

## MV definitely has talent



The mixed choir performs “Shut De Do” as the closing number of MV’s Got Talent last Saturday night. This event was a major fundraiser for the choir.

## Possible Changes in the High School

by Nichole Lucas

Last Wednesday you might have noticed that we had an architect in our school. After speaking with Mr. Tuetken, I was able to get some more answers on what plans he had in mind.

Our school is currently in an initial phase. Mr. Tuetken has been in contact with Mr. Worm from OPN architects about possible updates to the high school building as well as all three elementary centers. Staff members were given the opportunity to discuss their wish lists with Mr. Worm. They also plan to talk to the cooks, custodi-

ans, and possibly a group of students.

Mr. Tuetken is primarily looking at updating the facilities, becoming more energy efficient, and upgrading technology. These changes won’t actually be taking place for another 3.5-4 years when our bonds are up for the Delhi Elementary and Middle School as well as the Earlville Elementary.

SILO dollars will be used so there will be no increase in property taxes. These changes will help keep our school district strong.

## Students attend TEL conference

by Annie Fjelstul

On Monday, October 6th, ten TEL (Teens Eliminating Lies) student traveled to Strawberry Point to attend a conference at EWALU. Those students included: Annie Fjelstul, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Cassy Wilson, Madison Imler, Cassi Westhoff, Adrianne Supple, Abby Holtz, Macy Hoeger, Dani Schuman and Payton Ries. The day entered around tobacco prevention.

At EWALU, we learned various new activities about preventing tobacco use that we will use teach to the sixth grade in November. One of those activities include “making your own spit” where you use various ingredients to showcase everything that’s in chew.

We also learned a lot of new things ourselves. We also got to have a little fun and experience some of the camp activities at EWALU. We went through many team-building and leadership courses together and had a lot of fun.

## Students promote cancer awareness

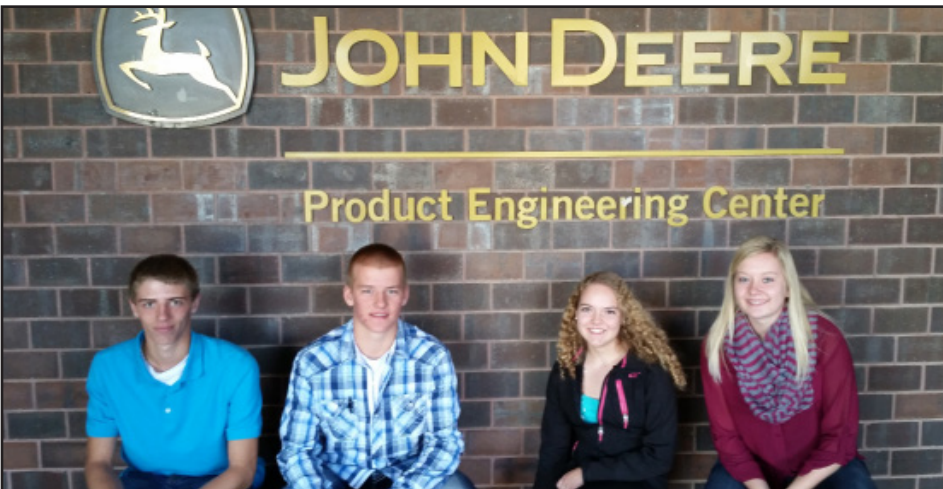
by Annie Fjelstul

On Thursday, October 9th, Heather Sabers, Morgan Manternach, and myself put together a cancer awareness night at the last home volleyball game. We decided to educate about all cancers, and not just focus on one because there are so many different kinds out there. We did this as part of our civics project, but not only that, we wanted to help make a difference as well.

The girls on the volleyball team kindly provided one pie per family so that we could have a silent pie auction. We started the bidding at \$10. The three of us each made three dozen treats to sell at a bake sale as well. At the end of the night, all the treats and pies were gone. We made a grand total of \$454.

This money will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Thank you to anyone who helped and donated!

## Students get firsthand look at careers



Andy Huber, Ryan Goedken, Kristen Brehm and Kristi Goedken job shadowed at John Deere in Cedar Falls on October 8. Kristi and Kristin learned more about John Deere marketing and communications, and Ryan and Andy learned about engines and product verification and validation. Several students have participated in job shadows this semester in various fields: agriculture, health services and education to name a few.

# Sports Connection

## Cross country runners continue to challenge themselves

by Megan Hogan

On Saturday, October 11th the cross country team traveled to the North Linn course for an amazing day to run. They all had great times and many improved times. Now let's see those times!

Brycen Askeland finished 105th with a time of 19:46. Brenden Hogan finished 108th with a time of 19:53. Greg Guetzko finished 120th with a time of 21:05. Bryant Meyer-Kemp finished 123rd with a time of 21:25. Eric Deutmeyer finished 127th with a time of 22:05. Nichole Winter finished 89th with a time of 16:47. Rejji Smith finished 97th with a time of 17:06. Tamala Askeland finished 126th with a time of 18:50. Laisee Shakespeare finished 127th with a time of 19:19. Cassie Burkle finished 131st with a time of 20:17.

The team competed last night at the conference meet.



Left: Nichole Winter finished as MV's top female runner. Above: Brenden Hogan was MV's top male runner. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

## Volleyball team plays Marquette, North Linn, Alburnett

The volleyball team has wrapped up its regular season with several conference matches.

Last week, the team traveled to Bellevue Marquette and lost 0-3 with scores of 12-25, 13-25 and 16-25.

Megan Mensen and Morgan Manternach each had four kills, while Macy Anderegg had three. Mensen and Anderegg each had two blocks.

Heather Sabers had 11 assists.

Caitlin Schuman and Angie Wilson each had 12 digs, while Emily LaGrant had nine.

Top servers were Schuman with eight successful serves and Sabers with seven.

Last Thursday the team hosted North Linn and celebrated senior night. The seniors recognized were Annie Fjelstul, Heather Sabers and Morgan Manternach.

The team lost 1-3 with scores of 17-25, 15-25, 26-24 and 18-25.

Anderegg was a threat at the net

with 11 kills. Mensen and Manternach each added eight kills while Erin Digmann and Fjelstul each had seven.

Sabers had 30 assists for the night.

Wilson and Manternach helped set up the offense with 25 and 19 digs, respectively.

Mensen had 15 successful serves. Wilson, Manternach and Sabers each had 11.

Tuesday the team traveled to Alburnett and lost 0-3 with scores of 13-25, 21-25 and 15-25.

Anderegg had seven kills, and Brianna Mensen had four.

Sabers had 15 assists and eight digs. Wilson had nine digs, and Emily LaGrant had six.

Annie Fjelstul had four blocks.

Brianna Mensen was successful on all 11 of her serves, as was Erin Digmann on her 10.

The Wildcats now enter district play and will host a rematch with North Linn on Tuesday night at 7:00.



Libero Angie Wilson sets up the ball. (photo by Mikaela Reth)



## Cutest Couple



**Caitlin Schuman & Chris Hoeger**  
by Heather Sabers

**How long have you been dating?**

A year and 3 days

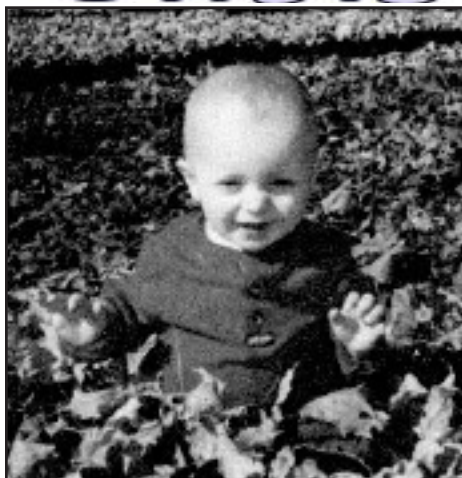
**What do you do for fun?**

Hang out at each other's houses

**Any nicknames?**

Christopher, Chrissy, Catortop

# Cutie



by Heather Sabers

This cutie is a sophomore.

He dates an upperclassman.

He can be found playing football, wrestling, running track, or playing baseball.

Usually people don't call him by his first name.

This cutie went out for speech for the first time this year.

Last week's Cutie was Brenden Hogan.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Ryan Dunn  
Activity: Fall musical

**What role do you play in the musical?** I role as Uncle Henry in the musical.

**What's your favorite part of the show?**

My favorite part of the show is the end.

**What would surprise people about the show?** I'm not going to give spoilers to the show.

**What's your favorite part of rehearsal?**

My favorite part of rehearsal is when I'm not on stage.

**Who is your drama role model?**

Everybody who has experiences in the musical.

Name: Annie Fjelstul

Activity: Fall musical

**What role do you play in the musical?**

Aunt Em

**How are you like/not like your character?**

Like- motherly, caring, protective

Not like- older

**What's your favorite part of the show?**

The Oz scene.

**What would surprise people about the show?**

There are so many new people out for the musical this year. It's great!

**What's your favorite part of rehearsal?**

Getting to spend time with people that I don't get to spend time with anywhere else.

**Who is your drama role model?**

Shaylyn Trenkamp--that girl is amazing. Also Mrs. and Mr. DeVore.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Rejji Smith  
Sport: Cross country

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** I feel like Forrest Gump!

**What's the most fun part of practice?** After we get done running 3 miles.

**What's the hardest part?** You try running 3 miles and tell me how you feel after that. It's hard!

**How do you mentally prepare for a meet?** I imagine my self running from my

ex boyfriend, and it makes me go faster.

**What's your personal goal for this season?** To run faster than Forrest Gump.

**Why should students go out for cross country?** If you like to run, just do it...

And it keeps you in shape

**Who's your cross country role model?**

Usain Bolt. I am "boltin" out of here.

Name: Sienna Becker

Sport: Volleyball

**What do you enjoy most about volleyball?** Being with the rest of the team.

**What's your favorite drill in practice?**

Baseball

**What's your least favorite drill in**

**practice?** Hitting lines

**What's your goal for the team this season?** State

**What has made this year unique for you?** I had to learn how to play a new position and play with people I'm not used to playing with.

**What's your favorite memory from being involved in this volleyball?** Just growing closer as a team and knowing that we have each others' backs.



# Meet the Freshmen



**Eric Deutmeyer, Ryan Dunn, Dustin Heims, Patrick Hansen and Bridgett Massman**

Name: Bridgett Massman  
Siblings: Kaylee, Emma, Charlie, William  
Activities you plan to be in: Cheerleading, dance team  
Favorite subject: science  
Career aspirations: Model, pediatrician  
Hobbies: shopping, texting  
Something cool about you: I have good fashion.

Name: Patrick Hansen  
Siblings: Julie, Sarah, Stefanie, Caitlyn, Ricky, Nicholas  
Activities you plan to be in: musical, speech, basketball, golf, baseball, band, choir  
Favorite subject: algebra  
Career aspirations: lawyer, doctor, teacher  
Hobbies: baseball, soccer  
Something cool about you: I like soccer.

Name: Ryan Dunn  
Siblings: Allie  
Activities you plan to be in: Speech, musical, band, choir, sports, play, Spanish  
Favorite subject: math  
Hobbies: eating

Name: Dustin Heims  
Siblings: Angie, Ashley  
Activities you plan to be in: basketball, soccer, speech  
Favorite subject: science  
Career aspirations: robotic engineer  
Hobbies: gaming, farming  
Something cool about you: I am pretty good with technology.

Name: Eric Deutmeyer  
Siblings: Dani, Kate, Anna  
Activities you plan to be in: many  
Favorite subject: science  
Hobbies: many

—typist: Mikaela Reth

## Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegg

Traditions are a very special thing to carry throughout generations in your family. This passed weekend, my mom's side of the family and my family shared another year of our Pumpkin Painting generation together. This consists of grandma gathering pumpkins for each of the grandkids and we paint them. This follows with a large supper and lots of conversation.

As the larger holidays start to roll in, I hope each of your families follow through with your annual traditions, or maybe even start up a new one!



## Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

### Are You Smart?

Have you ever been asked "Are you smart?", if your had a hard time answering this question keep reading. Saying that you're smart doesn't mean you are cocky or even have too much self confidence. It means that you aware of your intelligence. You shouldn't blindly believe that you are better than everyone else. On the other hand you don't want to let internal or external voices hold you back from achieving bigger and better things.

We all go to Maquoketa Valley. We all sit in the same classrooms, know the same teachers, and go through most of the same classes. That doesn't mean that we are all going to learn the same way. Some might understand more things than others. Some might doodle off to the side and could sign that piece of art and sell it. We all are smart. We all know things others don't. It doesn't have to be about the the equation in calc or how many energy levels are in an element.

My goal for you is tell yourself that you're smart. Don't say things like "I'm stupid," "I'm slow," "I got an F!! Yay!" No one is stupid; you're only stupid if you make stupid decisions. So make the choice of trying to learn because, in fact, everyone is smart in his or her own way.



## Do's and Don'ts of Social Media

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

We've all heard of many different do's and don'ts of social media many different times, but I think it's important and serious enough of a topic to be addressed yet again. With all the modern technology, it's hard not to give in to new ways and let it affect you. It can be tough, but it's possible and necessary to avoid letting technology take over your life. Here are some tips on how to do just that.

Do take a break. Sometimes you just need to get away from all the social media. Putting your phone or tablet down can have major health benefits, and it can improve your mood too.

Don't use social media to compare your life with others'. One of my favorite quotes is: "Comparison is the greatest source of unhappiness." Social media is one of the easiest ways for people to make their life look 100% glamorous even if it isn't all the time. Social media doesn't even give you the full story, so don't use that to compare your life to someone else's.

Do use social media for it's right purpose: interacting and socializing with friends and family. Facebook can be great to see pictures of your baby cousin when you haven't been able to visit him and snapchat can be an awesome way to have a conversation with a good friend that lives farther away, but don't forget about real life interactions. Make sure that interactions over social media aren't your only interactions with people. If you aren't comfortable talking to someone in person, maybe you shouldn't be talking to them over social media.

Don't post/say anything that you wouldn't say in person. And even farther than that, if you would say it in person but are not sure someone will understand over social media, just don't say it. Social media makes it super easy to be misunderstood. Say what you mean, but mean what you say. Think about what you're saying before posting or sending and make sure it's something you'd really say in person and something you'd really want the receiver/everyone who can see your posts to hear.

Do be yourself. Social media shouldn't be something you use to talk to someone behind someone's back or something that you use to lie about yourself. Stay loyal to friendships and relationships when using social media, and don't change yourself. Social media can be a positive way to interact with others, just be smart about it and be yourself.



# Wildcats Triumph Over Stars

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

Last week, MV traveled to Star-  
mont with the determination to remain un-  
defeated. After a chilly night full of some  
great football playing, they succeeded,  
winning 52-7.

Starting off the scoring quickly  
in the first quarter was Ryan Parmely with  
his longest run of the night, 71 yards, for  
the touchdown. Rob Bockenstedt followed



Zach Salow runs the ball for the  
Wildcats last Friday night. (photos by  
Shaylyn Trenkamp)

with the extra point, and the Wildcats were  
off to a great start. Not too long after their  
first scoring play, the Wildcats had another  
touchdown from Ryan Parmely and another  
good kick for the extra point from Rob  
Bockenstedt, bringing the score to 14-0.  
As the clock ran out for the first quarter  
though, Starmont made a touchdown and  
extra point, and the score at the end of the  
first was 14-7.

Within minutes of the second  
quarter, Parmely and Bockenstedt went at it  
again, scoring another touchdown and ex-  
tra point for the Wildcats. This duo scored  
one more time before the half, and brought  
the halftime score to 28-7 with the Wildcats  
in the lead.

Third quarter brought a 50 yard  
long run for Parmely, which led to a touch-  
down and then an extra point from Bock-  
enstedt. Before the quarter ended, another  
touchdown from Parmely and extra point  
from Bockenstedt made the score 42-7.

For the final quarter, the Wildcats  
had Steve Huber scoring the first touch-  
down, followed by a successful extra point  
from Bockenstedt. In the last couple min-

utes of the game, Bockenstedt scored again  
with a field goal for the Wildcats, resulting  
in a score of 52-7 for the Wildcats' win.

Passing yards: Jeremy Fischer, 68.  
Rushing yards: Steve Huber, 56; Jeremy  
Fischer, 15; Zach Zalow, 4; Trevor Koop-  
mann, 12; Ryan Parmely, 385. Receiving  
yards: Zak Harbach, 29; Zach Salow, 39.

Tackles: Steve Huber, 8; Derek  
Salow, 3; Riley Kloser, 7; Colton Nefzger,  
4; Zach Salow, 2; Trevor Koopmann, 3;  
Ryan Parmely, 4; Alec McDowell, 5; Rob  
Bockenstedt, 3; Chris Hoeger, 2; Curtis  
Nefzger, 3; Calvin Orcutt, 1; Matt Lansing,  
3. Assists: Zach Salow, 2; Garret Hogan,  
1; Trevor Koopmann, 3; Ryan Parmely, 4;  
Alec McDowell, 2; Kody Orcutt, 3; Matt  
Lansing, 1. Sacks: Curtis Nefzger, 1.

Field Goals: Rob Bockenstedt,  
1. Rob Bockenstedt was 7 for 7 for extra  
points. Kick return yards: Zak Harbach, 29.  
Kicking yards: Rob Bockenstedt, 309.

Tonight the Wildcats travel to  
Easton Valley as they enter their eighth  
week of regular season play.

## Seniors tour county courthouse

Last week the seniors toured the  
Delaware County courthouse as part of a  
government field trip. Mr. Cassutt accom-  
panied the students so they could get a clos-  
er look at county government. The students  
toured several offices and the jail. County  
supervisor and school board member Doug  
Dabroski also helped with the tour.

**Right: Mary Feldmann checks  
out files at the assessor's office.**


**Below: Greg Guetzko, Mary  
Feldmann and Olivia Hill explore the  
courtroom. (photos by Annie Fjelstul)**





Alec McDowell blocks against Star-  
mont as Ryan Parmely goes for the first down  
for Wildcats.


# The Cat Box


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


 A meow for no school on Monday!


A meow to the success of MV's Got Talent! Thanks, students,  for coming to it!

 A furball to injuries, particularly seniors Riley Kloser and Morgan Manternach, along with Ashley Holtz and Tiffany Hoeger. Boo.


 A furball to the continued Ebola outbreak.

 A meow to the students who are going to be recognized today at the academic awards assembly.

 A meow to the students who are putting in extra time to get their grades up by the end of the quarter.

 A meow to everyone who remembered to wear pink on Wednesday for National Think Pink day for breast cancer awareness.

 A meow to Kristi Goedken who represented MV at the 20th Annual World Food Prize Global Youth Institute this week.

 A meow to the freshmen for winning the Pack the Gym/Stands nights.

## what's up

**If you could change your name what would you change it to?**

by Emily Krapfl

Erin Digmann: La Dash A

Ryan Dunn: Alex

Josie Young: Rebekah Hill

Rebekah Hill: Emily Krapfl

Tamala Askeland: Madison

Mikaela Reth: Samantha

Raven Eatman-Dietiker: Rayln

Brock Hillers: Xmus Jaxon Flaxon-

Waxon

Abby Jay- Tyson Tucker

Tyson Tucker: Bismo Funyuns

# Best Buds



**Destiny Clayborne, Selena Ramirez, and Cassie Schwandt**

by Destiny Clayborne

**How long have you guys been friends?**

-Since kindergarten

**How did you become friends?**

Me: When I moved here in Kindergarten  
Selena and Cassie: Destiny was the new girl.

**What do you do for fun?**

-listen to music or watch Netflix

**What is your funniest moment together?**

Destiny: When I threw Selena's phone at her and didn't know, so it hit her in the face.

Cassie: When Destiny fell off the table at Conrad Park

**Do you have any nicknames?**

-Cassie's nickname is Ginger, Selena's is selenrr, and Destiny's is cordero or chord for short.

## Think Pink



**Thank you, Nurse Mary, for creating this information board in the lobby to educate us on breast cancer.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of OCTOBER 20, 2014

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Day
2. HS FFA Officers Meeting - HS Room 305 - 7:00 PM
3. MV School Board Meeting - MS. Conference Room - Work Session 6:00 PM / Meeting 7:00 PM
4. High School Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014

1. Deadline for November Newsletter Articles - Please Send to Sue Kramer in the High School
2. Junior High Wrestling Practice Begins - After School
3. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - After School until 4:00 PM
4. HS Varsity 1st Round District Volleyball - HOME - MV vs North Linn - 7:00 PM
5. High School Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
6. HS FFA Monthly Meeting at Beckman High School in Dyersville - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014

1. School Picture Retakes - Delhi Elementary, HS, MS 8:30 AM / Earlville 9:45 AM / Johnston 11:15 AM
2. JH Band to Conference Honor Band Festival at Easton Valley (2 Vans Leave @ Noon) Concert a 7:00 PM
3. HS Cross Country State Qualifying Meet in Solon - 3:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 12:55 PM)
4. HS Junior Varsity Football - HOME - Anamosa - 6:00 PM
5. High School Musical Practice - Auditorium - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

1. HS Varsity Football - HOME - Postville - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

1. HS All-State Music Auditions at West Delaware HS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

1. MV Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Show - High School Gym - 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM



