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# Wildcat Echo

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## Learning about radiology



On March 28 six Maquoketa Valley students job shadowed to learn about Radiology at the University of Iowa. Maddie Lahr, Cassie Westhoff, Allie Knipper, Megan Wulfekuhle, Kara Orcutt and Brooke Wilson spent the morning learning about X-rays, PET, CAT, MRI and more. They also saw the Tesla MRI machine, one of the most powerful in the country. The morning concluded by learning how to identify broken bones and the process of casting.

## CTE holds annual meeting



The Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers hosted its annual advisory committee meeting Thursday. Teachers and students discussed the value of their programs with various stakeholders including business leaders, community members and school board members. Above: Chad Neuzil, Dany Schuman, Mason Lubben, Brittany Sabers, Chance Downs, Derek Mensen and Derek Becker prepare to speak about what they have learned in their Family and Consumer Science classes. The meal was prepared and served by FCS students.

## New Wildcat amongst us



by Kara Orcutt

Hey Wildcats, as you may have noticed, there has been a new face in the hallways here at Maquoketa Valley. Here's a few things to help you get to know junior, Maddy Moenck (daughter of MV's own Mr. and Mrs. Moenck)!

**What school did you transfer from?** Anamosa High School

**What is something you like about MV so far?** The class schedule and having eight classes a day.

**What activities do you planned to be involved in here at MV?** Basketball, Golf, Softball, NHS, FFA

**What is your favorite class?** Math class

**What is something you like to do in your free time?** Shoot hoops

**MV Baseball  
Breakfast Fundraiser**  
Sunday, April 8  
7:30-11:30  
High School Cafeteria

**Serving: Pancakes, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, hash-browns, and cinnamon rolls.**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

the week of April 8, 2018

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

1. MV Baseball Fundraiser Breakfast  
- HS Cafeteria & HS Gymnasium - 7:30 AM until 11:30 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Golf with Calamus/Wheatland at Hartridge, Manchester - 4 PM (Van Leaves at 2:50 PM)  
2. MV School Board Meeting to Certify the Budget - MS Conf. Room - 5:15 PM  
3. MV Fine Arts Booster Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

1. HS Ag Class to B.R.U.E. Tour in Dyersville (Bus Leaves at 7:45 AM)  
2. HS V Girls Golf with Cascade at Fillmore Fairways - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:35 PM)  
3. HS Boys' Track to J-Hawk Invitational in Jesup - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)  
4. HS Girls' Track to Raider Relays in Anamosa - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

Early Dismissal - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 in Earlville & Hopkinton

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

1. HS V G & B Golf with Springville at Hartridge Golf Course, Manchester - 4 PM (Van Leaves at 2:50 PM)  
2. HS Girls' Track to Star Relays at Starmont - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)  
3. HS Boys Track Meet at West Delaware in Manchester - 4:45 PM (Bus Leaves 3:30 PM)

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

1. HS Students to Tech Day at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids (Van Leaves at 7:30 AM)  
2. HS Students to Technology Day at Clarke College in Dubuque (Suburban Leaves at 7:55 AM)  
3. HS Ag Class & FCS Class to UIU Etiquette Meal in Fayette  
5. JH Vocal Music Show "Spectrum" - HS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

A.C.T. Given at M.V. - MS Multipurpose Room & MS Commons - 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

## Best Buds



**Andrew Holtz, Owen Mensen, Miguel Bojorquez**

**by Tyson Tucker**

**Where and how did you become friends?**

Andrew: Basketball back in the day baby, ballislife you know what it is, I ran the point pulling up from the timeline.

Owen: The 3rd grade basketball dream squad.

Miguel: Sports as kids

**What's your favorite memory of your friendship?**

Andrew: Nachos and basketball in the early morning at Mensens, btw never lost in horse.

Owen: Eating Nachos at 3 am with my parents

Miguel: When Mindy Mensen beat all of us in horse.

**Favorite thing to do together?**

Andrew: chillin at Owen's and playing Fortnite till someone gets yelled at for waking up Ava's hedgehog.

Owen: Spend late nights at the Mensen house

Miguel: Hang out at Owen's house and eat his food.

**Who is the best Fortnite player?**

Andrew: Boi, I learned from the legend himself Tsizzle, can't be beat.

Owen: Obviously me

Miguel: Not me, REZ!

## 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:

Ryan Dunn, Kaitlyn Deutmeyer - 4/7

Rylie Aldrich - 4/8

Kelly Winter - 4/9

## Brain Teaser

**by Mason Lubben**

Look in my front, and I am somebody.

Look in my back, and I am nobody.

What am I?

Answer: A mirror

# Cutie



**by Kelly Winter**

This cutie lives in Earlville.

She has dark brown hair, and loves to dance.

She has two brothers, one sister, and a niece.

The cutie this week works at Subway.

## Comedy Corner

**—compiled by McKenzie Lansing**

If you've been thinking about singing karaoke with a friend, just duet!

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches? A nervous wreck.

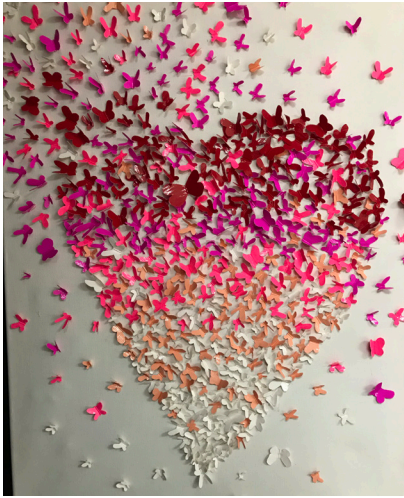
I love when candy canes are in mint condition.

"The pony called in sick today, I hope he is okay!" "Don't worry, he's just a little horse!"

Knowing how to pick locks has really opened a lot of doors for me.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*McKenzie Lansing*



**You've been nominated for a few reasons. One is your creative work in art, particularly a butterfly 3-D artwork. What inspired it?**

When I got into the class, I knew I needed to find inspiration for projects I wanted to do. I knew I didn't want to settle for just a few paintings or sculptures. I wanted to do something different. The butterfly 3-D art was something that really meant a lot to me. When I was younger my best friend died and a symbol I remembered her by was a butterfly. So, a heart shaped out of butterflies would help me remember her life.

**What do you like most about it?**

I think the challenge was the best part. It wasn't easy to make and it was out of the ordinary. I haven't seen many pieces similar to it before.

**You've also been nominated because of your talents and sense of responsibility and dedication with the Wildcat Echo.**

**What do you enjoy most about writing for the Echo?**

I really enjoy writing and reporting the news. I've always been interested in newspapers and never thought that I would one day major in communications in my future. The echo is a really fun way to get information to students and teachers about what is going on. I've always enjoyed being up to date with everything going on at Maquoketa Valley.

**Why did you get involved in it?**

The beginning of my sophomore year, the announcements contained information that the Echo was looking for staff and I'd already tried almost everything at that point, I figured why not try one more thing. Since then, I've loved being apart of the group.

## Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt



Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to the last full month of school. I was stumped on a topic for this week so Mrs. Besler offered up the idea to have people finish song lyrics. So our contestants auditioning for the best singer this week will be Polo Pillon, Evan Hoefer, Mady Moenck and Maddy Andregg.

Adele- But I set fire to the rain...

Polo: what are you doing, I'm afraid

Evan: watch it burn in the pain

Mady: correct

Maddy: correct

A: Watched it pour as I touched your face

Katy Perry- I kissed a girl and I liked it...

Polo: the taste of her lips

Evan: correct

Mady: correct

Maddy: correct

A: The taste of her cherry Chapstick

Neil Diamond- Sweet Caroline...

Polo: correct

Evan: good times never felt so good

Mady: correct

Maddy: correct

A: Good times never seemed so good

Pink Floyd: Hey, Teacher...

Polo: leave me alone

Evan: correct

Mady: shine bright like a diamond

Maddy: correct

A: Leave those kids alone

Great job to all of the contestants today. I can assure you that their voices are at least as good as their answers. That's all for this week's Hall Smarts. Keep up with the ticking down of school!

Best wishes to our band  
and choir students  
participating in  
solo/ensemble contest  
Saturday at North Cedar!

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Brian Heims

Sport: Track

**What do you enjoy most about track?** Being in a outdoor event that is both individual and a team sport.

**What do you think your best event will be?** throwing discus



**What life lessons have you learned through track?** Keep working hard and practice as much as you can.

**What's the hardest part of practice?** Doing core workout or doing sprints for weight mans.

**Who is your track role model?** Clint Krapfl

*what's up?*

**What is your favorite candy?**

by Mason Lubben

Lydia Helle: Reese's

Rose Havens: Twix

Chance Downs: Reese's Fast Break

McKenzie Lansing: Gummy Bears

Mrs. Lewin: Reese's Peanut Butter Cup

Lucas Rumbo: Swedish Fish

Summer Schmucker: Sour Gummy Worms

Mr. Ford: Twix

Annie Trenkamp: Butterfingers

Derek Becker: Twizzlers

Brooklyn Sands: 100 Grand bar

Jordyn Kemp: Jelly Beans

Rejji Smith: Swedish Fish

Brock Hillers: Peachie O's

Carter Hildebrand: Milky Way





## Alex McCusker



**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech IE and group, Play, Track, Cross, Musical

**Which activity affected you the most?**

**How?** Speech, It taught me to get out of my comfort zone. Also gave me more confidence to do things I love to do.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Leaving middle school

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do what you're passionate about. Don't let other people put you down with negativity.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** The dedication of all the teachers to their students. And that they want to see us succeed and learn as much as possible.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I.E. State Speech Junior year. It was a lit time

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. DeVore, because she does so much for the speech program and play and especially her students and she always has a smile on her face everyday which is something to appreciate when you're having a bad day.

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids, undecided

**What is your dream job?** Anything involving entertainment

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Taking A.P US history for a semester

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Going to All-State for all of my events senior year

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** 2K17 Monticello Cross Country meet

## Josie Young

**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA, Mentoring, TSN, TEL, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, National Honor Society, and dance.

**Which activity affected you the most?** FFA,

it has opened my eyes to my passion for agriculture.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When I showed up to school pictures with a candy necklace on.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Be involved and that fight you have with your friends will blow over by next week.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** How the teachers are always willing to lend a hand no matter what. They offer the same amount of help to each and every one of us.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Friday night lights, especially the Ed-Co game. There were a lot of close calls that night.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Huegel when I was in the class Character Development & Leadership. He really opened my eyes within that class by putting us in someone else's shoes and having guest speakers visit showing us the world doesn't revolve around just us.

**What does your future look like?** I plan on attending Iowa State University for animal science/pre-veterinary medicine. I plan on attending Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. Hoping to return to Northeast Iowa, I am open to wherever my career takes me.

**What is your dream job?** My dream is to start-up a program in other countries that allow us to improve the animal welfare and agriculture stability within.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Balance my life between school, work, friends, family and extra-curriculars.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Changing schools has made me more open-minded and has allowed me to embrace change.

**What do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** When I was in the ag room and Heath kicked open the door which led to me leaving school with a concussion.



## Victoria Lane



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, track, speech, musical

**Which activity affected you the most?**

**How?** Speech, because it taught me how to communicate and perform well.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When I moved back here in sixth grade and a kid in my class I barely knew asked me out every day for four months.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Be involved and keep up on your classes and homework.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** How much the teachers are willing to help you no matter what and the trust they put into their students

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I wish I could relive my junior year because it was so far my best and it taught me a lot.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Huegel because he always knows how to boost your confidence

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

**What does your future look like?** Massage Therapy at Capri College

**What is your dream job?** Doing Massage Therapy as a career

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Put my dogs down when I've had them since I was 7.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Joining choir and singing my first duet ever. It helped me gain confidence

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Me thinking I only have one kidney and lung.

# Mitchell Neuzil

**Activities involved in during high school:** Track, Cross Country, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Baseball, Spanish, TEL, Senior Mentoring

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Track- I learned the values of being part of a team and benefited from all of Coach Meehan's wise words. I gained so many treasured memories throughout the seasons.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?**

In fourth grade a student decided to run away from the school. Mr. Helle ended up chasing him down and we all got pretty hyped.

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

Don't wish your years of high school away. You'll be surprised how fast it comes to a close. To add, don't be afraid to get involved...join extracurriculars and other organizations that MV has to offer.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The quality of the teachers at MV is exceptional. Their goal is for all students to be successful, and each and every one of them are willing to help you when you need it.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Road trips with friends to football games, as well as chilling in the parking lot with everyone afterwards.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. DeVore- If you're ever down in the dirt someday, Mr. DeVore's the man to pick you up. You'll always find him with a smile on his face, and his optimism on everything is something you can't just find in everyone. He has taught me so many valuable lessons, whether it be during speech or in the classroom, and I aspire to have such an amazing outlook on life as he does.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** Runnin' Down a Dream by Tom Petty

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in the field of marketing. I hope to earn a degree in Advertising and Digital Media.

**What is your dream job?** Any job that allows traveling around the world. I think it would be beyond amazing to see the rest of the world. More importantly, whatever occupation I work at in the future, I hope to be happy to be there each in every day and find something that I love doing.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Decide what path I wanted to take after high school. Reality hit senior year that I will soon be on my own. You get to take steer of the ship, which is more than scary, but at the same time inspiring.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Participating in speech throughout high school. I learned to get out of my comfort zone, and the benefits of being able to speak in public will help me tremendously in the upcoming years.



# Megan Wulfekuhle



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball 1 year, Basketball 1 year, Speech 4 years, FFA 3 years, TEL/TATU 3 years, Play 1 year, Track 1 year, Softball 3 years, Mentoring 1 year

**Which activity affected you the most?** I would say speech has made the biggest impact on my life. It has helped me come out of my shell more throughout my four years in being involved in it. Speech also allowed me to create some great friendships.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Getting my dog Buster in second grade

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

If you actually did your work, you wouldn't have to think of an excuse to tell your teachers about why you didn't do your work.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I like the small school atmosphere, how we all know each other and are there for each other when times get rough.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Making it to All-State Speech my junior year. It was a great accomplishment and a extremely fun day.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Spellerberg because even though I never had her as a teacher she was always willing to help if I needed anything.

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

"Sixteen" by Thomas Rhett

**What does your future look like?** I will be attending Hawkeye Community College this fall and major in nursing, here I will receive my RN. After two years there I hope to transfer to Mount Mercy and also major in nursing here. At Mount Mercy I will receive my BSN. After graduation I hope to land a job at a hospital back around here and become an OB nurse.

**What is your dream job?** OB Nurse

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Becoming an aunt to the sweetest and sassiest little girl named Jayda.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Reminisce on all the fun times we've had together.



## Gracie Gellersen



### Activities involved in during high school:

Basketball, Choir, Vocal Jazz, Contest Speech, Peer Helpers, Senior Mentoring, and Senior Leadership Team

### Which activity affected you the most?

**How?** Basketball because I've played since 4th grade, I have played with so many great people, and I love the adrenaline rush of a good game.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My best friend Haylee and I planned to open our own business someday called Haycie's (Haylee+Gracie). We had big dreams!

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't sweat the small stuff, talk to upperclassmen, have school spirit, and have fun!

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate how welcoming everyone is and how much the teachers care about us.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive winning state basketball because it was the coolest experience ever. There is no other feeling like it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Cassutt because I always learn something in his classes. He is relatable, and I always have a story to tell from class.

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

**What does your future look like?** I am going to attend Central College in Pella next fall to study business and play basketball.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Telling my friends I was moving. Moving here junior year was hard at first, but I wouldn't change a thing.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving has had an impact on my life because it has brought my family closer together.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Friday night football, basketball games, and homecoming week.

## Mitch Smith



### Activities involved in during high school:

One year of baseball, two years of track, then four years of football and wrestling.

### Which activity affected you the most?

**How?** I would say wrestling. It affected me in a way only wrestlers only understand. You always had to maintain your weight. You had to watch what you ate if you were close to weight, but not only that wrestling helps you become a grown young man.

Wrestling teaches you family and that there will be times you will lose some so there is no need to throw a fit about losing. It makes wrestlers for who they are today.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing ready-set-go at recess that's all we did for the longest time.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Just stay and or be active high school only comes around once. Just try everything that fit your needs. If you don't like you can say at least you tried instead of saying "I wish I did that in high school."

**What do you appreciate most about MV?**

How the teachers would do anything for the students to help you out anyway possible

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** To play sports over again just to get a second chance of making it to state for wrestling and going into the district playoffs for football.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mr. Drew, He has a lot of wisdom with his gray hair.

**What does your future look like?** I plan to go straight to the workforce.

**What is your dream job?** To have a job I love doing.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Trying to fit into high school as a freshman and not having an ego for sports.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** All the funny moments we had as a class.

## Garrett Hogan



### Activities involved in during high school:

football, basketball, speech, and FFA

### Which activity affected you the most?

**How?** Football, every year we were forced to rebuild our team and start over with a new coach or new players.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Any time we were at Eric's

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** "If ya ain't first you're last." - Ricky Bobby

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** All of the teachers actually care and want you to succeed

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Pre-prom 2017

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Lewin, she is always honest and says it how it is

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

**What is your dream job?** Business owner

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Answer these questions

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Going to prom as a sophomore

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** 2016 class pranks