

Wildcat Echo

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Curtains to open Friday for fall musical: *Oklahoma!*



by **Rebekah Hill**

Travel back to the early 1900s as everyone in town is getting ready for the box social: a fundraiser raising money for the schoolhouse. Curly (Patrick Hansen) plans on asking Laurey (Lawson Roof), but Laurey thinks he took too long to ask. So, she goes and says yes to Jud Fry (Lucas Johnson) who helps on Aunt Eller's (Amanda Fortman) farm. Laurey doesn't really want to go with Jud, but feels like she can not back out. As Curly and Lawson are trying to figure out the way they feel about each other, Ado Annie (Megan Beaman) is trying to decide between two mean;

Will Parker (Angel Rumbo) and Ali Hakim (Brian Heims). Come see this amazing show filled with lovable characters (well most of them!).

"Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day. I got a beautiful feeling," that this show is going to be a great one! Lots of early mornings and late nights have been put in to make this show what it is!

Opening night is November 4th at 7:00 pm. Following performances are November 5th at 7:00 pm and November 6th at 2:00 pm. Come out and support as Maquoketa Valley presents *Oklahoma!*



Jud (Lucas Johnson) and Curly (Patrick Hansen) negotiate who will win a basket and the heart of Laurey (Lawson Roof).



Rebekah Hill, Patrick Hansen, Lawson Roof, Faith Hunt and Brittany Hines, in character, perform one of the musical numbers.

Sports Connection

Hogan competes at state cross country

Junior Brenden Hogan set the course for future cross country runners with his state meet qualification. He competed Saturday at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

His time of 17:47.4 earned him a 45th place finish out of 138 runners. Despite this outstanding performance, Hogan had higher hopes for himself. "I feel like I could have done better," he stated.

Cross country season may be over, but that won't keep Hogan from continuing his training for next year. "I will probably do some winter runs and spend more time in the weight room."

Hogan sets his pace at the State cross country meet Saturday. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple, Monticello Express)



Volleyball season ends with loss in second round

The MV volleyball team set a new record number of wins in a season for this millennium with 14 victories. The successful season came to an end Monday night in the second round of district play as MV lost to Sumner-Fredericksburg 0-3 with match scores of 6-25, 9-25 and 15-25.

Macy Hoeger and Brianna Mensen and Lea Riesserved 100% as they went six for six and four for four, respectively. Abby Holtz went six for seven from the serving line. Payton Ries was four for five.

From the attack zone, Maci Freiburger had three while Danica Fjelstul, Macy Hoeger, Mensen, Payton Ries and Brooke Wilson each added two.

Aspen Britt had four digs, and Macy Hoeger had two. Mensen had two blocks.

Football season comes to a close with loss to district champion

by Patrick Hansen

The football season has officially come to an end and for the seniors, they are done with football for good. Sadly, the Wildcats couldn't win out the season against Bellevue as they lost 14-41.

It was a good game through the air Friday night as Tyson Tucker threw ten completions on 14 passes for a total of 164 yards and scoring one touchdown, which was caught by Norman Wilson. Norman Wilson had three receptions for 49 yards. Other athletes receiving yards through the air include Zak Harbach with six receptions for 103 yards and Garrett Hogan with one reception for 12 yards.

Athletes who had gained yards by rushing are Harbach who had one touchdown on three carries as he ran for 51 yards, Hogan with five yards on three carries, Alec McDowell with 65 yards on 20 rushing attempts, and Tucker with 63 yards on 13 carries.

Now with the football season over



for the Wildcats, it is time to look forward to basketball and wrestling season, and also the countdown until Friday night lights next year.

Tyson Tucker prepares to handoff to Alec McDowell. McDowell ran for 65 yards on the night. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

what's up?

What cheers you up the most?

by McKensing Lansing

Lawson Roof- My dogs

Raven Eatman- Dietiker- Pizza or French fries

Mrs. Richter- Shopping

Brody Severt- Lifting

Abe Miles- Being around family and Indee Music

Kyle Richter- Driving my truck

Ty Domeyer- leaving school

Rejji Smith- Food and sleep

Garrett Hogan- My cousin Rejji

Brooke Elgin- My friends

Carson Wright- Heath's mullet

Gracie Gellersen- talking to one of my best friends

Angie Wendt- Dogs

Brittany Hines- Getting things accomplished

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Dalton Becker



You recently found some money in the hallway and turned it in to the office. What made you decide to do that? I just thought that some kid need the money for something and I took it to the office.

How can students learn the power of being honest? Think how you would feel if you lost something and didn't get it back so do the right thing.

—Dalton was nominated by Susan. No one claimed the money, so Susan gave it to Dalton. If you ever lose money, be sure to check in the office to see if an honest Wildcat turned it in.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Amanda Fortman

Activity: Fall musical



What role do you play in the musical?

I am Aunt Eller, the tough, loving aunt of Laurey.

What's your favorite part of the show?

I really like the dances and songs. I think a lot of the dances are really complex and a lot of people have put in a lot of time to make them look good. It will all look super cool when we have on our costumes and are dancing around the stage.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?

My favorite memory is from last year, performance weekend. I'm just going to say two words, locker room, if you were there you know what I'm talking about. My favorite memory from this year is backstage and me trying to pickpocket everyone. Let's just say this is one skill I was not blessed with, everyone was just a bit freaked out when I would "accidentally" grope them lol.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be?

I would want to be Cinderella in Into the Woods or Eponine in Les Misérables. It wouldn't really matter to me what I played it be an honor to play any role in these musicals.

How has participating in the musical affected you?

Being in musical has definitely helped me to step out of my comfort zone. I have not only become a better public speaker but also have become more comfortable with who I am as a person. Also, musical has created some friendships that I would not trade for anything. It is just a great thing to be apart of.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Tate Trenkamp

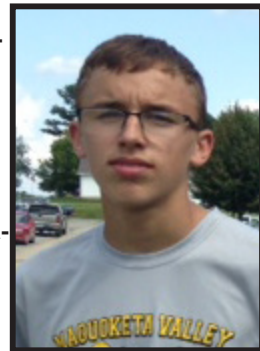
Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country?

Running with other people

What's the hardest part?

For me it's being competitive



What is your favorite memory of cross country this year?

Alex M. stopping to go to the bathroom in a race

Why should students go out for cross country?

It's a fun group sports that you'll always be put in, no one sits out

Who's your cross country role model?

My role model is Steve Prefontaine.

Name: Brianna Mensen

Sport: Volleyball

What have you enjoyed most about volleyball in the past four years?

There are so many things that I'll be able to take from playing four years of volleyball. I have a ton of memories,

I've gotten closer to people on my team, and I've had a lot of fun throughout the entire process.

What are your best memories of volleyball?

Team bondings, Josh showing volleyball roles, and pregame dances

Why would you encourage other students to play?

It's so much more than just a sport. Getting to play with different people and make memories makes it all so much fun. The memories I've made on and off the court are worth putting in all the work.



Meet the Freshmen



Matthew, Aspen, Aden & Mason

Name: Matthew Hucker
 Siblings: Nick, Jamie
 Activities you plan to be in: Football, Wrestling, Golf, Baseball
 Favorite subject: Science
 Career aspirations: Electrician
 Hobbies: Sports, Hunting
 Something cool about you: I drive a jeep.

Name: Mason Kruse
 Activities you plan to be in: Football, Wrestling
 Favorite subject: Ag
 Career aspirations: Farmer
 Hobbies: Goat Farming
 Something cool about you: I have 7 goats.

Name: Aspen Kraus
 Siblings: River, Silas, Preston
 Activities you plan to be in: Baseball, Golf
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: Computer Programmer, System Software Developer
 Hobbies: Watching/Playing baseball
 Something cool about you: I'm a quick thinker.

Name: Aden Jesse Atwell
 Siblings: Kriya, Willow, Max
 Activities you plan to be in: Football, Wrestling, Speech, Track
 Favorite subject: U.S. History
 Career aspirations: U.S. Navy
 Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Being outdoors, sports, hanging with friends
 Something cool about you: I have 25 chickens.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Mr. King learns while teaching

by Emma McDowell

There's a new student teacher in the building! Mr. King has been working in Mr. Huegel's classroom and he said he's enjoyed his experience here so far because of how self-motivated, respectful, and welcoming the students have been. Prior to student teaching here, he was placed at Ed-Co. Mr. King will be here until Dec. 16, and he graduates from UNI on Dec. 17. After graduation, he hopes to find a social studies position, ideally in this part of the state. With his social studies endorsement, he can teach world history, U.S. history, government, econ, psychology and sociology.

I'm sure everyone's been wanting to learn more about him.

Where did you go to school?

I went to high school at West Delaware and UNI for college

Where are you from?

Manchester

What's your favorite food?

Pizza

What's your favorite movie?

The Sandlot

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Keep reading for some spooky Halloween facts.

- The first Jack O'Lanterns were actually made from turnips.
- Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
- Halloween originated in Ireland.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- One billion pounds of pumpkins were produced by major pumpkin producing states in 2010.
- People traditionally wore costumes of animal heads and skins. They believed it helped them connect to the spirits of the dead.
- Some animal shelters won't allow the adoption of black cats around Halloween for fear they'll be sacrificed.
- Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.
- 50% of children say that they prefer chocolate candy for halloween.
- The world record for the largest pumpkin is 1502 pounds!



Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I fly, yet I have no wings. I cry, yet I have no eyes. Darkness follows wherever I go. What am I?

Answer: Clouds

Cutie



by Nichole Winter

The cutie is a sophomore. He has three brothers, and he lives in Hopkinton. He is involved in speech and track. His favorite color is red, and his favorite food is tacos. He likes to go boating in his free time.

Last week's Cutie was Kristin Lucas.

Best Buds



Kelsey Ries & Faith Hunt

by Kelly Winter

How long have you been friends? Since 6th Grade

What's the best memory you have together? Going to "Golf Practice" every day

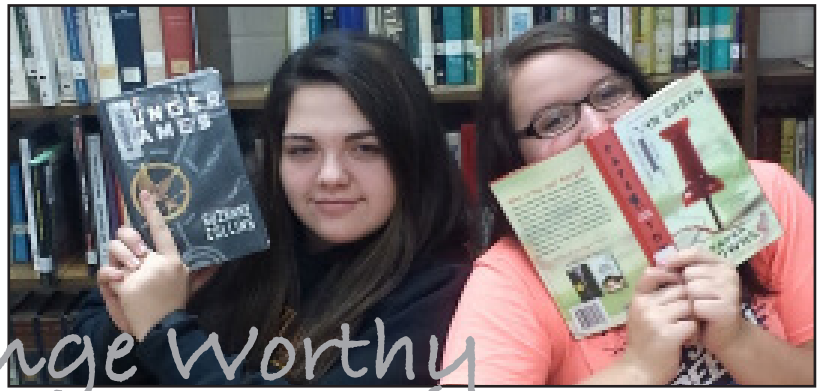
Out of the both of you, who's the most outgoing? Depends on the situation... mostly Faith

What do you like to do together? Hang out and eat

TEL hosts tailgate



In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, TEL members hosted a tailgate during WIN and lunch on Thursday. Students enjoyed lawn games and grilled food served by TEL members.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

This week we did not pick a book or a place to eat but rather a person who we believe everyone should learn about and check out, Malala Yousafzai. Malala was born in Pakistan and lived a life of struggles. For most of her life Malala was told what she could and could not do by the Taliban. At eleven years old Malala began to speak out against them. In 2009 she continued to speak out against them and write for a BBC blog. Her popularity angered the Taliban. On October 9, 2012 Malala was shot by a member of the Taliban. She fought and survived. She became an inspiration to many and advocate for young women and education. She is an inspiration to us and someone we believe all should look up too.

Rebekah:

Friends: My comp portfolio is based around this amazing show. This has always been one of my favorite shows. Focusing around six friends that do everything together. They get through life's struggles together and celebrate life's joyous moments together. As they go through life in New York City new jobs, new loves, lost loves, and new people come around. They are a group of friends that I would definitely want to hang out with!

The Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks:

Most of you probably thought that I was going to talk about the movie, but I think that the book was much better than the movie! Two teenagers fall in love, but because they were from two different types of families they were pulled apart. Now, as adults, they live completely different lives. When a mutual friend dies they both come back to town for the funeral, and the love begins to spark again. An amazing book, a must read.

Forever Country: If you aren't a fan of country music you might as well not even read this. This show pays tribute to past and future country singers. Many stars and legends get together and sing a mash-up of countries. They are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the CMAs. A great song!

Amanda:

Once Upon a Time: If you're not prepared to get hooked, don't watch this. This show takes the best of our childhood memories, fairytales and princesses, and turns them into something for us "adult." You see all your favorite fairy tales from Beauty and the Beast to Snow White. All of our favorites are there but with a little bit of a darker twist. This show brings to life the very best stories and makes it something to enjoy for all ages.

Starstruck: Jessica Olsen never expected her life to get flipped upside down when she decided to visit her grandparents in California. When a chance meeting occurs between her and a famous pop star, she is less than impressed. This only interests famous pop star, Christopher Wilde. Their paths continue to cross and both learn something from one another. But will this new friendship ever truly last?

Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo:

A country is divided by those who have powers and those who do not. Alina Starkov has always lived her life in the shadows, but when an accident occurs and she reveals that she is much more than anyone ever knew. She is taken to live at the palace with others who also have powers. She quickly learns that her power is greater than anyone expected. But with power like hers who can she really trust?

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

opinions, ideas and random thoughts from the staff of *The Wildcat Echo*



A meow to the volleyball team for earning the most varsity wins in a season since 1998. According to Coach Holtz, this is also the only second winning season since 2000. The Wildcat's current varsity record is 14 wins and 13 losses.



A meow to Mr. Tuetken and Mr. Kudrna for providing ice cream treats as recognition of the outstanding academic accomplishments of the students as well as their appropriate homecoming behavior.



A welcoming meow to Mr. King, the student teacher with Mr. Huegel.



A proud meow to Brenden Hogan for qualifying for state cross country. Another meow goes out to his teammates who continued to practice last week so Brenden wouldn't have to train alone.



A furball to the sadness that will permeate the hallways as students have to wait until Nov. 19 for the next Wildcat Echo.



A meow to the excitement of having a midwestern team in the World Series. Chicago Cubs fans unite! Same for Cleveland Indian fans!



A thankful meow to TEL and Nurse Mary for organizing the tailgate on Thursday.

Birthday Shoutouts!

by **Chance Downs**

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

10/25- Bobby Blair, Alex Digman

10/27- Chloe Roling

10/31 - Megan McNamara

11/1- Garrett Hogan, Cloie Wilson

11/5- Brock Hillers

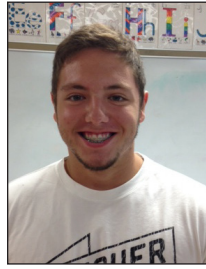
11/6- Rejji Smith

11/7- Heath Gibbs, Madison Imler

11/11- Erika Supple

by **Brody Severt**

Well, folks, the World Series is upon us, so this week we'll be focusing on the Cubs. It appears that an overwhelming majority of us are rooting for the Cubs to win this one. This week's contestants who will take a swing at the questions are Gracie Gellerson, Rylie Aldrich, Clint Krapfl and Lane Coyle.



The World Series is the best of how many games?

Gracie: 7

Rylie: 1

Clint: 7

Lane: 7

Answer: 7

Who are the Cubs playing this year?

Gracie: Toronto Orioles

Rylie: Indians

Clint: Cleveland Indians

Lane: Indians

Answer: Cleveland Indians

Where will the final game be played?

Gracie: Chicago

Rylie: Cleveland

Clint: Cleveland

Lane: at a field somewhere

Answer: Cleveland

How many World Series have the Cubs won?

Gracie: 1

Rylie: 1

Clint: 1

Lane: 1

Answers: 2

When was the last time Cubs won the World Series?

Gracie: 1908

Rylie: 1908

Clint: 1908

Lane: 1908

Answer: 1908

Totals: Gracie: 2 Rylie: 3 Clint: 4 Lane: 3
Good job, Clint! You knocked this week's questions out of the park. The rest of our contestants did a great job. Now all we can do is wait to see which team will take win. See you in the next edition of Hall Smarts!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of Oct. 20, 2016

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

1. MV Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Show - High School & Middle School Gym - 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

1. Halloween Parades - Downtown - 12:45 PM Earlville / 1:30 PM Johnston / 2:15 PM Delhi (Grades 3 & 4)
2. MV FFA Meat & Fruit Sales - Last Day to Take Orders

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 304 with Mrs. Bush - After School until 4:00 PM
2. Jr. High Girls BB - 7th at West Delaware / 8th HOME (MS Gym) - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
3. Registration & Parents Meeting for MV Mini-Wrestling Program - Middle School Commons - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016

1. 3rd-5th Grades to Dress Rehearsal of "Oklahoma" - HS Auditorium - 1:00 PM
2. "Steps for Growing Respectful and Responsible Kids" for Parents - HS Library - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
4. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

1. HS Juniors to College Visit at NICC in Peosta - 9:30 AM (Bus at 8:40 AM)
2. MV 3rd Graders to Arts Trek Orchestra at Five Flags in Dubuque - 12:20 AM (Bus Leaves at 11:20 AM)
3. Jr. High Wrestling at Alburnett (also with Midland) - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:10 PM)
4. Jr. High Girls Basketball HOME (MS Gym) - Edgewood/Colesburg - 4:00 PM
5. MV HS Musical "Oklahoma" Dress Rehearsal - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

1. MV HS Musical "Oklahoma" - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

1. MV HS Musical "Oklahoma" - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

MV HS Musical "Oklahoma" - Auditorium - 2:00 PM

Students recognized for outstanding academic accomplishments

Academic Awards were presented on Monday, October 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium to 64 Maquoketa Valley High School students who met the cumulative grade point average requirements. To receive the Awards, sophomores need to have at least a 3.600 cumulative grade point average. Juniors and seniors need to have at least a 3.400 grade point average. The following students received awards:

Academic letters:

Hunter Glass
Kelsey Ries
Dustin Heims
Payton Ries
Brittany Hines
Chloe Roling
Olivia Hoeger
Jon Seibert
Faith Hunt
Reiji Smith
Hannah Lahr
Adrienne Supple
Maddie Lahr
Tate Trenkamp

Kara Leibold
Samantha Wall
Kristin Lucas
Cassi Westhoff
Emma McDowell
Brooke Wilson
Abe Miles
Norman Wilson
Madalynne Naab
Kelly Winter
Andy O'Connell
Megan Wulfekuhle
Megan Rausch

Second year award:

Amanda Engelken
Mitch Neuzil
Ryenne Flanagan
Kara Orcutt
Heath Gibbs
Trent Reeves
Josy Harmon
Brittany Sabers
Brock Hillers
Danielle Schuman
Macy Hoeger
Brodrick Severt

Abby Holtz
Tyson Tucker
Madison Imler
Carson Wright
McKenzie Lansing
Josie Young

Third year award:

Jacob Bonert
Brianna Mensen
Mikayla Callan
Kendra Ries
Destiny Clayborne
Lea Ries
Danica Fjelstul
Lawson Roof
Amanda Fortman
Caleb Thompson
Rebekah Hill
Angie Wendt
Carter Klostermann
Colin Wendt
Clint Krapfl
Cassy Wilson
Alec McDowell
Nichole Winter
Megan McNamara



Mr. Kudrna presents Danica Fjelstul her third academic award.

Guetzko participates in World Food Prize

The best and brightest students from 31 U.S. states and territories and seven countries attended speeches by world renowned leaders, presented their own research, and joined in hunger relief efforts.

Gabriela Guetzko of MV was among the select students nominated to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Oct. 13-15, 2016, in Des Moines, during the Borlaug Dialogue International

Symposium, which drew 1,500 people from more than 60 countries to discuss the world's hunger and food security issues. The World Food Prize was founded by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug to recognize and inspire great achievements in improving the quality, quantity and availability of food in the world.

Guetzko said she knew early this year she wanted to participate. "Since the beginning of my senior year my aunt always talked about how inspirational and fun the WFP is, so I decided to give it a try."

This year's World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium focused the crucial role of nutrition in global food security, leadership, biofortification, conflict and infrastructure. Students and teachers had the opportunity to take part in symposium sessions in global agriculture, food and development.

At the three-day Institute, Guetzko and 200 other high school student participants of the program from across the United States and abroad researched global food security issues in the developing country of their choice and then submitted papers on those critical topics, which they

also presented to a diverse group of internationally renowned World Food Prize Laureates and other distinguished experts and scientists.

Guetzko presented a paper on the theme "Feeding Innovation, Fighting Hunger" and took part in roundtable discussions with experts in industry, science, academia and policy on the culminating day of the program hosted by DuPont Pioneer at its Carver Conference Center in Johnston, Iowa. During the Institute, participants also helped with a hands-on service project packaging meals for Outreach, Inc., a hunger-fighting organization that serves people in the United States and internationally, toured innovative research and industrial facilities and took part in an interactive Oxfam Hunger Banquet that brought to life the realities of hunger and poverty.

Guetzko said she found the experience valuable. "The first valuable thing I learned by participating was to not take anything for granted. We always think we have it bad but there is always someone who has it worse. The second valuable thing I learned was to always have an open mind towards everything."



From left to right: Jan Lowe- 2016 Laureate, Gabriela Guetzko- scholar, Dr. Gebisa Ejeta- 2009 Laureate and Manju Reddy, Iowa State Professor of Food Science

Long days and short nights transform members' futures on the road to Nationals

Delegates from the MV chapter pose in their formal dress.



In the middle of the night on Tuesday October 18th, 17 members and three chaperones loaded up in mini vans to head towards Indianapolis, Indiana.

After a five-hour drive members arrived at the first tour stop which was Fair Oaks. Fair Oaks is a Agritourism location with a dairy, pig and crop adventure. Students also enjoyed lunch at the Moocafe before heading to the final two hours to Indy.

When students arrived in Indianapolis the three agriscience students setup displays for the national contest. The evening meal was family style Italian at Buca di Bepo.

Wednesday morning contest students headed to compete and other students

toured the NCAA Hall of Champions. Then the students toured the National Career expo and explored potential colleges. That evening members attended the Cole Swindell and Chris Young concert and were entertained from the third row.

Thursday non contest students toured Willer Timber Ridge Angus outside of Indianapolis while the contest students competed in day two of the contest. In the National Agriscience banquet Katelyn Goldsmith was named to the top three finalists in the area of animal science. She later on Friday was named second in the nation for her research and received a Gold. Jackie Ehrlich was named 6th place Gold in Food Processing and Mason Burlage received a silver in Plant Science. That eve-

ning members attended the National Talent Show finals.

Friday was a day of results and service. The Milk Quality team of Amanda Fortman (Gold), Amanda Engelken (Gold and third place overall on the test), Shelby Westhoff (Silver), Josie Young (Silver) and the team garnered 11th GOLD, team GOLD medal. Friday night members enjoyed supper at Cracker Barrel before a evening of team bonding while bowling and mini golfing.

Saturday morning six members received the Golden Key of the American FFA Degree. Members were Jenna Beitz, Emily O'Connell, Clay Willenbring, Kody Orcutt, Matthew Lansing and Dylan Sallow. After the American Degree ceremony members arrived home late night transformed for the future.



The milk quality team of Shelby Westhoff, Josie Young, Amanda Engelken and Amanda Fortman earned an 11th place gold finish at the national competition.



Future ag education teacher Jenna Beitz poses with Mrs. Mausser after Jenna received her American FFA Degree.