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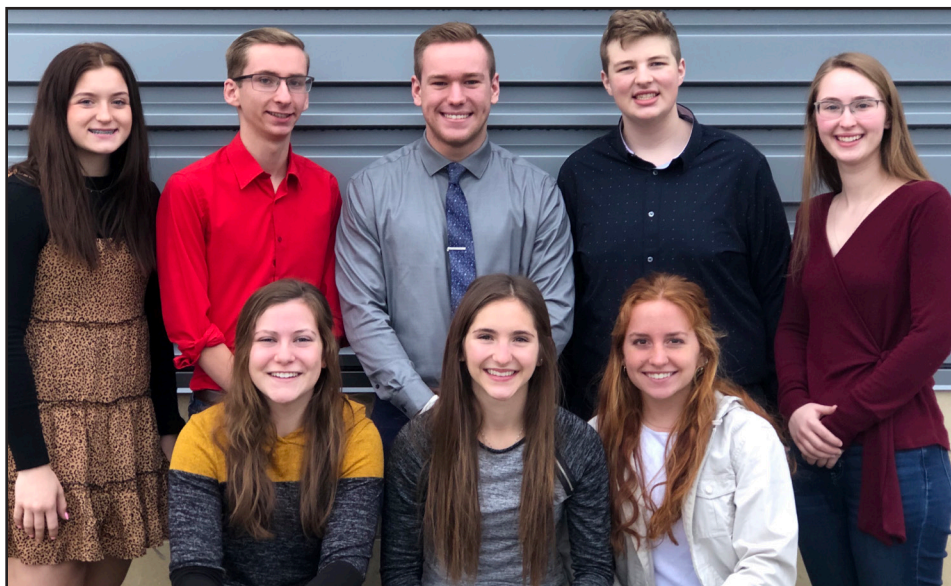
Eleven performances nominated for All-State

The 2020-21 speech season officially came to an end with state competition held at MV in two centers Mar. 13.

The 10-12th team earned 30 Division 1 ratings: Molly Anderegg (solo musical theatre & acting), Logan Johnson (radio news & spontaneous speaking), Preston Roling (radio news), Brock Trenkamp (radio news), Brock Trenkamp (after dinner speaking), Noah DeVore (improvisation & acting), Keziah Ambundo (improvisation), Paige Panosh (spontaneous speaking & acting), Liz McDowell (expository address & acting), Allie Dunn (expository address & public address), Madeline Gellersen (expository address), Andrew Kloser (storytelling & public address), Carissa Sabers (storytelling), Kylie Chesnut (storytelling), Ashtyn Porter (poetry), Kaela Clemmen (poetry & original oratory), McKenna Thompson (public address & reviewing), Kendra Hillers (original oratory), Carlie Lewin (original oratory), Amaya Hunt (reviewing), and Amanda Mohr (reviewing).

They also obtained three Division 2 ratings: Erin Knipper (prose), Abbie Sheehy (prose), and Anna Deutmeyer (after dinner speaking).

Both of the events on the 9th grade team secured Division 1 ratings: George Livingston (spontaneous speaking) and Josie Teymer (expository address).



Students selected for individual speech All-State include, front row, Molly Anderegg, McKenna Thompson and Amaya Hunt; back row: Liz McDowell, Logan Johnson, Andrew Kloser, Noah DeVore and Paige Panosh.

The Iowa High School Speech Association named those individuals who were named to the 2020-2021 Individual All-State. Maquoketa Valley received eleven nominations. Congratulations Molly Anderegg in solo musical theatre, Noah DeVore acting and individual acting, Amaya Hunt in reviewing, Logan Johnson in radio

news and spontaneous speaking, Andrew Kloser in public address and storytelling, Liz McDowell in expository address, Paige Panosh in acting, and McKenna Thompson in public address.

Due to the pandemic, no All-State Festival will be held this year.

NHS hosts blood drive, students save lives



MV's National Honor Society chapter sponsored a blood drive yesterday in the middle school multi-purpose room. Above: NHS members Avery Krapfl and Carissa Sabers check in Brylie Pohlman. Right: Senior Paige Panosh donates blood for the first time.



Vocal jazz students finish third, Farrell earns honors

by Paige Winter

You may have missed it since the event took place all the way in Des Moines this past Monday, March 29th, but the Maquoketa Valley vocal jazz group Smooth Harmony placed 3rd in class 2A at state jazz championships! Additionally, Amberlynn Farrell was named an outstanding vocalist.

Senior Annisten Trenkamp shared her thoughts about the performance: "I think we came together and showed how much we have improved throughout the season."

This season has been different for this group. Challenges like masks have caused speedbumps on the road to state the season. Annisten mentioned that with the masks it was hard to match vowels because the students couldn't see each others' mouths. "It required a lot of brainstorming and adjusting this season."

Freshman Kaitlyn Nolan commented, "I'm proud of us for placing 3rd in a strange year where we had to sing with masks." Mrs. Mueller also said how proud she was of the students for their dedication to the group, "6:45 AM!! Oh what a great time to sing. Having Smooth Harmony at that time of the morning is quite the challenge. So incredibly proud of this group's dedication and pursuit of excellence in spite of AM voice cracks and brain fog."

Mrs. Mueller also mentioned how challenging the four performance pieces



Members of Smooth Harmony include, front row: Annisten Trenkamp, Andrew Kloser, Andrew Hildebrand, Paige Panosh; back row: Michael VanMeter, Keziah Ambundo, Carlie Lewin, Brock Trenkamp, Noah DeVore, Amberlynn Farrell and Kaitlyn Nolan.

are. She mentioned that in her mind the performance at state was the best overall performance of the year.

Junior Noah DeVore also gave credit to how difficult the pieces were: "I am most proud of getting through the music because of how tough the pieces were, as well as communicating clearly with our masks." Hard-working kids is what made Smooth Harmony able to compete so well at the championships this year. These students navigated early morning practices, challenging music, and COVID-19 restrictions and were able to have a successful season.

Annisten said that she was proud of the team for being there for each other throughout the season and that she can look

back on her vocal jazz career with a smile remembering how much progress all of the seniors have made over the years and the bond this team created.

Mrs. Mueller commented, "Our groove improved so much this year!"

With a lot of improvement this year and a whopping 3rd place at championships this team certainly has a lot to be proud of, and the season isn't even over yet! You can see Smooth Harmony perform at Night of Jazz on the 17th and at the Music in the Park Show, depending on the COVID restrictions for these events. Make sure to congratulate these Wildcats on a fantastic performance at state and in the words of Noah DeVore, "Stay jazzy!!"

Spring clean up day planned

by Paige Winter

Next Friday April 16th all of us Wildcats have a fantastic opportunity to give back to the communities that support us in every way possible. These are the people who donate to all of our programs, and show support to us in sports, drama, the arts, and everything in between.

There will be cleaning locations in Delhi, Earlville and Hopkinton. All Delhi cleaners will walk to locations. For students who have practice after school or can't drive, there will be buses to Earlville and Hopkinton that will leave around 1:00 return to school at around 3:05. Students who can drive are allowed to drive to out of town cleaning locations and then go home right after cleaning is finished. A couple reminders: bring a rake if you have one, bring



some gloves, and bring a water bottle! On Friday we will run a 1 o'clock dismissal schedule and then do cleaning from around 1:00 to 2:50. If there is a weather issue we will have a full day of school and not re-schedule.

Please come to clean up with a positive attitude and energy to give back to the people who do so much for us!



Congratulations to the 21-22 MVDT

Captain - Leah Ries
Co-Captain - McKenna Thompson
Kendra Hillers
Molly Anderogg
Kaelynn Clark
Mianna Gosche
Josie Teymer
Civia Hermanson
Maddix Kemp

New Members:
Claira Gray
Tierra Morgan
Isabella Mensen

Spring sports teams look to make up for lost year

COVID-19 stole the 2020 sports season, but the MV coaches are optimistic about this 2021 season.

Golf

“We are excited about having an incredibly strong set of golfers, 1-3, with a very capable group of guys competing for the 4-6 spots on the team,” stated boys coach Mr. Besler. The boys will be led by senior Isaac Zirtzman who was a 2019 state qualifier. Other experienced golfers returning include seniors Logan Johnson and Nick Gibbs and junior Jackson Hunter.

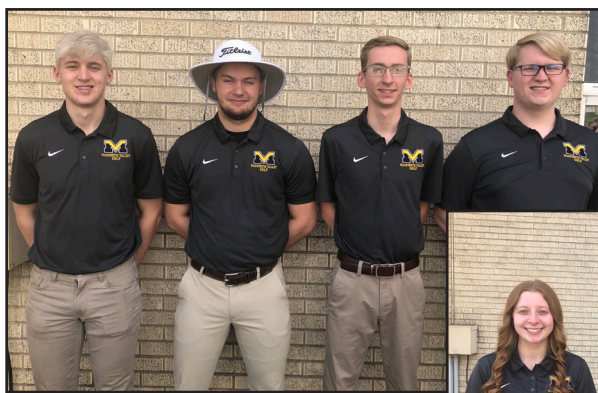
The girls team returns experienced golfers Madeline Gellersen, Jordyn LeGassick and Mianna Gosche. “The main strength of this year’s team is all the girls are very coachable,” stated girls coach Mr. Andrews. “They come to practice every day to learn and get better. If they continue doing this, they will improve and find success as the season progresses.

Boys track and field

The boys track team includes 15 athletes with 11 of them being upperclassmen. Seniors Ethan Doyl, Mitch Heims and Devante Strickland lead the team. Juniors AJ Ambundo, Landen Deutmeyer, Cy Huber, Nolan Ries, Michael Schaul, Devin Smith, Domarius Strickland, and Brock Trenkamp compose a talented junior class, states Coach Meehan who is assisted by Coach Feldt along with Coach Helle, the throwing coach.

AJ Ambundo returns as a state qualifier in the high jump, Mitch Heims, Nolan Ries, Cy Huber, Michael Schaul were state qualifiers in cross country this past fall. Devin Smith and Brock Trenkamp show great improvement and promise in the throws. Underclassmen consist of sophomore Jamie Pitts and freshmen George Livingston, Devin Meeks and Jesus Rumbo. All four will be called on to contribute this year, claim Coach Meehan.

The strength of the team will be in the long sprint relays and distance events. The high jump should be a strong event for the Wildcats. Development of other team members is important in having depth later in the season. “Competing and working to improve each day is what we try to do,” stated Coach Meehan. “‘Bit by bit we fill the pot’ is the motto we live by because improvement usually comes in small segments and over the course of a season, it can become significant.”



Senior golfers include Isaac Zirtzman, Zach Digman, Logan Johnson, Nick Gibbs, Jordyn LeGassick and Madeline Gellersen.

Girls track and field

The girls track team is under the direction of Coach Dunlap and Coach Helle, and they are working with a team in a good position to finish high in the conference this year.

Coach Dunlap stated that a strength of the team is the talent and expertise of the sprinters. Payton Beaman, Kylie Chesnut and Amaya Hunt finished third in the state 4x400 in 2019, and Caelyn Sands and Leah Ries ran in the state shuttle hurdle race at state. Kendra Hillers, Emma Richter, and Taya Tucker all bring sprinting experience to the team. Emma Doyl, Jordan Hogan, Molly Anderegg, Carissa Sabers and Paige Winter, with their 2019 experience, will also be factors for the team.

Coach Dunlap also noted the addition of some underclassmen: McKenna Thompson as a sprinter, Ella Mensen as a high jumper, Grace Rowan’s mid-distance running skills and Erin Knipper’s natural strength as a thrower.



Senior track and field athletes include Mitch Heims, DeVante Strickland, Ethan Doyl, Annisten Trenkamp and Payton Beaman. Not pictured: Taya Tucker

Boys basketball team awards presented



Along with letters and conference awards, several team awards were presented at the basketball celebration Mar. 28: Mitch Heims, Mr. Hustle; Jacorrey Wallace, Varsity Defensive MVP; Andrew Holtz, Varsity Offensive MVP and Leadership Award; Lucas Orcutt, Most Improved; Toby Grimm, JV MVP.

Boys compete at West Delaware, Anamosa

by Leah Ries

The boys track and field team started their season on the right foot. After the indoor meets were canceled, the team traveled to West Delaware for the first meet of the year.

The highlights of the meet included the 4x800m relay, 4x200m relay, 4x400m relay, and high jump. Overall, the team scored 54 points and placed 5th.

Point winners:

High Jump: AJ Ambundo, first, 5-4

Discus: Brock Trenkamp, fourth, 121-6

Devin Smith, fifth, 120-2

100M Dash: AJ Ambundo, fourth, 12.2

200M Dash: AJ Ambundo, fourth, 24.27

1600M Run: Ethan Doyl, eighth, 5:35.76

3200M Run: Mitch Heims, fifth, 11:55.9

4x200: first, 1:37.09, DeVante Strickland,

Cy Huber, Nolan Ries, Michael Schaul

4x400: second, 3:42.87, Strickland, Huber,

Ries and Schaul

4x800: first, 8:46.43, Huber, Ries, Schaul,

Ethan Doyl

The boys team traveled to Anamosa this past Tuesday for the second meet of the year. Coach Meehan stated, "The performance by the boys was good." The team scored in seven events throughout the night, placing 10th overall with 32 points. When Nolan Ries was asked about the meet he commented, "Although our team placing did not show it, we had many great races and the team morale and unity is growing."



Ethan Doyl finds his pace in the 4x800 at the West Delaware meet. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Point winners:

High Jump: AJ Ambundo, fourth, 5-8

Discus: Brock Trenkamp, seventh, 123-10

800M Run: Cy Huber, first, 2:05.64

3200M Run: Mitch Heims, eighth, 12:02.97

4x200: sixth, 1:37.37, Ambundo, Nolan

Ries, Michael Schaul, DeVante Strickland

4x400: fifth, 3:38.54, Ambundo, Ries, Hu-

ber, Schaul

4x800: second, 8:41.81, Ries, Huber,

Schaul, Doyl

Last night, the team competed at Independence. Results will be in next week's issue. Their next meet is Tuesday at Jesup.



Michael Schaul passes the baton to Nolan Ries in the 4x400 at Anamosa. (photo by Pete Temple)

Girls score big in relays



Molly Anderegg hands off to Payton Beaman in the distance medley at West Delaware. (photo by Lesa Parmely) by Chantel Crowley

On Thursday, April 1st, the Maquoketa Valley girls track season started at the West Delaware Early Bird Meet. Overall Maquoketa Valley scored 30 points, putting the girls in 10th place.

Athletes earning points were:

100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17.87, 4th;

Kendra Hillers, 19.13, 6th

4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries,

Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson,

55.81, 3rd

4x2M Relay: Amaya Hunt, Emma Richter,

Caelyn Sands, Lily Huber, 1:57.38, 4th

4x400M Relay: Payton Beaman, Saige

Hunt, Ella Mensen, Amaya Hunt, 4:38.35,

5th

800 Sprint Medley: Payton Beaman,

Lily Huber, Emma Richter, Amaya Hunt,

2:02.24, 3rd

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Leah Ries, Caelyn

Sands, McKenna Thompson, Kendra Hill-

ers, 1:19.85, 4th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 31-00, 6th

The next meet took place on

Tuesday, April 6th in Jesup. The girls took

3rd place overall, scoring 84 points.

Athletes earning points were:

100M Dash: Lily Huber, 14.65, 6th

200M Dash: Taya Tucker, 30.09, 3rd

400M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 1:04.94, 1st

100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17:52, 1st;

Caelyn Sands, 19:65, 5th

Discus: Paige Winter, 84-06, 6th

High Jump: Ella Mensen, Jordan Hogan

tied for 2nd at 4-04

Long Jump: Taya Tucker, 11.75, 6th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 30-7, 4th

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Zirtzman, Gellersen medalists at first meet

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Golf just got rolling, and it already is off to a great start! This Tuesday, both MV golf teams took on North Linn at the Hart Ridge golf course in Manchester. The boys team grabbed first place as the girls team, with not enough girls for a Varsity team, performed well.

Seniors Isaac Zirtzman and Madeline Gellersen were the top performers of the night, each being the medalists of the night. Zirtzman golfed a 37 to win while Gellersen had a 57.

"For the first meet of the year, I was ecstatic with the results," stated Coach Ron Besler, head coach for the boys team. "The kids have been working hard at practice for the last 3 weeks, and it paid off for them tonight. Although we're lacking in experience this season, I think tonight showed that we have some real talent on this team."

Coach Besler wasn't the only coach ecstatic about the meet on Tuesday. Girls head coach Mr. Andrews said, "I was very happy with how the girls competed tonight for their first meet of the year. With the lack of experience coming into this year, to see Madeline step up and earn medalist honors and Jordyn finish one shot behind her show's how much potential we

Girls track, continued

4x100M Relay: Leah Ries, Emma Richter, Ella Mensen, Lily Huber, 54.89, 2nd
4x200M Relay: Leah Ries, Molly Andregg, Kendra Hillers, Saige Hunt, 2:03.90, 2nd

4x400M Relay: McKenna Thompson, Emma Doyl, Payton Beaman, Amaya Hunt, 4:47.89, 6th

400M Hurdle Shuttle Relay: Leah Ries, Caelyn Sands, McKenna Thompson, Kendra Hillers, 1:15.94, 1st

800-Sprint Medley Relay: Lily Huber, Emma Richter, Amaya Hunt, Payton Beaman, 2:03.90, 4th

1600-Distance Medley Relay: Payton Beaman, Emma Richter, Ella Mensen, Emma Doyl, 5:09.12, 4th

The girls competed last night at West Branch and will be covered in the next Wildcat Echo issue. They compete next Tuesday at Central City.

Paige Winter powers up in the shot put at the West Delaware meet last week.
(photo by Lesa Parmely)

have as we move further into the season."

Both teams competed Thursday at East Buchanan and Friday at Hart Ridge against Springville this week. Results will be in next week's article.

North Linn Meet Scores

MV Varsity Boys: 202

North Linn: 223

Isaac Zirtzman- 37

Preston Roling- 50

Tate Monk- 67

Jackson Hunter- 60

Landin Frasher- 68

Jake Gellersen- 55

Other boys' scores:

Nick Gibbs- 65

Logan Johnson- 61

Brady Hogan- 71

Rowan James- 72

Parker Ries- 69

Zach Mineart- 69

MV Varsity Girls:

Madeline Gellersen- 57

Jordyn LeGassick- 58

MV JV Girls:

Kaela Clemen- 66

Brooke Hogan- 84

Marley Wagoner-87



Athletes of the Week

Name: Brock Trenkamp

What do you enjoy most about track? For one

it really is one of the sports that get you the closest to the other people in it. It is really just a family environment. I think one of the things I really

enjoy and appreciate about track though, is how there are so many different events you can do. If you just want to run that's perfectly fine but then there's things like long jump and high jump and if you don't want to run at all you could exclusively throw too.

What do you think your best event will be?

My best event will probably be discus. That has been my best event since I started track and it's going even better this year so I would guess that. I wouldn't be surprised if shot put did really well though.

What life lessons have you learned through track?

I think something a lot of people learn from track is how to be a good team. Everyone always cheers for each other because the events happen at different times and in team events like relays, people learn that just because you alone are the fastest runner doesn't mean your team is going to win. You all have to run well to be successful. Just like if you want to win the whole meet you can't just win all your races, everyone has to do well in their events.

What's the hardest part of practice?

Whenever I have to do sprint workouts those are obviously pretty hard, because they're designed to be, but really the hardest part for me is when I'm throwing and I'm getting hot from all stuff we're doing but Coach Helle doesn't let me take my sweats off.

Who is your track role model? My track role model is definitely Fedrick Dacres for discus because he's a really good thrower and I enjoy watching him throw, and for shot put I really enjoy seeing Ryan Crouser throw because he is competitive and just such an athlete for how big he is.



Cheerleading is coming back to Maquoketa Valley!



Kendra Hillers, Coach Teymer and Leah Ries encourage spirit-filled students to tryout for cheerleading.
by Leah Ries

The cheer team plans to cheer at all football games next fall. The team will be composed after tryouts that are scheduled for next Wednesday, the 14th from 4-6 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Tryouts are for anyone currently in 8th-11th grade who has school spirit.

Coach Jen Teymer said, "This is has been my goal for the past five years. I have wanted to show the talent of students at Maquoketa Valley through cheer. It was sad to watch other schools with cheerleaders, I knew something was missing from our stands. People seem very excited about cheer, there has been a lot of out pouring support with the announcement. This is a great opportunity to prove ourselves. Cheer was brought back by a lot of begging and Coach Arnold having our back and helping advocate for cheer. In the end, Maquoketa Valley is really a home away from home for me. I'm trying to keep the cost low for students and the expectations high."

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Panosh

What did the big flower say to the little flower?

Hi, bud.

How excited was the gardener about spring?

So excited he wet his plants.

Does February like March?

No, but April May.

What goes up when rain comes down?

Umbrellas.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Andrew Kloser

What role do you play in the musical?

I play Jesus in *Godspell*

What's your favorite part of the show?

My favorite part of the show is probably the song "All for the Best"



What's your favorite memory from rehearsals?

Working on set after school is always fun.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I think I had my dream role last year in *Bright Star* when I played Jimmy Ray

How has participating in the musical throughout high school affected you?

Musical has always been a thing that I have loved being involved in. It teaches you so much as far as acting but also how to commit to something and work towards a goal as a team. It has been some of the best times of my high school career.

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie is blonde and lives in Earlville. She is in golf, volleyball, TEL, and the Spanish Club. She is also a sophomore and is interested in joining the medical field.

The last Cutie was Brock Trenkamp.

what's up?

by Paige Winter

Who is your favorite cartoon character?

Ethan Doyl: Ben 10

Preston Roling: Ben 10

Mianna Gosche: Spongebob

Molly Anderegg: Rapunzel from Tangled

Miguel Bojorquez: Lola Bunny from Space Jam 1996

Michael Schaul: Homer Simpson

Kendra Hillers: Dash from The Incredibles

Macy Thompson: Dora, because we look alike

Emilee Supple: Boots from Dora

Mrs. Jurgens: Garfield

Livia Hermanson: Tom from Tom and Jerry

Maddyx Kemp: Stitch

Lily Huber: Lightning McQueen

Time is running out to order your 2020-2021 yearbook!

The last day to order will be May 14th, and they are \$60.

Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) and look for yearbooks.

It's too easy!

Also, there are still some 2019-2020 yearbooks for purchase. This yearbook has some Covid 19 info pages. There will never be another yearbook like it.!

These 2019-2020 books have been priced at \$45. Please see Mr. Dunlap if interested or if you have any questions. Go Wildcats!

FFA Member of the Month: Ethen Brockhohn



What do you enjoy most about FFA?

Getting to hang out with friends and experience learning about agriculture.

What events have you been involved in throughout your time in FFA?

State poultry judging
State meat judging
District soil judging
Conduct of Meeting at the sub district level
Delegate at districts
Greenhand test at districts

What is your biggest accomplishment in FFA?

Earning a ticket to state convention because of my participation

What is your biggest takeaway from being involved in FFA?

The ag classes are not just for the farm kids

What skill have you gained from FFA?

Responsibility

Explain your SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). My SAE is my goat farm that I partner with my cousin with. We raise meat goats. We also raise a few lambs for meat.

What advice would you give to underclassmen involved in FFA? Get involved in things you would not see yourself in and have fun.

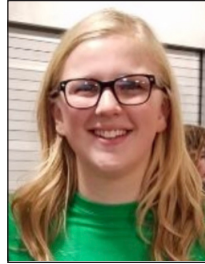
Why would you recommend someone to join FFA? You get to go on trips and hang out with friends and have a good time.

Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

Hey

everyone! Because this is our first week back from Spring break, I asked Paige Panosh, Kayla Otting, and Lily Huber some trivia questions about Easter and the season.



1. In which country are cherry blossoms considered a sign of Spring?

Paige Panosh: Japan

Kayla Otting: Japan or Korea

Lily Huber: Japan

Answer: Japan

2. Around how many chocolate bunnies are produced every year?

Paige: 1 billion

Kayla: Over a million

Lily: 100 million

Answer: 90 million

3. What color were the first Easter eggs dyed?

Paige: Red

Kayla: Blue

Lily: Blue

Answer: Red

4. About how much money does every household spend on average every Easter?

Paige: \$200

Kayla: \$100

Lily: \$100

Answer: \$131

5. How many eggs are in the Easter Egg Museum?

Paige: 842

Kayla: 100,000

Lily: 3,000

Answer: More than 1,500

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Panosh

Almost **150,000** college students develop an alcohol-related health problem each year.

—Ohio University

Quoted

by Matthew Brehm

It's important to be aware of your own flaws.

This week's quote is, **"I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing."** - Plato.



In many of Plato's works, his mentor Socrates was the main character. For this reason, it is uncertain if this quote is really from Plato or Socrates. Regardless, Socrates was a man who made it clear that he didn't know everything. He spent his days wandering the streets of Athens in 400 B.C. looking for people to question. He wanted to get to the bottom of his inquiries but knew that there were no true answers.

While this may seem radical to people today, we can still relate to Socrates' philosophy in that none of us really know the answer to everything. We're all ignorant of something.

I find myself agreeing with Socrates because no matter how much I wish I knew the truth about everything and could make a well-justified argument for it, I'm simply unable to do that. Sometimes, I just have to be content with not having the answer.

In an age where there is always more to understand about any one thing, it's impossible to know too much. Yet this lack of certainty in all fields creates a good problem to have: we need to educate ourselves more. Researching and comparing our thoughts to others' makes the kind of interaction that advances society.

Perhaps that's the reason Socrates walked around asking people about what they believed. He was never afraid to learn from others and work on the things he didn't know a lot about.

I think it's important for people to get out of their comfort zones and try learning something different. You can never know too much, and having experience in a variety of areas will make you more wise. Plato believed it was everyone's duty to be in a constant pursuit of knowledge, and I couldn't agree more.

Emerson Whittenbaugh Layla Crippen

Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, basketball, track, speech, TEL, Spanish club, mentoring, NHS
Which activity affected you the most? Volleyball and basketball because I had two unbelievably amazing coaches that taught me how to push myself and that the sky's the limit.



What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing basketball with all my friends at recess, every day picking teams and playing 5on5.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Enjoy every moment! Don't care what other people think about you. Do what you want to do and make yourself happy!

What do you appreciate most about MV? How supported you constantly are. There is not one student who can't get help from a teacher or someone in the community.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? Homecoming. Everybody has so much pride in the community and school and spirits are so lifted.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Temple. She has such a positive outlook on everything in life and she is always so supportive.

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

What does your future look like? Attend Loras College to play basketball and get my degree in Kinesiology to become a physical therapist.

What is your dream job? To open my own physical therapy business

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? My knee surgery recovery, feeling left out and having doubt was something I had to learn to get used to.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My knee surgery again:) It taught me that struggles make you stronger and that certain things will only stop you if you let it.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Making it to the state tournament and getting to the championship game. All the hard work that was done. All the fun times and memories that came from that, not just for the team but for everybody.

Activities involved in during high school: Speech, musical, play, golf, volleyball, softball, wrestling manager, and football manager.

Which activity affected you the most? Definitely, speech. Speech made me find my true potential and made me less insecure about myself.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When our class came together to commemorate Anna's death. It was a very sad time for our class but it made us closer. I'm really glad that my class has stayed strong throughout the hard times, but I'm not sure we could've done it without each other.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Never procrastinate because it will get you nowhere. Instead, do small increments of homework often. Most importantly, never forget that good mental health is important. Take a break from school, go for a walk, or listen to music if needed because you will not be a good student without a healthy mind. Remember, you are always enough, no matter what high school throws your way.

What do you appreciate most about MV? The teachers really care about their students and do everything in their power to help us succeed. Students can trust that their teachers will always be there to help with anything they need. It's really amazing how lucky MV students are.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Honestly, any moments I've had with my friends because they always make me feel better. No matter what stress or problems I have, they can make me forget about it. I'm really going to miss my girls when I move to North Carolina.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Besler because she is the teacher who sparked my interest in science. Without her classes, I doubt I would have fallen in love with science, which would have changed my entire career choice. Mrs. Besler was always willing to give me advice about life and listen to my problems. She has helped me academically and personally many times and I will always be grateful for her guidance.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi.

What does your future look like? I will be attending Cape Fear Community College in North Carolina to pursue an Associates Degree in Nursing during the fall of 2021. My plan is to become a Registered Nurse.

What is your dream job? Emergency Room Registered Nurse.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Cut off toxic individuals who had a part in my life. At first, it was very difficult for me and I really missed the individuals. However, I grew to understand that I do not deserve to be mistreated and I am worth more than they offered me.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Getting engaged to the love of my life. It has shown me that no matter what I go through, I will always have my fiancé by my side to make me a stronger person.

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 how close our class is. Through deaths of classmates and classmates' family members, we have never stopped supporting each other. I hope that stays true throughout our lives because my classmates have become my support system. I will truly miss all of them when I no longer see them every day.



Ethan Doyl



Activities involved in during high school: I was involved in Cross Country, Basketball and Track

Which activity affected you the most?

Either cross country or track, but if I had to choose one I'd say Cross country for sure. It taught me so many lessons. It taught me how to work well as a team and how to respect people's differences while still getting along with one another. It also taught me how, even when you feel like you can't finish something, if you believe that you can and you repeat that over and over again, that you will start to see positive results occur.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? In seventh grade when the track team won conference, just because we beat everybody so bad and we were all laughing and having a good time.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? When you get into high school, it's going to be a little overwhelming at first, but when you get here just take it one step at a time. Always ask questions. All the teachers will always be willing to help you and ask your peers because most of the upperclassmen will help if they can.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I'd for sure say the positive atmosphere that the students and staff have built. I have only been here since sixth grade and when I showed up I felt very welcome and invited, which made it really easy to transition nicely when I moved here.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? State cross country when I was a junior. All of us had a really good time hanging out at the hotel and messing with each other and bonding over something we all shared in common and were passionate about.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs. She has taught me how to manage my time well. She has also taught me a lot of skills that will be useful for me and the classes she taught gave me a lot of information that I can use outside of high school and that I can apply to real life situations.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Here for a Good Time" by George Strait

What does your future look like? I plan on going into the workforce right out of high school. I have narrowed the jobs I want down to welding and an electrician; however, I am most interested in being a welder.

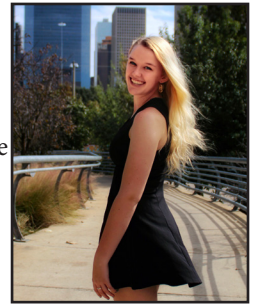
What is your dream job? Probably involved with the DNR

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Distancing myself from people that I wanted to still be friends with but knew I had to stop being around because they were causing more harm than good.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I would say 100% moving here to MV. I say that because I have met so many people that have made a positive impact on my life and gained so many great memories that I will always remember. I have met people that I can't imagine life without here and who have helped me through all of the struggles that high school and growing up throws your way.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope that all of us remember cheering each other on at sporting events and musicals or speech contests. We all gave each other confidence and supported each other and all of us had to go through a lot of hard times over the years and because we all supported each other we all got through it.

Annisten Trenkamp



Activities involved in during high school: Speech (4 years), Smooth Harmony (4 years), Dance (4 years), Cross Country (1 year), Track (1 year)

Which activity affected you the most?

How? It is hard to choose just one because they have all taught me valuable lessons, but right now I think track has affected me the most. I decided to do it my last year of high school because I wanted to have that team feeling just a little longer. I originally told Mr. Dunlap that I would run long distance for him this year, but changed to a thrower on the first day of practice. Within these practices, I have gotten out of my comfort zone. Trying new things isn't always easy, but with a team who hypes you up even when you're not doing the best, it's awesome.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary school memory would have to be our reading competitions and free reading days where we decorated the whole school and got to relax and read.

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

Cherish every single moment. Everyone always says that you'll miss high school, and they are right. The little moments at lot parties after football games or getting ready for a game/performance are the ones you are going to miss. They seem like nothing now, but you never know what can happen, and sometimes those memories are the last ones you will have with your friends.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The staff for sure! Most of the teachers here care for you on a personal level. The constant "good mornings" while walking past staff in the halls and Mrs. Temple's "I Wildcat love you's" are a thing I will surely miss. Sometimes these are the only things getting you through a rough day. Our staff truly cares about each and every one of us.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would go back to the last 2020 lot party. Everyone was having fun and getting along with people they normally don't talk to. Some of us were up until the wee hours of the morning.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I have so many who make my day and have taught me so much, but Mr. Dunlap has had me every semester of high school except for my last so I would say he has to be the one. He pushes me to do my best even on days where I feel like taking a nap during class, and his room is like a safe haven for me. Mr. Dunlap always has a fun and goofy attitude that makes everyone in the room have a brighter day. I hope to be that same light to people and make the world a more positive place.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Have It All" - Jason Mraz

What does your future look like? An EMT certification is in the works, and I will continue my education at NICC. I plan on attending the paramedic program. After graduating college I will most likely move out of state to a warmer state where I will use my education to help people and save lives.

What is your dream job? I always loved the idea of being an artist, especially a tattoo artist.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Putting a smile on my face and showing up every day after my cousin passed knowing that she would've wanted me to find what lit a spark in my life and chase after those dreams.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Losing my cousin, Jenna Reeves, in a car accident my sophomore year.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Senior year in general. Homecoming, prom, graduation, we did it all together. We have become so much closer throughout the past few years.

Ella Imler

Activities involved in during high school: basketball, volleyball, track, TEL, National Honor Society, speech

Which activity affected you the most? Basketball

affected me the most because it taught me the most. It taught me how to persevere when times are tough. It taught me to set goals and if you work hard enough, your hard work will eventually pay off. It also gave me a lot of great relationships that I will cherish forever.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? All of the sleepovers my friends and I had.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? To never take anything for granted and make as many memories as you can to look back on.

What do you appreciate most about MV? I appreciate how all of the teachers are willing to help out. The teachers will always go above and beyond for the students.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Making it to state for basketball, and every time we won a game at state. The community was awesome and the atmosphere was awesome. It was a moment my teammates and I have always dreamed of, and we worked hard to get there.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Temple. As a student I can tell how hard she works. She is always willing to help out, even if it isn't for one of her classes.

What does your future look like? I am going to Coe to play basketball and major in Business Administration.

What is your dream job? I always wanted to be a cop when I was younger, lol. Now my dream job would be working at a big company like Apple.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Say goodbye to my best friend.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Losing my best friend in middle school. It was very hard, but it has made me into the person I am today.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Our senior homecoming when we got to honor two of our classmates.



Libby DeMoss



Activities involved in during high school: Wrestling Cheerleading, Speech, Musical, Football Manager.

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Musical, because I have made the most memories and met my best friend from it.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Sixth Grade, Mr. Hess' class.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Let the little things go, and focus on the big ideas because in 10-20 years it won't even matter.

What do you appreciate most about MV? Everyone being so friendly

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Freshman year, because that's where I met most of my friends and I would have done more clubs and spent more time in school activities.

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Ms. Lake, because she is a young teacher teaching high school so she can give advice on life and school.

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

What does your future look like? Going to University of Dubuque for Elementary Teaching

What is your dream job? Cardio Surgeon

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Let my dog go

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The pandemic

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The musical and running the bus off the stage.

James DeMoss



Activities involved in during high school: Cross country and wrestling.

Which activity affected you the most?

Wrestling, it helped me build a lot better teamwork skills and taught me life lessons.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Probably when at one of the schools I used to go to we played a shark game with a giant parachute.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Respect the teachers and take school seriously.

What do you appreciate most about MV? The teachers and staff. I am very happy to say that the teachers and staff that work at MV are amazing and care about every individual.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive my freshman year. I would have switched over to MV my freshman year instead of my sophomore year.

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

I can not choose just one teacher to be an inspiration. All of the teachers care so much for the well-being and future of the students at MV.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Floats My Boat" by Aer

What does your future look like? I am currently trying to get into an apprenticeship in Cedar Rapids at JATC.

What is your dream job? To become a journeyman in the electrician world.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? A hard decision to make for me was actually graduating early.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Switching schools and meeting so many new and amazing people.

Tim Harmon

Activities involved in during high school:

Football, Wrestling, Track, Musical-1 year, Baseball, TEL-2 years

Which activity affected you the most? Wrestling, the amount of time I put in to making myself better and the amount of sweat and tears I had over the 4 years was incomparable.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary memory came from every day we had recess. The guys in our class would always go out and play a football game.

It was meant to be 2 hand touch but sometimes it got a little rough.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Just keep movin' on. Get your homework done on time, don't slack. Appreciate the time you do have in high school. Four years flies by.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

The atmosphere is incomparable to any other high school. The community and the people of Maquoketa Valley are the best in the world.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Football. Not just a game, but a whole season. When I broke my thumb I was devastated that I would never get to play another game.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? My most inspirational teacher would have to be Mr. Cassutt. He's very down to earth and the things he said really stuck with me. Really listen to him when he says, "Be a jungle tiger." It really helps a lot in everything.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Good Time" by Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen

What does your future look like? I plan to attend NICC and either go into their firefighter program or into their paramedic program.

What is your dream job? A full-time firefighter

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Tell myself not to give up, not only in the classroom but also in sports.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The one event I have been impacted the most by in my life is when I broke my thumb. Being told I wasn't playing the sport I loved the most was really hard for me to take in.

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 the time I won the wing-eating contest at state basketball and then proceeded to rip my shirt off.



Tony Offerman



Activities involved in during high school: Baseball, basketball, football, golf, musical, play, speech, music, and band.

Which activity affected you the most? Music, because I met the most awesome teacher aka Mrs. Mueller, was able to spend time with people that made me happy, sing, and learn values I wouldn't have otherwise.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Bailey's Ford field trip at the end of 7th grade.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't wish away the time you have left. Before you know it it'll be gone, and take your homework home, do it, and study your heart out.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The willingness of staff to work with the students and how friendly and accepting they all are.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? *The Beauty and the Beast* Musical, because it was the most fun event I was ever able to take part in with the greatest group of people I could've been with.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? The retired Beth Mueller, she always worked hard, had a positive attitude, and believed in following your dreams, I like that.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Only the Good Die Young" by Billy Joel.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Starting this coming fall I plan to attend NIACC to get my 2 year A.A. degree in finance before transferring to a bigger school to continue my education.

What is your dream job? Financial advisor/analyst, or to have any job dealing with the MLB.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Saying goodbye to my grandpa at his funeral

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Baseball

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? 1. During the practice of *The Beauty and the Beast* when I accidentally punched Mitch Heims in the braces. 2. Not an event, but I hope in five years we still talk about Teige Hunt & Anna Nefzger, our two classmates who are but aren't going to be graduating with us this year.