

# The Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## Coach Moenck adds AD to his resumé

by McKayla Weber

Mr. Moenck is a familiar face at MV from his coaching duties and work as a paraeducator, and now he's assume duties as our activities director.

**What do you like most about the new opportunity?** I love the fact that I get to support teachers, coaches, and students in many different aspects of education. I have always had a passion for working with all students in some capacity. I realize the importance that extra-curricular activities play in rounding out a student's education. Being the Activities Director will allow me to work with students and staff in all the extra-curricular activities that Maquoketa Valley offers. There are so many great things going on at our school right now and I am truly grateful and excited to be able to be a small part of it. I want to continue to build on all the successes here at Maquoketa Valley.

**What has been a part of the learning curve?** The biggest learning curve for me is how to manage my time. I make a list of things that I would like to get done each day and by 9:00 a.m. that list completely changes. There is always something that can be done in my new role.

**What aspects of high school activities are you responsible for?** I am responsible for all activities and I am also responsible for discipline 7th - 12th grade.

**What are your top priorities for the new school year?** My top priorities will be collaborating with students and staff on ways we can continue to grow and make improvements within all of our extra-curricular activities here at Maquoketa Valley. Working together for a collective purpose is a life skill, one I want to continue to encourage at Maquoketa Valley. Excelling and having success inside and outside of the classroom gives students the added dimension of teamwork, well-being, and self-esteem. I want to encourage every

student to become involved in extra-curricular activities regardless of their talent and skills. I truly believe that the more activities you are involved in, the more fun school becomes, the more relationships you build, and the more memories you will make.

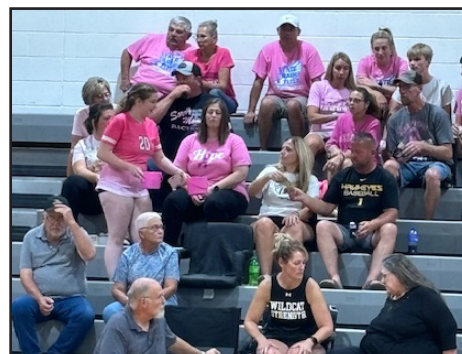
I am really excited about what the future has in store for our school and community!!

**What made you jump for this role?** This was a very easy decision for me and my family. Maquoketa Valley is a special place. The staff and students make this place what it is. Maquoketa Valley is home to me and my family. It has been for 18 years. Some of my greatest memories involve this school and the many wonderful people who have come through here over the years. I have formed some very special friendships over those years.



As part of his AD duties, Mr. Moenck makes announcements at the homem volleyball game last week.

## *Pink-Out earns money for beloved MV family*



The volleyball team hosted its annual Pink Out night last Thursday during its game against Springville. In addition to passing the donation bucket, they had a raffle and bake sale and sold some "pink" items. The MV Athletic Booster Club matched the donations for a total of \$1869.60 which will be donated to Cindy Orr, mother of Erika Imler, Rachel Bonert and Jon Orr, who is undergoing cancer treatments.



# Sports Connection

## Volleyball team faces tough competition at tourney, take down Vikings

by Natalie Ries

The Wildcats didn't have to travel far last weekend or this week. On Saturday the varsity volleyball team headed over to Manchester to take place in the West Delaware tournament. At this tournament they went 1-3 against Vinton Shellsburg, West Delaware, Western Dubuque and Independence.

The Wildcats took the victory over Vinton-Shellsburg, winning 2-1 with scores being 22-20 (VS), 15-21(MV) and 12-15 (MV).

The Wildcats had a 90.7% serving success versus Vinton-Shellsburg. Grace Richter led the team with serves in the category of aces and overall most successful serves. Richter had 13 serves with three of them being aces.

Offensively Macee Nolan and Kelsey Hoeger had a combined total of 18 assists. Nolan had 12 while Hoeger had 6. These assists led to Kallie Freiburger having eight kills while Camryn Paris was right behind her with five.

On the defensive side of the net Lili Bauers had a total of five digs while Nolan had four digs to follow Bauers. At the net Nolan had one block following right behind Paris who had three blocks.

In other matches for the day, MV fell to West Delaware 0-2 with scores of 6-21 and 7-21. Against Independence, MV went



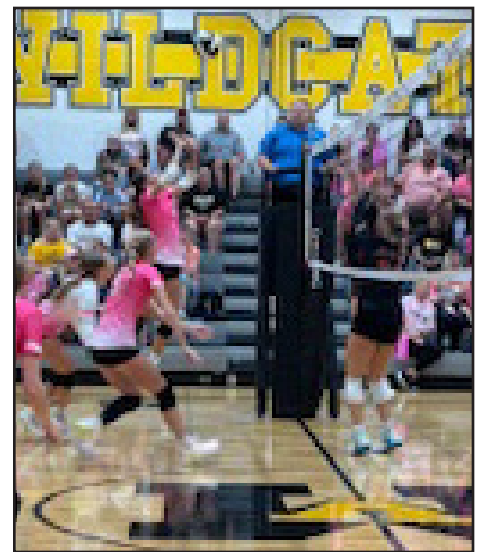
The team poses with senior Lili Bauer who reached the 1000 dig milestone last week. The Wildcats lost in five sets to Springville that night.

1-2 with scores of 12-21, 21-19 and 11-15. In the game against Western Dubuque, MV lost 1-2 with scores of 21-18, 20-22 and 11-15.

All three levels of volleyball traveled to Edgewood to take on the Vikings. JV and varsity both came out on top. The varsity stayed persistent to win in five sets. No stats were available at press time.

The girls played at home last night against Starmont. These stats and scores will be in next week's issue.

**Lanni Beaman prepares to down the heat against Springville blockers last week.**



### *What's that you say?*

The cheerleaders fire up the crowd at the Postville game last Friday night. (photo by Maya Smith)



# Wildcats pummel Postville

by Maya Smith

The Cats traveled far last week, making their way up to Postville to compete against the Pirates. It was a fun game for the Wildcats and everyone got a bit of action. At the end of the 1st, the Cats had a nice lead, 19-0. By the first half, the Cats were up 39 points. The scoring slowed down during the second, with only 6 points being scored in the 3rd, and 0 to round up the 4th. The Cats ended the game victorious, 45-0.

Coach Christensen remarked, "It was nice to come out and get a 45-0 win, but I thought the team played a little bit sloppy and lacked some focus. I felt like our strengths were causing 4 turnovers, and being pretty effective in the passing game, even when Brady went down. I thought our weaknesses were in communication and execution of plays. We weren't as crisp as we were the week prior. The key to the Clayton Ridge game will not being distracted by homecoming week, having a solid week of practice, taking what they give us when we are on offense, and containing their quarterback who likes to scramble a lot."

Here are some game stats:

Passing: Brady Wall; 101 yards; 2 touchdowns

Rushing: Rogan Heidt; 207 yards; 4 touchdowns, Dylan Knipper; 55 yards; 1 touch-

down

Receiving: Tate Intorf; 68 yards; 1 touchdown, Eli Dougherty; 5 yards; 1 touchdown

Defense: Nathan Beitz; 6.5 tackles; 5 solo; 1.5 sacks, Dylan Knipper; 5 tackles; 4 solo

Kicking: Dalton Africa; 7 kickoffs; 272 yards

Tonight MV hosts Clayton Ridge.



Trevor Grimm hands off the ball to Rogan Heidt in last Friday night's game. (photo by Maya Smith)

## XC runners tackle the hills of Fillmore



Shane Wright enjoys a stretch of flat land along the course.

Last Thursday night the cross country team competed at the Cascade Invitational. Highlights include Matthew Schaul winning the boys' race, and Audra Burbridge being MV's top girl finisher.



Jada Knipper happily gears up for the final hill. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Audra Burbridge

**What do you enjoy most about cross country?** I really enjoy the team meals before a meet and talking to Taryn during meets when we probably should be locked in.

**How has cross country changed you?** Cross country has changed

me because it teaches me how to be mentally tough during meets.

**What has been your favorite memory of cross country?** My favorite memory was when we were on the way to cross country practice and Taryn got pulled over for not having her lights on in the dark and Jayden was texting her as she was getting pulled over to turn on her lights because a cop was following her or when I won state in middle school.

**Where would you love to have a meet?** ANYWHERE besides Cascade would be great!

**If a song could be playing as you crossed the finish line, what song would you like it to be?** Probably "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield because that song gets me hype so I wouldn't feel as dead at the end.



Name: Trevor Grimm

**What do you enjoy most about football?** Winning

**What lessons about life have you learned from the sport?**

The one thing you can never get back is time

**Who are your favorite pro/college football teams?**

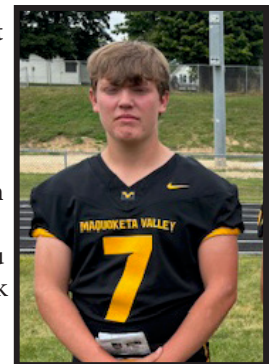
Iowa Hawkeyes, Green Bay Packers

**Why is football a sport worth going out for?**

You learn to be accountable.

**Who is your football role model?**

Deacon Hill



# Fantasy Fiction: A hoco proposal trap?

Last week we were left with Eliza trapped in a locker after a hoco invite went bad. Tune in again next week.

by Abby Nieman

I sat in my locker trying to think of a way to get out. The bell rang to signal the start of the passing period. I started to pound on my locker to get anyone's attention. I kept pounding on my locker until I heard the bell ring again for the start of WIN. Come on think, think, think, how am I going to get out of here?

Suddenly the door of the locker opened. I prayed for a split second that it was not Parker. "Danny? Thank goodness! What are you doing here?" I whispered in relief.

"I knew something was wrong when you were not in study hall" Danny responded under his breath.

"What are you two doing out here? You are supposed to be in class. Now if you don't have a hall pass, come with me," Mr. Birch barked as he came out of the middle of nowhere. Mr. Birch was not a favorite teacher. All the students thought he was mean and unreasonable.

When we got to the office, the principal, Mr. Bates, was there waiting for us. "I found these two out in the hall by the lockers," Mr. Birch stated.

"I am sorry, sir. Elizabeth was locked in her locker and needed help getting out. I thought it was a reasonable

explanation," Danny stated looking into Mr. Bates' eyes.

"Why were you stuck in your locker, Elizabeth? Is there a reason for that?" Mr. Bates gave voice to his thought. "Sorry I did not mean for it to come out like that, but why were you in your locker?"

"Parker pushed me in my locker when Danny and Charlie left for class," I answered.

Mr. Bates asked, "And how long had you been in the locker?"

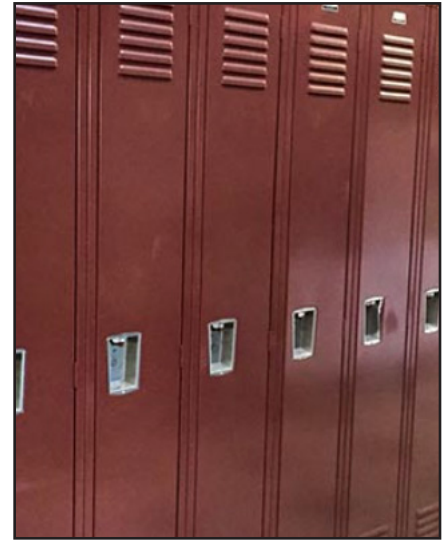
"I was in there for a whole period," I muttered.

"Pardon, I missed that. Can you say that again?" Mr. Bates prompted.

"She was in the locker for the whole period, Mr. Bates. I went to study hall and she never came which was weird but the teacher would not let me out to find Eliza," Danny told us.

"Okay I will talk to Parker and you two are good to head back to class. Here is a pass. Give it to your teachers," Mr. Bates informed us.

We walked to class knowing that Mr. Birch was somewhat upset that we did not get any punishment for not being in class. We got to our class, handed in our passes, and took a seat. We were there for only a few minutes until the bell rang. I got



up and headed to my locker. This time I made sure Parker was no longer near my locker before I took my bag out and put my homework in my bag.

"You ready to go?" Charlie asked when she came up behind me.

"Yeah, I guess so. And you?" I responded.

"Yep, see you soon," Charlie agreed. I made my way out to the school's front door and started walking home. I made it to the park and thought I was safe. Then I saw him. No! Not him! Why him? To my dismay, Parker was at the park.

## Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Lylah Billmeyer

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

Savannah

**What's your favorite part of the show?** My solo and when I get to slap Emily.

**What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?** Watching people learn how to dance.

**If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be?** Elle Woods from *Legally Blonde!*

**How has participating in the musical affected you?** It's helped me with organization and memorization.

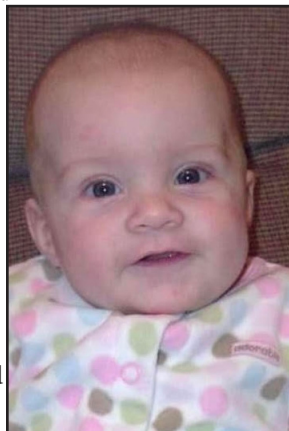
*Lylah is new to musical this year and she is giving it her all! Lylah works incredibly hard and stays focused and on task during musical, giving us the opportunity to get a lot accomplished!* —Ms. McCrary



## Cutie

by Alaina Mead

Hey, Little Cutie! This girl is a sophomore and lives in Earlville. She is involved in many activities such as volleyball, cheer, dance team, track and FFA. This cutie is the youngest in her family and has one brother. One fun fact about this cutie is tiny but mighty. Last week's Cutie was Kain Krogmann.



## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

It's Homecoming week, here are some jokes to get you ready for the game on Friday!

Knock Knock... Who's there?... Alaska... Alaska who?... Alaska her to the homecoming dance if you think she will say yes.

Where did the Spiderman find his homecoming dance date?... On the World Wide Web.

What does a biologist wear to the homecoming dance?... Designer genes.

The high school for the blind had the best homecoming dance... Everyone danced like no one was watching.

Why did the girl turn down the invisible man?... Cause she just couldn't see going to the homecoming dance with him!



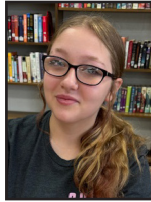
## Meet the Freshmen



### Kien Leppert, River Kraus, and Lucas Weets

Name: River Kraus  
Siblings: Silas and Aspen  
Activities you plan to be in: Golf and baseball  
Favorite subject: Earth Science  
Career aspirations: Not sure yet  
Hobbies: Golfing and fishing  
Something cool about you: I like pitching in baseball

Name: Halle Mauer  
Siblings: Sebastian (3rd grade)  
Activities you plan to be in: Nothing this year  
Favorite subject: Spanish  
Career aspirations: I want to be a traveling vet  
Hobbies: Drawing or sleeping  
Something cool about you: I'm new to this school



Name: Lucas Weets  
Siblings: Emma  
Activities you plan to be in: Basketball  
Favorite subject: Math  
Career aspirations: Structural Engineer  
Hobbies: Working out and having fun  
Something cool about you: I can land a frontflip

Name: Kien Leppert  
Siblings: 2 siblings  
Activities you plan to be in: The musical  
Favorite subject: Math  
Career aspirations: the Army  
Hobbies: Drawing and biking  
Something cool about you: I can make knives

## Hall Smarts

by Lylah Billmeyer



Because Homecoming is this week, I figured I would ask some questions about it!

### Who was homecoming queen last year?

Ever Botos: Lily Huber  
Shane Lambert: Lily Huber  
Keegan Rahe: Alia Domeyer  
Audra Burbridge: Lily Huber  
Answer: Lily Huber

### What is the theme this year?

Ever: Destroy the Nest  
Shane: Shoot The Eagle  
Keegan: Destroy The Nest  
Audra: Destroy The Nest  
Answer: Destroy The Nest

### What year did homecoming start?

Ever: 1950  
Shane: 1972  
Keegan: 1910  
Audra: 1968  
Answer: 1910

### Who is the football captain?

Ever: Nathan Beitz  
Shane: Tate Intorf  
Keegan: Nathan Beitz  
Audra: Nathan Beitz  
Answer: Nathan Beitz

## Best Buds



### Jade Hillers & Alaina Leytem

by Lucy Hucker

### How did the two of you meet?

Jade- second grade  
Alaina- schools combining

### What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Jade- May 17th  
Alaina- My 15th birthday

### What song best describes your friendship?

Jade- "Hellcats SRTs" by Sexy Red  
Alaina- "Bow Bow Bow" by Sexy Red

### What does a typical hangout look like?

Jade - Sitting Alaina's room calling random people  
Alaina- Sitting in my room talking about random stuff

### What do you admire most about your friend?

Jade- She makes me laugh and is very funny  
Alaina- She's funny

### Where do you see each other in the future?

Jade- Hot husband, no kids  
Alaina- yelling at her kids