

## Speech participants excel

MV students selected for All-State speech are: front row: Hannah Lahr; second row: Amaya Hunt and Faith Hunt; third row: Liz McDowell, Emma McDowell and Jaiden Porter; back row: Noah DeVore, Andrew Kloser, Mason Lubben and Preston Rolling.



by Leah Ries  
*State Individual*

The individual speech team showcased their talent at the state speech contest Mar. 9 in Forrest City. The weather proved to be a bit tricky, and several students and coaches were fortunate to find housing the night of contest because the hazardous road conditions prevented them from returning home. The team had 42 overall one ratings.

Overall one rating:

Amber Engelken, Public Address  
AJ Ambundo, Storytelling  
Carissa Sabers, Storytelling  
Andrew Kloser, Radio News  
Faith Hunt, Acting  
Brooke Wilson, Original Oratory  
Chole Roling, Expository Address  
Noah DeVore, Storytelling  
Paige Panosh, Reviewing  
Mason Lubben, Storytelling  
Paige Winter, Reviewing  
Preston Roling, Radio News  
Kristen Lucas, After Dinner  
Kelly Winter, Literary Program  
Lane Coyle, Prose  
Amaya Hunt, Reviewing  
Emma McDowell, Improvisation  
Jordyn Kemp, Radio News  
Allie Dunn, Original Oratory

Hannah Lahr, Expository Address  
Amanda Mohr, Literary Program  
Madeline Gellerson, Storytelling  
Maddie Lahr, Radio News  
Mason Lubben, Acting  
Brooke Wilson, After Dinner  
Abbie Sheehy, Prose  
Emma McDowell, After Dinner  
Carlie Lewin, Reviewing  
Kailyn Hogan, Prose  
Noah DeVore, Expository Address  
Andrew Kloser, Public Address  
Kelly Winter, Reviewing  
Liz McDowell, Literary Program  
Kriya Atwell, Original Oratory  
Amaya Hunt, Prose  
Allie Dunn, Acting  
Lydia Helle, Original Oratory  
Katilyn Deutmeyer, Expository Address  
Shelby March, Storytelling  
Preston Roling, Prose  
Kristin Lucas, Public Address  
Brock Trenkamp, Public Address

Overall two rating:

Emma Hill, Poetry  
Izabel Niehaus, Improvisation

## Blood drive to be held Apr. 5 by Kelly Winter

As some of you may have noticed, NHS students have been in the cafeteria during lunch signing students and faculty up for the American Cross Blood Drive coming up. Anyone 16 years of age and older is allowed to donate. If you are younger than 18, please pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Besler or an NHS worker. You can sign up for the best time during the day that works for you! The NHS students will be in the cafeteria during lunch until next Wednesday.

The blood drive will be held Friday, April 5th from 1:00 - 6:00 in the Middle School Gym. If you are donating, please make sure to eat a good lunch and drink plenty of water. Also, allow a good chunk of time for your appointment; we could be running ahead or behind schedule. Anyone who is of age, please consider donating your blood. It is a great service for those in need! If you have any questions please feel free to ask Mrs. Besler, NHS students, or me!

## All-State

Another individual speech season came to an end, but the season didn't disappoint with ten individuals making the cut to go to the All-State contest at the University of Northern Iowa. They were recognized at the All-State Festival this past Monday.

### 9th Grade Team:

Amaya Hunt, Prose  
Liz McDowell, Literary Program  
Noah DeVore, Expository Address  
Preston Roling, Prose

### 10-12th Grade Team:

Andrew Kloser, Radio News & Public Address  
Emma McDowell, Improvisation  
Faith Hunt, Acting  
Hannah Lahr, Expository Address  
Kailyn Hogan, Prose  
Mason Lubben, Storytelling & Acting

# FFA banquet celebrates success of past year

The FFA chapter holds its annual banquet Mar. 19 in the high school cafeteria. Guests included FFA members, their families, FFA community supporters and MV faculty and administration.

FFA president Mason Kruse led the program which recognized outstanding community supporters, parents and student achievements, both academic and within the FFA program. Mady Moenck presented FFA Supporter Awards to Dan's Earlville Locker; bus driver Joe Hoeger; and Keith Pitts who has helped with the greenhouse and community garden project; Tri-Vet Associates, Ryan Vet, and All Animals Large and Small Vets; and Delaware County NRCS. Alyssa Langel presented the Outstanding Agribusiness Award to Darrell Hogan of Hillside Manufacturing who has helped with some greenhouse table renovation. Krista Ries presented the Golden Parent Award to Rachel Kruse and Sara Kruse.



The newly inducted 2019-20 FFA officers include: President: Mason Kruse; Vice-president: Amber Engelken; Secretary: Krista Ries; Treasurer: Tara Goedken; Reporter: Alyssa Langel; and Sentinel: Sara Goedken (photos by Pete Temple)

MV alumni Calvin Orcutt and Amanda Fortman were recognized for earning their American Degree.

Seniors and their parents were also recognized: Eric Brehm, Adam Goedken, Dylan Happel, Rose Havens, Cody

Hunter, Lucas Johnson, Zac Lansing, James LeGassick, Mady Moenck, Kaylynn Smith and Nathan Weber.

The evening concluding with the announcement of the 2019-20 officers (pictured above).



**Star Greenhand**  
Courtney Goedken & Lane Domeyer



**Rising Star Award**  
Sara Goedken



**Most Active Senior**  
Kaylynn Smith



FFA members competed at district contest at Sumner-Fredricksburg Mar. 9. Mason Kruse, Matthew Hucker, Michael Feldmann, Carter Stahlberg received a Gold for second on the Farm Business Test. Amer Engelken earned Gold on the Chapter FFA Test and Sarah Goedken earned a Silver. Courtney Goedken received a Silver for Greenhand Test.



Last week select FFA members attended the ag luncheon sponsored by Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. Dr. David Kohl was the keynote speaker. Junior Alyssa Langel was asked to assist him.



# Jazz groups showcase talents



The MV Music Department hosted its Night of Jazz Concert Mar. 21. The show opened with a song by Mrs. Mueller on piano and vocals, Mr. Ford on bass and Brock Trenkamp on trap set. The evening was filled with charts by MV's vocal jazz groups, Jazz X-Press and Smooth Harmony, as well as three tunes by the jazz band.

Additionally, Smooth Harmony finished sixth in the 2A Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships held Tuesday in West Des Moines.

**Right: Rose Havens solos during "Wake Up."**

**Below: Noah DeVore and Paige Winter were featured soloists for the jazz band.**



# Winter enters VFW art contest



**Kelly poses with her unfinished patriotic artwork. She submits it by Sunday.**

Talent comes in many forms, and Kelly Winter is putting her artistic abilities to the test as she enters the Veterans of Foreign Wars Creative Patriotic Art competition.

Kelly is in the process of finishing a painting of her maternal grandfather, Art Gallagher, who served in the Marines. The painting includes the flag and bullets from his funeral behind a framed picture of him. Kelly used a picture her uncle had sent her to help her draw her grandfather, whom she never had the opportunity to meet.

This painting, along with a written explanation of how her artwork recognizes veterans who have served an important role in our country, will first be submitted to the local VFW chapter. If it is selected as a winner, it moves to the state level where it will be judged in April. From the state level, it could be submitted to the national contest. The winner of the national contest wins \$15,000.

Kelly said the process has been a challenging one, especially since she wants the painting to be realistic. "It's been hard knowing it's going to be judged." She said she wants everything to be "just perfect," so it has been a bit stressful. She added, "I'm proud of what I've done." She is currently in Fundamentals of Art, and she has also taken Drawing I.

Kelly said that after the contest is over, she'll hang the painting in her house.

# Boys track starts off strong, both indoor and outdoor

by Chance Downs

The boys track is making its mark in both the indoor and outdoor season.

Two weeks ago, the boys track team competed in the High School Wartburg Invitational. This meet boasted over 70 different teams ranging from class 1A to 4A competition.

The field events kicked off the meet boasting a few different events. In the long jump, the freshman-senior duo of AJ Ambundo and James LeGassick took the floor. AJ jumped 18-02.00 good enough for 29th place while James jumped 17-10.75 securing 36th place. Ambundo also competed in the high jump with a flop of 5-02.00. Seniors Brian Heims and Alex Digman represented the Wildcats in the shot put well with Digman throwing 44-02.00 and Heims throwing 40-06.00.

Starting off the running events was Daniel Hunter and Ashton Goldsmith in the 55mm dash. Daniel finished 18th with a final time of 7.06 while Ashton finished 67th with a time of 8.14. Up next, Teige Hunt and Chad Neuzil would compete in the 55 meter hurdles where Teige would go on to run 9.77 for 41st place. After multiple heats and one finals, Neuzil found himself among the top competition of the 55 meter hurdles placing 6th with his best time being 8.28. LeGassick and Devante Strickland ran the open 200 meter dash putting up some solid times. James finished 8th with a 24.19 and Devante finished 53rd with 26.64. At the 400, Derek Becker and Matthew Hucker put on a show. Producing quality times, Derek placed 4th overall with a time of 54.48 and Matthew ran a 1:02.49 good enough for first in his heat and 47th overall. Junior Chance Downs and freshman Preston Rolling ran the open 800m setting a good start for the season. Downs finished 8th with a time of 2:10.10 and Rolling ran a 2:34.92 putting him 41st overall. In the 1600 meter run, the freshmen Michael Schaul (5:34.23) and Cy Huber (5:54.52) ran solid placing 33rd and 47th respectively. Rounding out the final open event were seniors Tate Trenkamp (12:09.24) and Canyon Richardson (12:24.10). Both runners ran aggressive finishing with top 30 performances. The 4x200 meter relay finished 9th with a time of 1:39.93. The 4x00 meter relay placed 10th with a final time of 3:49.75. The 4x800 meter relay finished 26th with an overall time of 9:58.20.

Last Friday the team competed at



**Returning letter winners for the boys track team include front row: Norman Wilson, Zach Digman, Chad Neuzil, Daniel Hunter, Teige Hunt and Blake Becker; second row: Michael Feldmann, Tate Trenkamp, Derek Mensen, Chance Downs, Evan Hoefer and Brian Heims. Not pictured: Derek Becker.**

the Co-Ed Tri-Rivers Conference Indoor Meet held at the University of Dubuque. The Wildcats were just one of the 14 teams present in Dubuque. This meet once again offered some great competition with the majority of schools being class 1A or 2A. Missing a few runners, the Wildcats still put on a great performance.

The Wildcats started off the night with their up-and-coming field events. Once again, Ambundo and LeGassick competed in the long jump this time, however, the roles were reversed. James LeGassick improved his jump to a 18-11.00 good for a 4th place finish. Ambundo jumped a 17-10.50 for a 10th place finish. Ambundo also competed in the high jump placing 13th at 5-00.00. In the throwing --Heims, Norman Wilson, and Michael Feldmann collected some excellent throws. Brian finished 2nd overall by only a few inches at 45-04.00. Michael finished closely behind for 3rd at 44-04.75. Wilson came out strong as well with his first throw since 8th grade placing 5th at 42-04.75.

In the 55 meter dash the Wildcats ran three underclassmen: sophomore Zach Digman, sophomore Owen Mensen, and freshman Ashton Goldsmith. Digman finished 13th with a time of 7.23, Mensen finished 17th with a 7.42, and Goldsmith finished 32nd with a 7.96. Hunt, Tim Harmon, and Brock Trenkamp competed in the 55 meter hurdles. Hunt finished 6th with a time of 9.24, Harmon finished 11th with a 9.83, and Trenkamp rounded out the Wildcats with 14th place at a time of 11.13. In the 200 meter run, the Wildcats crowned

their first champion with LeGassick running a 24.32. Hucker (26.69) and Harmon (26.84) also ran the 200 meter dash putting up times good enough for 14th and 18th place. LeGassick also claimed the title in the open 400 meter dash with a time of 54.12. Andrew Kloser (58.43) and Jon Seibert (59.22) pushed one another in their heat of the 400 meter dash where Kloser was able to earn 6th place while Seibert earned 8th. Nolan Ries and Mitch Heims ran the open 800 meter with Ries earning 4th place at 2:23.39 and Heims placing 24th with a 2:41.35. The 1600 meter run was represented by three Wildcats: Ethan Doyl, Tate Trenkamp, and Canyon Richardson. Doyl led the Wildcats with a 3rd place finish and final time of 5:13.56. Tate Trenkamp followed him in 12th place with a time of 5:37.34. Canyon Richardson rounded out the final open event with a 17th place finish and a time of 5:51.28. The 4x200 team finished with a 3rd place and a time of 1:39.87. The 4x400 team came out strong with another 3rd place finish at final time of 3:43.36. The 4x800 relay placed 7th overall with a time of 9:53.00.

Finally, this past Tuesday the track team got outside and competed at the West Delaware Early Bird Invite. This meet hosted 8 teams from the surrounding area including the: Hudson Pirates, Independence Mustangs, Ed-Co Vikings, Lisbon Lions, Oelwein Huskies, Central Elkader Warriors, West Delaware Hawks, and of course the Wildcats of Maquoketa Valley!

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## Boys track, continued

In the field events, the throwers and jumpers saw great improvements. In the discus Blake Becker finished runner-up with a throw of 127-11.00. Brian Heims also competed in the discuss, throwing 115-07.00 good for 6th place. Mitch Heims finished 16th with a throw of 78-02 and Devin Smith finished 25th with a throw of 59-02. In the shot put Michael Feldmann finished runner-up with a throw of 44-04.50. Norman Wilson (43-05.50) and Zach Digman (42-07.50) finished back to back with 4th and 5th placings. Alex Digman finished it off for the throwers with a marking of 37-08.50 and an 11th place finish. In the High Jump AJ Ambundo jumped a height of 5-06.00 good enough for 3rd place. In the Long Jump, James LeGassick improved his length from the previous week to win with a jump of 19-04.00. AJ Ambundo also competed in the Long Jump earning 10th place with a jump of 17-06.50.

The 100 meter dash brought forth a lot of competition where senior Daniel Hunter was able to place second with a

time of 11.88. Owen Mensen (12.36), Tim Harmon (12.42), and Ashton Goldsmith (13.18) also ran the 100 meter dash earning 8th, 12th, and 19th. The 100 meter hurdles were owned by the Wildcats as Junior Chad Neuzil claimed the title with a time of 15.95. Teige Hunt finished 7th with a time of 18.18 and Tim Harmon placed 10th with a 19.04. In the 200 meter dash Maquoketa Valley had four runners, three of which were top five performances. Derek Becker claimed the 200m title with a time of 23.78. Right behind him was freshman AJ Ambundo with a time of 24.63. Finishing 5th was Matthew Hucker with a 25.26 and 20th place Derek Mensen ran a 27.75. The 400 meter dash displayed quite the performance for those able to watch. Juniors Chance Downs (52.57) and Derek Becker (52.60) finished first and second separated by only three-one-hundredths of a second. Jon Seibert came flying next for third at the time of 57.27. Freshman Landen Deutmeyer finished 10th with a time of 1:00.43. The 400 meter hurdles were also owned by the Wildcats as Senior James LeGassick dominated with a 58.16. In the 800 meter run Ethan Doyl finished 4th with a time of

2:20.99, Mason Lubben finished 10th with a 2:25.36, Canyon Richardson finished 2:27.15, and Mitch Heims rounded out the Wildcats at 19th place and a 2:38.98 time. In the mile, Chance Downs claimed the title with a final time of 4:59.18. Nolan Ries finished 6th with a solid time of 5:21.31. The 3200 meter run was represented by the one and only Canyon Richardson. Canyon went out strong and finished fifth overall with a time of 12:14.41.

In the 4x100 meter relay the Wildcats finished 2nd at the time of 46.19. The 4x100 meter weight-man relay, however, placed first with a time of 56.70. The 4x200 meter relay placed 3rd with a time of 1:37.33. The 4x400 meter relay ran a strong time of 3:44.81 good enough for 2nd. The 4x800 meter relay placed 4th with a time of 9:36.01. In the shuttle hurdle, the Wildcats dominated with a final time of 1:04.13. In the 800 meter sprint-medley the Wildcats finished second with a time of 1:41.10. Also placing second was the 1600 meter distance-medley with a time of 4:06.67.

The Wildcats finished the night in first place with dominating performances that accumulated to 167 points.

## Basketball awards

The boys basketball team held its awards night last week and several team awards were presented:

Most Improved - Owen Mensen  
Offensive MVP - Andrew Holtz  
Defensive MVP - AJ Ambundo  
Mr. Hustle - Brian Heims  
Leadership Award - Brian Heims



Senior Sam Wall has also been awarded several additional post-season basketball honors in addition to her all-conference award and conference player of the year nod.

- First team all region
- First team all district
- First team all state IPSWA (Iowa Print Sports Writers Association)
- First team all state IBCA (Iowa Basketball Coaches Association)
- Gazette's All-Area team
- Des Moines Register All-2A team
- All-tournament team at the IBCA all-star game

## Golfers look for bright season



Kelsey Ries, Chloe Roling, Erika Supple, Kelly Winter, Ci'Ann Richardson and Faith Hunt (not pictured) are returning letter winners.

The MV golf teams have been at it since Mar. 11, and just this week the weather finally allowed them to get outside. The teams are once again under the helm of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Besler, and this year Jim Winter joins them.

Coach Andrews said the girls team should be strong. The team has everyone returning from a team that made the regional final and came within four strokes of qualifying for state. Kelly Winter qualified



Returning letter winners for boys golf are Garrett Lahr, Tony Offerman, Morgan Hermanson and Austin Snyder. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

for state as an individual.

"Our strengths this year is the experience we have coming back and our overall team morale," stated Coach Andrews.

The boys team should also be competitive, claimed Coach Andrews. "A strength of this year's team is the experience we have coming back." The team should have several veterans leading the way.

# Girls track team has great promise



Returning letter winners for the girls track team include, front row: Holli Hogan, Payton Beaman, Allie Knipper, Kailyn Hogan, Jaiden Porter and Reece Mensen; back row: Sam Wall, Taya Tucker, Lydia Helle, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Maddy Anderegg and Ella Imler.

The girls track team has competed indoors, and the outdoor season is awaiting them.

Mr. Dunlap returns for his seventh year as head coach, and his optimism for this team shows. "We have a very athletic team this season top to bottom. We have a strong group of upperclassmen who will be good leaders and role models. We have a great group of freshmen coming in that will fill in some holes nicely. We lost a couple of distance kids and a sprinter and a great hurdler from graduation last year, which will be hard to fill. We also lost a very good sprinter Brooke Wilson to injury during the basketball season. We have a large group of athletic freshmen coming in which should help us in all areas but they are inexperienced and only time will tell how quickly they can step in and be a productive team member."

One top contender on the team will be senior Sam Wall, who ran both the 100m dash and 200m dash at state last year. Sam also broke the MV all-time 200m dash record with a time of 26.12.

Another top returner is Lydia Helle who qualified for state in the shot put. During the season Lydia threw a 38'5.25" shot put and got 9th at the state meet. Lydia was only a sophomore and we can expect some great things to come in both the shot and discus from her.

Maddy Anderegg and Hannah Lahr are the only other seniors on the team.

Coach Dunlap stated that Maddy has been a very reliable sprinter for the MV team for all four years. Maddy has worked really hard in the off season and should have a great season for us. Hannah Lahr came out for track for the first time this season and will be throwing shot and discus. "She has been picking up the techniques quickly and is working hard," stated Coach Dunlap. "I hope for a good season out of her as well."

Allie Knipper, Jaiden Porter and Kailyn Hogan are the rest of the MV juniors who all have had nice seasons in the past and will be a big part of our success this season, according to Coach Dunlap. "Allie and Kailyn are excellent sprinters and Jaiden is a good distance athlete who will need to be a leader for us with a sizable group of freshman distance kids joining our team this season."

As for how the team will fare this year, Coach Dunlap stated he knows the competition in this area will be tough. "North Linn won the conference last season but won't be as good as they have been," Coach Dunlap stated. "They are a team that can never be taken lightly though. Alburnett has a great group of kids and didn't lose much if any to graduation. They should be the team to beat this season. Springville, Lisbon and Maquoketa Valley will all be in the hunt and I think it's going to be extremely close in the TRC."

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Leah Ries  
Sport: Track

**What do you enjoy most about track?** I enjoy everything but more specifically I like being with my teammates, watching them compete and reach their goals, as well as cheering them on.



**What do you think your best event will be?** 100m Hurdles

**What life lessons have you learned through track?** Self discipline and using losses as a drive to be better.

**What's the hardest part of practice?** Going home and being unsatisfied with myself.

**Who is your track role model?** Lolo Jones

Name: Brian Heims  
Sport: Track

**What do you enjoy most about track?** Being on a great team that everybody supports each other



**What do you think your best event will be?** Discus

**What life lessons have you learned through track?** That even though you are responsible for yourself, you have others counting on you.

**What's the hardest part of practice?** When we have a core workout with agility

**Who is your track role model?** Brock Hillers



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Zoey Mulford*



**You have been nominated for your perseverance in biology class. What do you enjoy most about the class?**

I like how involved Mr. Bruening is with all of us students, he is always trying to find new ways to better explain topics, and he is always in a positive mood.

**What study habits help you the most?**

Using Mr. Bruening's website he created is a very useful tool, along with just going over the notes we take in class.

**What are your future career plans?**

I plan to go to college for nursing; that is why I enjoy biology so much and it is something I take a lot of interest in.

*Cutie*

by Holly Offerman

This cutie lives outside of Delhi. She is very shy but very creative. She's a junior. She has one older brother who graduated from Ma-



quoketa Valley. She loves kayaking, golfing (even though she's not out this year), and scary movies. She has two dogs and three cats, and drives a red Chevy Cruze.

## Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle



Well, it's the time of year that many of us have been wanting for awhile. Spring. While we are still in the stages of slush and mud, we aren't far from the warm weather and leave-filled trees. This week I asked Emerson Whittenbaugh, Owen Mensen and Molly Anderegg what they knew about the season of new life.

What is the first day of spring called?

A) Easter Solstice B) Spring Solstice C) Vernal Equinox D) Spring Equinox

Emerson: Spring Solstice

Owen: Spring Equinox

Molly: Spring Equinox

Answer: Vernal Equinox

True or False: Spring Fever is a real physical condition.

Emerson: False

Owen: True

Molly: False

Answer: True

What is the first day of spring?

Emerson: March 6th

Owen: March 21st

Molly: March 20th

Answer: March 20th

What is the last day of spring?

Emerson: May 30th

Owen: June 3rd

Molly: May 31st

Answer: June 21st

I'll be honest, I didn't know any of these. Looks like we all learned something new! That's all for this week—"catch you on the flip side"!

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

A man stands on one side of the river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog who immediately comes to him without getting wet. He doesn't use a bridge or boat. How did he cross?

Answer: The river was frozen!

## Buen viaje



Spanish students traveling to Mexico this summer have been meeting on Thursday mornings to prepare for their July trip.

*what's up?*

**What are you most looking forward to this summer?**

by Kristin Lucas

Emma McDowell - going on a road trip with Katilyn and Chloe

Blake Becker - going to Canada

Mrs. Temple - floating in my pool

Michael Van Meter - sleeping in

Jordyn Kemp - road tripping with Jen,

Madison, and Austin

Zach Digman - not being in school

Allie Dunn - being able to wear shorts and flip flops

Nick Gibbs - not being in school

Lexi Deutmeyer - making money

Noah DeVore - the Nashville music trip

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

What did the tree say to spring?...What a re-leaf!

When do people start using their trampolines?...Spring-time

Currently the flower business is blooming!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?...Pilgrims

Why did the boy start a gardening business?...He wanted to rake in the cash.

## College & Career panel present options



Last week the juniors participated in a college and career panel discussion. Students had the opportunity to ask questions as they plan their future regardless of whether they attend a college or going straight into the workforce. Representatives from Iowa Workforce Development, NICC, the University of Iowa, Mount Mercy University, and Upper Iowa University shared information on their respective organizations.

## Students attend leadership conference

Students participating in the Ed Thomas Leadership conference Tuesday were, front row: Lane Domeyer, Kendra Hillers and Kylie Chesnut; back row: Parker Sternhagen, Grace Wegmann, Payton Beaman, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Emma Hiller, Andrew Holtz and Morgan Hermanson.



## Wrestlers earn awards at post-season celebration

The wrestling team held its awards celebration recently and presented the following awards: Parker Sternhagen, MVP; Tim Harmon, Coaches Award; Michael Schaul, Outstanding Freshman; Anthony March, Mr. Guts; Carter Kruse, Dedication.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of April 1, 2019

#### MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

1. HS Students to IA Governor's Conference on LGBTQ Youth in Des Moines (3 Vans Leave at 5:00 AM)
2. HS V G & B Golf with Springville @ MeadowView in Central City - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:35 PM)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

1. IT Club Meeting - HS Room # 209 - during WIN (2:55 PM)
2. HS Girls' Track to J-Hawks Relays in Jesup - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
3. HS Boys' Track to the Raider Invitational Relays in Anamosa - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

1. MV District Behavioral Health Team Meeting - HS Conference Room - 3:20 PM
2. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

1. MS to "Taking the Road Less Traveled/ Women in Engineering" - ISU in Ames (Van Leaves @ 6:00 AM)
2. HS Spanish Club Mexico Trip Meeting - HD Room # 206 - during WIN (2:55 PM)
3. HS JV/V G & B Golf - HOME (Hartridge Golf Course) - Starmont - 4:00 PM (Van Leave at 2:54 PM)
4. HS Boys' Track to Mustang Invitational at Independence - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
5. HS Girls' Track to Star Relays at Starmont - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

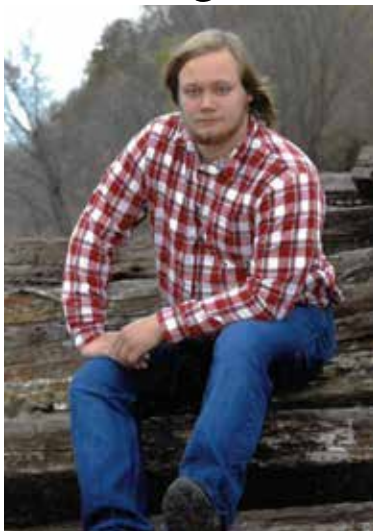
1. HS to "Real Group" Vocal Jazz Competition at SWCC in Creston (2 Vans Leave at 6:00 AM)
2. HS Students to Hi-Tech Day for Girls at Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids (Van Leaves at 7:30 AM)
3. HS NHS Blood Drive - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

1. HS Students at "Real Group" Vocal Jazz Competition at SWCC in Creston (2 Vans Return at Noon)



# Alex Digman



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Track and Field, Speech, Musicals sophomore and senior years, Plays for all four years, Band, Jazz band

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** I couldn't tell you which one affected me the most; they all have influenced me in some way or another.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** That is a long time ago. I really don't remember much.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** These years go by fast. Make the most out of it, go out for everything, get out of your comfort zone, or you will end up a senior with regrets.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** Honestly the staff. We have some of the best teachers and coaches here. They are always willing to help you out.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I have too many. From being the first one act in 27 years to make it to all state speech. The play "Game of Tiaras." Emma McDowell getting her butt stuck in a trash can. Replaying my last game of high school football.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** You're gonna make me choose one?

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Carry On My Wayward Son" by Kansas

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I don't know. I would like to either be an engineer (of some kind) or an electrician, But who knows? Things change.

**What is your dream job?** I don't quite know, I don't really have one, but I do know that it has to be and will be something that I will enjoy doing every day.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I think that it is hard to fully answer that question because we are young yet; we have a long way to go.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I currently can't answer this. It's only when we look back that we see how our choices lead us to where we are going. But right now I'm in the middle of that process. Come back to me in 10 years.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** My lawyer says I can't legally say that here.

# Austin Snyder



**Activities involved in during high school:** Baseball, Basketball, Golf

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** I would say that golf has affected me the most. I have learned so much from the sport among the past years such as becoming a better golfer, teammate, and having patience.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Hands down for elementary would be Kaela getting stuck under the merry-go-round during recess. For middle school I would have to say either making the lip dub videos in our home room classes, or hearing Mr. Cassutt's interesting stories.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** To go into high school being yourself. Trust me, we are not here to impress anyone. We walk across the stage in the same outfit, getting the same diploma. Also do not procrastinate. Your stress level will go through the leaking roof.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The number of opportunities that are given here. This school has many extra curricular activities that are available as well as job shadows. **If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Any night during any of the homecoming weeks. Probably the night I got ran down by a truck across town in attempt to teepee a house.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Dunlap, even though I have not had very many classes with him, he never fails to put me in a better mood. It's also funny that he thinks he is

funny.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "5% TINT" by Travis Scott

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on going to Kirkwood in the fall to study either management, real-estate, or sales.

**What is your dream job?** To be an owner of a club / casino.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Coming out to my parents, family, and friends shortly after homecoming this year.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Without a doubt losing all of my weight. I have lost 55 pounds and I have never felt better. I am now more confident than ever with myself.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Hopefully it'll be our senior skip day.

# Lane Coyle



**Activities involved in during high school:** I was involved in Track & Field, Cross Country, Spanish Club, Individual Speech, and Large Group Speech.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** I would have to say the activity that has affected me the most would have to be Speech. Speech has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone. It has also encouraged me to be more confident while giving a speech. I think speech is an activity that everyone should take part in. It truly helps with many life skills!

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite elementary memory would have to be playing ready-set-go at recess. It was a lot of fun when we were younger to just get out and run around.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** I would encourage them to make friends with the upperclassmen! The upperclassmen have already been through what you are about to go through, so use their experiences to your advantage. When I was a freshman the upperclassmen were my ride to many of the games! They also helped show me what to do and what not to do in high school.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** One of my favorite parts about Maquoketa Valley is the people. We have teachers that will literally do anything for us, and we have a good group of kids that attend Maquoketa Valley! We also live in a very supportive community. I think that's one of the perks of going to a small school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** If I could relive any moment, it would have to be when I performed at All-State my freshman year. It was an experience

I will remember forever!

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** For me, the most inspirational teacher would have to be Mrs. Lewin. She is a teacher that is really easy to connect with and someone who would literally help a student with anything they need. She was also a teacher that I could always understand! Another teacher that has been very inspirational would have to be Mr. Dunlap. This year I chose to take not just one art class but three, and these were my first art classes throughout high school. I am not the most artistic person, but Mr. Dunlap truly helped me improve my artistic abilities. He also is someone who is always there to talk if you need someone to listen! I also like how he is someone who will joke around with his students.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Count On Me" by Bruno Mars

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on attending the University of Iowa in the fall to study biology. As of right now, I am thinking about working in pediatrics.

**What is your dream job?** Honestly, right now my dream job would be a job that involves working with youth/children.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever done was only getting to see my dad every other weekend. I lived three and a half hours away and a lot of the weekend was driving back and forth.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** When my siblings were born. Without my two younger brothers, my life would be completely different.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope Brooke Wilson and I talk about the time we had to stay in a mansion after state speech and the conversations we had with Emma Hill and Andrew Kloser while everyone else was sound asleep.

# Sam Wall



**Activities involved in during high school:** basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, large and individual speech, student council, mentoring, national honor society, TEL, FCA, Spanish Club

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Basketball affected me the most during high school because some of my best memories came from it. Whether it was in the summer or during season, we always had a ton of fun. I became closer to a lot of my teammates and I learned a lot of life skills from just participating in the sport.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Mr. Cassutt lesson on Australia in one of our middle school classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Stay involved. Don't just try to "get by" high school because you will miss the opportunity to take advantage of all it has to offer. Don't take anything for granted and don't let the little things bother you, because in a couple months, it really won't matter to you at all.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate all the faculty members always willing to help as needed. Teachers will do whatever is needed in order for a student to success. I also appreciated the community's support in various activities and sports throughout my years at Maquoketa Valley.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I have many. They all are inspirational and has helped me in a variety of ways. Many have taught me things and given me advice that I will be able

to take into my future.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University to major in elementary education and continue my basketball career.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job would to become a women's basketball coach at the collegiate level. I would also like to be a girls high school coach and teach a fourth or third grade classroom.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Leaving the locker room of our final basketball game and taking off my Wildcat basketball uniform for the final time.



## Mady Moenck



**Activities involved in during high school:** Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Golf, Marching band, Concert band, Colorguard, FFA, Speech, and NHS.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** I think golf affected me the most because as a freshman I thought it was a dumb sport. Then my mom convinced me to go out my freshman year and when I did I had the best time ever. It just shows that nobody really knows how something will be unless they try it.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** I would tell them to participate in as many activities they can handle. Being in extracurriculars allows you to make new friends and experience new things.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate that there isn't a lot of drama.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive all the games, meets, speech contests, and FFA competitions I've participated in because I won't get those opportunities back after I graduate.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher would have to be Mrs. Palmer. Whenever I need something from her she is more than willing to sit down and help me with anything. She has prepared me for life outside of school and in the workforce.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "High Hopes: Panic! At The Disco"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be going to Kirkwood to become a veterinary technician/assistant.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to open up my own boarding kennel for dogs.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever had to do is recover from my ACL surgery.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Transferring high schools has impacted my life the most. I can't imagine how it would be back at my old school.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope that my classmates talk about summer nights and watching/competing in extracurricular activities.

## Maci Freiburger



**Activities involved in during high school:** I have been involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, speech, and TEL.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** The sports that I have been involved in taught me time management. I learned to never be late to anything, and being a good teammate. Each activity I feel like taught me something that can help me in the future.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In middle school we thought that "thunder clap Thursday" was super funny, and then Mr. K found out and we all got in trouble.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Reach out to new things and have fun.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The extracurricular activities are important here and the coaches care. Not a lot of schools get good gyms to practice in and good practice fields, and I appreciate that we have nice facilities here.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Lewin because she is chill and not strict in the classroom. She is very flexible for days that you missed, and she makes sure that you understand something before you move on.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to UNI for a undecided

major at the moment.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** When I worked in the summer last year I learned how to handle customers the correct way and to work with new people.

## Madison McIntyre



**Activities involved in during high school:** Dance, golf, volleyball, TEL, large group speech, spanish club

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Large group speech. This program has helped me through many of my classes where I had to give speeches. This program has also helped become a better communicator in a social aspect. I am able to have better conversations in the real world and I am also able to manage my time better because I had to tackle school and speech at the same time.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Nap time. Now that I am in high school I wish I could take naps every day. I miss naps.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** If you show up and do what is assigned by your teachers and do what is expected then you should succeed no matter what. ALSO, when you become a junior/senior take advantage of the JREC Kirkwood Classes. They will further your future education so much, and you will have so much college credit you could start your major right away! Take advantage of it!

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The size of the school. I like that I go to a small school because I know everyone I am surrounded by. Also, the teachers are able to interact with you more one on one.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I honestly wouldn't choose to relive high school. It wasn't "the best four years of my life." I am going to miss not having responsibilities, but I will not miss high school itself.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. DeVore has been one of my favorite teachers since freshman year. She has taught me many things throughout high school. One main thing I love about her is that she relates to her students. If she is having a bad day, instead of yelling at the kids and taking it out on them she will take herself out of the bad day and really focus on the students. She has such a good spirit and she has a positive attitude about many things. She taught me not to care about what others think and she could always make me smile. I would walk into her room being a little freshman and just talk about how my day was going and she would listen. Though I haven't talked to Mrs. DeVore much senior year, she will always be one of my favorite teachers.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Sold" by John Michael Montgomery. My friends and I blare this song whenever we are together and swear if we were at gunpoint and they said to recite one song perfectly and I won't shoot, it would be "Sold."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College to major in Paralegal Studies. I one day want to work in a courthouse or in a law firm.

**What is your dream job?** Creating a Youtube channel reviewing makeup like Jeffree Star.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** When I was in third grade, I broke my right leg. It was super hard to adapt to not being able to use my leg.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Becoming best friends with my mom. We do everything together. She is my best friend, counselor and mother all in one. She has helped me through many things in life and I am so grateful for her. Being able to come home to her and talk about my day just makes things so much better.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** All of the fifth grade relationships that were just cringy for everyone.

## Tawny Mallard



**Activities involved in during high school:** Band (marching, concert, pep, jazz), Pit Orchestra for the musical and Golf

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Jazz band because it gave me an opportunity to make friends, increase my musical ability and to have fun.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In elementary my class went on a skiing trip.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Stay focused on your work, get involved, be kind and have fun.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The kindness and support from both students and teachers.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Going to see the Iowa State Band Extravaganza. I got to go with my band family and see an amazing performance.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Ford, because he gave me the opportunity to improve my musical ability, and taught me to expand my musical style. He also taught me to never give up, keep a positive outlook and always do my best.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Wake Me Up" by Avicii

**What does your future (college and career) look like?**

To attend a 4-year university to major in Music Therapy, get married and have a family.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** End a friendship with my childhood best friend

of 12 years.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving to Iowa has opened up opportunities for me to pursue my talents that has set the course for my future

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Going out to eat with the band and attending the Iowa State Band Extravaganza.