

Wildcat Echo

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Cheer squad heads into year 2 with excitement

There's no doubt the cheer squad added some positive energy to football games last year, and this year that goal is the same.

Coach Teymer is in her second year of coaching the team and noted that with only one senior, this year feels like a rebuilding year.

The team prepared for the upcoming season with some early morning practices this summer.

A new activity was a pool day practice. Stunts can be difficult to teach and practice, so the pool helped with confidence and let the athletes try new things.

Along with cheering at both home and away games, the cheer squad will also plan the homecoming pep rally.



This year's cheer squad includes, front row: McKenna Thompson and Jesús Rumbo; second row: Isabella Mensen, Maddyx Kemp, Kaitlin Nolan, Livia Hermanson and Tierra Morgan; back row: Sami DeMoss, Clairra Gray, Coach Teymer, Ava Goldsmith and Josie Teymer. Not pictured: Lainey Deut-meyer.

Cross country teams aim for another successful season

The Wildcat cross country teams are small in numbers from past years, but confidence and work ethic is not lacking. Both the boys and girls teams have six members each. The boys are juniors Toby Grimm and George Livingston, sophomores Brady Eike, Arion Rave, and Matthew Schaul. Freshman Kenyon Baker rounds out the roster. The girls team consist of senior McKenna Thompson, juniors Allison Hogan and Isabel Imler, sophomore McKenna Bush, freshmen Taryn Burbridge and Keely Recker.

The boys team is minus last year's top three runners--Cy Huber, Nolan Ries, and Michael Schaul. Those positions will be filled by three of the four guys returning from last years State Runner Up team: Schaul, Livingston, Rave and Grimm. Eike appears to have the inside track for the fifth slot. Baker continues to show improvement.

The boys can have a special year if they come together and improve as a team. It is a team with no seniors which means they all return next year. I would like to see them compete this year and estab-

lish themselves as a top team in the conference and then in the 1A State Qualifying Meet, maybe even a spot in the state meet. It will take a steady effort to do that but it is achievable. They are learning that success comes slowly with consistent effort.

Two freshmen newcomers are on this year's girls team. Recker looks to have talent in running and should develop nicely with consistent effort and patience. She lacks the running experience but can gain that as the season progresses. Burbridge is an experienced runner for her age and is setting herself up for a good season. She and Imler will lead the Wildcats this season and give the team a good 1-2 punch. Isabel was the front runner for the Wildcats last year. Taryn will be there with her. This is Senior McKenna Thompson's first year out for cross country and shows great promise. McKenna was a state qualifier in track and field so she knows how to run. A sophomore this year, McKenna Bush is running at the level she left off last year as a patient runner who knows how to improve. Junior Allison Hogan has shown improvement from last year and should have a good year.

The key to how successful the girls team can be lies in how much our third through sixth girls can prove. Our one and two runners should do all right. All these girls are enjoyable to coach and can accomplish enough to make this a season one to be proud of. The first goal for the girls is to establish a solid team so we can compete as a team at the conference meet. Next, see who we can qualify for the state meet. This group of girls deserve success. They are a great group just working to achieve success. "Bit by bit" they will succeed.



Senior McKenna Thompson is a newcomer to cross country this year.

—Coach Meehan
Coach Meehan is assisted by Mr. Kirchoff.

MV football brings back some experience, lots of young talent

Coach Arnold's enthusiasm for football can be seen and heard on the practice field, and this squad brings some energy to the field. While most of that energy is from underclassmen, the upperclassmen bring some quality experience.

"We have a small senior class," explained Coach Arnold. "We have an almost equally as small junior class. We need to have some young guys grow up quick. Staying healthy will be as important as it ever has been. The group we have is fun to work with, they work hard and we have the expectation to compete every Friday night to the best of our ability."

Returning powers to the team include Senior Lucas Orcutt, 6'3" 195, OG/DE, Honorable Mention All-District; Junior Aidan Salow, 6'3" 225, OG/DE, 2nd Team All District; Junior Lance McShane, 6'3" 190, RB/LB, Honorable Mention All District; Senior Carter Klaren, 5'10" 190, HB/LB; Sophomore Nathan Beitz, 6'1" 205, OT/DT; and Sophomore TJ Cook, 6'2" 175, QB/S.

Coach Arnold also noted some promising newcomers to varsity action: Sophomore Logan Beaman, 5'10" 250, OL/DL; Junior Devin Meeks, 5'10" 190, RB/LB; Sophomore Taten Intorf, 5'10" 145, WR/DB; Freshman Dylan Knipper,



Carter Klaren and Lucas Orcutt are the two senior football players.

5'9" 170, RB/S; Freshman Brady Wall, 5'10" 155, WR/DB; Freshman Lukas Chesnut, 5'10" 160, WR/DB; Freshman Carter Heidt, 6'3" 250, OT/DT.

Coach Arnold tipped his hat to North Linn and East Buchanan who will push each other for the top of the district. "We look to compete every Friday night

and finish in one of the top four spots and earn a playoff spot," Coach Arnold stated.

Coach Arnold is assisted by Scot Moenck, Jon Orr, Kurt Hatfield and Matt Wall.

The team kicks off its season Friday night at home against North Cedar.

Volleyball team looks to be scrappy and young

The Wildcat volleyball team will scrappy and young, according to MV second-year coach Abby DeGroot. Last year's team finished 4-22.

"Being young is both a strength and a weakness," Coach DeGroot explained. "They don't know any better than to go show what they have, but they need to pick up the speed of the game."

Returning key players include senior Kennedy Rausch, juniors Keira Leytem and Haley Ronnebaum and sophomore Bianka Ronnebaum.

Other promising newcomers Coach DeGroot noted are sophomore Lili Bauers as the libero, freshman Grace Richter as an outside hitter and sophomore Leah Reicher as a middle hitter.

Coach DeGroot is assisted by Morgan Nefzger.

The volleyball team will play in Jesup's jamboree Thursday night.



Seniors on the volleyball squad include Brooklyn Lammers, Anna Deutmeyer, Danielle Burkle, Emilee Supple and Kennedy Rausch.