

Choir, band students put musicianship to the test

by Kristin Lucas

Last Saturday, band and choir members travelled to North Cedar High School in Clarence to perform for the solo ensemble competition. Performers can receive a division rating of I-V, I being superior, II being excellent and III being good.

The choir results are as follows:

Division I Solos- Brian Heims, Andrew Kloser, Tony Offerman

Division I Ensembles- Small mixed choir (Megan Beaman, Hannah Clemen, Kiesha Stelken, Victoria Lane, Cloie Wilson, Payton Beaman, Claire Krapfl, Paige Panosh, Josy Harmon, Gracie Gellersen, Rose Havens, Madalynn Naab, Ci'Ann Richardson, Brylie Pohlman, Annie Trenkamp, Ryan Dunn, Jake Jones, Tate Trenkamp, Brian Heims, Mitch Heims, Tony Offerman, Sean Hucker, Lucas Johnson, Angel Rumbo, Nicholas Chen, Andrew Hildebrand, Andrew Kloser), Madrigal (Megan Beaman, Hannah Clemen, Kiesha Stelken, Paige Panosh, Gracie Gellerson, Josy Harmon, Rose Havens, Madalynne Naab, Tate Trenkamp, Ryan Dunn, Brian Heims, Tony Offerman, Angel Rumbo, Nicholas Chen, Andrew Hildebrand, Andrew Kloser), Mixed Ensemble (Megan Beaman, Hannah Clemen, Kiesha Stelken, Gracie Gellerson, Josy Harmon, Madalynne Naab, Jake Jones, Tate Trenkamp, Brian Heims, Ryan



Mrs. Mueller directs the small mixed choir at solo and ensemble contest Saturday.

Dunn, Sean Hucker, Angel Rumbo)

Division II Solos- Megan Beaman, Hannah Clemen, Josy Harmon, Kiesha Stelken, Lucas Johnson, Cloie Wilson, Nicholas Chen, Layla Crippen, Mitch Heims, Paige Panosh, Brylie Pohlman
Division II Combination Ensemble- Ryan Dunn (Voice), Hunter Glass (Alto Sax)

Division II Ensemble- Treble Clef Small Choir, Bass Clef Small Choir, Bass Clef Ensemble- 'Till The Walls Come Down, Bass Clef Ensemble- Blow Ye Winds, Mixed Ensemble- With One Voice, Mixed

Ensemble- Trav'ler

Division III Solos- Rose Havens, Holly Offerman, Ci'Ann Richardson

Division III Ensemble- Treble Clef Ensemble- Tiger/We Can Build A Bridge

The band ratings were as follows:

Division I Solos- Kailyn Hogan (clarinet), Madeline Gellerson (saxophone)

Division II Solos- Kristin Lucas, Jaiden Porter, Hunter Glass, Andrew Kloser, Kelly Winter

Division II Ensembles- Clarinet quartet, baritone duet, trumpet trio

Division III Ensemble- Saxophone choir

Students tour ethanol plant



Kailyn Hogan earned a I rating on her clarinet solo.



The Ag Business students toured the Big River United Energy ethanol plant in Dyersville Tuesday. Students learned about the multiple uses of corn, the company's ability to produce no waste, and the process of using corn to make ethanol. (photos by Rejji Smith)



Outdoor track season starts for girls

by McKenzie Lansing

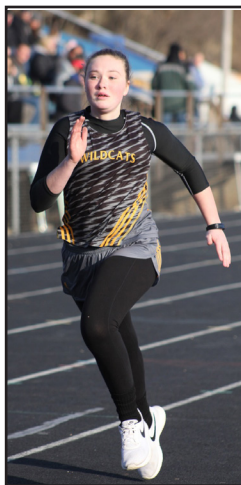
After a many gloomy days, the girls are back and finally had a chilly meet on Tuesday at Anamosa. The girls placed 12th overall with a total of nine points.

In the 100m Dash, Sam Wall ran a 13.47. She placed 7th overall and helped the team gain two points. Lydia Helle had a great night throwing, placing in both events. In the Discus, Helle threw a 100' 0.5" which helped her gain a 5th placed finish and gained four points. In the Shot Put, Helle threw a 32' 6.75." She placed 7th overall and received two points. In the relay events, the 4x100m relay team placed 8th overall. The spring medley team consisted of Brooke Wilson, Kailyn Hogan, Kara Orcutt and Sam Wall. These girls ran a 57.01 and gained one point for the team.

The girls also competed at Star-mont last night. Those stats will be in next week's Echo. They will compete again at Anamosa in a co-ed meet tomorrow. Come out to support your Cats!

Right: Abbie Sheehy competes in the open 100.

Below: Kara Orcutt runs a leg of the distance medley. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)



Athletes of the Week

Name: Brock Hillers
Sport: Track

What do you enjoy most about track? I love track because I like staying in shape and Mr. Meehan does a great job of training his athletes.

What do you think your best event will be? Shuttle Hurdle Relay or 110 High Hurdles

What life lessons have you learned through track? I've learned that running is mostly mental. If you can overcome the limits that your mind places on you then you can run times you would've never thought you could run. I think this lesson relates to life as well. All too often our subconscious minds tell us we can't do something when in all reality we can to it we just have to believe we can.

What's the hardest part of practice?
The 2 lap jog after workouts.

Who is your track role model? Guy Drut
(Look him up on Youtube)

Name: Cole Willenbring
Sport: Baseball

What position do you play in baseball? I have played second base, shortstop, third base, first base, pitcher, and right field.

What do you enjoy most about the sport? The fact that if you make a mistake there is always a way to make up for.

How long have you played? Since I was 3 playing T-Ball

What's something about baseball that others may not know? There is a lot more that goes into it then what some people may see

Who is your baseball role model?

Tim Anderson, he always does as much as he can and helps the others on his team



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of April 15, 2018

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

1. HS Girls' Basketball Awards Banquet - HS Cafeteria - 5:00 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

1. HS V Girls Golf with Cascade at Fillmore Fairways Golf Course - 4:00 PM (Van at 2:50 PM)

2. HS Girls Track - HOME - Wildcat Invitational - 4:30 PM

3. MV FFA Monthly Meeting - HS Room # 307 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

1. 9th Graders to College Visit at NICC in Peosta - 9:00 AM (Bus at 8:10 AM)

2. HS JV/V G&B Golf with Ed/Co & Marquette at Hartridge in Manchester - 4:00 PM (Van at 2:50 PM)

3. HS Boys' Track at Center Point / Urbana - 4:45 PM (Bus at 3:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

1. 11th & 12th Sign Up for Dual Credit at NICC - HS Cafeteria - 2:50 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

1. HS Ind. Tech. Students to Career Apprentice Day in Cedar Rapids - 10:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 9:15 AM)

2. HS FFA to District Ag. Mechanics at Calmar (2 Vans Leave at 10:00 AM)

3. HS JV/V G & B Golf with Lisbon at Hartridge Golf Course in Manchester - 4:00 PM (Van @ 2:50 PM)

4. HS Boys Track to Panther Invitational in Monticello - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)

5. 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 - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

1. Tri-Rivers Conference Art Fair at Springville - 9:00 AM (Bus at 7:15 AM)

2. HS JV/V G & B Golf with Midland at Little Bear Golf Country Club - 3:30 PM (2 Vans @ 2:05 PM)

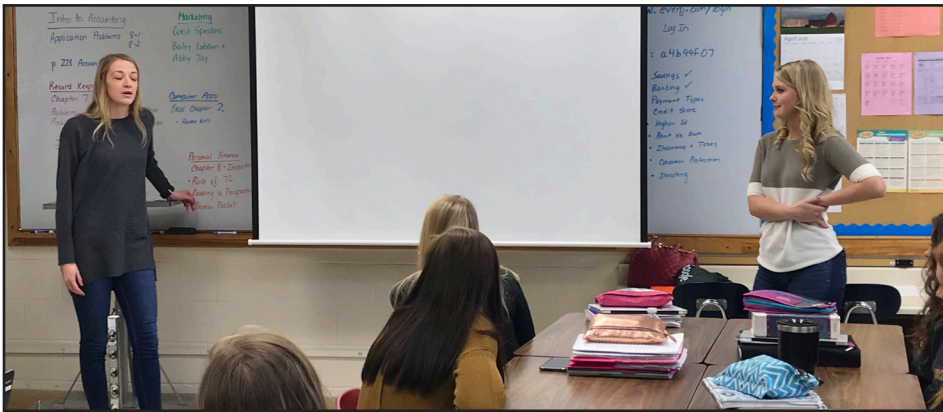
4. HS Boys Track to Ed/Co in Edgewood - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

1. FFA to State Convention at ISU in Ames - April 22 - 24

2. MV Prom Decorating to Begin - HS Gym - Gym Closed ALL WEEK

Recent learning opportunities



Above: MV alumnae Abby Jay and Bailey Lubben spoke to Mrs. Spellerberg's Marketing class last Friday. They shared information about college and their jobs.

Right: The student body was treated to some vocal performances by a mixed ensemble and by Smooth Harmony Wednesday.



Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- China has actual treatment camps for people who are addicted to the internet.
- However, internet addiction still has yet to be deemed a mental disorder.
- Internet access is a legal right in Finland.
- There are 47 million websites on the internet.
- And 30,000+ websites are hacked every day.
- Nearly 86% of emails are spam.
- Facebook has 1.44 billion users.
- 72 hours of worth of videos are posted every minute to Youtube.
- Every second the online adult industry makes \$3,000.
- The "fi" in Wifi doesn't mean anything; the creators just liked how it sounded.

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Brian Heims
Activity: Band and Choir

What instrument do you play in band? Percussion
What do you enjoy most about playing in band? Being with my friends and making memories that you can't make anywhere else.

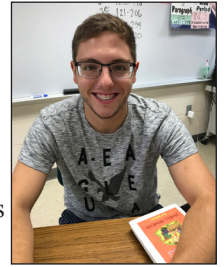
What part do you sing in choir? Tenor
What do you enjoy most about it? Being able to sing with my brother and friends.
What life lessons have you learned by being in music classes? That just by playing music you can make someone's day.
If you could join a famous music group, which one would it be? Zac Brown Band



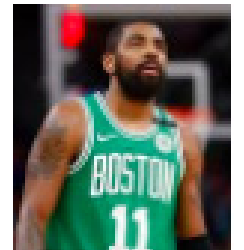
Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to this week's issue of Hall Smarts. One feeling I know we all have some time or another is knowing a face but not a name. This week our contestants will be trying to name some famous faces. Our contestants are Abe Miles, Adam Andregg, Izabel Niehaus and Kristin Lucas.

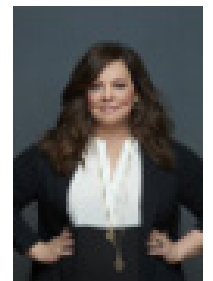


Abe: Kyrie Irving
Adam: Kris Bryant
Izabel: Kobe Bryant or Kevin Durant
Kristin: Kyrie Irving



Abe: Mike Pence
Adam: Paul Ryan
Izabel: Martin Swayze
Kristin: Mike Pence

Abe: Melissa McCarthy
Adam: Molly McCarthy
Izabel: Melissa McCarthy
Kristin: Melissa McCarthy



Abe: Serena Williams
Adam: Venus Williams
Izabel: Serena Williams
Kristin: Serena Williams

Great job to all of you ferocious Wildcats! Kristin and Abe got them all right. Remember to keep up with all of the chaos as the days tick down. Have a great weekend.

Cutie



by Izabel Niehaus

This cutie is a freshman. She has one older brother and one younger brother. She lives in Earlville and Delhi. She wants to be a teacher when she's older.

Last week's Cutie was Chloe Roling.



by Kelly Winter

This week's cutie lives in Hopkinton. She plays softball and is in TEL, TSN, and Speech. Her eyes are green and she has brown hair. This cutie has four siblings!

Guest speaker at FCA huddle



FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) hosted a guest speaker last Sunday. Farr Jenkins shared his faith journey and offered some life lessons. Pictured above are FCA leaders Chance Downs, Brock Hillers, Blake Becker, Tyson Tucker, Kiesha Stelken and Carson Wright with Farr.



Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

This week's suggestion comes from my mom who has recently been obsessing over the show, *Scandal*. I don't know much about the show, but from what I can tell it's pretty intense. There's drama, betrayal, and political scandal (duh)! Right now there are seven seasons which is the perfect amount of seasons in my opinion. If there are not enough seasons then you're left wanting more, but if there are too many then it's super overwhelming. It's also important to that this show isn't just for moms as many would think. It's actually really enjoyable for anyone who loves a strong dose of drama. Sit down with Olivia Pope and crew for your next binge session.

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

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

This week's birthdays are:

Cody Hunter, Isaac Kramer - 4/18

Carson Wright - 4/19

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

What do prisoners use to call each other?
Cell phones.

Don't trust atoms. They make everything up.

What do you call a deer with no eyes? No ideer.

The man was upset that his wife went on a tropical food diet. The stuff was everywhere. It was enough to make a mango crazy.

Why can't you have a nose that is 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What do you call a pie that costs \$2 in Jamaica but \$2.50 in the Bahamas?

Answer: The Pie-rates of the Caribbean!

McKenzie Lansing

Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball (2 years), Volleyball Manager (2 years), Musical (4 years), Large Group Speech (4 years), Individual Speech (3 years), Play (4 years), Track (1 year), Basketball Manager (3 years), Wildcat Echo (3 years), Yearbook (1 year), Spanish Club (2 years), National Honors Society (2 years), Mentoring (3 years), Senior Mentoring, and Hartwick Huskys Ski team

Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech and drama has been something I've been apart of for the last four years. These activities have really brought out my potential. Through these activities I have found a family that I will never be able to forget and I have made so many new friends. I know wherever I go and wherever I end up, I will always have all of the people I met through speech and drama to walk beside me.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? So here is what happened: I was in Mrs. Bush's classroom and I had 8th hour math, so we did cleaning jobs on Fridays. She asked me to water the plants. So I got the water from the drinking fountain and asked her where the plants were. She told me there was one by the window and another somewhere else in the room. I went over to a plant that was sitting on the windowsill. So, I watered that plant. The water began coming out of the bottom of the plant and I was very confused. Then one of my classmates told me that this plant I was watering was in fact: FAKE. The real plant by the window was hanging from the ceiling. So I told Mrs. Bush and we all laughed it off.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Go out for anything and everything. If you are debating whether to try out for that play, do it. If you want to go out for a sport, do it. In the end, you will only regret the chances you didn't take. Plays may seem weird and you might think you are bad at a sport, but if you do it anyway, I promise you will make new friends. Also don't feel pressured to know what you want to do after high school, but do start planning early. As of now, I do know where I am going but I don't know what to do after that. I promise you, you will find your way.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I think the two most important things about MV are the environment and the people. We have a very welcoming environment here. The people here are amazing. The teachers are willing to help you whenever you need them to. The students and other faculty are very welcoming as well.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I know it sounds crazy, but I would definitely want to relive all of the late nights and early mornings spent at speech competitions or spent on shows I have been apart of. With all of high school ending, these are the nights and days I will never forget because of the people I was with.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Overall, MV has phenomenal teachers and each one has impacted me in a different way. Mrs. Temple has taught me so much about writing, college, and overall being a good person. Mrs. Temple is the type of teacher that will get to know you and be able to sense when something isn't okay with you. I know I have told Mrs. Temple things about me that a lot of people don't know and I trust her in that way. Mr. and Mrs. DeVore do so much for the speech and drama department. They stay at the school for hours on end and are always willing to help someone if they were to ask. I can't pinpoint one teacher at MV who is the most inspirational because they all have inspired me in a certain way.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Dog Days Are Over" by Florence + The Machine

What does your future look like? I plan on attending Buena Vista University in Storm Lake to double major in business entrepreneurship and communications and minor in theatre. After college, I plan on going into a field that has not yet been created or going into the Peace Corp to volunteer.

What is your dream job? I think a lot of careers seem pretty cool. I don't think it necessarily has a job title but I would love to volunteer around the world and travel full time.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Dealing with my parents' divorce. Being the product of a divorce is never easy, but since it's been apart of my everyday life, I have learned to deal with it. However, without the divorce, I wouldn't be the person I am today and I also wouldn't be where I am today.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My dad got in a work related accident when I was a freshman. I didn't really understand the extent until we got to the hospital. Although he will never be the same, I won't either. The accident showed me how one incident can really change the people around you. Ever since the accident occurred, we have been much closer than we were prior and I am so grateful for that.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope we can still laugh about all the stupid things we've gotten into. I hope we can also reminisce on all of the memories we once made with each other.



Casey Fry



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Track and Softball

Which activity affected you the most?

Track

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When Adrienne puked on Brittany during the pledge of allegiance in kindergarten.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Stay organized and get homework done on time. It helps in the long run.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how the teachers are always there for the students and how there is always someone to talk too.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive Friday night football games.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Moenck because she always looks at the upside of things and always finds a way to stay positive.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to Southwest Tech in Fennimore, WI for accounting.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to do something that is involved with a business.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Trying to understand precalc.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Sophomore year pep rally, when I jumped on Megan Beaman to pop the balloon and we fell backwards.

Angel Rumbo

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Track (Freshman and Sophomore) Fall Musical (Sophomore and Junior) Contest Speech and Spring Play (Sophomore-Senior)

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Probably the musical. My first musical to be exact. Doing *Grease* my sophomore year is what really brought me out of my shell. I was a typical shy freshman the year prior who kept to myself most of the time. But the musical brought out something totally new in me. I'm a much more outgoing and enthusiastic person because of it. It opened me up and I'm very proud of how far I've come.

What is a favorite elementary/middle

school memory? Probably ramping bikes at the Earlville pool with Eric Deutmeyer when I first moved to Iowa.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? High School is not easy. It might seem easy, but it's not only the education aspect. Especially if you are involved in any extracurricular activities, it can get very stressful very quickly. But the teachers, and other faculty members are always willing to help, or answer questions that you might have. So utilize it. I feel like we are extremely lucky that we have this kind of assistance at our disposal. That's the one thing I wish I would have did more. Was ask for help. Oh and also. Grow a beard. It makes you look more masculine.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How close I live to the building. It really comes in clutch when I sleep in until 7:55

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Anytime that I witnessed Mr. DeVore scare someone

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Kudrna. He's technically not really a teacher? But I'm counting it (lol). I've had nothing but the utmost respect for him since my first day in high school. I aspire to someday be as hard of a worker as he is. During school you rarely see him sitting around doing nothing. Even with two replacement hips, he does more walking in a single day than I could accomplish in a week. Every time that I was steering myself down the wrong path, he's always been there to keep me in check. He's seemed to always have faith in me, and believe in me when I didn't have faith in myself. If it wasn't for him, I'm not sure if I would still even be in school anymore. If he yells at you for anything, cut him some slack. The man has so many responsibilities. And dealing with a brat with a rotten attitude just makes things much harder for him. I'm going to greatly miss hearing "Good morning Rumbo" every time I walk into school in the morning, I'm even going to miss his very questionable calls in PE. But I will especially miss the vein that pops out in his neck when he gets really angry. Thank you Mr. K, for everything you have taught me, and done for me over the course of high school. The lessons I have learned from you will certainly stick with me when I move out into the world.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "I Did It My Way" by Frank Sinatra. Because I truly did high school my way

What does your future look like? Anything to do with theatre. Whether it's backstage, sound producer. But I'm hoping for on stage.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Pass a math class.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My grandma passing away. She was the first person that I was close with that passed away in my life. And she was my best friend. She helped me a lot in life, but helped me even more in death. It taught me how to deal with pain. And helped me appreciate everyone that I have a lot more. I always just imagined her living forever.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? How I choked on a bottle cap and came to school the next day with of bunch of popped blood vessels in my face. (This happened like 3 or 4 days before I typed this)



Robert Hildebrand

Activities involved in during high school:

Football, Wrestling, FFA

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Wrestling most definitely did because trying to focus on one goal in the sport and then throw in school work on top of that, it just gets

crazy. Cutting weight Junior year was also hard because I couldn't focus in the classroom.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Qualifying for AAU State my 8th grade year after only being in wrestling for my second year.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Take school seriously and don't procrastinate because I know from experience. If you keep putting things off eventually it will sneak up on you and you will be scrambling to get things done.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers here want to see everybody succeed in life and genuinely care. I don't think you'd be able to find that anywhere else.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive freshman and sophomore year due to the fact that I didn't give my all in the classroom and because I didn't start dedicating myself to the sport of wrestling until the end of my Junior year.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Spellerberg would be because she is always willing to help people achieve goals in life. She organizes job shadows for students and helps them figure out what they want to do with their life. She helped me figure out what I wanted to do after school by signing me up for a visit day with a group of students.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "The Ones That Like Me" by Brantley Gilbert

What does your future look like? I want to become a Journeyman Pipefitter at Local 125 in Cedar Rapids.

What is your dream job? To become an expert pipefitter.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Cut 35 pounds my junior year for wrestling.



Tyson Tucker

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, TEL, TSN, Spanish Club, FCA, NHS, Mentoring, FFA, Wildcat Echo, Large Group Speech

Which activity affected you the most? How? I don't think one activity affected much more than other, but the fact that I was in so many taught me how to manage time and prioritize.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Dominating the kickball games.
If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?

Have fun. You are going to be spending a lot of time wanting to get out of here, but when it comes time to leave you're going to miss it. People are going to change; it's bound to happen. Never let anyone get in the way of you reaching your goals. Don't let people hold you back.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The people. I love the small school atmosphere, being able to joke around and have real conversations with administrators and teachers has been awesome.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Football, I'd love to go to battle with my boys one more time. And all the sporting events, playing alongside your friends and community is so special. The bus rides to and from as well, just having a good time with my friends.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. DeVore. I took one class with Mr. DeVore and he has taught me more than anyone. He's taught me so much about being a better person and man. Mr. DeVore is a real guy, whom you can have a real conversation with. His humor and joyous attitude is unmatched. I hope you all realize how special he is. The amount of work he and Mrs. DeVore put in for this school is crazy.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? The Kazakhstan National Anthem to the tune of the US National Anthem.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attend NIACC to play baseball, then transfer to a 4 year university to get my degree in business analytics.

What is your dream job? Working in an MLB front office, as an analyst.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Chris Evers' gauntlet.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Attending Maquoketa Valley. I've met so many people whom I'll keep in touch with for the rest of my life. The people I've met, sports I've played and everything else; I'll never forget these moments.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All the stupid stuff we did. There are too many to mention and a few are appropriate. And that all the stuff we worried about in high school means nothing now.



Brodrick Severt

Activities involved in during high school: Football, wrestling, track and field, large group and individual speech, NHS, student council, senior mentoring, Wildcat Echo, and senior leadership.

Which activity affected you the most? How? It would have to be Speech and the Wildcat Echo since they have helped me prepare for the real world with things like creativity, teamwork, and deadlines. The others: not so much.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I don't have one, mainly since I came here in the seventh grade, but also just because I have horrible memory.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? For most people high school is a time where you have to put in work so that after that four years you can do whatever you want in life. Don't squander it.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? To simply put it: MV is one giant family where everyone has your back and is looking out for you. Friends, teachers, staff, and community here will always be fighting for you.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive February 23 a couple years ago. My phone vibrated up with a KCRG update saying Mr. Tuetken came in clutch for the cancellation. It snowed like a foot so I slept in all day. Not many more of those to come in the next 47 years.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Huegel. He pushed me both academically and worldly, but most importantly he talked to me like I was who I will be instead of who I am.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "For a Better Day" by Avicii

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on going to Iowa State next year for a degree in chemical engineering.

What is your dream job? My dream job would be to become the living embodiment of the doctor from Doctor Who.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I can't think of one so I'll just say that in life there are peaks and valleys. You can only appreciate the good since you've endured the bad.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My skateboarding accident; I needed brain surgery.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? If I am still looking back at high school in the next five years then it must have had a boring adult life. But I would probably have to say when I broke my collarbone for the second time after everyone at football practice told me never to longboard again.



Cole Kruse

Activities involved in during high school:

FFA, Football, Wrestling, TEL

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Wrestling- My Freshman year I cut a lot of weight to make the starting line up. With cutting all of that weight it made me mentally strong to make that weight for the team and pushing through things when I didn't have the energy to do them.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My

favorite memory is when DJ Eisenhower fell asleep in the boys bathroom in fifth grade and Mr. Helle caught him sleeping.

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

Don't worry about your class rank because a number doesn't define you as a person and live in the moment be thankful that you have all the opportunities and resources that you have around you.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers: They're willing to help you out in any situation. They take time out of their day to teach you material that you don't know.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? Sophomore year wrestling because the upperclassmen were hilarious and kept things real.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Mausser. She pushes us to be our very best and is willing to help out if we have any questions on an assignment or about FFA. She is a great role model and has helped many people achieve their goals.

What does your future look like?

I plan on attending Kaskaskia College and double majoring in Dairy Science and Ag Business.

What is your dream job? Genetics Herdsmen

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Running before school to lose weight for wrestling freshman year then having to go to school with no energy.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Trying to wrestle this year while my shoulder keeps popping out.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Our interesting talks during and after football games.



Rejji Smith

Activities involved in during high school:

Softball, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Student Council, FFA, Yearbook, Wildcat Echo

Which activity affected you the most? How?

I'd definitely have to say Large Group Speech. Not only did it give me some long lasting friendships, but it also gave me a love for the fine arts. As a

child, my only interests were sports. Being involved in speech taught me some great public speaking skills that I will forever cherish. Maquoketa Valley Speech is definitely the greatest speech program in the area.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Well, I didn't come to MV until my freshman year so sadly, now one else will remember this. One time, in the smart kids math class, someone put their head through the hole that goes through the back of a chair. A few minutes go by, and we found out this kids head was stuck.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Procrastination is real! High school is the hardest four years for school you've had so far and it's really easy to get behind. Trust me, I've had senioritis since my freshman year. The best way to avoid procrastination is to always remember your goal. You won't get into med school if you failed biology in high school for not doing your work. Teachers are here to help so don't just not do your work because you don't get it; ask for help.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The community. I had the opportunity to go different schools and I'd have to say that all of the other schools have nothing against our community. The support that we get from them is insane. Parents will drive three hours just to watch kids compete, even if their own child isn't participating.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I'd have to say any of the FNLs.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Huegel because he's always been that teacher that I can joke around with but at the same time, I know that I can go to him for any sort of problem.

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

I am going to Colorado Northwestern to play softball and maybe study Business. However, my career plans change like the weather does so we'll see how long that lasts.

What is your dream job? I don't really have an idea yet; however, I know that I want to do a job that I enjoy and love to do. So hopefully I find that job.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?

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What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All the hilarious memories we made while TPing!

