

Students embark on community garden project

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, Maquoketa Valley Ag Classes, MV FFA and the Delhi United Methodist Youth Group joined forces to provide a community garden for the Maquoketa Valley Community. These groups set the goal of meeting the demands for free fresh produce in the community.

According to the Census Bureau in 2017 Delaware County's median household income was \$60,534, which is greater than the state of Iowa's median household income at \$56,570. Even though our county has a higher income than state's income, there are still families going hungry.

Delaware County covers 579 square miles and is the home of 17,153 people as of 2017. Feedingamerica.org states 9.3% of people in Delaware County are struggling with food insecurity. In our county alone there are 1,610 people are hungry and have no food.

In the fall, ground was broke at 506 Market St. in Delhi. The Youth Group built a storage shed and helped remove the sod from the new garden plot. The MV Ag classes put up a fence around the garden, took soil samples and tested for soil health, and built a vegetable stand and an information kiosk. They also started vegetables, herbs, ornamental corn and a few flowers in the greenhouse. The vegetables are ready to be transplanted as soon as Mother Nature cooperates.

Between the MV Ag students, FFA members and the Youth Group, the garden will be tended to and vegetables will be harvested and available for free for people in need. We ask that you only take what you can use. This produce is not intended for someone to use for canning or freezing purposes.

Donations are not expected but will be accepted. These donations will be used for supplies for the garden next year. Checks can be made out to DUMC and put Community Garden in memo.



Ag students get some advice and direction about the community garden. The garden is located in Delhi and will be maintained by the ag students and youth group members of the Delhi United Methodist church.



Graduation time

by Kelly Winter

As all you know, today is the seniors' last day of high school! While this may be sad, all of these wonderful young students are moving on to bigger and better things. This class has been amazing and will continue to achieve great things as they continue into their futures.

Next week, graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:30pm. The ceremony will be held in the high school gym. The band will play their last song with the seniors, the students will walk the stage to receive their diplomas, and the seniors will get to enjoy one last night together! It's bound to be an amazing night celebrating these wonderful students and the audience will even get to enjoy a video filled with all the elementary, middle school, and high school memories these friends have. If you aren't busy, please come stop by and help us celebrate the seniors on graduation!

Band, choir excel at large group contest



Last Saturday was an exciting day for the MV music department as both the instrumental and vocal music students competed in large group contest at Tipton. Each group was evaluated by three judges.

MV had three vocal groups compete. The mixed choir earned a Division I rating, and the treble clef choir and the bass clef choir each earned a Division II.

The concert band earned a Division I rating. The band had not earned a I rating since 2011. "I was SO proud of what we did on Saturday," stated Mr. Ford. "It is amazing being able to watch this group grow all year, both as musicians and people. I thought we handled ourselves well, played our hearts out and let the music tell the story it needed to tell. It was a fantastic way to end the year and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of the students involved. The future of the band program is very bright!"



DFS awards \$107K in scholarships

Seniors, family, MV supporters and Dollars for Scholars committee members and donors gathered Sunday afternoon in hopes of making a bright future for MV graduates.

Almost \$107,000 dollars was awarded to students who plan to further their formal education. Mr. Tuetken stated that if you take into consideration the other scholarships earned by MV students in the class of 2019, that total nears \$250,000.

“The work that the Dollars Board and their contributors do for our kids is absolutely incredible,” stated Mr. Tuetken.

Students receiving DFS scholarships included:

- Maddy Anderegg
- Blake Becker
- Pedro Chavez
- Kaela Chesnut
- Lane Coyle
- Katilyn Deutmeyer
- Alex Digman
- Maci Freiburger
- Rose Havens
- Brian Heims
- Evan Hoefler
- Olivia Hoeger
- Faith Hunt
- Cody Hunter
- Daniel Hunter
- Lucas Johnson
- Hannah Lahr
- Maddie Lahr
- James LeGassick
- Kara Leibold
- Kristin Lucas
- Tawny Mallard
- Emma McDowell
- Madison McIntyre
- Madyleine Moenck
- Madalynne Naab
- Izabel Niehaus
- Madison Ott
- Megan Rausch
- Kelsey Ries
- Chloe Roling
- Jasmine Rossi
- Lucas Rumbo
- Brooklyn Sands
- Jon Seibert
- Kaylynn Smith
- Austin Snyder
- Katie Snyder
- Tate Trenkamp
- Samantha Wall
- Brooke Wilson
- Norman Wilson
- Kelly Winter
- OTHER AWARDS
- Adam Goedken (apprenticeship)
- Canyon Richardson (athletic participation)



Madalynne Naab poses for a picture after being awarded a scholarship.

Baccalaureate held



Before the DFS awards event, students gathered in the auditorium for a faith-based celebration of the seniors. Students speakers included Alex Digman, Brooke Wilson, Megan Rausch, Olivia Hoeger, Jon Seibert, Emma McDowell and Chloe Roling. Father Kramer, Pastor Jill Mack and Pastor Keith Pitts also shared a message.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

It goes in dry and comes out wet. The longer it soaks, the stronger it gets. What am I?

Answer: A teabag

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Lydia Helle

Where did the Black Widow and Spider-Man first meet?...On the web!

Did you know that the Hulk recycles 95% of his waste?...Yep, he's pretty green!

Why did Iron Man sleep out in the rain?...He wanted to get some rust!

Why does Loki hate the day after Wednesday?...Because it Thor's day!

What does Hawkeye wear with his suit?...A bow tie!

Choosing to serve: Maquoketa Valley's Bravest

by Brooke Wilson

If someone were to ask me who the bravest souls on earth were, I wouldn't have to think twice about my answer. Those who serve our country are some of the most hardworking and caring souls ever. They sacrifice their lives for everyday civilians like us. This year, Maquoketa Valley doesn't have just one or two students enlisting in the National Guard, but four of MV's brightest have already committed.

"I have always wanted to help people and volunteer for the Red Cross, but my mom said that doesn't pay the bills. So I found a way to do both."

—Chloe Roling

Chloe Roling, Alex Digman, Morgan Hermanson and Chad Neuzil have all devoted the next eight years of their lives to the National Guard. Being so young, many question their motivation to join. While getting their college tuition paid for is a nice perk, it isn't the only reason that inspired them. Alex and Morgan said they always knew they wanted to serve their country someday and this was a great opportunity to do so. Senior Chloe Roling stated, "I have always wanted to help people and volunteer for the Red Cross, but my mom said that doesn't pay the bills. So I found a way to do both." And as for Chad, he's all in it for the life experiences and the possibility of a future career. But no matter what their motivation was, they are all being fully supported by their family and community.

Before these four were able to commit, they all first had to sit down and have a conversation with their parents. All parents are protective of their children, so you could only imagine what their first thought was: "My mother was very hesitant about the whole idea," stated Morgan. But after a little convincing, she was on board. Along with their parents, the community as a whole is extremely proud of these four young people and the experiences they are about to encounter.



Junior Chad Neuzil is one of four current MV students who has enlisted in the National Guard.

With school still being in session, there's not a lot this crew can do yet. So far, it's just one weekend a month in Davenport at Drill. These weekends consist of workouts and learning in the classroom. The workouts are a mixture of physical training (PT) and cleaning. PT is anything from water survival training to a lot of push up and sit ups. For the guys, they are really enjoying this time at drill. Alex says, "I really like the fact that I have met a lot of interesting people. I tell you, you make friends." On the other hand, Chloe feels a little differently about drill, "It's not really that fun, but I did enjoy the water survival day." Having fun or not, they all can agree that the time away from family and friends on the weekend is one of the hardest parts. Morgan looks into the future as he says that this will only get harder during basic training.

Speaking of the future, this lively crew has some interesting days ahead of them. Morgan and Chad are leaving in a

few weeks for basic training that lasts for 10 weeks. They both will return for their senior year of high school. After graduation, Morgan will move to Florida for Advanced Individual Training to specialize as a Human Resource Specialist while Chad returns to Fort Benning to specialize as an Indirect-fire Infantryman. On the other hand, Alex and Chloe won't ship out for basic until August where they will miss the first semester of college. After basic, Chloe will start at the University of Iowa in January and travel to Boone, Iowa once a month to do her job. For now, Alex will be stationed in Dubuque for Infantry and plans on starting Kirkwood in January.

No matter where the National Guard takes these four individuals, the Maquoketa Valley Community is extremely proud! Good luck to all in the future! If you have any questions about joining the National Guard, don't hesitate to ask any of these individuals!

"I really like the fact that I have met a lot of interesting people. I tell you, you make friends."

—Alex Digman

Boys earn conference track title

by **Chance Downs**

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley Boys Track Team traveled to Edgewood to compete in the 2019 Tri-Rivers Conference Track Meet. This meet hosted quality 1A and 2A competition, determined to give the Wildcats a strong fight. Including number 1 ranked Calamus-Wheatland. In the end, the Wildcats were unfazed, emerged victorious and claiming the team title at a total of 163 points.

The points in the field events were scored by the following:

Long Jump:

James LeGassick - 5th - 18-08.75

AJ Ambundo - 10th - 17-01.25

Shot Put:

Norman Wilson - 3rd - 45-11.50

Brian Heims - 4th - 45-03.75

Discus:

Blake Becker - 2nd - 136-01

Brian Heims - 5th - 128-06

The running events also accumulated a number of points for the Wildcats with several top 8 performances.

Girls track earns conference runner-up honors

Lydia Helle executes her spin while throwing discus at the conference meet. Helle finished third. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



by **Kylie Chesnut**

Thursday night the girls track team traveled to Edgewood to try for a Conference Championship. Sadly, they fell short by just three points to North Linn.

Points were earned by the following:

100m dash, Sam Wall, second, 12.82

200m dash, Sam Wall, second, 26.25,

Emerson Whittenbaugh, fifth, 28.84

400m dash, Amaya Hunt, second, 1:03.33,

Payton Beaman, fourth, 1:05.53

800m run, Jaiden Porter, eighth, 2:44.33

1500m run, Emma Doyl, fifth, 5:37.97

3000m run, Carissa Sabers, eighth, 13:54.64

100m hurdles, Leah Ries, fifth, 17.92,

Kailyn Hogan, seventh, 17.99



800-Sprint Medley Relay: Daniel Hunter, Chad Neuzil, Evan Hoefler, Chance Downs - Champions - 1:37.45

3200M Run:

Nolan Ries - 6h - 11:03.02

Cy Huber - 13th - 11:43.01

4x800M Relay: Andrew Kloser, Michael Schaul, Ethan Doyl, Mason Lubben - 4th - 9:34.94

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Derek Becker, Tim

Harmon, Teige Hunt, Chad Neuzil - Champions - 1:04.29

100M Dash:

Daniel Hunter - 4th - 11.62

Zach Digman - 6h - 12.02

1600-Distance Medley Relay: AJ Ambundo, Owen Mensen, Andrew Kloser, Michael Schaul - 5th - 3:57.44

400M Dash:

Chance Downs - Champion - 52.32

Derek Becker - 2nd - 52.38

4x200M Relay: Owen Mensen, Evan Hoefler, Zach Digman, James LeGassick - 5th - 1:37.14

110M Hurdles:

Chad Neuzil - Champion - 15.23

Teige hunt - 8th - 18.22

800M Run:

Chance Downs - 3rd - 2:06.19

Preston Roling - 7th - 2:14.22

200M Dash:

Derek Becker - 3rd - 23.60

Daniel Hunter - 5th - 23.87

1600M Run:

Ethan Doyle - 3rd - 5:00.24

Nolan Ries - 6th - 5:11.63

4x100M Relay: Daniel Hunter, Evan Hoefler, Zach Digman, Chad Neuzil - Champions - 45.20

4x400M Relay: Derek Becker, Evan Hoefler, James LeGassick, Chance Downs-Champions - 3:30.89

Coach Meehan commented on his team's performance and success: "The victory for a conference championship was a total team effort. We had everyone on the team contribute to the victory. It was fun to watch the boys enjoy the moment with each other. They conducted themselves with true sportsmanship--happy with each other while enjoying their contribution to the team's success."

4x100m relay, Ries, Maddy Anderegg,

Whittenbaugh, Hunt; fourth, 55.03

4x200m relay, Caelyn Sands, Ella Imler,

Whittenbaugh, Wall; fourth, 1:54.08

4x400m relay, Beaman, Kylie Chesnut,

Hunt, Wall; first, 4:15.08

4x800m relay, Doyl, Porter, Allie Knipper,

Chesnut; fourth, 11:00.53

Sprint Medley, Beaman, Imler, Ries, Hunt;

fifth, 1:58.41

Shuttle Hurdle, Ries, K. Hogan, Sands,

Beaman; third, 1:11.67

Long Jump, Taya Tucker, eighth, 14-01.50

Shot Put, Lydia Helle, second, 36-09.75

Discus, Lydia Helle, third, 101-08

Tonight the team competes at districts. Results will be in next week's issue.

Girls golf goes undefeated in regular season

by Kelly Winter

If you haven't heard, the girls golf team is UNDEFEATED! They finished up the regular season with a win against Anamosa last Thursday. Erika Supple received the runner-up medal with a personal best of 42! The boys also had a great night, tying team scores with Anamosa and losing by a cardback. Isaac Zirtzman and Tony Offerman tied for first with 42, with Isaac returning as medalist by cardback.

MV BOYS: 190

Anamosa: 190

Isaac Zirtzman - 42

Austin Snyder - 54

Morgan Hermanson - 52

Tony Offerman - 42

Dylan Lane - 59

Jackson Hunter - 76

MV GIRLS: 178

Anamosa: 184

Kelly Winter - 44

Faith Hunt - 45

Mady Moenck - 48

Chloe Roling - 47

Erika Supple - 42

Madeline Gellersen - 59

As both the boys and girls head into postseason, the girls competed in Central City for conference on Monday. Heading into competition, the team was hoping for the championship but just fell

Athlete of the Week

Name: Chloe Roling

Sport: Golf

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part is being able to spend time with my friends outside.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

You play against yourself, golf is a mental sport. It's hard not letting one bad shot affect the next five hours of the meet.

How long have you played?

I have been in golf all four years of high school, but I've been around the sport since I was little.

Who's your golf role model?

Kelly Winter. She holds herself to such a high standard, and every time I golf with her she makes me better. I hope I am as good as her one day.



Sharing the love of music

High school band students shared their musical talents with the elementary students in Hopkinton and Earlville Wednesday. The band performed for the young students during their lunch.



short by a few to East Buchanan. Both Kelly and Chloe came home with individual medals - Kelly came in 3rd, losing by 3 strokes for 1st, and Chloe came in 10th overall, even scored a personal best of 46!

Kelly Winter - 91
Faith Hunt - 113
Mady Moenck - 99
Chloe Roling - 99
Erika Supple - 114
Kelsey Ries - 110

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Brian Heims

Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play?

The Prince

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

Being with friends and making memories that are going to last

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

All of it, because every moment that we are performing something is happening that has the potential to affect anybody.

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

Swamp People or any hunting and fishing show.



Hands-on learning



The Anatomy and Physiology students put their knowledge to the test as they started dissecting cats last week. (photos by Kristin Lucas)



what's up?

If you could travel to anywhere where would you go?

by Paige Winter

Cy Huber: Antarctica

Caelyn Sands: A beach in Mexico

DeVante Strickland: Australia

Taya Tucker: Fiji

Michael Feldman: Alaska

Allie Kinipper: Florida

Blake Becker: Dubai

Brooke Wilson: All of Europe

Mrs. DeVore: New York City so that I could see Broadway, or my bed.

Mr. Drew: Europe

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kristin Lucas



You've been nominated for your work in Street Law. What have you found most interesting about the class? I really enjoy the classes when the officer comes in and talks to us. It's interesting to see the police perspective of all the topics we're discussing.

What's the most beneficial information you've learned that you want your peers should know? Actions have consequences. In this class, we look at a lot of crimes and what happens afterward and that's a big point I've taken from this class.

What's the key to your academic success? I take pride in my grades and always want to do my best. I find this class really interesting because it can apply to my day-to-day life so that makes it easy to be engaged.

Hall Smarts

by Lydia Helle

It's no secret that the latest release of *Avengers: Endgame* is blowing up the Marvel universe and the box office. Whether a fan of the Avengers or not, it seems like everyone is getting to the nearest movie theater to watch the end of the Avengers storyline. This week, I asked Erika Supple, Kelly Winter and Shelby March how much they knew about the Marvel Universe.



How much did *Avengers: Endgame* gross opening weekend globally? (Hint: it's in the billions)

Erika: \$4 billion

Kelly: \$3.6 billion

Shelby: \$3 billion

Answer: \$1.2 billion

How much did *Avengers: Endgame* gross opening weekend domestically? (Hint: it's in the millions)

Erika: \$6 million

Kelly: \$800 million

Shelby: \$6 million

Answer: \$350 million

How much did Marvel's *The Avengers* gross domestically opening weekend? (Hint: it's in the millions)

Erika: \$4 million

Kelly: \$10 million

Shelby: \$10 million

Answer: \$207 million

Which Marvel movie was the highest grossing movie domestically?

Erika: *Captain America: Winter Soldier*

Kelly: *Avengers: Endgame*

Shelby: *Avengers: Endgame*

Answer: *Black Panther*

Personally, I think that the whole school should have a Marvel movie marathon. That's all for this week-"catch you on the flip side"!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 13, 2019

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

1. Jr. High Softball Practice Begins - After School
2. HS Girls Regional Golf @ Wapsie Oaks Country Club in Calamus - 10 AM (2 Vans Leaves at 7:35 AM)
3. MV Fine Arts Boosters Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM
4. MV FFA Farewell to Seniors Meeting - MS Commons & HS Room # 309 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

1. HS Students to Kirkwood Ag Day in Cedar Rapids - 9:00 AM (2 Vans Leave at 7:30 AM)
2. AP Calculus Exam - HS Library - 8:00 AM until Noon
3. 5th Grade Band Concert for Grades 3rd & 4th - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 12:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

1. Seniors' Graduation Practice - High School Gym - 9:00 AM
2. Maquoketa Valley High School Commencement - HS Gymnasium - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

1. State Boys & Girls Track Meet in Des Moines
2. 3rd Graders Performance at The Penn Center in Delhi - 1:30 PM (2 Buses Leave at 1:00 PM)

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

1. State Boys & Girls Track Meet in Des Moines
2. Deadline for June/July Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer at Johnston Elementary

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

1. State Boys & Girls Track Meet in Des Moines

Norman Wilson



Activities involved in during high school: Football, baseball, track, wrestling, TEL, TSN, Spanish Club, Large group speech, spring play, NHS, and Senior leadership committee.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Baseball affected me the most because it gave me the opportunity to be close with a lot of people that I may not otherwise have been close with.

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

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't get caught up in all of the drama that happens in high school. Barely anything will matter in 15 years so don't sweat the small stuff.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how all of the teachers would do anything for you. They are only here for the betterment of the whole student body, which is more than some schools can say.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Sophomore year we had to transfer to the middle school locker room because of the construction. The first day that we were in there, we pimped it out and had it looking super cool. We put on a MTV "Cribs" episode, then Mr. K made us take it all down.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I think that all of the teachers are inspirational in their own way. They are all great people and want nothing more than for the students to be successful. However, Mr. Drew has a very inspirational quote: "Safety, safety, safety."

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Memories Are Made Of" - Luke Combs

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending UNI to study Computer Science.

What is your dream job? My dream job is where I get to work in a relaxed atmosphere with great coworkers. I do not want to have to go through every day with people I hate. That would be too much like high school.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Grass drills sophomore year for football. It was approximately 110 degrees and every single moment was horrible. The workout itself wasn't horrible, but combined with the heat it was brutal.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I do not know of any single moments that have greatly impacted my life; however, I have been impacted by many small moments that have shaped me into who I am today.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope that we all remember the basketball games that we would play after lifting freshman year. We would play until 7:55 and then try to take fast showers. Every day was a race.

Madalynne Naab



Activities involved in during high school: Vocal Jazz, Play, Musical, Choir, and Large Group and Individual Speech.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Vocal Jazz because it relieved stress and it helped me make many new friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Moving to Delhi because I got to make all new friends in a smaller class environment.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't procrastinate because you will regret it later.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How the teachers actually care about your education and your well being.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The final showing of each musical because it's the best feeling ever.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple because she makes me strive to be a better writer and a better student in general.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? I don't really know. I can never decide on a favorite song and it's the same thing for a song to remember me by.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I want to go to Mount Mercy University to get my BSN and become a Nurse Practitioner.

What is your dream job? Nurse Practitioner.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Earn my second degree black belt in taekwondo.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My mom and dad divorcing because even though I was only four when it happened, I would be a completely different person if it didn't happen.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? How well we performed *Beauty and the Beast*.

Jon Seibert



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Track and Field, Baseball, Large Group Speech, Spring Play, Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Pit Orchestra (Fall Musical), Vocal Jazz Rhythm Section, TEL, National Honor Society, Academic Excellence, Spanish Club

Which activity affected you the most? How? Contest speech has definitely affected me the most. Speech has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and be confident in front of people. I am now a better speaker and am not afraid to let loose. This, along with athletics, has taught me many great life lessons that I will be able to implement for the rest of my life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary school memory is probably when Tate got a woodchip up his butt at recess. I can remember him going down the firepole and landing on his butt. The kid then proceeds to scream and runs right towards the office. It wasn't until later that day we found out what really happened.

My favorite middle school memory probably has to be the closet with Norman and Cody. If you know you know.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Always get involved and try new things. Getting involved will help you discover who you really are as a person and help you to discover new passions. Don't force yourself to be involved in things you don't enjoy, though. Find out what you enjoy and pursue those activities, not letting other people's opinions stop you from achieving what you're passionate about. This will make your high school career that much more enjoyable in the

long run.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I really appreciate how willing the teachers are to help a student learn. Each and every teacher here has to go to goal to make students smarter than they were before they entered the building each and every day. If any peer were to struggle, any teacher wouldn't hesitate to work with that student to catch them up, either. Ultimately, these teachers are here to prepare us for the real world after high school, and that is what makes Maquoketa Valley so great.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Hands down I would love to relive the district cross country meet my senior year. The two previous years, the boys cross country team fell minimal points short of placing third place at districts and advancing to the state meet. That was very discouraging for us, but we knew that we could do better. We continued to work our tails off, and it finally paid off at this district meet. We scored enough points to come out with a second place finish, which would send us to the state meet. The feeling and excitement our team experienced when this was announced was unforgettable, and I would give anything to do it all over again.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. DeVore has definitely been my most inspirational teacher. Being my speech coach for three years, he has really taught me how to get out of my comfort zone and be confident in front of people, not worrying about their opinion. I truly believe that he has changed my life and taught me many life lessons. We also share a good sense of humor.

Mr. and Mrs. Seibert have also inspired me a lot throughout my whole life, both as parents and teachers, and I would just like to thank them for everything they have done for me to get me where I am today.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Run" by the Foo Fighters

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am planning to attend Iowa State University to study an undecided field of engineering. I then hope to pursue a career in this field, as well.

What is your dream job? I have always thought it would be so fun to work in the powersports industry. I personally have always had a passion for 4-wheeling and ATV riding, so it would be awesome to work for a powersports company and test ride their new vehicles for a living. Who knows, though, maybe engineering will lead me down this pathway, as well.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I have ever been through was the death of my father. It was a very hard time for me for many obvious reasons. I also missed a lot of schoolwork, but my teachers and peers were very supportive and sympathetic for me, and I thank them for that.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Again, I bring up the death of my father. Losing him has taught me many things about the concept of life. I have learned how to be more responsible, hard-working, and independent in my own life, and I am now all-around a much stronger person.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Making it to state cross country, all of the games of "risk it" that have been played throughout our high school career, and the number 4.