

Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

Milk Quality judging team earns first place



The Milk Quality team that competed at the Central National FFA contest at the World Dairy Expo earned a first place finish. Team members are Stephanie Westhoff, Amanda Engelken, Amanda Fortman and Josie Young. They competed this week at the National FFA Convention.

All-state anticipation



by Lawson Roof

Three members of the MV choir, Lawson Roof, Megan Beaman and Tate Trenkamp, will audition for the Iowa All-State Music Festival. All three students will audition as vocal soloists at West Delaware Saturday morning and afternoon.

The three singers have been practicing their music since they went to All-State camp at Wartburg at the beginning of August. They have learned five pieces, two of which are in English, one in German, one in Latin, and one in Haitian-Creole. They have been meeting for morning practices at 7:15 three times a week, and they practice outside of school, too. "It's all up to individual accountability," Mrs. Mueller stated. "The amount of time students invest in their music is what they will get out of it."

While the preparation process is up to the individual auditioning, the selection process is definite, and very difficult. At West Delaware's audition site, the five judges each judge 30-33 entries. The entries can be soloists, duets, trios or quartets. The judges there are able to pick four high school students of each voice part to get into All-State first round. Getting in first round means they are entered immediately into the festival. If a student does not get in first round, that student is either recalled or done. However, soloists are rarely recalled.

Each audition is seven minutes long. In an audition, students are asked to sing cuts of the five pieces they have learned for auditions. These cuts are determined the day of auditions. Students auditioning are judged on dynamics, pitch accuracy, tone quality, intonation, rhythm and musicianship. Around 100 students, 25 students of each voice part, will be selected for the All-State Music Festival at the West Delaware audition site alone. The final Iowa All-State choir consists of 600 people.

Donation made to industrial tech department



A special thanks goes to Paladin Attachments of Delhi for the donation of auto-darkening welding helmets to the Maquoketa Valley Welding class. Shown above, from left to right are Daniel Hunter, Mr. Drew, Eric Heims, Eric Deutmeyer, Mitchell Neuzil, Carson Wright, Mitch Smith, Heath Gibbs and Brycen Askeland. These helmets are auto-darkening so the students can see through the helmet's window until an arc is struck. As soon as there is a flash of light, the window will darken to protect the welder's eyes from intense ultra-violet rays. This is an industry standard type of equipment and it allows for the welder to see where they want to start their welding arc, according to Mr. Drew. These helmets were presented by Eric Williams, an MV graduate. Not pictured: Wyatt Kuhns and James Blair.

Boys CC team finishes second at conference meet, Hogan to state

by Kelly Winter

Last Thursday, October 13th the Maquoketa Valley Cross Country teams competed at the Tri-Rivers Conference Meet. Overall the JV Boys got second out of 2 teams, and the Varsity Boys got second out of nine teams. Several runners once again set a personal record.

The individual placings are below:

Varsity Girls

Nichole Winter- 22:44, 24th

Cassy Wilson- 21:29, 16th

Varsity Boys

Derek Mensen- 18:23, 19th

Chance Downs- 17:28, 10th

Tate Trenkamp- 17:47, 13th

Brenden Hogan- 17:32, 11th

Mason Lubben- 18:36, 23rd

Bryant Meyer-Kemp- 19:45, 39th

Alex McCusker- 23:18, 56th

JV Girls

Maddie Lahr- 33:27, 24th

JV Boys

Canyon Richardson- 19:29, 6th

Jon Seibert- 20:22, 8th

Cody Gibbs- 21:46, 10th



Coach Dever, Alex McCusker, Brenden Hogan, Bryant Meyer-Kemp, Coach Meehan, Chance Downs, Derek Mensen, Mason Lubben and Tate Trenkamp ran on the second place team at the conference cross country meet.

Chad Neuzil- 22:48, 11th

Mitch Neuzil- 23:09, 12th

These students competed at Districts yesterday in Cedar Rapids. At the meet, the boys team finished fourth overall. The top three teams qualify for the state meet. However, Brenden Hogan finished

ninth in 17:02.88 which earns him a berth to the state meet on Oct. 29 in Fort Dodge.

Other top runners at the meet were Chance Downs and Tate Trenkamp who finished in 29th and 30th, respectively. Derek Mensen finished in 35th, and Mason Lubben crossed the line in 49th place.

Wildcats take third in conference tourney, win first round of districts

The Wildcats are on a roll on the volleyball court as they come off of the conference tournament and a first round district win.

Tuesday night the Wildcats hosted Alburnett to start district play. MV came back after losing the first set 21-25. Other set scores were 25-9, 25-22 and 25-13.

Macy Hoeger had 10 kills for the night and Payton Ries added 9 with the help of Lea Ries' 13 assists. Serving, once again, was a strong point. Abby Holtz served 17 for 21 with 3 aces, Maci Freiburger was 16 for 19 with 5 aces, Hoeger was 15 for 17 with 4 aces, Brianna Mensen was 17 for 17 with 2 aces and Lea Ries was 11 for 11 with a single ace.

The varsity team ended the regular season with 9 wins and 11 losses. Their Tri-Rivers West Conference record was 4 wins (Central City, Lisbon, North Linn, Alburnett) and 2 losses (Springville, East Buchanan) which landed the Wildcats in a three-way tie for second place in the West Division with Lisbon and East Buchanan. Their pool play win Thursday night of the conference tournament put them in the finals on Saturday in Springville.

On Saturday the Wildcats first round match was against Calamus-Wheat-

land. The Warriors were victorious over the Wildcats 2 sets to 1 with set scores of 20-25, 27-25 and 9-15. The final game for the day was against Alburnett. The Wildcats won the match in 2 sets, 21-13 and 21-14.

Stats for the tournament were: Payton Ries led in the kill department with 17, followed by Mensen with 16, Hoeger with 14, Danica Fjelstul with 13, Freiburger with 11 and Brooke Wilson with 9. Freiburger had 8 service aces, while Brianna Mensen and Lea Ries added 7 aces. Abby Holtz was 37 for 37 serving with 3 aces. Payton Ries added 4 aces and Hoeger had 1. Lea Ries had 43 assists, Holtz added 18 and Aspen Britt and Mensen added 1 assist each. Defensively for the Wildcats, Fjelstul had 2 solo blocks and 2 block assists, Payton Ries had 2 solo blocks and 4 block assists, Hoeger added 1 solo block and 1 block assist, Freiburger had 2 solo blocks, Mensen had 2 block assists and Brooke Wilson had 1 block assist. Freiburger again led the Wildcats in the dig department with 30, Britt had 22, Hoeger and Lea Ries had 16, Mensen had 14, Caitlin Schuman had 13, Holtz with 12, Payton Ries had 9, Fjelstul with 6, Wilson had 4 and Madison Imler with 3.

With all regular season matches



Brooke Wilson receives the ball in the match in the conference tournament last week. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

concluded, the final record of the fresh/soph team is 10 wins and 4 losses. Their Tri-Rivers West Conference record was 5 wins (Central City, Springville, East Buchanan, North Linn, Alburnett) and 1 loss (Lisbon).

The junior varsity record overall was 9 wins and 3 losses, with a conference record of 5 wins and 1 loss. "The junior varsity team also had a great season with much success," stated Coach Holtz. "With 15 players on the team it can be challenging with so many rotating in and out of the match, but they did a great job."

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Tyson Tucker



You were nominated because of the growth and insight you've shown in AP U.S. History. How has this class been different from other classes you've taken?

APUSH has probably challenged me more than any other class I've had to this point. The level of critical thinking skills used in the class has been a challenge but I think the skills I've gained will help me in all of my subjects.

How do you prepare for class? The key to the class is giving yourself enough time to do the work so you can truly think through it and completely understand the content and skills used, so when it comes to class you can have intelligent discussions about the content.

What advice do you have for future APUSH students? My advice to the normal student would be, to take APUSH. I've only been it for about a quarter and I've already become a better writer and thinker. My advice to future APUSH students, is to not worry so much about your letter grade. Most people enrolling in AP classes are used to exceptional grades but in this class it's no so much about the grade, as it is about truly becoming a better writer, reader, thinker and overall student.

Tyson was nominated by Mr. Huegel. Mr. Huegel added, "While I am very pleased with the development of his critical thinking skills, analysis, and writing progression, what I would really like him to focus on is making bets that he can win."

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Emma McDowell

Activity: Fall musical

What role do you play in the musical? I'm a cowboy!

What's your favorite part of the show? Probably the fact that we get to act like overdramatic cowboys.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? When Alex and I were quoting *Toy Story* because we were trying to be like Woody.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I'm perfectly fine staying a cowboy, yehaw y'all.

How has participating in the musical affected you? It's been so much fun and helped me become better friends with some awesome people.

Name: Cassy Wilson

Activity: Fall musical

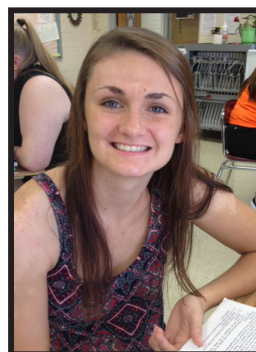
What role do you play in the musical? I am a cowboy, I gave myself the name Douglas.

What's your favorite part of the show? The Kansas City scene.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? Whenever Alex, Emma, and I are together its a good time. :)

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? The mom, Edna Turnbald from *Hairspray*.

How has participating in the musical affected you? I've made friends and gotten close with people I've honestly never talked to before. It also has taught me good time management.



Athletes of the Week

Name: Abby Holtz

Sport: Volleyball

What do you enjoy most about volleyball?

I love the intensity of a fast paced game. What makes it even better is being able to step on the court and play with your friends.

What's your favorite drill in practice? Free-ball, down-ball, serve. It's basically a freestyle game where you can try new plays and move hitters around.

What's the toughest part of playing your position?

All the hitters like their sets at different heights/speeds so you have to know who is hitting at what position at all times and what kind of plays they're running.

What has made this year unique for you?

My dad just started coaching this year and so there's a little more constructive criticism than there's been in the past but in the end it's made me a better player.

Name: Alec McDowell

Sport: Football

What do you enjoy most about football? I love how physical it is and also the emotional connection our team has with each other.

How does competing mentally in football differ from the other sports you play? Preparing for a football game is a week-long process. It starts the weekend before a game by watching film and the rest of the week scouting the opponent.

Who's your football role model?

All past Maquoketa Valley football players. They set a great example and built a great tradition. I hope my senior teammates and I had the same impact on the underclassmen this year.

What will you miss most about football? I will miss my teammates and the brotherhood we have. I will also miss listening to Coach Moenck joke around with us every day.



Meet the Freshmen



Shelby, Lexi, Carter H. & Carter S.

Name: Carter Hildebrand
 Siblings: Robert Hildebrand
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech and Golf
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: Accountant
 Hobbies: Watching sports and coin collecting
 Something cool about you: I live on a farm.

Name: Carter Stahlberg
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, Football, Wrestling, Golf
 Favorite subject: FFA
 Career aspirations: DNR
 Hobbies: Hunting and Fishing
 Something cool about you: long hair

Name: Shelby March
 Siblings: Briana and Anthony March
 Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Speech, Musical and play
 Favorite subject: Math
 Career aspirations: OB Doctor
 Hobbies: Laughing and being outside
 Something cool about you: I've been to Canada.

Name: Lexi Deutmeyer
 Siblings: Landen, Leijhton, Lainey, Langston
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, Band, Track/Golf
 Favorite subject: Spanish
 Career aspirations: Nurse/Doctor
 Hobbies: Watching Netflix
 Something cool about you: I play saxophone.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

Wildcats get win on the gridiron

The Wildcats turned things around last Friday night as they pulled off a 40-28 road win over North Cedar.

Tyson Tucker completed 8 of his 10 passes for a total of 132 yards, finding Norman Wilson twice in the endzone. Tucker gained 84 yards on his 16 runs, scoring once.

Alec McDowell carried for 196 yards and scored twice, once on a 42-yard run. Zak Harbach also scored on rushing plays.

Tanner Parmely made good on four of his six PATs.

Defensively, McDowell had 12 solo tackles and four assists. Garrett Hogan had eight solo tackles and five assists.

The Wildcats were picking off plays left and right as the team had three interceptions off of the Knights. Trevor Elgin, Clint Krapfl and Norman Wilson each had an interception.

Tonight the Wildcats host Bellevue at home to end the season.

Juniors continue to explore careers

Hannah Clemens visits with representatives from the Good Neighbor Home at the career fair last week. (photo by McKenzie Lansing)



What is one thing you will take away from this career fair experience?
 by McKenzling Lansing

Brittany Hines- I could own my own business one day in interior design.
 Jake Jones- There is a bagging company in Manchester.
 Amanda Engelken- First impressions are very important.
 Brody Severt- Job Shadow
 Hunter Glass- If you think you are prepared enough, prepare more.
 Josy Harmon- There is many different qualities that help you get a job.
 Megan Beaman- Always write a thank you.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are ten wacky facts for this week.

- In Japan, Ronald McDonald is called Donald McDonald due to a lack of a clear "r" sound in Japanese.
- Katsaridaphobia is the fear of cockroaches.
- If you search for "askew" in Google, the content will tilt slightly to the right.
- 1 in 10 Americans thinks HTML --the language of web pages-- is a sexually transmitted disease.
- The Hundred Years' War lasted for 116 years.
- In Texas, it is legal to kill Big Foot if you ever find it.
- A cat has been the mayor of Talk-eetna, Alaska for 15 years.
- George Washington did not have wooden teeth; instead they were made of gold, ivory, lead, human and animal teeth.
- From 2001 to 2009, Donald Trump was a registered Democrat.
- The average time it takes for a new habit to stick is 66 days.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

A man recently came back from a trip. Today is Tuesday. He came back three days before the day after the day before tomorrow. When did he return?

Answer: Sunday

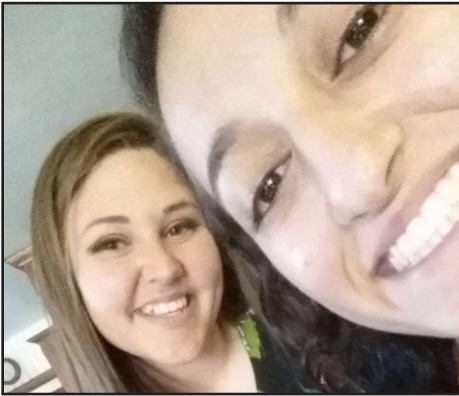
Cutie

by Kelly Winter

This cutie wears glasses. She lives in the country. She has one older sister, and a dog. This cutie is involved in one sport. Her favorite color is navy blue.



Best Buds



**Megan McNamara & Gabriella Guetzko
by Brooklyn Sands**

What's your favorite memory together?

Gabriella: When we tp-ed Mr. Cassutt's house really good.

Megan: Almost rolling my car when driving away from Mr. Cassutt's house after tping him....we got him good, like really good.

How often do you hang out?

Gabriella: every day (literally every day)

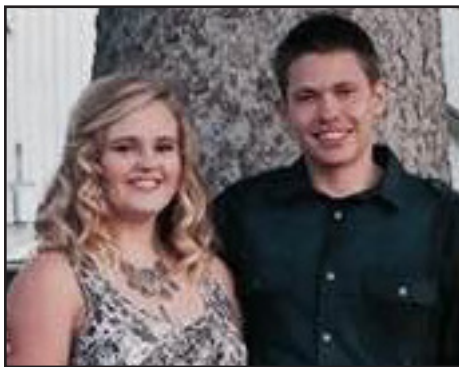
Megan: every day, seriously.

Nicknames?

Gabriella: Meg

Megan: Goob

Cutest Couple



**Madalynne Nabb & Tyler Britcher
by Brooklyn Sands**

How long have you been dating?

almost 2 months

What's your favorite memory together?

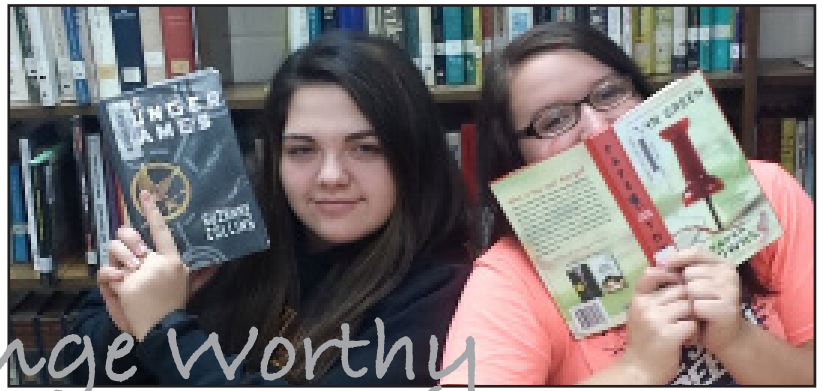
him: homecoming

her: homecoming

Where's your favorite place to eat?

him: idk

her: Texas Roadhouse



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Kendra:

She's the Man: This is one of our favorite movies. We watch it just about every time that we are together. Viola just wants to play soccer, and when her high school girls team is cut, she will do anything to be able to play again. Her brother, Sebastian, who is suppose to be going off to school runs and goes on a trip with his band instead. He asks Viola to cover for him, and in a way, she does. She goes to his new school, and tries out for the boys soccer team. She wants to get back at her ex-boyfriend, to play soccer, but she also wants to do girl things. She falls in love with a boy on the team, and has to try to cover it up. A must see if you want a good laugh. Also, Channing Tatum is in it, so that's a plus!

Rebekah:

The Middle: This show is one of the funniest shows that I have ever seen. It follows a family that is middle-class. They show us the struggles that they are going through, the hard times with each other, and the good times. The siblings bicker, just like every other siblings, and the parents have to try and patch everything together. A funny show that everyone should watch!

One Direction: If any of you know me at all, you all know that I am in love with One Direction. Like, I probably am a total fan girl! I love them so much! Their songs are amazing, and they are about different things. You all need to go listen to all of their songs, you will all fall in love! They aren't to bad to look at either. :)

Jodi Picoult: Jodi Picoult is my favorite author. I love every book of her's that I have read. My all time favorite is Nineteen Minutes. Her books are full of drama, love, and sadness. She is not everyone's cup of tea, but everyone should at least give one of her books a shot.

This week in Binge Worthy we have two special guests writing in place of Amanda. Kendra Ries will be stepping in while Amanda is MIA (actually, she's at national FFA convention).

Kendra:

A Cinderella Story: A Cinderella Story is the perfect movie if you're having a movie night with your besties. The movie features a little bit of romance and whole lot of Chad Michael Murray. Hello, gorgeous ;)

Carrie Underwood: If you haven't heard of Carrie Underwood, chances are you live under a rock. Besides her extraordinary talent, she is outstandingly beautiful. I mean have you seen her hair, her face, her legs...EVERYTHING?!

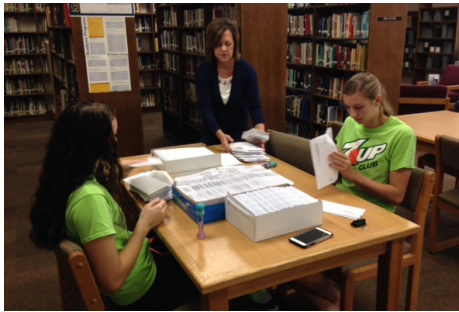
Hocus Pocus: If you enjoy Halloween movies, Hocus Pocus is definitely a movie to add to your watch list. This movie is all about how 3 witches return from the dead and use young children in their efforts to try to stay alive forever. Hocus Pocus is a classic. Plus, who doesn't love a good Halloween movie?

The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A meow to the following students for helping with the Dollars for Scholars mailing. Their help was greatly appreciated, and we were able to fold, stuff and mail over 850 letters for our Dollars for Scholars program: Danica Fjelstul, Amanda Fortman, Rebekah Hill, Clint Krapfl, Alec McDowell, Brianna Mensen, Kendra Ries, Lea Ries, Colin Wendt, Taylor White, Nichole Winter.



A meow to the tremendous talent shown at Monday's choir concert.



A meow to the Spanish IV class for the chips and salsa at lunch *el jueves*.



Birthday Shoutouts!

by **Chance Downs**

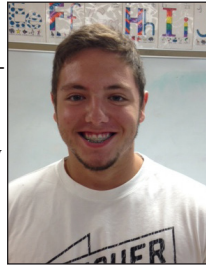
It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

- 10/16- Zach Cornell
- 10/19- Trent Reeves

by **Brody Sevart**

Hola, Gatos, este es el mes del patrimonio española. Este es la segunda parte de Hall Smarts en español. Hay muchos hechos divertidos acerca de España y el idioma español. Un hecho interesante es que hay solo uno país en America del Sur en que no habla español. Esta semana nuestros concursantes son Emilio Aguayo, Rebekah Hill, Chance Downs y Madison Ott.



A que escuela vamos?

Emilio: Maquoketa Valley
Rebekah: Maquoketa Valley
Chance: Maquoketa Valley
Madison: Maquoketa Valley
Respuesta: Maquoketa Valley

Que color es el césped?

Emilio: verde
Rebekah: verde
Chance: anaranjado
Madison: rojo
Respuesta: verde

Quien es el maestro de química?

Emilio: Mr O
Rebekah: Mr O
Chance: Mr O
Madison: si
Respuesta: Señor Osterhaus

Quien es el presidente?

Emilio: Obama
Rebekah: Obama
Chance: Obama
Madison: Obama
Respuesta: Presidente Obama

Cual dia en la proxima semana no hay clases?

Emilio: Friday
Rebekah: Viernes
Chance: martes
Madison: no
Respuesta: el viernes

Los totales: Emilio: 5 Rebekah: 5 Chance: 4 Madison: 2

Buen trabajo, todos. Los Hall Smarts esta semana fue muy divertido. Los ganadores esta semana son Emilio y Rebekah. Quiero que se diviertan este fin de semana. ¡Nos vemos la proxima semana, todos!

WHAT'S HAPPENING at MV the week of Oct. 24, 2016

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 "Turn Your Back on Drugs" - wear your shirt backwards (3rd-8th)
1. HS Academic Awards Presentation - Auditorium - 11:00 AM
2. 2nd Round HS Regional VB - MV vs Sumner/Fredericksburg @ Sumner - 7:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:00)
3. MV FFA Meeting at Beckman High School - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 "The Wildcat Way is Drug Free" - wear Black & Gold (3rd -8th)
1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 304 with Mrs. Bush - After School until 4:00 PM
2. 5th - 8th Band "Informance" Concert - Middle School Gym - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016 "Hats Off to Being Drug Free" - wear a hat (3rd-8th)
1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 307 with Mrs. Scherrman - After School until 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016 "Red Ribbon Day" - wear Red (District-Wide)
1. School Picture RETAKES - Earlville, Johnston & Delhi - 8:30 AM
2. Red Ribbon Week HS Tailgate Lunch Party Hosted by TEL - HS Football Field or Gym - 11:00 AM
3. 5th - 12th Band "BASH" - Middle School Gym - 7:00 until 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016
NO SCHOOL - End of 1st Quarter - Teacher In-Service Day
2. Students to Loras College Middle School Honor Band in Dubuque (Suburban Leaves at 8:10 AM)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016
1. FUNDamental Basketball Camp for Grades 2nd - 6th - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 8:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016
1. MV Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Show - High School & Middle School Gym - 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM