

## FFA chapter holds annual banquet



MV FFA members hosted its annual banquet Tuesday night with over 340 people in attendance. Above: These students earned their Iowa Degree. Right: Cole Kruse and Cassi Westhoff were crowned FFA King and Sweetheart.



## Students excel at state speech, 12 entries to All-State

by Mason Lubben

This past Saturday, Maquoketa Valley's individual speech program traveled to Starmont, the host school for this year's state individual speech event. Your Maquoketa Valley Wildcats did not disappoint with 35 out of the 40 events receiving an overall 1 rating! The events are as followed:

### 9th Grade

1 Rating:

Emerson Wittenbaugh (Storytelling)

Krista Ries (Prose)

Paige Panosh (Reviewing)

Andrew Kloser (Storytelling)

2 Rating:

Kim Sellner (Original Oratory)

Claire Krapfl (Storytelling)

### 10-12th Grade

1 Rating:

Brooke Wilson (After Dinner Speaking)

Shelby March (Acting)

Hannah Lahr (Reviewing)

Chloe Roling (Original Oratory)

Alex McCusker (Storytelling)

Katilyn Deutmeyer (After Dinner Speaking)

Maddie Lahr (Radio News)

Mason Lubben (Storytelling)

Chloe Roling (Expository Address)

Megan Beaman (Solo Musical Theatre)

Kristin Lucas (Acting)

Kelly Winter (Literary Program)

Hannah Clemen (Radio News)

Lexi Deutmeyer (Original Oratory)

Erika Supple (Poetry)

McKenzie Lansing (Expository Address)

Kailyn Hogan (Reviewing)

Emma McDowell (After Dinner Speaking)

Angel Rumbo (Improvisation)

Allie Knipper (Literary Program)

Shelby March (Storytelling)

Alex McCusker (Improvisation)

Faith Hunt (Reviewing)

Lane Coyle (Prose)

Jaiden Porter (Public Address)

Hannah Lahr (Expository Address)

Jordyn Kemp (Radio News)

Izabel Niehaus (Prose)

Faith Hunt (Acting)

Katilyn Deutmeyer (Improvisation)

Kelsey Ries (Acting)

2 Rating:

Tate Trenkamp (Public Address)

Kiesha Stelken (Poetry)

Lydia Helle (Original Oratory)

Coming along with this great success were the All-State nominations. This year, Maquoketa Valley had 12 total events make it to All-State! Mr. DeVore says that this is a great accomplishment, especially with the sizes of other schools receiving



Faith Hunt rehearses before school.

She was one of the students selected for All-State.

this many nominations. Those nominated are as follows:

Alex McCusker (Improv. and Storytelling), Mason Lubben (Storytelling), Hannah Lahr (Reviewing and Expository Address), Chloe Roling (Expository Address), Brooke Wilson (After Dinner Speaking), Emma McDowell (After Dinner Speaking), Faith Hunt (Reviewing), Lexi Deutmeyer (Original Oratory), Megan Beam an (Solo Musical Theatre) and Paige Panosh (Reviewing).

Individual All-State will be held at UNI on Monday, March 26th.

# End of season basketball awards

## All-Conference Tri-Rivers West Division

### First team

Sam Wall (unanimous)

Player of the Year



### Second team

Trevor Elgin  
Payton Ries



### Honorable Mention

Tyson Tucker  
Macy Hoeger



Other awards:

Sam Wall

1st Team All-State Iowa Newspaper  
Association

2A 1st Team Iowa Print Sports Writers  
Association

2nd Team All-State Coaches Association

### JV Boys Team Awards

Teige Hunt JV Best Defender  
Andrew Hildebrand JV Most Improved  
Mason Lubben JV Team Leader  
Mitch Heims JV Best Teammate  
Blake Becker JV Mr. Hustle

### Varsity Boys Team Awards

Tyson Tucker: Varsity Most Points, Re-  
bounds and Assists  
Trevor Elgin: Varsity Most Steals  
Heath Gibbs: Varsity Best Defender  
Cole Willenbring: Varsity Most Improved  
Brenden Hogan: Varsity Mr. Hustle  
Brock Hillers: Varsity Team Leader

Payton Ries, Macy Hoeger, Tyson Tucker  
and Brock Hillers play in a conference all-  
star game this Sunday in Springville.

*\*The girls team awards have not been  
announced yet.*

## Boys track starts season with indoor meet

by McKenzie Lansing

The boys travelled to Wartburg on Tuesday to compete in their very first track meet of the year to compete against 34 other teams!

Starting off with the field events, in the high Jump, Pillon Gianpaolo jumped a 5'4" and placed 20th with four other athletes. Two athletes competed in the Shot Put event. Brody Sevart threw a 39'9" which brought him to 20th place as well. Alex Digman threw a 36'10" and placed 33rd.

In the running events, starting with the 55 Meter Dash, Mitchell Neuzil ran a 7.18 and placed 18th overall. Daniel Hunter ran a 7.28 in this event and placed 27th along with three other athletes. In the 200 Meter Dash, Blaker Becker ran a 26.90 and placed 48th overall. Owen Mensen also ran in this event and ran with a time of 27.66, which put him in 55th place. In the 400 Meter Dash, Alex McCusker ran a 59.96 and placed 25th. Jon Seibert placed 30th in this event with a time of 1:00.45. Competing in the 800 Meter Run was

Chance Downs and Canyon Richardson. Downs ran a 2:18.97 which put him in 17th place. Richardson ran a 2:32.87 and placed 35th. In the 1600 Meter Run, Ethan Doyl ran a 5:39.09 and placed 23rd. Sean Hucker ran a 6:18.14 and placed 44th. In the 3200 Meter Run, Tate Trenkamp ran an 11:24.34 and placed 7th. In the 55 Meter Hurdles, both of our competitors placed for the finals. In the preliminaries, Brock Hillers ran an 8.57 and placed fifth followed by Chad Neuzil who ran an 8.60 and placed sixth. In the finals, Hillers placed fifth with a time of 8.40 and Chad finished eighth with a 9.15.

In the relay events, starting with the 4x200 Meter Relay team who ran a 1:41.14 and placed eighth overall. The 4x400 Meter Relay team ran a 4:00.01 and placed 16th overall. The 4x800 Meter Relay team placed sixth overall and had a time of 9:06.20.

The boys will compete in their first outdoor meet at West Delaware on March 27.

## Girls track opens season

by McKenzie Lansing

Welcome back, Wildcat fans! This week your lady Cats travelled to Wartburg on Tuesday to compete in their first indoor meet of the season. There were a total 34 teams at this meet and was an exciting first meet.

Starting with the field events, during shot put, Lydia Helle threw 31' 2", a new personal record for her as well as a 23rd place finish. Abbie Sheehy threw a 19' 7" in the finals, receiving a 54th place finish.

In the running events, starting with the 55 Meter Dash, Madison Imler ran a 8.48, placing 33rd overall. Reiji Smith ran a 9.11 and placed 48th overall. In the 200 Meter Dash, Sam Wall ran a 28.13, placing third overall. Reece Mensen also competed in this event. She had a time of 32.66, placing 44th overall. In the 400 Meter Dash, Payton Beaman ran a 1:13.36, placing 24th. In the 800 Meter Run, Shelby March ran a 3:32.20, placing 42nd. Grace Wegmann ran a 3:39.75 in this event, placing 44th. In the 55 Meter Hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran a 9.90 and placed 16th. Payton Beaman ran a 11.41 in this event and placed 42nd.

In the relay events, starting with the 4x200 Meter Relay, MV's relay team ran a 2:44.02, finishing in 27th place. The 4x400 Meter Relay team ran a 4:48.07 with a 16th place finish. The 4x800 Meter Relay team ran an 11:55.46 which put them at 19th place.

The girls will compete in their first outdoor meet at West Delaware on March 29.

## NHS hosts blood drive



Justin Krapfl donates blood at the NHS blood drive yesterday. (photo by Brit-tany Sabers)



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Brittany Sabers & Alex Digman*

**Brittany,** you have recently worked on an impressive drawing of a celebrity. Why did you choose this person?



I chose Liam Hemsworth because I love to watch he movies that he stars in.

**What skills were you focusing on while creating this artwork?**

I created a Chuck Close drawing, after the famous artist who was almost blind. We also focused on color scheme and I chose monochromatic, which uses one color.

**What's your next project?**

White chalk drawings on black paper.

**Who's your favorite artist?**

Mr. Dunlap

**A l e x ,** you have recently worked on an impressive drawing of a celebrity. Why did you choose this person?



I chose Clint Eastwood because I love his movies and he is a very influential person to me.

**What skills were you focusing on while creating this artwork?** We were focusing on a Chuck Close inspired form of abstract portraits. It is very difficult to draw faces so this is something we hammer heavily.

**Who's your favorite artist?**

I can't say that I have one, but one that is up on my list is Iowa painter, Grant Wood.

## Band students present Parade of Bands



Under the direction of Mr. Ford and Mrs. Seibert, the grades 5-12 bands hosted the Parade of Bands Mar. 8. Each band performed several songs and then joined together for the finale. Above: The high school band performs.

## Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to another week of Hall Smarts. This week we will be taking a look at some questions about weird facts. They are all surprising, weird, yet still somehow true. This week's competitors are Macy Hoeger, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Huegel and Carter Kruse.



**How many flavors of Fruit Loops are there?**

Macy: 5

Hunt: 5

Huegel: 5

Carter: 1

Answer: 1

**What color is most French toilet paper?**

Macy: yellow

Hunt: pink

Huegel: pink

Carter: pink

Answer: pink

**Where was the first digital computer invented?**

Macy: England

Hunt: Iowa State University

Huegel: ISU

Carter: Iowa State

Answer: ISU

**Unicorns are the national animal of which UK country?**

Macy: Wales

Hunt: England

Huegel: Wales

Carter: Scotland

Answer: Scotland

Fantastic guesses, Wildcats.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of March 18, 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

1. MV HS Wrestling Awards Banquet  
- Earlville Community Center - 2:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

1. FFA Monthly Meeting at Beckman High School in Dyersville - 7:00 PM  
5. A.C.T. Review Class - F & M Bank in Manchester - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

HS Large Group Pictures - Auditorium - 8:05 AM  
2. Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton  
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences - HS Gym & MS Gym (All Elementary Conferences are in Delhi) - 3 to 7 PM  
4. A.C.T. Review Class - F & M Bank in Manchester - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

1. College / Workforce Panel - HS Auditorium - 11:00 AM to Noon  
2. HS All Sports Media Day - High School Gymnasium - 3:30 PM

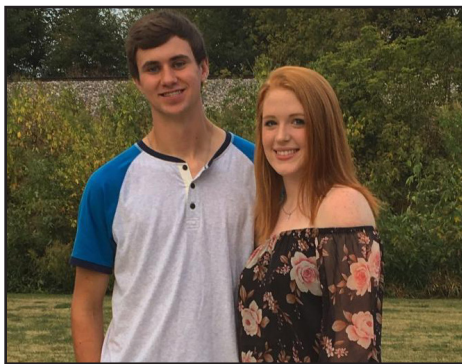
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

1. Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton  
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences - HS Classrooms & MS Gym (Elementary Conferences in Delhi) - 3 to 7 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

NO SCHOOL

# Cutest Couple



**Payton Ries and Austin Bonert**  
**by Rejji Smith**  
**How long have you two been together?**  
 1.5 years  
**What's your favorite thing to do together?** Hang out with friends and watch Netflix  
**Where's your favorite place to eat?** Hy-Vee Chinese or order breakfast pizza  
**How did you guys first begin talking?**  
 We met through friends

# Cutie

**by Hannah Lahr**  
 This cutie lives in Delhi, and has one younger brother. She's involved in golf and the spring play. She has made it to individual all state two years, including this year.



# Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing  
*In honor of the start of track season:*

I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.

When nothing your doing on the field goes right, go left.

Don't worry, all your hard work will pay off... in the long run.

You can never run through a campground. You can only ran, because it's past tents.

Just remember tracksters: Run fast and turn left!

# Did you know?

**by Emma McDowell**

St. Patrick's day is this Saturday, so let's learn some more about everyone's favorite Irish holiday.

- The traditional food for the holiday is corned beef and cabbage, yummy.
- Shamrocks are the official flower of Ireland.
- Irish immigrants held the first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City in 1762.
- The holiday was almost called St. Maewyn's Day because it was Saint Patrick's birth name.
- Speaking of Saint Patrick, he isn't even Irish! Historians say that he was born around Wales or Scotland.
- \$245 million worth of beer is consumed every year on the holiday.
- Originally, the holiday was associated with the color blue, not green.
- A four leaf clover represents hope, faith, love and luck.
- The odds of finding a four leaf clover is 1 in 10,000.
- To celebrate the holiday, Chicago dyes the river green for a few hours.

# Netflix & Chill

**by Emma McDowell**



**Girls Incarcerated-** While browsing through Netflix, I always notice a lot of prison shows. These documentaries offer a look into something many of us know nothing about. *Girls Incarcerated* shows the lives of a few teenage girls living in a correctional facility in Madison, Indiana. The first episode opens with a few girls discussing their distaste for meth and then being lined up and marched inside. There is something so jarring about listening to girls my own age talking about how they committed armed robbery or sold drugs. The girls in this show are hardened, and many of them are aggressive. We almost see one girl start a fight because she was pushed out of a swing. Despite their hard exterior, we see that they are just fighting against how they've been raised and their past actions. Many of the girls just want a better future for themselves, and they have to fight hard for it. *Girls Incarcerated* provides a great, realistic look into what the lives of these girls and what America's juvenile system is like.

# Brain Teaser

**by Mason Lubben**

How will NASA throw the party of the year?

Answer: They planet!



**Where do you wish you were spending your hypothetical spring break?**

**by Tyson Tucker**

Casey Fry - Florida  
 Owen Mensen - Mexico  
 Mrs. Besler - Somewhere warm with water  
 Trevor Elgin - Somewhere on a beach  
 Mr. Kudrna - Florida  
 Mr. Dunlap - Seattle  
 Rejji Smith - San Diego  
 Alex Elgin - Padre  
 Cassi Westhoff - Mexico  
 Dylan Happel - Australia  
 Devante Strickland - Chicago  
 Mrs. Hunt - Cancun  
 Faith Hunt - Mexico  
 Norman Wilson - Tilted Towers  
 Katilyn Deutmeyer - New York City  
 Chloe Roling - Cancun  
 Tony Offerman - Colorado to ski  
 Mitch Heims - Colorado to visit family  
 Maddy Naab - Ft. Lauderdale  
 Robert Hildebrand - my job  
 Carter Hildebrand - my job  
 Brooklyn Sands - the Bahamas  
 Katie Synder - Canada or Colorado  
 Jasmine Rossi - Florida  
 Kara Leibold - Punta Cana

# Birthday Shoutouts!

**by Chance Downs**

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

Upcoming birthdays are:

Lexi Deutmeyer-Simoens - 3/18  
 Tanner Parmely, Gianpaolo Pillon - 3/19  
 Madison McIntyre - 3/20  
 Amber Engelken - 3/21  
 Blake Becker - 3/26  
 Cody Gibbs, Josy Harmon - 3/28  
 Payton Ries, Layla Crippen - 3/29



# Dustin Heims



**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech, Basketball (Freshman-Sophomore) Spring play, Town League Soccer

**Which activity affected you the most?**

Speech and Drama for making me have to stand in front of people and talk.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Me wearing a tux to class pictures.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** High school will be hard. There's not way around it. Just deal with it, but you will also have fun.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** How small it is so everyone knows each other

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive all the speech competitions because they were all so fun.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Besler, for always having fun with science and being able to talk about anything.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?**

"Five More Minutes" by Scotty McCreery

**What does your future look like?** NICC for General Education and Iowa State for Computer science/ engineering.

**What is your dream job?** To be able to work on computers that are used in E-sports.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Trying to manage time because I'm very bad at making sure I don't procrastinate.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** How I loved to work with technology and play around with computers.

# Macy Hoeger



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, TEL, TATU, Speech, NHS, Mentoring

**Which activity affected you the most?**

Basketball because I learned a lot of valuable life skills from my coaches and made a lot of memories with my teammates throughout the years.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Any sleepover with my friends that involved dancing.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** You don't have to have your life plans figured out right now. It's ok to not know what you want to do.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** I appreciate the teachers and their willingness to help when it's needed.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I'd want to relive my last basketball game against Sumner Fred. It was such an intense game and a fun atmosphere to play in. Obviously this time, I'd want us to win.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. O because he is always willing to help and offers a lot of life lessons that can be valuable to know in the future.

**What does your future look like?** I plan to attend UNI to study business, possibly management or investing.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job would be working anywhere that supports my major and is enjoyable to do every day.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Trying to figure out what I want to do for the rest of my life.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Tearing my ACL as a sophomore.

# Carson Wright

**Activities involved in during high school:** Wrestling, FCA, TEL, TATU, Senior Mentoring, Large Group Speech

**Which activity affected you the most?**



**Wrestling-** I cut a lot of weight for wrestling sophomore and junior year. It was hard losing so much weight so quickly because I did it the wrong way.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Meeting Trevor Elgin and Brock Hillers in 5th grade.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't worry about GPA. Take the harder classes and get more out of high school rather than taking the easy classes for a good GPA.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** Most of the teachers care about you as a student and how you do after high school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Freshman and sophomore wrestling because the upper-classmen were so athletic and funny.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mr. Cassutt. Mr. Cassutt was always willing to talk to me about topics in the news after class and he made his classes fun. Mr. Cassutt never judged anyone based on what he heard; he cared about the way you presented yourself.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "September" by Daughtry

**What does your future look like?** Double major at UNI for Political Science and Business. After that, unknown.

**What is your dream job?** A job in a position of power like congress.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Cut weight for wrestling Sophomore year.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Taking Calculus. I never realized a class could be so much fun yet so difficult.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Each other's sports accomplishments.

# Josy Harmon

## Activities involved in during high school:

Freshman-Volleyball, Golf, Speech, Spanish Club; Sophomore-Spanish Club, Mentoring, Speech, Vocal Jazz; Junior-Spanish Club, Mentoring, Vocal Jazz; Senior-Spanish Club, Mentoring, Vocal Jazz

## Which activity affected you the most?

Vocal Jazz. It has helped me come out of my comfort zone and learn more about myself.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** The field trips! I enjoyed getting out of the school and seeing something new!

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Prepare for the future now. Don't wait until the last minute to make decisions.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** My favorite thing about Maquoketa Valley is the teachers. Many of them are willing to come early or stay late to help you succeed. They are all great people who are there in times of need. That is the awesome thing about small schools: your teachers can be some of your best friends.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Vocal Jazz Championships! It is awesome to see so many talented groups. I was blown away with the amount of talent that was there and it was an amazing experience. I enjoyed spending my birthday with fellow singers.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Señora Ries-She has a positive outlook on everything and looks at the big picture. She has been someone I can trust and go to if I need to vent. Señora is very personable, and she is good at teaching more than just the basics.

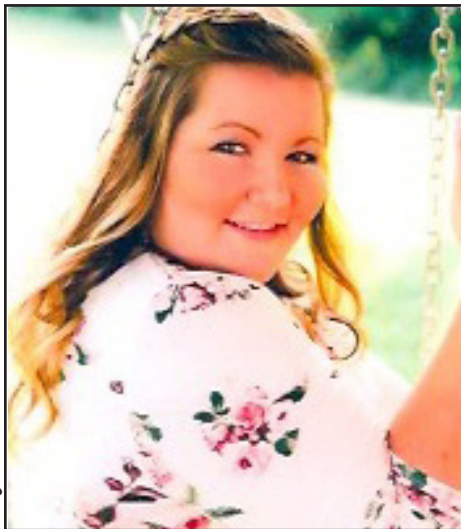
**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Don't Stop Believin"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending The University of Dubuque for nursing. After college I hope to get a job in a bigger hospital in either OB or the ER.

**What is your dream job?** Travel Nursing

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My reconstructive foot surgeries. It is hard when you go to a school that is really about their sports and you can't be involved. Not being able to play sports gave me a lot of free time that I didn't want, so I got a job. I feel like overall this was a good thing. I have networked with a lot of people and feel as though I got more out of my job than I could've gotten out of sports.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope that we can all laugh while reminiscing about all of the pointless high school drama.



# Payton Ries

## Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, TSN, TATU, NHS, Yearbook, Mentoring Program

## Which activity affected you the most?

**How?** Basketball affected me the most because it is a long season sport. It also takes a lot of time in the off season. Since I am active in other sports as well, I was always busy and had to manage time every day.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When a student ran downtown to Triple C at Hopkinton while we were playing recess. Mr. Helle had to sprint after him and the cops got involved.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Enjoy high school and get involved. Don't be one of those people who doesn't participate in sports, drama, or even pep rallies. High school is fun if you make the best of the time here.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I enjoy how the teachers are kind and willing to help. The coaches and staff are dedicated.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I wish I could relive Friday Night Lights.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Temple because she is always cheerful and funny.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** I am not one song, but too many to count. I am Pandora.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will attend University of Northern Iowa and major in biology. I am planning to transfer to Allen for nursing. Hopefully, I will be able to work my way up to healthcare executive.

**What is your dream job?** Famous Actress/ Dancer or first female President

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Attempting Pre-Calc Homework or deciding where I want to go to college

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope my classmates remember my sweet dance moves during pep rallies and other events.

