

# Wildcat Echo

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## Four MV artists receive nods at conference art fair

Art is very much alive during this pandemic as four Wildcats placed at the Tri Rivers Conference ART Show that was held virtually this year.

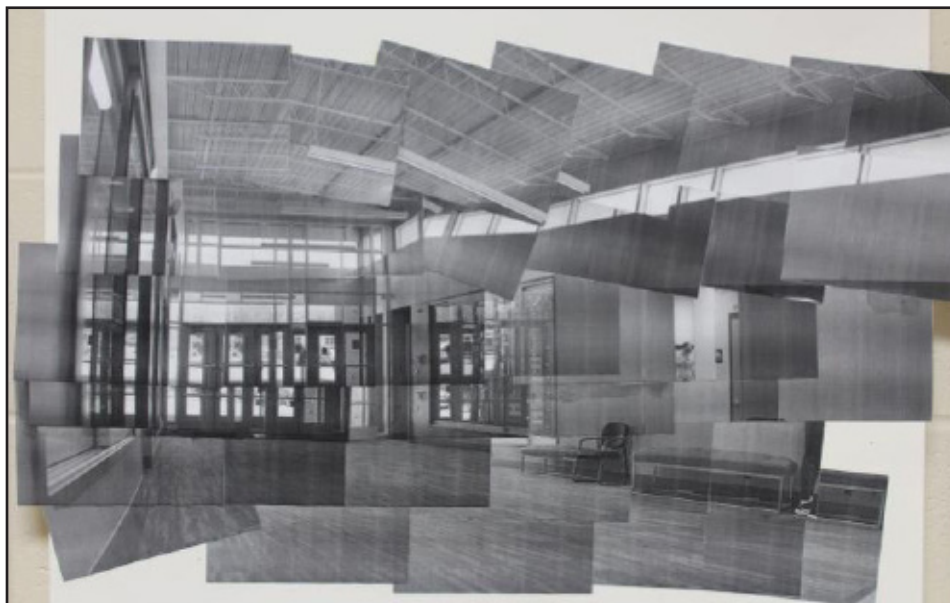
Winners include:

Matthew Brehm with his photomontage received an Honorable Mention in the Design category;

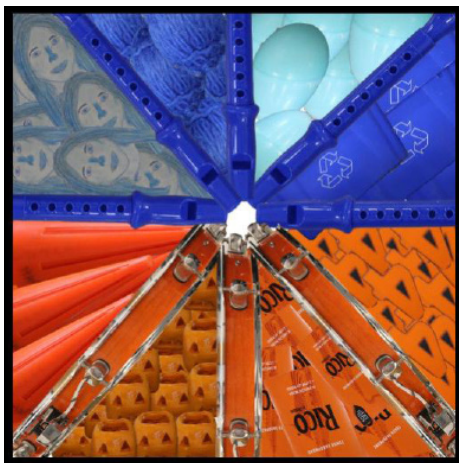
Madeline Gellersen with her photo collage received 1st place in the Design category;

Anna Deutmeyer with her Self Portrait in oil pastels received 3rd place in the Oil Pastel category;

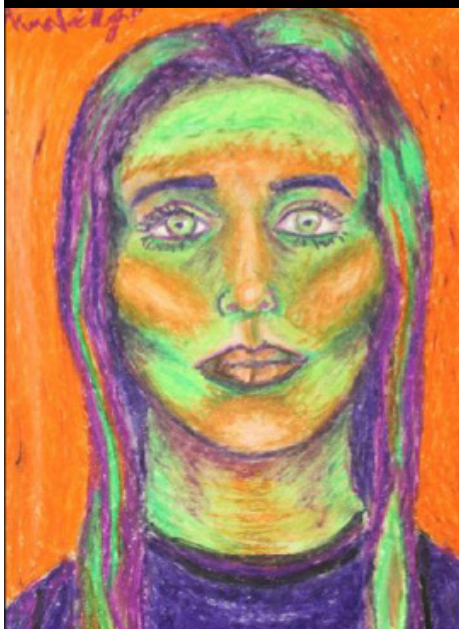
Anne Deutmeyer with her pen and ink received 1st place in the Ink category.



Above: Matthew Brehm's photomontage



Left: Madeline Gellersen's photo collage



Below left: Anna Deutmeyer's oil pastel self-portrait

Below: Anna Deutmeyer's pen and ink



## Prom royalty



Madeline Gellersen and Isaac Zirtzman reigned as prom queen and king Saturday night. (photo by Jen Teymer)



# 'Godspell' makes its way back to MV's stage

by Paige Panosh

On May 7th and 8th at 7pm and 9th at 2pm, the Maquoketa Valley Drama Department is proud to present *Godspell*.

The original off-Broadway show opened in 1971 and has Maquoketa Valley graduates who've taken on the roles in their time on the stage excited to come home and see all of the fun. In *Godspell*, prepared by John the Baptist, young men and women forsake all they've known and become the disciples of Jesus Christ. Through song, dance, and laughs, the cast, set in our very own modern-day high school, work together to learn and spread Christ's messages of love and tolerance.

No matter your religion, this show has the ability to make you think, so don't let the fact that it is the story of Jesus Christ stop you. Andrew Kloser, our very own Jesus, claims that this show will change the way you view life and how you treat other people. Have faith and believe us when we tell you, you won't want to miss this.

As aforementioned, the live per-



Cast members, pit band members and directors go through some notes at a recent rehearsal. Live performances start May 7.

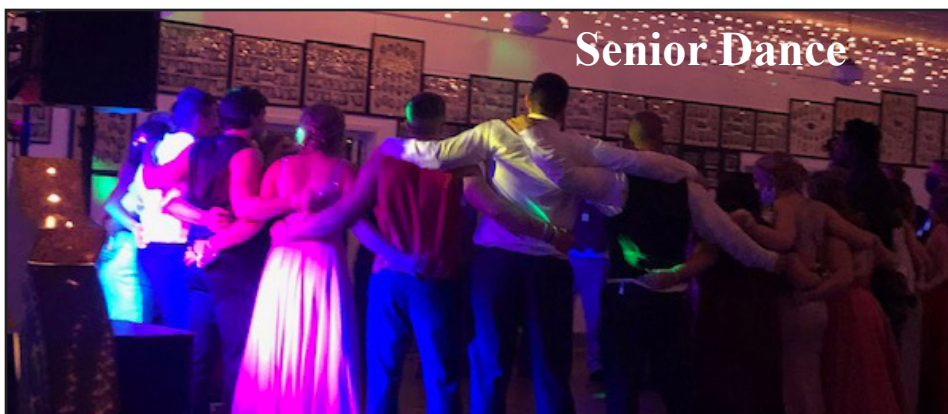
formances are May 7th and 8th at 7pm and May 9th at 2pm. Tickets for the live performances can be purchased in the High School office for \$5 per ticket. Seating is limited at half capacity so don't wait. Get your tickets today!

Virtual performances are May

12th and 15th at 7pm. Tickets for the virtual performances can be purchased for \$8 at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com).

Come join the fun of what the cast calls an energetic, lighthearted atmosphere! See you there!

## Prom, post-prom provide the makings of good memories



12" Hanging Baskets: \$20	4-Pack Vegetables: \$3	<p><b>Cutting Boards</b></p> <p>Small 12x18 - \$20.00 14x20 - \$25.00</p> <p>Medium 12x24 - \$30.00 14x26 - \$35.00</p>
10" Hanging Baskets \$15	6-pack Vegetables: \$4	
4-pack Flowers: \$3- \$4 Depending on Variety	6-Pack Flowers: \$3-4 Depending on variety	

MV Market Presents  
**LEMONADE  
STAND**

**POPPIN'  
GLOSS**

**MV Market**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>  
2-6 pm  
Delhi City Park

**STUDENT MADE GOODS**





# FFA hosts banquet to celebrate achievements

by Tara Goedken

On Sunday, the annual FFA banquet was held in the gym. The chapter celebrated their accomplishments over the past year and members received their awards. Because no banquet was held last year due to Covid, 2020 awards were also presented.

Awards included:

2021 Greenhand Degrees: Ethen Brockhohn, Lance McShane, Alia Domeyer, Harold Mohr, Landin Frasher, Tate Monk, Kody Hoeger, Haley Ronnebaum, Allison Hogan, Dylan Sands, Braden Hogan, Michael Schnittjer, Rowan James, Maison Krapfl

2020 Greenhand Degrees: Dannielle Burkle, Kody Bush, Kade Freiburger, Lucas Orcutt, Ben Weber, Marley Wagnor

2021 Chapter FFA Degrees: Kade Freiburger, Brooke Hogan, Lucas Orcutt, Marley Wagnor

2020 Chapter FFA Degrees: Courtney Goedken, Tanner DeMoss, Lane Domeyer, Anthony March, Jeremy Weber

Iowa Degrees: Holli Hogan, Tara Goedken, Emma Ritz, Sarah Goedken, Carter Kruse

2020 Star Greenhands: Brooke Hogan, Lucas Orcutt

2021 Star Greenhand: Kody Hoeger

2020 Rising Star: Lucas Orcutt

2021 Rising Stars: Courtney Goedken and Lane Domeyer

2020 Leadership Award: Amber Engelken

2021 Leadership Award: Courtney Goedken

Blue & Gold Awards: Jill McDermott, CeAnn Palmer, Kenzie Griffin, Keith Pitts

Top Salesmen: First: Lucas Orcutt; Second: Kody Hoeger; Third (combined): Sarah, Tara, and Courtney Goedken



2021 Greenhand Degrees



2021 Iowa Degrees



Top Sales



2021 Star Greenhand



2021 Rising Stars



2021 Leadership Award



# Focus improving, goals being set for girls track team

by Chantel Crowley

Times are dropping, distances are increasing, and goals for some conference meet and post-season meets are being set.

Last Thursday, the girls competed at West Delaware, placing 12th with 19 points total.

Athletes who scored were:

400M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 1:03.87, 6th

100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17.36, 5th

Long Jump: Taya Tucker, 15-00.00, 6th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 33-08.00, 6th

4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Ella Mensen, McKenna Thompson, 54.10, 3rd

4x400M Relay: Ella Mensen, Lily Huber, Payton Beaman, Amaya Hunt, 4:30.88, 5th  
800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Payton Beaman, Emma Richter, Amaya Hunt, 1:59.58, 3rd

Coach Dunlap commented, "Most of our kids had PRs at this meet. There was some very good competition there. I felt like the girls were a little more focused at this meet and did a nice job getting mentally and physically prepared to compete. In particular, very good events for us were the 4x100 and 4x400 as well as the Sprint Medley. And, although we didn't win any of these events, we had some big improvements including a seven-second PR in the 4x400. In the shot put, Erin Knipper had a great night, consistently throwing in the 30s, but rattling off a monster of a throw of 33' 08". Taya Tucker had a nice night in the long jump, making finals and finishing with a career-best 15' jump."

The girls' following meet was at CPU on Monday, April 26th. They placed 9th, scoring 33 points.

Athletes scoring were:

100M Dash: Lily Huber, 14.07, 3rd

400M Dash: Payton Beaman, 1:10.03, 5th

100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17.30, 3rd

Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 32-09.00, 4th

4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson, 54.03, 5th

4x200M Relay: Emma Richter, Taya Tucker, Caelyn Sands, Ella Mensen, 1:58.28, 6th

4x400M Relay: Ella Mensen, Saige Hunt, Payton Beaman, Amaya Hunt, 4:28.49, 4th  
400M Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Leah Ries, Caelyn Sands, McKenna Thompson, Kendra Hillers, 1:16.90, 3rd

800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Payton



McKenna Thompson clears a hurdle in the shuttle hurdle relay Tuesday night at Anamosa. She won the 100M hurdles. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple, *The Monticello Express*)

Beaman, Ella Mensen, Amaya Hunt, 2:00.84, 5th

The girls' next scheduled meet was on Tuesday, April 27 at Anamosa. Maquoketa Valley placed eighth with a total of 53 points.

Athletes earning points were:

100M Dash: Payton Beaman, 14.01, 7th

200M Dash: Payton Beaman, 28.89, 7th

100M Hurdles: McKenna Thompson, 17.23, 1st

4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Emma Richter, Caelyn Sands, Ella Mensen, 1:55.92, 4th

4x400M Relay: Ella Mensen, Lily Huber, Payton Beaman, Amaya Hunt, 4:30.99, 4th  
800 Sprint Medley: Leah Ries, Payton

Beaman, Ella Mensen, Amaya Hunt, 1:57.68, 4th

Distance Medley: Zari Ambundo, Josie Teymer, Addie Rudd, Grace Rowan, 5:57.21, 8th

4x100M Shuttle Hurdle: Leah Ries, Caelyn Sands, McKenna Thompson, Kendra Hillers, 1:17.11, 2nd

Long Jump: Emma Richter, 14-02.50, 5th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 34-00.75, 2nd

Discus Throw: Maddy Kemp, 88-08.75, 7th; Paige Winter, 87-06, 8th

The girls' next scheduled meet is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th in Cascade. This will be covered in the next issue. Their next meet is Monday at Ed-Co.

## Gellersen, Zirtzman win medalist honors

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The MV golf team is reaching the end of their season, but that won't stop them from stealing more wins at the meets.

Last Thursday the golf team took on Cascade on their home turf. The boys lost, coming up short by two with a score of 193 to Cascade's 191. The girls also lost with a score of 251 to 214. The medalist for the boys was senior Isaac Zirtzman with a par 37, and for the girls, it was senior Madeline Gellersen who took home the gold with a par 46.

"We all enjoyed finally playing in some springtime sunshine today, and it showed in our scoring," Coaches Andrews and Besler stated. "The boys fell a few strokes short tonight, but we're extremely pleased with the progress our guys are making, each and every week. On the girls side, although the contest wasn't quite as close as we would've liked, we did have

some bright spots to build off of, such as Madeline Gellersen posting a new PR."

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# Boys track finish third, fourth

by Leah Ries

The boys track and field team took on seven other teams at Monticello last Thursday night. The team ran away with third place by earning 90 points.

Point Winners:

Discus: Brock Trenkamp, second, 129-03

Devin Smith, fourth, 117-02

Shot Put: Devin Smith, third, 41-06.50

Brock Trenkamp, sixth, 40-11.50

High Jump: AJ Ambundo, first, 5-09

200M: AJ Ambundo, second, 23.60

Domarius Strickland, sixth, 25.90

400M: Landen Deutmeyer, fifth, 1:00.00

800M: Cy Huber, second, 3:08.20

3200M: Nolan Ries, second, 10:35.40

Mitch Heims, fifth, 11:37.70

4x100: fifth, 49.70, Jamie Pitts, DeVante

Strickland, Devin Meeks, Preston Roling

4x200: fourth, 1:43.50, Roling, Ethan

Doyl, Ries, Trenkamp

800 SMR: fifth, 1:44.40, Deutmeyer,

Meeks, Michael Schaul, DeVante Strick-

land

4x400: first, 3:34.40, Huber, Ambundo,

Ries, Schaul

1600 DMR: first, 3:49.20, Ambundo,

DeVante Strickland, Huber, Schaul

4x800: fourth, 10:22.40, Doyl, Roling,

George Livingston, Jesus Rumbo

On Tuesday night the boys team hosted a meet here at MV and placed 4th out of 12 with 75 team points.

Point Winners:

Shot Put: Devin Smith, third, 41-08.00

High Jump: AJ Ambundo, second, 5-10

200M: AJ Ambundo, sixth, 24.39

400M: Cy Huber, first, 51.05

800M: Michael Schaul, third, 2:08.39

Cy Huber, fourth, 2:10.27

1600M: Nolan Ries, first, 4:53.03

3200M: Mitch Heims, fourth, 11:40.81

800M SMR: sixth, 1:45.41, Preston Rol-

ing, Domarius Strickland, Landen Deut-



**Cy Huber rounds a corner in a relay at the Monticello meet last Thursday. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple, *The Monticello Express*)**

meyer, DeVante Strickland

1600 DMR: fourth, Ambundo, DeVante

Strickland, Schaul, Ries

4x200: sixth, Roling, Domarius Strickland,

Deutmeyer, Brock Trenkamp

4x400: first, 3:34.56, Huber, Ambundo,

Ries, Schaul

4x800: first, 8:39.18, Ethan Doyl, Huber,

Ries, Schaul

The results from the Cascade meet will be included in next week's issue. The Tri-Rivers conference co-ed meet will be held at Alburnett next Thursday night.

## Golf, continued

This past Friday, the boys team took home a win at St. Andrews Golf Course while competing against Alburnett, winning with a 193 while Alburnett scored a 222. The girls came up short, losing with a score of 259 to Alburnett's 211. The medalist of the night was Zirtzman with a par 44, and the runner up was senior Zach Digman who shot a par 46.

On Tuesday, the teams traveled to Bellevue where they competed against Marquette Catholic and Isaac Newton. Both of the teams took home the win. The boys kept it close, winning by 5 over Marquette Catholic, while the girls won with their team score of 255.

"We finally got the weather that we wanted as it was a perfect night for golf," both coaches stated about Tuesday night. "Although the results weren't where we wanted them to be across the board I felt as if we learned a lot about where we are at and what we need to focus on moving forward. We as coaches are really looking forward to some good practice time this week and next week as we move closer to the postseason."

Their next meet is this Friday. Results will be in next week's article.

### Cascade Meet

*MV Boys:* 193

*Cascade:* 191

Isaac Zirtzman- 37

Zach Digman- 48

Jake Gellersen- 49

Logan Johnson- 59

Landin Frasher- 67

Nick Gibbs- 71

Tate Monk- 59

Braden Hogan- 73

Parker Ries- 72

Rowan James- 61

Leighton Deutmeyer- 53

Zach Mineart- 72

*MV Girls:* 251

*Cascade:* 214

Madeline Gellersen- 46

Jordyn LeGassick- 58

Kaela Clemen- 70

Mianna Gosche- 77

Brooke Hogan- 80

### Alburnett Meet

*MV Boys:* 193

*Alburnett:* 222

Isaac Zirtzman- 44

Zach Digman- 46

Jake Gellersen- 47

Logan Johnson- 58

Landin Frasher- 56

Tate Monk- 62

*MV Girls:* 259

*Alburnett:* 211

Madeline Gellersen-

55

Jordyn LeGassick- 65

Kaela Clemen- 60

Mianna Gosche- 90

Brooke Hogan- 79

### Bellevue Meet

*MV Boys:* 214

*Marquette Catholic:*

219

*Isaac Newton:* N/A

Isaac Zirtzman- 46

Zach Digman- 58

Jake Gellersen- 53

Logan Johnson- 58

Landin Frasher- 58

Tate Monk- 57

*MV Girls:* 255

*Marquette Catholic:*

N/A

*Isaac Newton:* N/A

Madeline Gellersen-

58

Jordyn LeGassick- 63

Kaela Clemen- 65

Mianna Gosche- 71

Brooke Hogan- 69

**Domarius Strickland (right) hands off the baton to Landen Deutmeyer at MV's home meet. (photo by Lesa Parmely)**





# Ag students host farm safety day



Last Friday, many FFA members were involved with Farm Safety Day and along with Drive your Tractor to School Day. The topics that were covered at Farm Safety Day included water safety, tractor/bus safety, fire safety, 911, seat-belt safety, animal safety, and hidden hazards. The FFA members taught the kindergarten and first graders.



Several students drove their tractors to school last Friday.

# Athlete of the Week

Name: Maeline Gellersen

**What is your favorite part of playing golf?**

I enjoy being outside and being able to golf with my friends. I also enjoy how golf is an individual sport, but it can also be a team sport.

**What's the most frustrating part of the sport?**

Putting

**How long have you played?**

2 years

**Who's your golf role model?**

My dad has taught me a lot about the sport. He also fixed my swing so that's nice too I guess.



# Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Noah DeVore

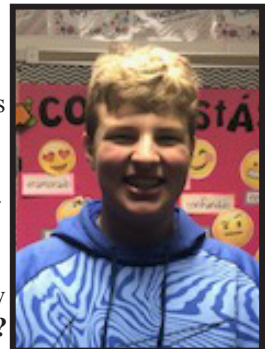
**What's your favorite part of the show?** I really love the parts where everyone is able to come together and connect in the scene.

**What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?**

My favorite memory is definitely seeing Andrew Kloser put on a wedding dress after a long practice.

**Why do you think your peers would like to watch this musical?** I honestly don't know how most of my peers will react, but the music is really pretty, and people in the cast have worked really hard on everything to make it a great experience for the audience.

**How has participating in the musical affected you?** I always have loved the Drama program at our school, and the musical has been able to open me up and really be myself.



## Maquoketa Valley FCS/ 109 Design

Cupcakes, cookies and bars

MV hats and bags

Club 109 can create designs for all sorts of apparel.

Contact Karla Downs if you are interested



**MV Market**

May 5<sup>th</sup>

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# Best Buds

**Molly Anderegg & Amaya Hunt**

**by Amaya Hunt**

**How long have you two been best friends?**

Molly: Since the first grade. For a nice visual, imagine both of us with hair to our shoulders and awful teeth.

Amaya: We met in first grade.

**What's the earliest memory you have of each other?**

Molly: Jumping off the tiny shed onto the trampoline that Maya had in her backyard at her old house.

Amaya: We were supposed to be reading in Mrs. Rissler's class, but Molly was sitting in one of the little pink lawn chairs & she kept on moving, and everytime she moved it made this awful sound. It drove me crazy.

**What's your favorite thing to do together?**

Molly: Go thrifting at Goodwill and Plato's. We usually get McDonald's too.

Amaya: I like going to Cedar Rapids and going to Goodwill & McDonalds, but sometimes we also go on ranger rides on the gravel roads out by Hopkinton. Either one is really fun, it just depends on how social Molly is feeling.

**Favorite place to go out to eat?**

Molly: Hmmm, it's a tough choice between McDonald's and McDonald's.

Amaya: We also go to McDonald's, but we crave Chick-Fil-A a lot.

**Favorite song to sing together in the car?**

Molly: I'd say "Somebody to Love" from *Glee*.

Amaya: Anything covered by *Glee*.

**Who has the better music taste?**

Molly: Maya. Definitely Maya

Amaya: I do. It's me.

**What's your favorite quality about the other?**

Molly: Her laugh. Also the amount of inside jokes we have. All it takes is a look and we're bursting out laughing.

Amaya: Molly can always make me laugh, and a lot of times we laugh over the dumbest things because we don't really have a good sense of humor, so everything seems funny to us. But at the same time, we can also sit in silence together without saying a word, and it's just as fun as any of the other things we do.

**What's your biggest pet peeve about the other? What bothers you the most?**



Molly: The way she says "water."

Amaya: Sometimes Molly will start talking in Spanish for no reason, and no matter how hard I try, I can't get her to stop biting her nails or picking at her eyebrows.

**Where do you see the other person in 10 years or so? What kind of life do you think they'll have?**

Molly: Maya will definitely be somewhere sunny with an ocean. And she will have probably traveled to all the places on her bucket list by then. Either that, or she'll be living on the farm with Max #farmgirl

Amaya: I think Molly will stay in Iowa and live close to where we are now- I don't think she'll move around that much. But either way, I know that she'll have a lot of dogs and be content with her life. She'll most likely still be biting her nails & picking her eyebrows, too.

## MV TEL-ALL

**compiled by Paige Panosh**

"Every day, about 28 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes

— that's one person every 52 minutes."

—NHTSA

## what's up?

**If you were captain of a pirate ship, what would you name it?**

**By Paige Winter**

Tony Offerman: The McCreamy

Molly Anderegg: The Mollinator

Caelyn Sands: Sandy Sands

Amaya Hunt: Ships and Giggles

Andrew Holtz: My Boat

Taylor Schmuecker: Schmucks Schmexy Ship

Noah DeVore: Noah's Ark

Nolan Ries: The Golden Goose

Kendra Hillers: Homeless

Anna Deutmeyer: Titanic 2

Carlie Lewin: Fruity Pebbles

Erin Knipper: Red Pirate

## Cutie

**by Matthew Brehm**

This week's cutie is a junior who lives in Delhi. She is in volleyball, basketball, and track. Something she loves to do in the summer is spend time outside with family and friends. She also has dirty blonde hair.



*Last week's Cutie was Andrew Hildebrand.*

## Comedy Corner

**—compiled by Paige Panosh**

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.

I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently I need to pay more attention during school pick-up.

What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

I have a joke about time travel, but I'm not gonna share it. You guys didn't like it.

What's the opposite of irony? Wrinkly.



# Greenhouse sales begin next week



## 2021 football schedule set

School:		Maquoketa Valley, Delhi
Week 1	Aug. 27	at North Cedar, Stanwood
Week 2	Sept. 3	South Winneshiek, Calmar
Week 3	Sept. 10	West Branch
Week 4	Sept. 17	at Bellevue
Week 5	Sept. 24	East Buchanan, Winthrop
Week 6	Oct. 1	at Clayton Ridge, Guttenberg
Week 7	Oct. 8	Starmon
Week 8	Oct. 15	at North Linn, Troy Mills

by Tara Goedken

Next week, the greenhouse sale will be held from 3:30-6 pm at the greenhouse behind the school. There are over 40 different varieties of plants including hanging baskets, petunias, begonias, calibrachoa, osteopermum, coleus, alyssum, morning glories, cosmos, zinnias, marigolds and a large amount of various vegetables. There are also coleus plants in pots that were hydrodipped by Horticulture II students. The cost varies depending on the type and size of the plant. Prices are as follows; 12" hanging baskets \$20, 10" hanging baskets \$15, 4-pack of flowers \$3-\$4 depending on variety, 4-pack vegetables \$3, 6-pack Vegetables \$4, 6-pack flowers \$3-\$4 depending on variety, Hydro-dipped pots: large \$12, Small \$10.

The FFA will also be selling student made cutting boards at the MV Market on Wednesday at the park. They will have Red Oak Cutting boards in various sizes ranging in price from \$18-\$25 and Walnut Cutting Boards in various sized ranging in prices from \$22-\$30. These would all make excellent Mother's Day gifts. Hint hint.

# Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

It can be easy to forget how much power actually lies in the bundle of nerves and tissue resting on our shoulders.

This week's quote is, **"Nothing kills man faster than his own head."** - *Twenty One Pilots*.



Recently, I have become a fan of Twenty One Pilots. This quote is from a song in their very first album, Twenty One Pilots, my favorite of their works and one that I really connect with as a teenager. The album touches on themes of stress, depression, and disappointment; all topics that teens face at times.

With the end of the year approaching and classes issuing exams or rushing to get done, I think this quote does a good job of reminding me that I can succeed. Hopefully it offers some encouragement for you too. The fact is, we really are the masters of our fate.

In the song, the narrator is interpreting the suicide of another. A very sad thing, I like to think that he is warning others about what could happen to them if they don't take control of their heads. He also mentions the degradation of society before this line. This might be about how the world can beat you down if you let it.

Perhaps this song, when the two ideas are combined, is about resisting societal pressure and knowing that you can get over the next hurdle. I might never know what it's about exactly, but I do believe that the single greatest cause of a person's demise is the mindset that they can't recover or accomplish something. Please, don't let your mind kill you. You have more power over your circumstances than you realize. When things get hard, the people who are aware that they are okay are the ones who survive and come out even stronger.

When Franklin Roosevelt said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself, he also talked about freedom from fear. Try to free yourself from the fear that might be holding you back. If you are taking exams soon, remind yourself of this quote and remember that the easiest way to fail is by freaking yourself out. You've got this.

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**GAMES & ACTIVITIES**



## Carter Kruse

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Wrestling, FFA

**Which activity affected you the most?**

Wrestling, you need to have a good work ethic, be respectful, and it is an individual sport, but it is a team atmosphere.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Medalling at AAU State for Wrestling and being able to be kids.

**Advice to a freshman?** Do not be intimidated by other students. Stick up for what is right.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** I appreciated that we have an Ag program and our wrestling family.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Times with my wrestling coaches and the team and shop class with Mr. Drew.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Drew was a great teacher for me. He understood who I am as a person and encouraged me to be the best I could be and set my goals high.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Harvest Time" by Luke Bryan because agriculture is a big part of my life and how I was raised as a kid. Also growing up in a small town had a big part of it on how our community works and helps one another out.

**What does your future look like?** I plan on starting my career after high school for Dave Schmitt Construction and continue to farm with my family.

**What is your dream job?** Working construction and running large equipment and owning land and a dairy with robots with my family.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Stay organized between my jobs, our farm, and school responsibilities.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Opportunities people have provided for me to learn and grow from with my work experience, shop, ag, and business classes, wrestling and FFA.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** When Covid-19 hit the things we did changed and how we had to adapt to the situation and still carried on with our business.



## Holli Hogan



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, Track, FFA

**Which activity affected you the most?** FFA, because it teaches you many different leadership skills.

**What is a favorite elementary memory?** My

favorite memory was in elementary when I was walking backwards in the hallway talking to my cousin, and I turned around and slammed my forehead into the poll in between the doors by the bathroom. I got a big goose egg on my forehead from that.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do as many job shadows that you can to be able to figure out what you do and don't like as a profession.

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

What I appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley is that all the teachers are super easy to talk to if you need help, and they are always there to find a way that will help you learn best.

**If you could relive any moment in school what would it be and why?** 7th grade science with Anna.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Downs because she has taught me what I need to know about what I want to do after life, she has also made me more inspired and passionate in what I want to do after high school.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "The House That Built Me" by Miranda Lambert

**What does your future look like?** I plan to go to NICC for 2 years and study Early Childhood one year and Agriculture Finance the second year. I want to start my own daycare after my 2 years and have a beef cattle farm. I also want to do a little side job of sewing.

**What is your dream job?** To have my own daycare and sew on the side.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing that I have ever had to do was say goodbye to my grandma who has inspired me to do what I want to do in the future. She sewed for almost her whole life, and now I want to sew because I sewed with her.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Memories of Teige and Anna.

## Isaac Zirtzman



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Golf, Basketball, Football

**Which activity affected you the most?** Golf.

Coach Andrews and Besler were really the first coaches besides my dad that I felt truly cared about me and golf has always helped me get a hard work ethic (for things that I enjoy).

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In first grade at West Delaware, during nap time I used to glue girls' hair to the desk and that was the greatest grade school memory ever.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't care what people think. Go do you.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** Dollars for Scholars.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Going into the school after hours. That was my best memory with Teige and I would love to go back and do it again with him, just not the consequences. It's fun to look back and laugh about it now.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Besler. Because she always put up with my stuff and we just have a good bond.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "The Real Slim Shady" - Eminem / Wild Boy - MGK

**What does your future look like?** Going to Florida and starting my career.

**What is your dream job?** Owning my own watersports complex called TTH Watersports complex.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Come to school.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Meeting 4-5 friends that helped me live my life and not try to make others happy. Teige Hunt really helped me learn that.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** My adventure in school with Teige.



## Taya Tucker



**Activities involved in during high school:** Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, TEL, TSN, Spanish Club  
**Which activity affected you the most?** TEL

because I became a leader in TEL and then learned so many things that I could use in my everyday life.

**What is a favorite elementary memory?**

All the competitive kickball and knockout games that we had during recess because nobody wanted to lose

**Advice to a freshman?** Don't go into high school with any fear because it goes by so fast.

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

The teachers care and are there for you and will help you out no matter what.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** State Basketball 2021

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. Temple, because she never looks at the negative side of problems and she will always give people ways to look at it positively.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Bang!" because this is how I want everyone to see me that I went out just the way I wanted to and I want to give nothing back.

**What does your future look like?** Going to college to study sports management and play softball.

**What is your dream job?** Athletic Director and PE teacher

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Trying learning online with Covid

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** State basketball because it was always a dream I had was to make it to state in one of my favorite sports.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** All the fun times we have had together to celebrate our friends and when we were always there for each other. I know that no matter what happens our classmates will always come together to comfort one another.

## Alec Stogdill



**Activities involved in during high school:** Being Amazing, Kirkwood, and track

**Which activity affected you the most?**

Being in Kirkwood classes and getting me ready for the real world and the job that I wanted to go into.

**What is a favorite**

**elementary/middle school memory?** Being in track in 7th grade in track and winning conferences and that whole day was the best day of my middle school life.

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

High school is not as bad as it seems, but while you are a kid take advantage of it, and have fun, make mistakes, and be yourself.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** Getting to know my classmates and how nice everyone was and how good the teachers were.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?**

Well it was Valentine's Day or around it and there was this person that I was talking to and that day at lunch I sneaked down to her locker and put candy and a letter in it and of course she knew who did it even though I tried to say it was not me. But, ya, that was one of the best days of high school and I would love to do it all over again.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I think that the most important or inspirational teacher that I had was Mrs. Downs and that was because she understood what the students went through and you can talk to her about anything.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "You've Got a Friend in Me"

**What does your future look like?** Going straight into the manufacturing environment and move up the ladder in that.

**What is your dream job?** TIG welder or CNC operator

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

Deciding to live full time with my mom over my dad, choosing to stay in Iowa instead of going back to Washington, and the first time going to Washington.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Deciding to live full time with my mom over my dad.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** How stupid COVID was and it making us change what we are used to throughout our last two years of high school.

## Parker Sternhagen



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, baseball, wrestling, track, TEL, NHS  
**Which activity affected you the most?**

Weight room. It helped a lot of football and baseball.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Traveling team baseball. I had so much fun on that team, and we have lots of memories.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't stress over the little things. It's not worth it. Have lots of fun and laugh every day.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** Dollars for Scholars

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** State wrestling. The atmosphere down there is really something special.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. Besler. Something in her class was always able to put a smile on my face every day no matter how bad of a day I was having.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Pretty Boy Swag" by Soulja Boy

**What does your future look like?** Attend Kirkwood before transferring to the University of Iowa for pre med or surgical assistant.

**What is your dream job?** Doctor

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Having to deal with the passing of Teige and Anna.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Definitely the passing of Teige this past year. This event gave me a different outlook on life. What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I don't have a specific event in mind, but I hope we are able to share all of the small memories we made together.



## Allie Dunn



**Activities involved in during high school:** Dance, Large group speech, individual speech, TEL, TSN, band, musical, play, softball  
**Which activity affected you the most?** I would say a combination of dance and TEL. Both have taught me leadership skills, and communication skills.  
**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite memory from elementary school was bringing my pet frog, Kermit, for a school show and tell day, and almost losing him.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** I would tell freshmen to not stress over every detail. High school is supposed to be the time where you are growing and learning life skills. You can not grow and learn anything if you are so stressed and worried about school. I am not saying blow school off freshman year, because that will not do anything but hurt you in the long run. Life happens for the living, and you cannot just watch it go by.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The staff and how caring they are. I have seen how other schools' teachers treat their students, and I am thankful MV teachers care. At school, no matter what teacher you walked up to and asked for advice, they would stop what they are doing and help you. Every teacher will go the extra mile to help you with anything.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Freshman year homecoming pep rally. That was the first time I had ever danced in front of a crowd, and all I remember is feeling like I was going to throw up after we were done dancing. I want to relive that moment and soak up everything about it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple by far! Mrs. Temple has such an infectious personality and attitude. She is always willing to go the extra mile for every student. When a student goes to her with personal things, she gives you 100% of her love and support.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Another Day in Paradise" by Quinn XCII

**What does your future look like?** I will be attending Hawkeye Community College to earn my degree in Dental Hygiene. I want to then use my degree and work in a dental office.

**What is your dream job?** A professional dancer

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Learn how to let go of my need to be perfect with school. I have always been the type of student who will go above and beyond and be perfect. I sacrificed things I wish I did not freshman and sophomore year, but I have let go of the need to be perfect and continue to learn every day.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The spring play my sophomore year, *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope in 5 years that we can laugh about our senior year as a whole. The school has done the best they can to give us a normal year, but we all know it was not what we expected, nor wanted. It will be funny to think back to our senior year, and compare it to the seniors then.

## Andrew Kloser



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Track, Musical, Play, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, Student Council  
**Which activity affected you the most?**

Football affected me the most by teaching me how to work together as a team as well as how to commit to something with a passion and put everything you have into it. It also taught me how to be a leader.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Live in the moment. It's not worth it to waste your time worrying about everything. Just enjoy it.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate the atmosphere around the school. For the most part everyone is friendly and pretty happy to be here.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive the moment in our last football game when the clock ran out and the thing I loved was over after so many years of devoting myself to it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. DeVore has taught me so much over the last four/five years about life and he has always been there for me through the struggle of high school. I don't know if I would have made it through without him.

**What does your future look like?** I am going to the University of Iowa to major in Engineering and get my bachelors degree.

**What is your dream job?** I guess it would have to be to be an engineer realistically. Unrealistically it would be to play professional football.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I've ever had to do is be willing to sacrifice helping others sometimes in order to help myself. I am driven to help other people and it is hard for me to put myself first.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My dad's accident my freshman year taught me that life is truly fragile and we are lucky to even be alive and here in this life. Don't take life for granted.



# Brylie Pohlman



**Activities involved in during high school:** Band, Choir, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Pit Orchestra, Play, Musical, Speech,  
**Which activity affected you**

**the most?** Band. It's given me a safe-haven and simultaneously taught me how to keep going when it's hard.

**What is a favorite middle school memory?** Chasing Nick Gibbs around the playground in middle school because Tony Offerman said he had a crush on me. Then I got lectured by Mrs Goldsmith that I was too young for boyfriends. She was right, but I got the truth out of Nick a few years later. (More like 7 years later)

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Breathe. The world is not against you. It feels like it sometimes, maybe even a lot of the time, but it's going to get better. Easier to deal with.

**What do you appreciate most about MV?** There's always a listening ear.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** The feeling we got when our vocal jazz group got our first Div. I ranking last year. It was euphoric

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Ford because he thinks logically while keeping emotions in mind, which is impossible for me.

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

**What does your future look like?** Hopefully something with a lot of money and little effort.

**What is your dream job?** Something with kids or music. (Or both!)

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Seeing my mama feel stuck in an abusive relationship.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Just high school in general. The people you meet and the bonds you create, and especially the bonds you break and learn lessons from.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Any of the musicals or plays.

# DeVante Strickland



**Activities involved in during high school:** Basketball, Football, Track, Band, Cross Country Manager  
**Which activity affected you the most?** Track or Basketball. They really taught me about being responsible for

my actions and they taught me a lot of life lessons that I can use for the rest of my life

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Actually doing your homework and doing work outside of class can make a really big impact on your grades

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

The teachers. Most of them are amazing and easy to work with. And Dollars for Scholars. I'm really grateful for that helping our class and help classes in the future

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** My sophomore year track season it was definitely one of my favorite memories of high school. Something I would never forget, just a overall great experience

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mr. Cassutt. He was one of my favorite teachers throughout middle school and high school. I was never really interested in history but I've always enjoyed his classes

And Mrs. Besler. I've always struggled with science and most of the class but she was always nice and help me out especially when my grades were down

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** "Hit Em Up" - 2Pac

**What does your future look like?**

I'm planning on attending Kirkwood Community for computer science and after I graduate either working locally in the area of Cedar Rapids or going to another big city for work. I don't really have a set plan right now but I could work almost anywhere

**What is your dream job?** Software Developer or an animator

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Mostly playing sports I found out how much I enjoy the sport even if I'm on the sideline or sitting on the bench. It's always fun playing and cheering on your teammates. Sports really affected the way I am today because of all the games and practices and all the fun time we had

# Logan Johnson



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Musical, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Golf, Play, Talented and Gifted, National Honor Society, TEL,

**Which activity affected you the most?**

Speech gave me confidence in not only what I know, but to also speak publicly.

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

C'mon man, that was *middle school*

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

"Hold on loosely but don't lose control."

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?**

The small-town atmosphere, and many opportunities we were given.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. Besler managed to make AP Physics completely non-stressful and really taught in such an inclusive and easy-to-understand way.

**What does your future look like?**

I will probably go to Coe College to study physics, afterwards, I plan to get a Ph.D. and begin my career.

**What is your dream job?** Working with NASA on space exploration.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Becoming an Eagle Scout I guess.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Being born is probably high on the totem pole.