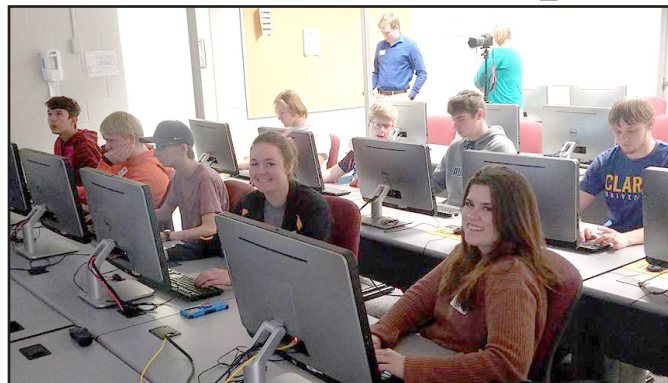


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Students explore careers in recent field trips



Above: On Tuesday, some upperclassmen learned the applications of virtual reality in the real world at Clarke University in Dubuque.

Left: Students listen to the Steam & Pipefitters Union discuss career training opportunities in Cedar Rapids. The students listened to 10 different career opportunities in the construction field. Mr. Drew accompanied students as they learned more about union apprenticeship jobs.

Art students use skills to personalize weight room

Several students took their art skills out of the classroom and left a positive mark on the new weight room. Canyon Richardson, Nick Gibbs, Jenna Nefzger, Morgan Hermanson, Alex Digman, Brittany Sabers and Rejji Smith helped with the project. These students aren't all in the same art class, so the project took some coordinating.

"What I really like about the mural in the weight room is that it showcases the talent we have here at MV," stated Morgan Hermanson. "It takes a lot of patience and steady hands to paint, especially on the brick walls we have here in school. The mural also shows the teamwork we had to have to complete this mural with different groups at different times."

Rejji Smith said she appreciates the pop of color: "Too much white can be boring." Alex Digman concurs. "I like it. It's subtle yet is a nice addition to a very bland room. It adds some necessary color to it."

Right: Artists Alex Digman, Morgan Hermanson, Brittany Sabers, Rejji Smith and Jenna Nefzger pose with their work.



Track teams get some time outside on the oval

by McKenzie Lansing

Girls compete at Starmont

The girls were back on track last week and ended the week with a nicer meet at Starmont. They competed against 5 other teams and placed 4th overall with a total of 89 points.

Beginning with the field events, Krista Ries and Lydia Helle both competed in discus and shot put. During discus, Helle threw a 101' 8" which allowed her to have a first place finish by throwing 4 feet further than anyone else competing. Ries threw a 74' 11" and placed sixth. In the shot put, Helle threw a 32' 6.75," placing second. Ries threw a 26' 1.5," placing sixth.

In the running events, several underclassmen proved themselves by placing in several events. Starting with the 100m dash, Sam Wall ran a 13.40, placing first. Reece Mensen also competed in this event and ran a 14.77, placing fifth. In the 200m dash, Sam Wall, again, placed first with a time of 28.26. In the 400m dash, Emerson Whittenbaugh ran a 1:10.13, placing second. In the 800m run, Casey Fry ran a 2:57.69, placing fifth. Kara Orcutt and Payton Beaman both competed in the 100m hurdles. Beaman placed fifth overall with

First meet yields three medalists

The weather has not cooperated for practices or meets for the golf team, but they did squeeze in a meet last Thursday night against Springville.

The boys did not have a full team, but Austin Snyder was the runner-up medalist with a 53. Ryan Barner of Springville was the medalist with a 49.

The girls defeated Springville 221-278. Kelly Winter was the medalist with a 49, and Faith Hunt was the runner-up medalist with a 53. Other MV scores were Chloe Roling with a 58 and Erika Supple with a 61.

"I was very happy that the weather finally cooperated for us to get out and get a competition in," stated Coach Andrews. "It's been a rough haul with the weather and not having meets and making it very difficult for us to practice outside. Overall I was happy with how everyone performed or the lack of outdoors practices that we've had. Hopefully we can get the rest of our meets in as we move into a very busy couple weeks before conference and post season gets here."



Brenden Hogan gets the baton from Derek Mensen at the West Delaware meet. (photo courtesy of Lesa Parmely)

a time of 19.41. Kara Orcutt placed close behind her with a time of 19.45, receiving a sixth place finish.

Many of the relay team placed in their events as well. In the 4x100m relay, Maddy Anderegg, Brooke Wilson, Kara Orcutt, and Sam Wall ran a 55.94 and placed first. The 4x200m relay also placed first. This relay team consisted of Maddy Anderegg, Kailyn Hogan, Ella Imler, and Sam Wall who ran a 2:01.37. Jaiden Porter, Allie Knipper, Payton Beaman, and Casey Fry ran in the 4x400m relay. These girls ran a 4:48.76, placing third. The Sprint Medley team placed fifth. Ella Imler, Maddy Anderegg, Kailyn Hogan, and Allie Knipper ran in this relay and finished with a time of 2:14.70. Ella Imler, Brooke Wilson, Kara Orcutt and Jaiden Porter ran third in the Distance Medley Relay with a time of 5:08.11.

On Monday the girls will compete at Center-Point Urbana.

Boys start off at West Delaware

The boys finally are back and competed at West Delaware last Thursday. Overall, the boys placed ninth with a total of 28 points.

In the field events, Gianpaolo Pilon competed in the high jump. He tied in fourth place with a height of 5'6," a new personal record for him. In the shot put, Brody Severt threw a 43' 10," placing sixth.

In the running events, in the 100m dash, Mitchell Neuzil ran a 12.33 which left him with a third place finish. In the 800m run, Chance Downs ran a 2:11.05, placing fifth. In the 1600m run, Brenden Hogan ran a 4:54.95, also placing fifth. Brock Hillers and Chad Neuzil both competed in the 110m hurdles. Hillers ran a 16.30 which left him in fifth place. Chad placed seventh with a time of 16.40.

The boys did very well in their relay events also. Starting with the 4x100m relay, Mitchell Neuzil, Gianpaolo Pilon, Chad Neuzil, and Daniel Hunter ran a 46.43, placing fourth. The weight men's 4x100m relay, Michael Feldmann, Alex Digman, Andrew Hildebrand, and Brody Severt ran a 51.11. This team placed first with an over two second finish over all of the other teams. The 4x200m relay, consisting of Mitchell Neuzil, Alex McCusker, Daniel Hunter, and Derek Becker, ran a 1:37.01. This team placed third. In the 4x400m relay, Derek Becker, Chance Downs, Daniel Hunter, and Alex McCusker ran a 3:41.23, and placed fifth. In the 4x800m relay, Chance Downs, Derek Becker, Derek Mensen, and Brenden Hogan ran an 8:46.58, placing third. The Shuttle Hurdle Relay team of Brock Hillers, Derek Becker, Tiege Hunt, and Chad Neuzil ran a 1:02.37, which broke the school record and they placed third.

The boys competed at Center Point Urbana on Tuesday and finished 10th as a team.

Hogan finished fourth in the 1600 Meter Run in 4:55.07. Chance Downs finished fifth in the 800M run in 2:08.74. In the 400M hurdles, Hillers finished sixth in 1:02.94. He also finished sixth in the 110M high hurdles in 16.69.

The 4 X 200 Relay of Mitchell Neuzil, McCusker, Hunter and Chad Neuzil finished fifth in 1:37.94. The 4 X 800 Relay of Downs, Hogan, Ethan Doyl and Derek Mensen finished sixth in 9:04.41.

In field events, Blake Becker earned a sixth place finish in the discus with a throw of 119-02. Brian Heims finished sixth in the shot put with 39-04.

Tonight they will compete at Ed-Co!

what's up?

What takes up too much of your time?

by **Mason Lubben**

Mrs. Heims: Sleeping

Morgan Hermanson: "Learning dumb stuff, AKA School!"

Nicholas Chen: Homework

Mr. K: Cancellations this spring for track.

Gianpaolo Pillon: Trying to fall asleep

Alex McCusker: Play

Mr. Bruening: Driving (80 minutes a day)

Kailyn Hogan: School

Jasmine Rossi: Homework

Derek Mennen: Instagram: @MilitaryCentral_

Emma McDowell: Picking out what I'm going to wear

Andrew Holtz: Video Games

Katilyn Deutmeyer: Fortnite

Reece Mennen: Homework

Emerson Whittenbaugh: Homework

Cutest Couple



Brody Severt & Jordyn Kemp

by **McKenzie Lansing**

How long have you two been dating?

About three months

What is your favorite thing to do together?

Brody: Taking naps

Jordyn: Watching Netflix together

Where is your favorite place to eat together?

Brody: Cheddars

Jordyn: Olive Garden

What do you like about each other?

Brody: We look at things the same way

Jordyn: He's certainly never boring

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Emma McDowell

Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? I am the Nightingale and a Squib (which is a firework which I didn't know before this.)



What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I enjoy the stories that are being told. It's so different from any kind of show I've seen so it's really cool seeing it all play out on stage.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think everyone will enjoy the fairy tale atmosphere that surrounds the play.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? *Parks and Recreation* because it's such a fun show with hilarious people.

Name: Allison Dunn

What is your role in the spring play?

I play two roles. My first one is a Snow Person, and the second one is a duckling.



What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I enjoy being a grumpy, and sassy little duck.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think the audience will like the most is how clueless some of the character really are.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? I would star in the show "Grey's Anatomy."

Athletes of the Week

Name: Sam Wall

Sport: Track

What do you enjoy most about track? being with my friends and getting PRs



What do you think your best event will be? either the open 200 or 4x400

What life lessons have you learned through track? being able to do something when you may not want to or even think you can

What's the hardest part of practice? repeat 300s

Who is your track role model? my sister, Kendra

Name: Derek Becker
Sport: Track

What do you enjoy most about track? Running, being with the team.



What do you think your best event will be? 4x800, Shuttle Hurdle Relay

What life lessons have you learned through track? It's not how you start, it's how you finish.

What's the hardest part of practice? Dead sprinting "warm ups"

Who is your track role model? Buster and Harbach

Stelken goes on trip of a lifetime

While most students were focused on their classes Tuesday, Kiesha Stelken accompanied her grandfather, Steve McAreavy who served in Vietnam, on the 31st Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.

Stelken said the one day adventure was a very long day but enjoyable day. Their flight left Cedar Rapids at 7:30am CST and arrived in DC around 9am EST.

They saw the WWII memorial, Navy museum, Air Force Museum, FDR, Vietnam, Korean, and Lincoln memorials.

"[The Vietnam Memorial] was by far my favorite place that we stopped at for the day," stated Stelken. "It was so inspiring to me to see every name of those who passed away during Vietnam. One of the vets found a name that they knew on the wall. He started tearing up after he found the name. My grandpa and I were looking for a person that my grandpa went to bootcamp with; unfortunately, we didn't find his name."

They also visited Arlington National Cemetery. "It was crazy seeing how all of the gravestones lined up perfectly. While we were there we witnessed the changing of the guards at the tomb of the unknown. You could see exactly where they walked from their shoe polish."

Their second to last stop was at Hiroshima. "We were supposed to stop at the Marine museum at the time, but it was under construction. They say that if you drive around Hiroshima the flag looks like it is rising up and down (we couldn't get close enough due to construction)."

After the whirlwind sightseeing, the honorees and their guardians left for the airport to head home. When they arrived back in Cedar Rapids, they were greeted by state troopers out of the terminal. The entire waiting area was full of people consisting of a band, Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout troops, family and friends.

"It is definitely a trip that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was an honor to go see all of the memorials and spend the day with my grandpa. It was great to spend some one on one time with him. He might not be alive much longer since he has stage 4 cancer. It was an honor that he wanted me to be his guardian on the 31st Eastern Iowa Honor Flight."

Stelken said the trip meant a lot to her grandfather. "Originally he wanted to go on the trip for me since I had never been



Kiesha Stelken and her grandfather pose Tuesday at the FDR Memorial in Washington, D.C.

to Washington DC. When we were heading back home from Cedar Rapids he couldn't stop talking about the trip and what he saw. Over all I think he enjoyed the trip very much."

Stelken said she was honored to go with him. She said he could have chosen anyone to go with him as a guardian (minus his wife). "He wanted to go with me. The only requirement to go was that I was 18."

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Madeline Gellersen

What instrument do you play in band?

Alto Saxophone

What do you enjoy most about playing in band?

What I enjoy most about band is how everyone's sound comes together to create one big masterpiece.

What life lessons have you learned by being in band? Something that I will take away from band this year is that you always have to be there for others when they need help.

If you could join a famous band, which one would it be? The World Saxophone Quartet

—Madeline was nominated by Mr. Ford.



Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

We are all baffled by this recent crazy weather, so let's look at times when mother nature threw us all for a loop.

- The summer of 1816 was a tough one after a volcano exploded and shattered dust and ash all over the world. This eruption changed the climate for the summer and led to snow storms in June!
- Fire tornados, aka fire whirls, are a wild phenomenon where a fire is ignited in a tornado. This happened in Australia in 2017 and it reached up to 3,000 feet high. It was described as "gob-smacking" and ended after a few minutes.
- Sometimes water spouts can lift up small animals and cause them to fall from the sky! Frogs, fish, spiders, and worms are just a few animals that have been recorded falling from the sky. Strangely there's no evidence that it's ever rained cats and dogs.
- Believe it or not, sometimes mother nature likes to crank up the heat dial and make us all suffer for wanting summer. One year during a record breaking heat wave in Phoenix, temperatures rose to 120o! This heat caused planes to be delayed, and forced people to stay inside for their safety.

Brain Teaser Hall Smarts

by **Mason Lubben**

What do you call a line of rabbits hopping backwards?

Answer: A receding hare-line!



by **Emma McDowell**

The Carrie Diaries- I have never seen *Sex in the City*, but for some reason I thought it would be a good idea to watch a prequel spin off of the show. *The Carrie Diaries* follows a young Carrie Bradshaw through her teenage years. We watch a young Carrie trying to balance her teenage life with a high fashion internship, and the hijinks that ensue. As I said, I never watched *Sex in the City*, so I'm not really sure what made me start watching this series. However, you don't need to watch the original show to follow what's going on. The prequel stands on its own because it's so far away timewise from the original show. Sure, there were probably some inside jokes and clever foreshadowing I missed, but I never felt out of the loop. In fact, *The Carrie Diaries* feels like its more aimed towards teenagers, and I'm sure many teens of today have never even seen an episode of *Sex in the City*. If you love a good teen drama/romance/comedy, then try out *The Carrie Diaries* sometime.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

I knew I shouldn't have had the seafood. Now I feel a little eel.

Why did the can-presser quit his job?
Because it was soda-pressing.

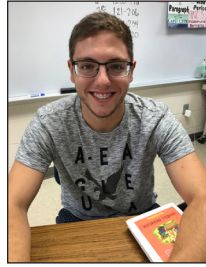
What do you call cheese by itself? Provo-lone.

Last night I dreamt I was a muffler. I woke up exhausted.

Why was the Scarecrow the Keynote Speaker at orientation? Because he was outstanding in his field.

by **Brody Severt**

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to yet another issue of Hall Smarts. Does anyone else like food? I know I do. This week our contestants will be trying to answer some cool facts about food. The competitors this week will be Mrs. Besler, Amanda Engelken, Trayce Klosterman and Owen Mensen.



How many rows of corn on a cob?

Besler: 20
Amanda: 14
Trayce: 27
Owen: 18
Answer: 16

Was sliced bread invented before or after 1900?

Besler: after
Amanda: after
Trayce: before
Owen: before
Answer: after

Which is not a berry: strawberry, banana, blueberry?

Besler: banana
Amanda: banana
Trayce: banana
Owen: banana
Answer: strawberry (Google it. It has to do with ovaries.)

What country invented Hawaiian pizza?

Besler: Mexico
Amanda: Canada
Trayce: US
Owen: US
Answer: Canada

Great job to all of our Wildcat contestants. That's all I have for you this week. Make sure not to get behind with only 15 and 25 days left of school.

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:

Jake Jones, Kristin Lucas, Brooklyn Sands - 4/23
Izabel Niehaus - 4/27

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of April 22, 2018

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

1. FFA to State Convention at ISU in Ames - April 22 - 24 (Bus & 2 Vans Leave @ 1:30 PM)

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Golf at Fawn Creek Country Club in Anamosa - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leaves at 2:35 PM)
2. HS Girls' Track at Center Point / Urbana - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
3. HS Boys Track - HOME - Wildcat Relays - 4:30 PM
4. MV School Board Meeting - High School Conference Room - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Golf at Hart Ridge Golf Course, Manchester with N.L. - 4:00 PM (Vans Leaves at 2:50 PM)
2. HS Girls' Track in Anamosa - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
3. HS FFA Returns from State FFA Convention at ISU in Ames (Bus & Vans Back About 10:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

1. HS & MS Spring Clean Up - Follow Early Dismissal Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

1. HS 10th Graders to Career Day at West Delaware HS in Manchester - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:30 AM)
2. HS JV/V G & B Golf at Hart Ridge in Manchester with Alburnett - 4:00 PM (Van Leaves at 2:50 PM)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

1. FFA Farm Safety Day in Delhi - JK, Knkg. & 1st - 9:00 AM (Earlville & Johnston Buses Leave at 8:40 AM)
2. HS Girls to CoEd Invitational Track Meet at Cascade - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
3. HS Boys to CoEd Invitational Track Meet at Cascade - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

1. Junior/Senior PROM Grand March - HS Auditorium - 7:15 PM (Doors Open at 6:45 PM - Admission \$1)
2. Junior/Senior PROM - HS Gym & Cafeteria - 8:00 PM to Midnight (Prom Open to the Public until 8:15 PM)
3. Post PROM Party - MS Multipurpose Room & HS Gymnasium - Midnight until 2:30 AM Sunday, April 29th

Kara Orcutt



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Large Group Speech, TSN, TEL, FCA, Spanish Club, Yearbook, Wildcat Echo, Senior Mentoring

Which activity affected you the most? How? Track. It was amazing being able to go to state as a freshman and see so many athletes share the same passion as me. Seeing other athletes be successful motivated me to want to be that way too.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Going to Macy Hoeger's house and playing imitation, having dance competitions and trying to stay up all night.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid to try new things and meet new people. Take advantage of all the opportunities that are offered here. Never be afraid to ask for help or advice because almost always teachers or upperclassmen will be willing to help.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers, coaches, and staff are always willing to help out whenever it is needed and go the extra mile. Everyone wants us to succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Friday Night Lights. Wearing jerseys to school every Friday, going to Buffalo Wild Wings after school, getting dressed up for the themes before the games, losing our voices from cheering on the boys, and dancing in the lot after the games.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Cassutt, he seems like he's got it all figured out.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall to major in Radiation Sciences.

What is your dream job? I hope to be working in a hospital setting as a Radiologic Technologist.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Deciding what path I wanted to take after high school, and figuring out what it is that I want to do for the rest of my life.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All the memories we shared throughout our years here and being able to look back and laugh about how silly some of the things were that we did.

Heath Gibbs



Activities involved in during high school: Baseball, Football, Basketball, Large Group Speech, Student Council, FFA, NHS.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Being involved in sports throughout high school. Along with baseball and basketball, each of my football coaches have taught me invaluable life lessons.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When half the boys in our 2nd grade class got recess taken away for participating in a snowball fight.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't limit your options by screwing around your freshman year. Take challenging classes and don't settle for bad grades. What you want to do with your life might change a few times by the time you graduate.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The faculty and administration really does want you to succeed and each individual will go out of their way to help you if you need it. The faculty at Maquoketa Valley is top-notch. Regardless of age or subject, you can trust your educators to sincerely want what's best for you.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I'd give anything to play one more football game on a rainy night with the boys.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Huegel, he contributes to his community and our school district in a number of ways. He's also easy to get along with and has good morals. His sense of humor is dry at best though.....

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending the University of Iowa to study Microbiology/Pre-Med.

What is your dream job? I'd like to practice medicine, possibly as a pediatrician or family doctor. I'm not decided on a specialty yet.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? APUSH
What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The short-lived locker room remodel.

Trevor Elgin



Activities involved in during high school:

Track, Basketball, Football, and Baseball

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Baseball. I have the most memories from it.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? David in the dictionary.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't wish high school away

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Everyone knows each other

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Car in the school. It was a wild day and everyone was trying to figure out who did it.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Cassutt because he has a good sense of humor.

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? Going to do an apprenticeship through Wulfekuhle Electric

What is your dream job? Electrician

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Zak Harbach locker room incident and the daily rage

Hannah Clemen



Activities involved in during high school:

Musical, Play, Choir, Vocal Jazz, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Spanish, 4H

Which activity affected you the most?

How? By far I would have to say Vocal Jazz. I have gained more confidence in myself and have improved my musical abilities over the years. Of all four years I was involved, the connections, relationships, and memories I created this year made this season my most enjoyable one yet. I will cherish these friendships for the rest of my life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Either 8th grade honor choir or getting hit in the eye with a pitchfork at a haunted house.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get involved. Being in extra curriculars such as speech, drama, and music helped me so much throughout high school. Even though I was pushed outside my comfort zone, I found something that I now have a passion for. Plus, the friends you make while doing these activities make them even better.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? A couple things actually. First, the teachers here really do care about you and want to see you succeed both in and out of the classroom. At every sporting or music event there is at least one or two of our teachers there supporting us. Second, even though we are a small school, we are given so many opportunities for success in extra curriculars.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The van rides home from vocal jazz contests because the conversations we get going are hilarious and full of weird comments such as "That's a weird place to put an Eiffel Tower."

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore because she cares about her students as if they are her own kids. She pushes me to go outside of my comfort zone in both speech and play. Also, she was a major factor in my decision to go into education in the future.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "If I Only had a Brain" from The Wizard of Oz

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending UNI for elementary education in the fall.

What is your dream job? I hope to become an elementary teacher for either first or second graders. I enjoy working with the younger kids because everyday brings something new.

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

So I'm a huge klutz. When Andrew challenged me to go a whole week without getting hurt that was a the longest six hours of my life. The stairs in front of the stage and I really don't get along.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

When my friend Cory passed away from brain cancer I was only five. But even at that age I knew he missed out on so many memories throughout school. Now everything I accomplish, I do with him in mind so even though he may not physically be here, he's there in thought.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Game night shenanigans including Guitar Hero and Just Dance battles.

Hunter Glass

Activities involved in during high school:

Throughout high school I have been involved in all of the plays and musicals. I have played volleyball, managed boys basketball, and managed track. I have also been involved in everything band.

Which activity affected you the most? How? I

would say being in the plays and musicals has affected me the most. Being in these productions teach you many different life lessons. You learn what hard work and dedication truly means, with having practice at all different times of the day and having to memorize lines and or blocking. When you are up on stage you learn to step out of your comfort zone and try new things.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Doing A LOT of stupid stuff with my best friend.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? My advice would be to make the most out of your years in high school. As a freshmen you think you will never graduate and you will be stuck in high school forever. That's what I thought and well look where I am now, these years go bye in a blink of an eye. So I encourage you to participate in as many activities as you can. Don't be afraid to try new things and really put yourself out there. You might fall in love with an activity you would never dream of doing, so make the most out of your years, and try new things.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The biggest aspect that I love so much about MV is the amazing staff we have. Every teacher cares so much about their students and that is a great feeling. It is very motivating knowing that all of your teachers want to watch you succeed. With every staff member you meet in the hallways they couldn't be more kind people, and they make school feel like a home.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would love to relive the play, Game of Tiaras. Out of all the shows I have participated in, this one was the best one by far. It was so much fun to dress up as these characters and we were all constantly laughing. I also absolutely loved my character and would give anything to dress up as her one more time. It had the time of my life putting on this production.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore is a very inspirational teacher to me. She is very involved with many things that go on around school from speech to play and she is a very hard worker. I don't know anyone that can be that busy, that dedicated, and still put a smile on her face everyday when she is teaching. She has an amazing work ethic, and amazing personality that truly inspires me to work as hard as I can and always help out others when needed.

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

What does your future look like? Next year I will be attending Ellsworth Community College for Wildlife and fisheries biology. I will then transfer to Iowa State to continue working on my major.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be out in nature almost every day. I want to look at different animal populations and work on bettering them. I also want to work on building habitats and helping the environment. I have been around nature ever since I was little and I love it. So I cannot wait to become a Wildlife biologist.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Trying to pass Precalc.... Yikes

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I would have to say managing the boys basketball. I have learned so many things throughout my four years helping the team out. I had the time of my life making new friends and just having fun joking around with everyone. That is one thing I will definitely miss the most.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All of the times we have laughed about each other and with one another in class.



Brenden Hogan



Activities involved in during high school:

Cross Country 4-years; Basketball 4-years; Track and Field 4-years; Spring Play 4-years; Fall Musical 3-years; Large Group Speech 4-years; Individual speech 2-years

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Cross Country because it taught me that no matter how hard it gets it will be worth it in the end

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Dustin wearing a tux to every school pictures

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Try new things and don't be afraid to talk to people

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The small size

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? District Cross Country meet my junior year because it was the best feeling meet I'd ever had

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mrs. Besler, because you can talk to her about anything

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Thanks fr th Mmrs"

What does your future look like? I will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and be a pilot in the air force for 10 years afterwards. Hopefully after that I will become an astronaut.

What is your dream job? Astronaut

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Not procrastinate

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Going to State Cross Country

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All State Speech