

MV students participate in Tri-Rivers art fair

by Kelly Winter

Last week the Maquoketa Valley art students traveled to Springville High School to attend the Tri-Rivers Conference Art Fair. Any student who had taken one

of Mr. Dunlap's art class this past year was eligible to go. About 20 students attended and almost every student entered multiple pieces of artwork. No MV artwork was selected for an award.

This all-day affair was a fantastic learning experience for the students. By observing other artwork and attending four different workshops, our young artists took away a lot from this experience.

If you happen to be in art next year, please think about attending the art fair that takes place every spring!



Left: Annisten Trenkamp looks at the various submissions from students throughout the conference.

Right: Izabel Niehaus and Lane Coyle proudly display the results of one of the art sessions. (photos by Kelly Winter)



Earth Day activity planned: Our helping hands

by Allie Dunn

Here at Maquoketa Valley we are having a service clean up day. Each individual is given a specific place to go and help clean up. Wednesday April 24, each student will be going to one of six places: Delhi City Park, Delhi/St. John Cemeteries, Hobbs Chimney, Earlville, or Hopkinton Memorial Park. If you do not know where you are supposed to go, there is a sheet posted right outside the office, in the lobby.

The tasks will be raking leaves, picking up garbage, clean out flower beds, picking up sticks, and much more. Make sure you dress appropriately; tennis shoes are great fashion for this. Doing this clean up day is really for our community. They do so much for us, so let's band together and help them out!

TEL shares message about vaping

Emerson Wittenbaugh, Taya Tucker and Avery Krapfl cupped the fence to remind others that 13.7% are unaware of the contents of an e-cigarette.



by Kelly Winter

TEL has been hard at work this past week! If you attended the girl's track meet last Monday night you may have noticed the TEL announcement. Late last week Emerson Wittenbaugh, Taya Tucker, and Avery Krapfl assisted in cupping the fence for the track meets. The cupped message was about vaping.

Did you know that 13.7% of teens who vape don't know what is in their e-

cigarette? An even more shocking fact is that 66% of those teens thought that it was just flavoring. The e-cigarette manufacturers are required to list out their ingredients, leaving the products even more dangerous. All of these facts were found off of the National Institute of Drug Abuse. It's important to understand the dangers of e-cigarettes and what is actually being put into your body.

Sports Connection

Girls finish fourth at home

Golf team plays at Bellevue

Taya Tucker



by Kylie Chesnut

This week the girls track team held their Wildcat invitational at home. The girls worked hard, placing 4th overall with 63 team points, falling to Jesup, Cascade, and Decorah.

Points were earned by the following:

100m Dash: Sam Wall, first, 12.82
200m Dash: Emerson Whittenbaugh, fourth, 29.56
400m Run: Amaya Hunt, second, 1:03.66
1500m Run: Emma Doyl, fourth, 5:32.98
100m Hurdles: Leah Ries, third, 17.26
4x100 relay: fifth, 54.92; Amaya Hunt, Leah Ries, Maddy Anderegg, Sam Wall
4x200 relay: fourth, 1:57.09: Caelyn Sands, Ella Imler, Kailyn Hogan, Sam Wall
4x400 relay: fourth, 4:26.59: Payton Beaman, Kylie Chesnut, Amaya Hunt, Sam Wall
Shuttle Hurdle relay: fifth, 1:13.93: Leah Ries, Caelyn Sands, Kailyn Hogan, Payton Beaman
Long Jump: Taya Tucker, fifth, 14-04.00
Shot Put: Lydia Helle, second, 36-10.00

Discus: Lydia Helle, second, 106-09
JV 4x100 relay: fifth, 59.39: Molly Anderegg, Holli Hogan, Jordan Hogan, Reece Mensen

Tonight the girls Track and Field team is traveling to West Delaware.



Jaiden Porter

by Kelly Winter

Our MV golfers competed on Tuesday, April 16th against Bellevue Marquette. It was a beautiful night to play golf and both teams fought hard.

Our girls took home another team win 212 to 219 and the boys had their most successful night of the season but losing by a hair 216 to 208. Both Chloe Roling and Tony Offerman scored birdies on Hole 7, an extremely difficult par 3, and deserve congratulations!

Isaac Zirtzman was first place medalist with a 45 and Tony Offerman came in second. For the girls, Kelly Winter scored a 50 to bring home the second place medal. All of the golfers harnessed their abilities and played through this tough course! The results are shown below:

MV Boys: 216
Bellevue Marquette: 208

Isaac Zirtzman - 45
Austin Snyder - 56
Morgan Hermanson - 65
Tony Offerman - 50
Garrett Lahr - 65
Jackson Hunter - 66

MV Girls: 212
Bellvue Marquette: 219

Kelly Winter - 50
Faith Hunt - 52
Mady Moenck - 55
Chloe Roling - 55
Kelsey Ries - 55
Erika Supple - 56

Boys track team finishes second at Alburnett

by **Chance Downs**

This past Tuesday the Maquoketa Valley Boys Track Team traveled to Alburnett for a short yet competitive meet. This meet hosted local 1A teams in the Tri-Rivers Conference including North Linn, Alburnett, Central City, and East Buchanan as well as two 3A teams: Xavier and Iowa City Liberty. At the end of the meet which only lasted about 2 hours, the Wildcats finished second to Xavier with a total of 134 points.

In the field events, James LeGassick started things off in the long jump, placing 2nd with a jump of 19-10.75. Devante Strickland also jumped, placing 13th with a distance of 12-09.75

In the discus, Blake Becker finished second with a throw of 131-08. Brian Heims finished 4th at 117-09. Andrew Hildebrand placed 10th at 95-00.50 and Brock Trenkamp placed 13th at 90-05.75.

In the shot put, Brian Heims finished runner-up with a throw of 43-05.00 while finished 4th with a throw of 41-11.50. Zach Digman placed 6th at 40-09.50 and Alex Digman placed 10th at 38-04.50. Starting off the running events in the 800 medley was the first place team of Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefer, Derek Becker, and Chance Downs at 1:38.34.

Up next, in the 3200 meter run Nolan Ries placed second with a time of 11:25.98 while Tate Trenkamp placed 5th at 12:06.94.

The 4x800 meter relay of Cy Huber, Mason Lubben, Preston Roling, and Michael Schaul say improvement last night, placing 4th with a time of 9:17.94.

The shuttle hurdle relay of Derek Becker, James LeGassick, Teige Hunt, and Chad Neuzil were crowned champions once again with a time of 1:02.64.

In the 100 meter dash, Daniel Hunter placed the highest for the Wildcats at 3rd with a time of 11.59. Zach Digman placed 7th with a time of 12.09, Owen Mensen placed 10th with a 12.29, and Ashton Goldsmith placed 17th with a 13.14.

The 1600 meter medley relay of Devante Strickland, Tim Harmon, Jon Seibert, and Andrew Kloser placed 5th with a time of 4:07.70.

Derek Becker finished second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.86. Mitch Heims also ran the 400 meter dash and placed 15th with a 1:07.28.

The varsity 4x200 meter relay of

Zach Digman, Teige Hunt, Evan Hoefer, and Owen Mensen placed second with a time of 1:38.56. The JV 4x200 meter relay of Preston Roling, Michael Schaul, Cy Huber, and Landen Deutmeyer placed 5th with a time of 1:43.29.

Chad Neuzil placed the highest for the Wildcats in the 110 meter high hurdles at 3rd with a time of 15.91. Brock Trenkamp placed 12th with a time of 23.85.

In the 800 meter run Chance Downs finished runner up with a time of 2:05.33. Tate Trenkamp placed 9th with a 2:22.19. Nolan Ries placed 11th with a 2:25.01 with teammate Landen Deutmeyer right behind him in 12th at 2:26.23.

In the 200 meter dash Daniel Hunter finished 4th with a time of 23.56.

James LeGassick was crowned champion in the 400 hurdles with an impressive time of 56.20. Tim Harmon also competed in the 400 hurdles, placing 12th at 1:07.53.

In the 1600 meter run, Derek Mensen placed 8th for the Wildcats at 5:44.42 while Mitch Heims placed 11th with a 5:48.85.

The varsity 4x100 meter relay of Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefer, Chad Neuzil, and Owen Mensen finished runner up at a time of 45.71. The JV 4x100 meter relay of Zach Digman, Jon Seibert, Landen Deutmeyer, and Ashton Goldsmith finished 8th with a time of 50.27.

Rounding out the night were the 4x400 meter relays. The Varsity 4x400 of Derek Becker, Teige Hunt, James LeGassick, and Chance Downs placed second with a final time of 3:36.54. The JV 4x400 meter relay of Andrew Kloser, Cy Huber, Michael Schaul, and Mason Lubben finished 6th with a time of 3:58.61.

The team is scheduled to run at Monticello tonight and then at home on Monday.

Brain Teaser

by **Mason Lubben**

You can make me into a plane and throw me off the tallest building and I'll be fine. You can make me into a boat, but in water, I will die. What am I?

Answer: Paper

Athletes of the Week

Name: Mady Moenck

Sport: Golf

What is your favorite part of playing golf? My favorite part about golf is that I can go out and have fun with my teammates in or outside of a meet. I also enjoy going to practices because it's a part of my day where I can relax and have fun.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport? The most frustrating part about golf is that you know how many strokes you need to take to get the ball in the hole and when you have a bad hole that can affect your entire game if you let it get to you.

How long have you played? I have played golf all four years in high school.

Who's your golf role model? My golf role model would have to be my mom. She will golf with me on the weekends because she knows I want to improve my game.

Name: Cy Huber

Sport: Track

What do you enjoy most about track? I enjoy the atmosphere of the team and how each one of us are supportive to each other.

What do you think your best event will be? 400 or 800

What life lessons have you learned through track? I've learned not to worry about others' times. Do what you need to do to get better and have fun with it.

What's the hardest part of practice? Workouts, especially mile repeats

Who is your track role model? Marty Liquori



Best Buds



Leah Ries & Kendra Hillers

by Paige Winter

How long have you been friends?

Since jk

To Leah: What's your favorite thing about Kendra?

I can usually persuade her to do something, even if it's a bad idea.

To Kendra: What's your favorite memory with Leah?

When we lost control of my horse and we both had to chase after it.

What's your favorite thing to do together?

Going to Iowa football games

What's something about each other that no one else knows?

We both have the same middle name

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Allie Dunn

Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play?

I am Narrator 2

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show?

I love watching everyone grow and push themselves to be better at practices.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

I believe that the audience will love the how the play itself is a direct reflection of Dr. Seuss.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?

Grey's Anatomy



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Tate Trenkamp



You've been nominated because of your work in CAD Inventor. What has been the most valuable part of the class for you?

Learning how to use the tools in Autodesk Inventor. I will be going into Computer Engineering and could possibly use this application or one similar to it.

What is the most challenging part of class?

The most challenging part so far was the 6-10 exercise drawing. It was the most difficult to make.

What life skills besides drafting has this class helped you with?

Teamwork, when I have a difficult drawing to do I usually ask Landen about what he did, or some of the other guys ask for help, and I try to help.

Tate is a model student in CAD Inventor, he problem solves and investigates how to complete projects. As a teacher, I will guide and model drawing tools and techniques for the students as necessary. I expect students to delve deeper into the power of Inventor and find ways to complete drawings that may or may not be the same as I would. Tate uses resources very well, he loves the challenge to complete drawings without assistance. That does not mean he is not a teachable student, he asks for assistance when necessary and will discuss how he would like try to complete the drawing using a different technique. There is more than one way to skin a cat and I appreciate when students take learning into their own hands. Tate also assists struggling students and is competitive with Landen to see who can complete the project first. I am very proud of how Tate has grown as a student in my drafting classes. —Mr. Drew

what's up?

What is your biggest pet peeve?

by Kristin Lucas

Maddy Anderegg: being cold

Lucas Johnson: bossy people

Emma McDowell: PDA

Austin Snyder: when people try too hard

Kriya Atwell: when people use vocal pauses

Aspen Kraus: people who chew with their mouth open

Mason Lubben: loud chewing

Lydia Helle: eating applesauce with a fork

Layla Crippen: when people are fake

Cutie

by Hannah Lahr



This cutie lives outside of Delhi.

She has five dogs and one cat.

She has two older sisters.

She was on the dance team.

Last week's Cutie was Lexi Deutmeyer.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

3 out of 2 people have trouble with fractions.

Bad spellers of the world, UNTIE!

Parent: Close the door. You're letting the cold in.

You, a student of academia: THERMODYNAMICS II: THE HEAT GOES OUT!

Etc. - the abbreviation used when you can't think of any more examples

"The perfect way for me to demonstrate what I've learned in school is a standardized test." - said no child ever

FFA students embrace opportunities at state conference



MV FFA members pose in their formal FFA dress at state. Delegates to the state conference were, front row: Rose Havens, Courtney Goedken, Sara Goedken, Tara Goedken, Alyssa Langel, Amber Engelken and Krista Ries; back row: Jeremy Weber, Mason Kruse, Michael Feldmann, Carter Stahlberg and Matthew Hucker.

by Alyssa Langel, FFA reporter

Twelve FFA students along with Mrs. Grant and Mikaela Boss attended the 91st Annual FFA Student Leadership Conference in Ames.

On Monday, Krista Ries and Mason Kruse represented MV FFA as delegates and voted on next year's state officers. The rest of the group watched CDE events. At the first session later that day, MV FFA was recognized for our participation in the ambassador program.

On Tuesday, Krista Ries, Sarah and Tara Goedken, and Alyssa Langel judged poultry; they earned a bronze. Matthew Hucker, Michael Feldmann, Mason Kruse, and Carter Stahlberg took the farm business management test and placed 4th out of 85! Mason was 4th individually out

of 311! Jeremy Weber and Courtney Goedken took the Greenhand test, Courtney received a silver and Jeremy got a bronze. Amber Engelken accepted her proficiency award and Rose Havens sang in the choir.

Overall, we had a fun time, there were a lot of laughs and memories made. We saw a plethora of mullets, lasers and fireballs at the sessions. The sessions were huge with over 5,600 members at each one. We heard from "Armless Archer" Matt Stutzman - an American archer who was born without arms, who holds the world record for the longest accurate shot in archery. We also listened to the National FFA President Luke O'Leary talk about joy through his personal experiences. Both speeches, along with all the others, were very touching.



Above: Rose Havens represented MV in the FFA choir.

Right: Students participated in various hands-on activities.



Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

Aahhh, the time of testing. It's everyone's "favorite" time of the year. This week has been filled with test after test, so I asked myself, "Why not one more?" This week, I asked Rylie Aldrich, Hannah Lahr, and Shelby March if they could answer these trivia questions.



Where in the human body would you find the medulla oblongata?

Rylie: Mouth

Hannah: Brain

Shelby: Brain

Answer: Brain

How many legs does a lobster have?

Rylie: Six

Hannah: Eight

Shelby: Six

Answer: Ten

Which is the only U.S. state to produce coffee?

Rylie: Iowa

Hannah: California

Shelby: Hawaii

Answer: Hawaii

What is philematology?

Rylie: Something to do with bugs

Hannah: Study of pigs

Shelby: Study of cats

Answer: The science of kissing

It seems that our brains aren't too fried from all of the testing this week. That's all for this week-"catch you on the flip side"!

It's ISASP-ing



MV students participated this week in the new standardized test, the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress). Many aspects of the test are similar to previous assessments; however, the ISASP is taken entirely online and includes a writing portion. Above: Some juniors prepare to login to test.

Kara Leibold



Activities involved in during high school: Freshman- speech, volleyball, track, dance, musical; Sophomore- speech, dance; Junior- speech, dance

Which activity affected you the most? How? Dance team because the amount of effort my team and I put in during the season was incredible. I learned how to communicate with other people, catch on quickly, push my limits, and have fun on the dance team. I made tons of memories and friends being a part of this amazing team.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Doing the Sun Drop dance with 15 other girls all night long.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Make sure that you take time for yourself frequently. If school and all the other activities you have going on get overwhelming, take a day or night to relax and reset yourself. If you don't take time for yourself you'll see the effects.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? That all of the teachers truly want to see you succeed. They will go to incredible lengths to help you understand the material and meet your goals.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? State dance because it was crazy to see Wells Fargo filled and having people cheer on your team while you're dancing. I loved being with my team for a couple of days and all the memories we made.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore because she is so understanding and down to earth. She will tell you how to do it but help you make goals happen and juggle all the millions

of things that you have on your plate. I always looked forward to her classes because they were fun and interesting. Never a dull moment with her. Don't take your time with her for granted because you will miss it.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to go to Kirkwood for a year for Liberal Arts then transfer to UNI for Business Administration. After that, I hope to create my own business or become a business analyst.

What is your dream job? To create and manage my own makeup or health company.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Run laps in P.E.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Becoming an aunt early in my life.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? That we called out the school for not giving us pizza for meeting our test goals. (still haven't gotten the pizza)

Kelsey Ries



Activities involved in during high school: Large group speech, Individual speech, musical, play, softball, golf, Spanish club, National Honor Society,

Which activity affected you the most? How? Large group and individual speech. When first being introduced to what large group and individual speech was I determined that I was not going to do it because I didn't want to have to get up in front of people. After being involved in speech for four years now I am much more confident when speaking. The things I have learned throughout speech I will take with me and use for the rest of my life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Mr. Cassutt's lesson on Australia in our social studies class.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Maquoketa Valley has many different programs that allow you to stand out in your own way. High school opens up many doors for people who are willing to take a chance.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers. They are always willing to help in any way they can. We all know that the teachers have a lot on their plate but they are always willing to drop what they are doing to help out in any way they can.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Freshman year golf when Faith fell in the creek at practice. I don't think I have laughed so hard before.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore because she has the biggest heart and

truly shows what dedication is. Once she has her mind on something she gives it her all to make it happen. I hope to be as dedicated to my job in the future as Mrs. DeVore is to hers.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids and major in nursing. My long term goal is to become a nurse practitioner.

What is your dream job? Working in a highly populated area as a nurse practitioner.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing thus far would have to be saying my final goodbye to my mom. I was definitely blindsided and didn't expect this to happen at all. It was hard, and still is, to go through this traumatic experience and to have to continue going on with life without having my mom, and best friend, here. This has been the hardest thing I have ever encountered and it will continue to be hardest thing I have to deal with.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The loss of my mom. My life has changed forever and I never knew that I would ever have to go through something like this at this young of an age.

Zac Lansing



Activities involved in during high school: FFA, Basketball

Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA because it got me more out of my shell and I got to learn a lot more about agriculture. Also I got to meet a lot more people and made new friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My birthday party 4th grade when I invited all the boys in the 4th grade class.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Mausser because she was a role model for me in life and got me to go out and have fun and go meet new people. She took me places that I would never imagine going to like Ames for FFA or National Convention in Indianapolis. She made class fun for us and learned a lot.

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? Work for Nutrient Ag Solution full time as an Applicator

What is your dream job? Seed salesman

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Writing a thesis statement for Mr. Huegel class. It uses a lot of brain power.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My freshman year when my brother and sister were born three months early and were in St. Lukes and University of Iowa for 5 months. It's hard to see your brother and sister fighting for their lives when they are the size textbook and only

weight only about 2 lbs. Then your brother having surgery because he had necrotizing enterocolitis which is an flesh eating diseases inside of his intestines and also bowel resection. It was just hard seeing your little brother fighting for his life and you know he could have died any moment.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Senior prank.

Kristin Lucas



Activities involved in during high school: I've been involved in Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, play, musical, cross country, TEL, TSN, TAG, jazz band, marching band, pep band, Wildcat Echo, Spanish Club, and NHS.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Being involved in the spring play has been very important to me. Being able to become a different character on the stage is a really awesome experience. The play has taught me about responsibility and leadership.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Emma McDowell and I would play with Barbies almost every day during recess in elementary. We were very exclusive who could play Barbies with us.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Step outside your comfort zone. MV offers so many awesome programs and activities so try them out. Even if you're not sure if you'll like it, you might be pleasantly surprised.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I am so grateful for the faculty at MV. They have all always been so kind and passionate about education. I have learned so much from them academically, but I've also learned a lot of life skills. The teachers at MV are phenomenal.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I really loved working on set for the play with Mrs. DeVore and Emma McDowell. We always have a lot of fun and make some pretty cool projects.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore has been an inspiration to me all through high school. I've had the privilege of being under her direction in multiple theater productions, being in a handful of her classes, and having her as a speech coach. She has taught me so much about responsibility and character.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to the University of Iowa to major in therapeutic recreation. Then I want to get my masters to be a child life specialist.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to work at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital as a child life specialist, helping children and their families.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? One of the more difficult things I've done is run cross country. It takes a crazy amount of endurance and mental strength. My last season, I ran on painful shin splints for the whole season. It was difficult to push through the pain, but it would have been more difficult for me to sit out my last year.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My sister was in a tragic carbon monoxide accident when I was in middle school. It really shook me up. I learned not to take things for granted and to live life to the fullest.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope we still talk about all the fun we had together in extracurriculars.

Chloe Roling



Activities involved in during high school: Large group and individual speech, Play, TEL, National Honor Society, Golf, Class Officer

Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech has definitely affected me the most. Going into speech my freshman year I could not speak in front of people to save my life. It was really bad. But now after being in it for four years, I can now confidently stand before a group of people and not worry.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Mr. Cassutt lesson on Australia in middle school.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? I would say to not be afraid of stepping out of your comfort zone. High school is a great time to try new things and meet new people.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I love how much the teachers care. I know it's not like that at every school, so I could not be more thankful that I go to Maquoketa Valley.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive the time Kelly made it state golf. Sam, Brooke, and I made the two hour trip to watch her compete and make MV Golf history. The two day event was filled with many laughs and so much happiness. It was awesome, I was so proud of Kelly!

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore is definitely an inspiration to me. She takes on so much between the classroom, speech, and play and handles it like a champ.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I have enlisted in the Iowa National Guard, so coming this fall I will be going to basic and AIT training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Then in January I will be attending the University of Iowa, pre dental. I plan to continue my education at Iowa's College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics to become a dentist.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be a successful dentist, so that's what I'm doing.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope people will still be talking about Emma's crazy driving and all the adventures that have come along with it.

Madison Ott



Activities involved in during high school: cross country, track, dance team, speech

Which activity affected you the most? How? Probably either speech or dance team. They both forced me to get out of my comfort zone and I always used to be super shy but ever since I went out for those two activities, it's been easier for me to not care if I embarrass myself or something.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? In 8th grade one time Hannah Lahr, Sydney Pritchard, and I were practicing turns out in the hallway because we were trying to convince Sydney to try out for the dance team and she slipped and fell into the locker. We thought she had a concussion, lol.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Step out of your comfort zone. Do things you normally wouldn't do, or you're afraid to do. Don't give a crap about what other people think of you and live your life the way you want to because in a few years you're not going to see them anymore and none of it will matter anyway.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the fact that we are a small school and we support each other. Everyone knows everyone and it can be pretty nice.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? When I fell up the stairs freshman year and full on grabbed Austin's butt and he turned around and looked at me with so much fear in his eyes. Haha. good times.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I would have to say Mr. Dunlap. He is always there for anyone and makes sure you're happy. He is also very funny and can make anyone laugh.

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'll be attending Kirkwood for 2 years and then UNI for the last 2 years and I will be majoring in Marketing. I hopefully will have a good job after college that deals with Marketing because I know I will love it.

What is your dream job? I want to work for Google or Amazon, or be working for a big company/brand.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Oh bring on the waterworks. I had to watch my boyfriend (best friend) leave to become a U.S. Marine and I didn't get to have contact with him for three months. Then he came back for 10 days, and he is gone again for 8 months.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? There have been a few events this year that were hard to deal with but they made me open my eyes and realize that anything can happen in an instant, and life isn't promised to anyone. I started to be happier and thankful for each day I'm above ground.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I feel as if we have had a lot of good memories but hopefully our senior skip day is something that we will still talk about at our five-year reunion.