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Students attend technology event *Saving lives*

Kendra Hillers, Leah Ries, Carissa Sabers and Liz McDowell learned more about tech career opportunities at Kirkwood last week.



by Leah Ries

Last Friday Carissa Sabers, Kendra Hillers, Leah Ries, and Liz McDowell attended the High Tech Girls Day at the Kirkwood campus in Cedar Rapids. The day started with a speaker from the city of Cedar Rapids on technology in the work-

force. Then they learned about web design, internet networking, and graphic design from Kirkwood's professors. From the courses they made their own web game, participated in an escape room, and made a commercial. They were accompanied by Mr. Besler.



MV's National Honor Society chapter held its annual blood drive last Friday. It collected 37 units. Above: NHS member Maddie Lahr checks in donors. Below: Ci'Ann Richardson saves lives. (photos by Kelly Winter)



Students play major role in Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday the CTE department held its annual advisory committee meeting which involved parents, business and industry leaders, and students. Students spoke about what they have learned in the programs. Several of Mrs. Downs' classes prepared and served the meal. Information gathered at the meeting helps the departments make curriculum decisions.



Mrs. Palmer along with Leah Ries and Austin Snyder share information about changes in the business department.

Left: Mason Lubben serves desserts that were made by the Foods classes.

Boys track team tears it up, sets new 800 medley record

by Chance Downs

Last Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley Boys Track Team traveled to Independence for a short yet successful night. At the conclusion of the meet, the Wildcats recorded a championship and scored a record number of points at 226 winning all seven relays and eight of the twelve individual events!

Starting the meet off right for the Wildcats was the long jumpers of AJ Ambundo and Devante Strickland. AJ finished runner-up with a jump of 17-07.00 while Devante finished 7th with a jump of 14-09.25.

AJ Ambundo also competed in the high jump where he placed second with a jump of 5-06.00.

In the discus Blake Becker claimed the title with a throw of 133-02. Brian Heims finished runner with a throw of 123-03. Andrew Hildebrand threw 104-03 for 5th place while Brock Trenkamp placed 7th at 97-07.

In the shot put Michael Feldmann was crowned champion with a throw of 44-04.00. Norman Wilson placed 2nd at 43-04.00 and Brian Heims placed 3rd at 43-01.00. Zach Digman and Alex Digman placed 5th and 7th throwing 41-04.00 and 39-10.00, respectively.

The running events kicked off with the 800 meter sprint medley relay of Chad Neuzil, Owen Mensen, Evan Hoefer, and Chance Downs. The medley were crowned champions while also setting a new school record at a time of 1:38.94.

Freshman Nolan Ries claimed the title in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:34.49 Canyon Richardson finished 3rd with a time of 12:04.26.

In the 4x800 relay of Cy Huber, Michael Schaul, Landen Deutmeyer, and Mason Lubben, the Wildcats were also crowned champions with a time of 9:31.60.

The shuttle hurdle relay of Tim Harmon, James LeGassick, Teige Hunt, and Chad Neuzil placed first with a time of 1:08.14.

In the 100 meter dash Daniel Hunter placed the highest for the Wildcats at 3rd with a time of 11.97.

The Wildcats had two relays set in the 1600 meter medley with the team of Matthew Hucker, AJ Ambundo, James LeGassick, and Andrew Kloser winning it with a time of 4:06.24. The second team of Tim Harmon, Devante Strickland, Jon Seibert, and Preston Roling placed 3rd with a time of 4:21.34.

The Wildcats claimed another individual title in the 400 meter run as Derek Becker bested his time with a 52.18. Evan Hoefer also ran the 400 meter run placing

fourth with 55.21.

In the 4x200 relay, Maquoketa Valley once again ran two relays. The team of Daniel Hunter, Owen Mensen, AJ Ambundo, and Zach Digman placed third with a time of 1:39.68.

In the 110 meter hurdles Chad Neuzil placed first with a time of 16.13. Teige Hunt placed third with a 18.37 while Tim Harmon placed 5th with a 19.5.

In the 800 meter run Chance Downs placed first with a time of 2:11.78. Freshman Nolan Ries placed 4th with a time of 2:23.04 and Canyon Richardson placed 6th with a 2:32.57.

In the 200 meter dash, Matthew Hucker placed the highest for the Wildcats at fourth with a time of 25.20.

James LeGassick won the title in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 59.61. Tim Harmon placed 5th with a 1:10.00.

In the 1600 meter run the Wildcats went 1 and 2 with Cy Huber claiming the title at 5:34.58 and Preston Roling finishing runner-up at 5:39.23.

The 4x100 relay of Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefer, Chad Neuzil, and Owen Mensen continued the Wildcats' impressive night with a win at a time of 46.65. Additionally, a second team of Zach Digman, AJ Ambundo, Jon Seibert, and Devante Strickland placed 4th with a time of 50.00.

Wrapping the night up was the 4x400 relay. The first team of Andrew Kloser, Derek Becker, Teige Hunt, and Chance Downs claimed the title with a run of 3:44.36. The second team of Jon Seibert, Canyon Richardson, Mason Lubben, and Michael Schaul placed 5th with a time of 4:12.47.

This past Tuesday the Boys Track team also traveled to Jesup to compete in the J-Hawk Relays. The Wildcats finished 3rd with an accumulation of 90 points falling only to Jesup and Grundy Center

In the field events, AJ Ambundo started the Wildcats off in the high jump placing 9th at (5-04.00). In the long jump, James LeGassick finished 3rd with a jump of (20-1.50). AJ Ambundo finished 13th with a jump of (17-02.25). In the shot put, Brian Heims placed the highest for the Wildcats with a throw of (43-06.7). Michael Feldmann also placed finishing 6th with a throw of (41-08.75). In the discus Blake Becker finished runner-up with an impressive throw of (136-07.00). Brian Heims placed 7th at (119-04.50). In the running events, the Wildcats started their night off with a 5th place finish in the 800 meter sprint medley relay of Daniel Hunter, Chad Neuzil, Chance Downs, and Owen Mensen. Next, Michael Schaul placed 6th

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Athletes of the Week

Name: Sam Wall
Sport: Track



What do you enjoy most about track?

Being with my teammates at practices and meets.

What do you think your best event will be? 100, or 200. I

also think the 4x400 could do pretty well

What life lessons have you learned

through track? I've learned that you can do a lot of things that you may not think you can do.

What's the hardest part of practice? the workout

Who is your track role model? my sister, Kendra

Name: Kelly Winter
Sport: Golf



What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part about playing golf is everything basically. I love the competitive aspect as

well as the relaxing part. I enjoy playing for fun but I also love to play meets and try to beat my own personal bests. This is one of the few sports that you can bring with you outside of high school and I am excited to keep playing!

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

The most frustrating part of golf for me is when I have bad shots or bad days. We only have to play 9 holes and miss shooting one hole can cost you your whole score.

How long have you played? I have been playing golf since I was probably 7 or 8 years old. My whole family would always go out on Sundays to play.

Who's your golf role model? My golf role model is my dad. He has literally taught me everything that I know about golf. He has encouraged me and comes to all of my meets. I am so grateful for his support and will always look up to him. It's fun now that I am a better player because our scores are slowing creeping towards each other, and it will definitely be an exciting day when I finally beat him in a round!

Zirtzman, Winter consistently lead the pack

by Kelly Winter

It has been a busy week for the Wildcat golf team. The JV and varsity girls and boys competed at their home course against Starmont on Friday and East Buchanan on Tuesday. Then the varsity competed at Central City on Monday. Results are shown below.

Starmont results

MV Boys Team: 239
Starmont: 188

Isaac Zirtzman - 43 (2nd Place Medal)
Dylan Lane - 71
Garrett Lahr - 72
Tony Offerman - 63
Morgan Hermanson - 62

MV Girls Team: 190
Starmont: 210

Kelly Winter - 42 (1st Place Medal)
Faith Hunt - 49
Mady Moenck - 49
Chloe Roling - 50
Erika Supple - 53
Kelsey Ries - 58
Claire Krapfl - 60
Mianna Gosche - 91
Krista Ries - 73
Jordyn LeGassick - 70
Tawny Mallard - 81

Central City/Alburnett results

MV Boys Team: 245
Alburnett: 186
Central City: 200
Isaac Zirtzman - 48
Morgan Hermanson - 64
Tony Offerman - 65

Garrett Lahr - 73
Dylan Lane - 69
Jackson Hunter - 68

MV Girls Team: 212
Alburnett: 269
Central City: 221

Kelly Winter - 48
Faith Hunt - 55
Mady Moenck - 54
Chloe Roling - 62
Kelsey Ries - 59
Erika Supple - 55

East Buchanan results

Our meet on Tuesday against East Buchanan was one of the best for the girls. East Buchanan was one of the best teams in the conference and with the win, the girls' team is now undefeated. Coach Andrews said, "Kelly Winter with another medal of her own, as she continues to make a name for herself. Having 4 girls score in the 40's tonight was a great accomplishment." The boys team has also been improving throughout this season. Coach Andrews stated, "The boys put together a strong night, short-handed with 3 normal starters out. Isaac Zirtzman continues to show why he is one of the best in the conference, earning another medal."

MV Boys: 238
East Buchanan: 202

Isaac Zirtzman - 43 (medalist)
Tony Offerman - 54
Garrett Lahr - 75
Dylan Lane - 66
Nick Gibbs - 76
Logan Johnson - 71

Boys track, continued

with a time of 11:34.76.

The 4x800 meter relay of Mason Lubben, Nolan Ries, Landen Deutmeyer, and Cy Huber placed 5th with a final time of 9:34.17.

The Wildcats claimed their first title of the evening with the shuttle hurdle relay of Derek Becker, James LeGassick, Teige Hunt, and Chad Neuzil at a time of 1:02.62.

In the 100 meter dash Daniel Hunter placed the highest for the Wildcats in 8th with a time of 11.72.

The Wildcats claimed their second title of the night in the 1600 meter distance medley of Daniel Hunter, James LeGassick, Derek Becker, and Chance Downs. The team led the field by 11 seconds with a final time of 3:41.40.



Dylan Lane

MV Girls: 181
East Buchanan: 184

Kelly Winter: 42 (medalist)
Faith Hunt - 46
Mady Moenck - 45
Chloe Roling - 48
Kelsey Ries - 56
Erika Supple - 57
Claire Krapfl - 66
Mianna Gosche - 76
Madeline Gellersen - 82
Jordyn LeGassick - 82
Tawny Mallard - 77
Krista Ries - 76

Both the girls and boys are having great seasons so far and the weather hasn't been treating them too badly. Please support your fellow Wildcat golfers and tell them good luck on their next meet day!



Kelly Winter

The 4x200 meter relay of Zach Digman, AJ Ambundo, Evan Hoefer, Owen Mensen placed 4th overall with a time of 1:38.28.

In the 110 meter high hurdles, Chad Neuzil placed second with an impressive time of 15.48.

In the 200 meter dash Derek Becker finished the highest for the Wildcats placing 4th at a time of 23.83.

The 4x100 meter relay of Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefer, Chad Neuzil, and Owen Mensen improved their time to a 45.54 and 3rd place finish.

Rounding out the night was 4x400 meter relay of Derek Becker, Evan Hoefer, James LeGassick, and Chance Downs. The relay placed first and finished with an overall time of 3:32.75.

Best Buds



Jordyn Kemp & Kristin Lucas
by Hannah Lahr

How long have you been friends?

3 years

How'd you become friends?

Kristin - We became friends during the musical, Oklahoma.

Jordyn - Probably since I started eating lunch in the band room

What's your favorite memory together?

Kristin - Barbie movie marathon.

Jordyn - Barbie movie marathon.

Where do you see each other in ten years?

Kristin - In ten years, Jordyn will probably have a bunch of dogs and be living glamorously.

Jordyn - Kristin will probably have an amazing job in helping people and making others happy

Who's more likely to move abroad?

Kristin - Jordyn is for sure. She's talked about it a lot.

Jordyn - Me, I've always wanted to live internationally.

Who's more likely to become famous?

Kristin - I can totally see Jordyn being famous. I'm not sure what for, but her personality could fit a celebrity's life.

Jordyn - I can see Kristin being the next Dr. Phil, mustache and all :)

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Why do flowers always drive so fast?...
They put the petal to the metal.

What's a flowers favorite band?...Guns n' Roses

How do two flowers greet each other?...
Hey bud, how's it growing?

How many lips does a flower have?...
Tulips

What did the flower say after he told a joke?...I'm just pollen your leg.

Cutest Couple



Morgan Hermanson & Faith Hunt
by Faith Hunt

How long have you two been together?

Three years (officially) in 2 weeks.

Favorite place to go out to eat?

Faith: I like when Morg uses his chef skills to cook something for me at his house instead of going out.

Morgan: Texas Roadhouse

Favorite thing about the other?

Faith: He's a goof ball, I'm always laughing when I'm with him. There's never a dull moment in our relationship.

Morgan: She's so funny and always have something sarcastic to say to make you smile. Her personality is my all-time favorite.

Favorite memory from your relationship?

Faith: When we won ski nationals last summer, we announced the show together and it was such a blast because we worked so well with one another.

Morgan: The trips we took to Florida with her parents to visit her college and then again when we went on a vacation with her family.

what's up?

If you could switch lives with someone, who would you switch with?

by Kristin Lucas

Rose Havens: Carrie Underwood

Jon Seibert: my cat, Carl

Preston Roling: Will Smith

Grace Wegman: Beyonce

Madison Ott: someone without celiac

Emma Hill: Lydia Helle

Lydia Helle: Emma Hill

Teige Hunt: Bill Gates

Cutie

by Holly Offerman



This cutie lives in Delhi. She has long blonde hair. Her favorite restaurant is Taco Bell. She likes sleeping. She has four younger siblings. She's out for track. She also had a hedgehog named Pip.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 4th hour Advanced Foods



"My 4th period Advanced foods class is really rocking it when it comes to labs. They work so hard and efficiently. They work well together and don't waste any time when it comes to cooking." —Mrs. Downs

Students include, from left: Mason Billings, Mason Lubben, Cody Hunter, Chance Downs, Alec Stogdill, Madison Ott, Trayce Klostermann, Lucas Rumbo, Adam Goedken and Austin Snyder.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Kristin Lucas
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? I am Lady Capitate, the mother of Juliet.

She is selfish, emotional, and not a very good mother.

What do you enjoy most

about being a part of this show? I love the rhyming and jokes. I'm constantly laughing at practices. There's never a dull moment. I also really love working on the set. It's so fun to be able to create a new world on the stage.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think the audience will really enjoy all the fun Seussisms throughout the show, especially the Grinch. I also hope the audience will enjoy the colorful costumes and set.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? I would love to be a cast member of *Friends*. The script is so clever and all the characters are hilarious.



Name: Shelby March
Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? Juliet

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show?

The humor in the piece and being able to convey that humor. Also getting to know everyone in the cast and getting closer with every practice we have!

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

The funny set, costumes, and props and how over the top everything is!

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?

The Big Bang Theory, because I can't imagine how much fun the cast has while being a part of the show!



Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

We all know the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." While it may not be May, we have definitely experienced those April showers this past week. In the hopes that all this rain will eventually lead to beautiful flowers, I asked Morgan Hermanson, Madeline Gellersen, and Brooke Wilson if they could decode these flower names.



UIPLTS

Morgan: Tulips
Madeline: Tulips
Brook: Tulips
Answer: Tulips

IROCDH

Morgan: Orchid
Madeline: Orchid
Brook: Orchid
Answer: Orchid

IOVTEL

Morgan: Violet
Madeline: Violet
Brook: Violet
Answer: Violet

DDFOLIFA

Morgan: Daffodil
Madeline: Daffodil
Brook: Daffodil
Answer: Daffodil

Looks like we have some "green thumbs" at Maquoketa Valley. That's all for this week-"catch you on the flip side"!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of April 14, 2019

ISASP Testing

Mon. - Thurs., April 15th through 18th
(No School on Friday) - 8:00 to 10:00 AM for grades 6th - 11th

MS & HS using 2-hr late start schedule all week - 12th graders to school by 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

FFA to State Leadership Convention at ISU in Ames (2 Vans Leave at 4:00 PM - gone Sun., Mon., Tues.)

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

1. JH Girls' Track to Cascade - 4:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. HS Girls Track - HOME - Wildcat Invitational - 4:30 PM
3. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

1. HS V G&B Golf vs Marquette Catholic at Bellevue Golf Club - 4:00 PM (2 Vans at 2:06 PM)
2. IT Club Meeting - HS Room # 209 - during WIN (2:55 PM)
3. HS Boys' Track at Alburnett - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

1. Deadline for MV May Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer at Johnston Elementary
2. HS Spanish Club Mexico Trip Meeting - Mrs. Ries' Room # 206 - 7:45 AM
3. PreSchool Black Class Trip to Sue's Flower Shop in Manchester (Bus Leaves at 9:15 AM)
4. HS V G & B Golf vs Cascade at Filmore Golf Course - 4:00 PM (2 Vans @ 2:35 PM)
5. JH Boys Track to Star Relays at Star-mont - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)
6. HS Boys Track to Panther Invitational in Monticello - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
7. HS Girls' Track to Hawk Relays at West Delaware - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)
8. JH Girls Track - HOME - Maquoketa Valley Invitational - 4:15 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

1. NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

Kaela Chesnut



Activities involved in during high school: I was involved in dance team during my freshman year. I was then apart of wrestling stats my sophomore and junior years as well as speech my freshman and sophomore years.

Which activity affected you the most? I loved being a part of the speech team. It gave me more confidence in public speaking and helped push me out of my comfort zone. Speech also gave me the appreciation for the art. I now understand the hard work that goes on behind the closed doors to make that performance what it is.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I got stuck under a merry-go-round once, at the time it wasn't fun. Looking back now it is pretty funny.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? I would say that I know that everything that is happening right now seems like it will affect the rest of your life but I promise you that there is life after high school. Get involved in the extracurricular activities that are available to you and even if that isn't your thing, get a job. Those things will help you learn responsibilities as well as good time management skills. Take advantage of the opportunities available to you such as CCL and Kirkwood in Monticello. These things will help further your education and career, on top of helping you to set yourself up for a successful future.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the teachers that go above and beyond for their students. I think because we have a smaller population the students at MV are at an advantage. We have the ability to talk one on one with teachers.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I wouldn't choose to relive any of my moments of high school. I'd most definitely go back and change the way I handled certain situations that I was in. I have some regrets throughout my years at MV, which I am sure the rest of my class does as well. However, those regrets have taught me a lot and made me grow into a

better person. The past four years at MV have given me a lot and I am grateful for that, but I'm excited to move forward with my education, career, and life.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Palmer was added to our faculty this past year. What I appreciate most about her is that she takes the time to build a strong and personal relationship with her students. In our Principles of Management class we had these "team meetings" every Friday where we would discuss what was going on in the community as well as in our lives. Our class made a great management team because of the relationships we formed with each other. With the help of Mrs. Palmer our class had a very successful food drive. Mrs. Palmer inspires me because she goes out of her way to say hello to people in the hallway, the way she taught our class hands on and showed me how good it feels to give back to your community. Mrs. Palmer is a great asset to the Maquoketa Valley School District and I feel very lucky to have been able to be a student of hers.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? I don't have a certain song that I think suits me. I think an artist who I would like to be remembered by would be Ed Sheeran. Ed is such a caring and kind person. Even with the fame that he holds he has stayed so humble and true to himself. I think being remembered by any Ed song would be pretty great.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will attend Hawkeye Community College to study Dental Hygiene. I hope to move out of Iowa for at least a year and work as a dental hygienist. My goal is to be a full time dental hygienist and achieve my dream career.

What is your dream job? Since middle school my dream has always been to become a dental hygienist. I can't picture myself doing anything else. However, if there was one thing I wish I could do on top of being a dental hygienist I would love to be a paid youtuber. Being paid to try out makeup and hair products as well as other lifestyle items, who wouldn't want to have that life?

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I don't think I have had to do it yet. For me something that is going to be very challenging will be to say goodbye to the people I love most in my life. Moving out of my parents' home will very hard for me. I have a close relationship with them and I am not looking forward to not seeing them every day. Saying goodbye to my other family and friends I am sure will be very emotional, I am definitely going to miss having a ten-minute drive to see my favorite people. I am very excited for the next chapter of my life, however closing this chapter will be difficult. I love the way my life is right now and I am not entirely ready for that to change.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? One of the events that has had a huge impact on my life is meeting my best friends. I can't express the amount of gratitude I have for the people in my life. One of the most important things to have in life is a strong, steady support system. I am very blessed to have the amazing friends and family that I do.

Eric Brehm



Activities involved in during high school: FFA

Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA by meeting new friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When Adam depantsed Charles on the playground in elementary school.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Know your place.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How some of the teachers are helpful.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Hauling skidloaders to school for construction class.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Lewin because she understood what I was talking about and Mr. Meehan because he always had new ideas for me about farming.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Here's to the Farmer" by Luke Bryan

What does your future (college and career) look like? Go to the workforce and help on farms.

What is your dream job? Farmer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Sit still in class for 45 minutes

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I'm not going to it.

Faith Hunt



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Basketball, Spring Play, Golf, Individual & Group Speech, Mentoring, Summer Book Club, Spanish Club, Fall Musical, National Honor Society, Teens Eliminating Lies (TEL), Hartwick Husky Show Ski Team, Teacher's Assistant Program, Student Council, Dance Team, Wildcat Echo, Talented & Gifted (TAG)

Which activity affected you the most? Honestly there's a tie between speech and dance. Speech affected me the most because it made me better at what I do best: talking. I learned how to move an audience to tears or laughter which in turn helped me announce at ski shows over the summers. Dance, surprisingly, also affected me greatly. It just showed me that trying new things is SO SO much fun and, I know it's cliché but it's true: life is just too short to be afraid to try new things.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? It would have to be watching all the drama play out between Maddy, Kaela, and Norman's relationship.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Upperclassmen aren't the boss of you just because they are older. That said, they often have great advice and can be very helpful so respect them. In fact, it'd be smart to ask them questions about high school because they most likely can and will help you. But don't let them kick you out of your spot at a sporting event. After all, cheering isn't any different from the front row or the fifth row. Respect the upperclassmen, but don't ever lose your own voice.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The opportunities the school has available. If I would've played my cards right I could've graduated with my Associates Degree.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I'd relive falling in the creek at Hartridge golf course when I was trying to reach my ball that I'd hit into the creek for the fourth time.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs is probably the most inspirational teacher to me because she is one of the few teachers that reminds you to have fun. She reminds us all that high school is just four years of your life and you shouldn't try to grow up in them. She is always reminding me to be a kid and love life.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Heads Carolina, Tails California" by Jo Dee Messina because it's about traveling and living life free.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Florida Southern College in August 2019 and we'll see where life takes me after that. Maybe I'll love Florida, maybe I'll hate it, who knows? At least I'm trying; that's more than others can say!

What is your dream job? I am hoping to become a well-known public speaker for USA Water Ski & Wake Sports and I'd also like to be a water yoga instructor. (If you don't know what I'm talking about look up "yoga on water" it looks pretty cool and difficult!)

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? It was very hard to let go of what others think about me and to be able to do my own thing even if no one else decided to follow me.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? When I won D2 Show Ski Nationals in Rockford Illinois with the Hartwick Husky's ski team because it made me realize that I truly wanted to go to college in Florida to see more of the world and try new things.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope they remember the graduation video because from what I hear, it's pretty funny.

Maddy Anderegg



Activities involved in during high school: I have been involved in basketball, volleyball, softball and track. I have also been a part of Spanish Club, TEL, large and individual speech.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Basketball has been the most effective activity for me. I not only grew as a player but also a person. I found ways to get out of my comfort zone, become more vocal and confident. I have also learned a lot of life lessons through basketball, which has also helped me grow as a person. If I didn't choose to stick out basketball for four years I would not be the person I am today. I would not know the importance of goal setting, and self confidence. Those two things can take you far in life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I remember all of the basketball and volleyball tournaments we had. We'd make iMovies in between games and just be weirdos together.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? To get out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to branch out of your friend group and meet new people while doing different activities. You'll learn a lot about yourself and never regret it.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the support in all aspects the most. Everyone has your back. Everyone sticks together and is always willing to cheer you on in any activity. I loved looking up in the stands and seeing so many families in black and gold.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? When my basketball team and I accomplished our goal of being Conference Champs. The feeling of accomplishing something we worked hard for was something that cannot be replaced.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Lewin. She has gotten to know me as a student but most importantly as a person. She is down to earth but will also be blunt about

things. She has motivated me in terms of my future and getting as much out of my schooling as I can. Mrs. Lewin inspires me to become a teacher who gets to know her students not just for school purposes but also to offer life advice to help them succeed.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to double major in Elementary education and Early Childhood education with a minor in Literacy. The plan is to be either a kindergarten or first grade teacher.

What is your dream job? To be a successful elementary teacher that is very marketable and is high on the teaching scale.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I'm sure the hardest thing I'll have to do will come in my future.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My job at the St. Joseph's Daycare in Earlville. This job has gotten me out of my shell and has helped me develop my career path. I love my job.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The memories we made on the Prom bus

Nathan Weber



Activities involved in during high school: FFA

Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA got to go on trips and see places that I would have never probably seen otherwise.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Ty Domeyer getting ketchup on the ceiling in the lunchroom

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Have fun

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? You are able to know everyone and they know you

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Ag olympics because they were always a good time and you got to have fun with your friends and other classmates

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Moenck: She was laid back and didn't let too many things affect her.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? Caught up in the country

What does your future (college and career) look like? Work on family farm and

run dump truck

What is your dream job? Farming

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Pass Mr. Huegel's classes

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The hard work that it has taken to make it through high school. It is a good life to learn and to have.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Throwing the raccoon in the back of Brehm's truck

Cody Hunter



Activities involved in during high school: FFA, Baseball Manager, Football Manager, Wrestling Manager.

Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA. Made many friends from different schools through FFA.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Ty Domeyer piercing his ears with pink studs.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get involved. Respect the upperclassmen. Don't park in the senior lot.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The caring teachers. Safety around the school is great.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Putting a goat in Mr. Drew's yard and waking up the next morning and seeing that he dropped the goat back off at Garrett's house.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Drew. He's always there to help you. He's a great guy to joke around with.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Life in the Fast Lane" by The Eagles

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attend Hawkeye Community College for two years and get an Associates of Applied Science in Police Science and then go onto to become a police officer wherever I can get a job.

What is your dream job? Full Time Storm Chaser

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Seeing my first tornado near Alburnett last year really ignited my passion for Storm Chasing

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The car in the front doors senior prank.