketball teams gear up for solid seasons

The volleyball nets are down and the upref stand is put away, and you know what that means: basketball season is upon us. Read on to see what to expect from the Wildcats this winter.

Boys basketball

Coach Conner and Coach Cassutt are teaming up once again to see what they can do with a squad coming off of a 16-8 overall and 9-5 conference record last season.

The team returns all-conference athletes and seniors Toby Grimm, Kody Hoeger and Lance McShane. Other returning letter winners include junior Tate Intorf and sophomores Ty Hoeger, Anderson Holtz, Dylan Knipper, Preston Salow and Brady Wall.

Coach Conner noted that the team has experience going in its favor: "We have three seniors coming back to this year's team who all had great seasons for us last year. All three of our seniors had All-Con-

ference seasons last year, so we are really looking forward to seeing how much more they have grown as players in the off-season. Our juniors and seniors are looking to make a big impact for us this year and add some depth. Top to bottom, this is the deepest team that we have had at MV in quite a while, and we are really looking forward to this season."

In terms of the conference race, Coach Conner acknowledged that the Wildcats will face some tough competition both within the division and in the cross-division games. "I believe our guys are up to the challenge and will use the tough strength of schedule that we have to hopefully make another deep postseason run," he noted.

Girls basketball

Once again, the girls' team is under the guidance of Coach Moenck who is assisted by Brad Huber, Mrs. Scherrman, Jesse Wooten and Mrs. Putz.

The team, coming off of a 16-10 overall (7-7 in the conference) record, is led by lone senior Haley Ronnebaum who was second team all-conference last year. Joining her is an accomplished group of juniors and sophomores. Bianka Ronnebaum and Grace Richter were also on the all-conference team last year. Other returning letter winners include juniors Alexis Halverson, Jada Knipper and Leah Reicher and sophomores Kelsey Hoeger, Taryn Burbridge, Macee Nolan, Lanni Beaman and Madison Thompson.

Despite the returning talent, Coach Moenck knows the team has some work to do: "My main concern going into this season is how do we make up for the things we lost to graduation. We are going to be very young with only having one senior on the roster. With that being said, we have a lot of girls coming back that have played a lot of varsity basketball. We have some pretty big shoes to fill with what we lost to graduation. But we have some girls



who are very talented and will be able to contribute. We talked with our kids that we have to do it collectively, that each person will have to do something extra to make up for what we lost."

This team does bring an array of talent, as noted by Coach Moenck. "We have a lot of girls who can do many different things on the floor. This is a very good group of kids, who work very hard every day, we will get better as the year goes on. We will need some kids to really step up and be very solid on the defensive end. We have the kids to do it."

While Coach Moenck has recognized MV will face some tough conference teams like North Linn, East Buchanan and Ed-Co, he has faith in his team. "This is such a great group to be around. As always, the kids here put high expectations on themselves and have some very high goals. I am excited to see what the season has in store for them. We have the potential to very, very good as well but we will have to be ready to go every night."



what's up?

What's your guilty pleasure song?

by Jade Hillers

Ever Botos: *The Descendants* movie soundtrack

Sami DeMoss: "Boomerang" by JoJo Siwa
Devin Meeks: "Love Story"

Mr. Kirchhoff: All of the songs in *Tarzan*

Camryn Paris: "Tik Tok" by Kesha

Bryce Vaske: "In Ha Mood" by Ice Spice
Gabe Halweg: "Skeeyee"

Ian Krogmann: "Barbie Girl"

Mrs. Downs: "Rocky Mountain High" by John Denver

Lena Lewin: "Shake That" by Eminem

Camran Mcareavy: "S&M" by Rihanna
Ruby Recker: "Princess Diana"

Xander Smock: "She's Kinda Hot" by Five Seconds of Summer

Student of the Week

Haydin Flannagan



You've been nominated because of your water/color painting in art. What was the inspiration for it? A picture I saw online

What do you enjoy most about art class? Hanging out with my friends and the teacher is pretty cool too

What do you plan to work on next? Painting wooden signs

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Chantel Crowley

What role do you play in the musical? I play Morticia Addams

What's your favorite part of the show? My favorite part of the show is when the Beinekes are introduced to the Addams family, or when the Ancestors, Alice, and Morticia perform "Secrets."

Why do you think the audience will like the show? The audience will like the show because of the humor in it. Even I crack up on stage when I'm not supposed to after seeing the scene multiple times :)

This will be your last high school musical.

What will you miss most about being a part of it? I'll miss the connections that are made through all parts of the musical. I'm closer to a few people now than I ever was, and I have the long practices to thank for that. I'll also just miss the familiarity of it all—it's been a part of me for four years, and I've spent a great deal of time with it, whether onstage or backstage.

"Chantel is doing an incredible job as Morticia Addams in our production! I am VERY impressed with how much she has developed her character from where we started back in September. She gives her all to the role, and you can both hear it in her voice and see it in her actions and facial expressions. Watching Chantel as Morticia interact with other characters is a real treat!" —Ms. McCrary



Name: Cadence Freiburger

What role do you play in the musical? I'm an ancestor.

What's your favorite part of the show?

My favorite parts of the show is getting to help out others and seeing the growth in everybody and the production itself. Everyone in the cast has grown so much, and it's amazing to see.

Why do you think the audience will like the show? The audience will like the show for the comedy.
This will be your last high school musical.

What will you miss most about being a part of it? I will definitely miss the people the most. You never really connect with people like you do backstage during musicals, and I just hope that it's true that those connections last forever. Everyone has grown so much, and I'm going to miss seeing people succeed and continue to push themselves to be better.

Cadence has proven time and time again to be a huge asset to the musical department. She brings a great attitude to rehearsals, is a leader on and offstage, helps tremendously during set changes, and constantly works to improve her performance. —Ms. McCrary



Big Games on the Big Stage

It's triple threat season: football, basketball, and wrestling are all in season. It's great news for Iowa citizens, which means that we should get into it.

I o w a vs. Northwestern (football): rather low-scoring game, but what else is to be expected from two low-offense Big Ten schools? We can't really complain either; guess who's at the top of the Big Ten West? They just need to beat Rutgers who have been pretty good as late.

Iowa State vs. Kansas (football): a close game and a tough loss, but at least the Cyclones will play a backup QB when they take on BYU this weekend.

Iowa vs. FDU (women's basketball): they proved themselves as a dominant team in the nation with a score of 102-46. I can't wait to see how they play against #8 Virginia Tech. Hopefully they keep it up.

Iowa State vs. Butler (women's basketball): they won their season opener, but the Cyclones are only ranked 8th in the Big 12.

Iowa vs. North Dakota (men's basketball): another dominant performance from a Hawkeye squad, scoring 110-68. Even though the game against Alabama State should be an easy win, the Hawks travel to #8 Creighton afterward.

Iowa State vs. Green Bay (men's basketball): the Cyclones won impressively, 85-44. Their next game will be against the Lindenwood Lions... yeah, I don't know who they are either.

Outside of Iowa, in Las Vegas in fact, the #1 LSU Tiger's women's basketball team fell to #18 Colorado which can only be described as one of the best moments in my life. I know I shouldn't pray for another team's downfall, but this one felt good. Really good. It wasn't a close loss either, 78-92. I'm just waiting for the new Poll to come out to see them fall.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

Best Buds

Joellen Beitz & Lucy Hucker
by Chantel Crowley

How did the two of you meet?

Joellen: We have known each other for forever but we got really close because we were in the same health class and similar activities.

Lucy: We've always known each other, but we got really close this year because of health.

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Joellen: Lucy and I have so many memories together but if I have to choose one it would be the day we went to get Mexican before the musical. We were just in a silly goofy mood and it was the funniest thing ever.

Lucy: There are too many to just pick one, but one of my favorites is when we picked up brielle and drove around Dyersville getting food, and then jammed out and then went and sat in the Walmart parking lot in Manchester and sat there and talked for like 2 hours.

What do you admire most about your friend?

Joellen: I admire Lucy's humor. She is so funny and we always build jokes off of each other. Along with that she is also the sweetest girl ever.

Lucy: Something I admire about Joellen is that she doesn't really care what anyone says and she will stick up for you no matter what.

What song makes you think of your friend?

Joellen: Literally anything Taylor Swift but probably "All Too Well" because I'm pretty sure it's her favorite and she loves singing it out of the blue randomly.

Lucy: "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce ft. Jay-Z or "Man! I Feel Like a Woman" by Shania Twain.

What does a typical hangout look like?

Joellen: We probably are driving around for fun jamming to music, getting Scooters and eating food. We like talking about a lot of people and things while we drive around.

Lucy: A typical hangout is usually Joellen driving my car to Scooters to see Braxtyn and to go to Walmart or to just go get food in general



Where do you see each other in the future?

Joellen: We have all known each other through school but got really close when cheer started

Lucy: I see Lucy with a fantastic, hot husband. She will have a great job and family. She will continue to succeed without losing her great personality.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

E-cigarettes can be hard to recognize. They may resemble traditional tobacco products like cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other common gadgets like pens, flashlights, USB flash drives, fidget spinners, gaming controls, car key fobs, smart watches and even asthma inhalers. In fact, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued warnings to several companies for marketing 15 different e-cigarette products packaged to look like toys, food or cartoon characters that were likely to promote use among adolescents. - healthychildren.org



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VS. PRINCE OF PEACE NOV. 28 // 5:30 PM // HOME	VS. EAST BUCH. DEC. 1 // 6:15 PM // HOME
VS. ALBURNETT DEC. 5 // 5:30 PM // HOME	@ STARMONT DEC. 8 // 6:15 PM // ARLINGTON
VS. SPRINGVILLE DEC. 12 // 5:30 PM // HOME	@ ED-CO DEC. 15 // 6:15 PM // EDENWOOD
@ NORTH LINN DEC. 19 // 5:30 PM // COGGIN	VS. CENTRAL CITY JAN. 2 // 5:30 PM // HOME
@ LISBON JAN. 6 // 6:15 PM // LISBON	VS. NORTH CEDAR JAN. 9 // 5:30 PM // HOME
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@ EASTON VALLEY FEB. 2 // 6:15 PM // PRESTON	

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Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

Who invented King Arthur's round table?
Sir Cumference.

I don't trust trees. They're shady.

I wrote a song about burritos. It's a rap.
I wanted to buy camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.

What's the best way to make a hotdog stand? Take away its chair.

Meet the Freshmen

Name: Tristan Dietz

Siblings: I have 8 siblings.

Activities you plan to be in: Baseball, jazz band, and choir

Favorite subject: Health

Career aspirations: Music or traveling.

Hobbies: Music, snowboarding, and water skiing.

Something cool about you: I have played guitar for 11 years.



Tristan, Dalton & Kylie

Name: Dalton Africa

Siblings: Logan, Aubrey, Makenah

Activities you plan to be in: Football, baseball, wrestling.

Favorite subject: Intro to Ag.

Career aspirations: Construction

Hobbies: Hunting and riding dirtbikes.

Something cool about you: Professional Athlete

Name: Kylie Meeks

Siblings: I have 2 brothers, Devin and Aiden.

Activities you plan to be in: I plan on being on the set crew for the musical.

Favorite subject: Ceramics

Career aspirations: Marketing Specialist

Hobbies: Hanging out with my friends, driving my golf cart, and playing Sims 4.

Something cool about you: I work at Triple C.

—typist: Grace Richter

Cutie



by Lily Huber

Sitting pretty, Cutie! This Cutie is a junior, lives in Earlville, and has a brother and stepsister. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, and FFA. You might know this, but she LOVES her two dogs! *Last week's Cutie was Brielle Kuhns.*

Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



With the musical being performed this weekend and the matinee on Wednesday, I asked some students questions about the musical.

What is the day of the week that Gomez and Morticia named their daughter after?

Lily Kraft: Wednesday

Daniel Glass: Wednesday

Kallie Freiburger: Wednesday

Micheal Schnittjer: Thursday

Answer: Wednesday

What is the name of Wednesday's little brother?

Lily: Pugsley

Kallie: Pugsley

Daniel: Henry

Micheal: tommy

Answer: Pugsley

In the musical, who is Fester in love with?

Lily: The moon

Kallie: The moon

Daniel: Rosalynn

Micheal: a dog

Answer: The moon

What is the name of the disembodied hand that runs around?

Lily: Thing

Kallie: thing

Daniel: Logan

Micheal: Sam

Answer: Thing

Where does the Addams Family live?

Lily: Central Park

Kallie: Central Park

Daniel Glass: The Bronx

Micheal: Central Park

Answer: Central Park

WRESTLING SCHEDULE 23-24

11:30 @ WAPSIE VALLEY	1.6 HOME TOURNAMENT
12.2 @ W. DELAWARE	1.11 @ SPRINGVILLE
12.7 HOME DUAL "YOUTH NIGHT"	1.13 @ MPL MARMAC
12.9 @ NORTH CEDAR	1.18 @ STARMONT
12.14 HOME DUAL "PACK THE GYM"	1.20 @ MIDLAND
12.16 @ NORTH LINN	1.23 HOME DUAL "SENIOR NIGHT"
1.4 @ MIDLAND	1.27 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT