

Wildcat Echo

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FFA students put skills to the test

Mar. 12, FFA members competed in the district FFA contest at Decorah where they showcased their ag-related / career-related communication skills.

Results:

Conduct of Meetings (Leah Reicher, Lexi Halverson, Kelsey Hoeger, Nathan Beitz, Kain Krogmann, Caden Ries, Brendin Frasher) Silver

Extemporaneous Speaking (Carter Klaren) Silver

Chapter Quiz: Alia Domeyer, gold; Kade

Freiburger, gold; Rowan James, bronze

Greenhand Quiz: Kaya Knipper, bronze;

Lainey Knipper, bronze

To qualify for districts, students first competed at sub-district contest at the end of February. Results from that contest:

Conduct of Meetings- GOLD Adv. to

Districts Leah Reicher, Lexi Halverson,

Kelsey Hoeger, Nathan Beitz, Kain Krog-

mann, Caden Ries, Brendin Frasher

Extemporaneous Speaking- GOLD Adv. to Districts -Carter Klaren

Ag Broadcasting- GOLD Kaya Knipper

Public Speaking- SILVER Courtney

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Job Interview- SILVER Brooke Hogan

Chapter Quiz

Alia Domeyer- GOLD

Kody Hoeger- GOLD

Haley Ronnebaum- GOLD

Ethen Brockhohn- SILVER

Allison Hogan- SILVER

Kade Freiburger- SILVER

Landin Frasher- SILVER

Harold Mohr- BRONZE

Rowan James- BRONZE

Lance McShane- BRONZE

Dylan Sands- BRONZE

Greenhand Quiz

Lainey Knipper- SILVER

Addie Vorwald- SILVER

Lacy Reth- BRONZE

Jada Knipper- BRONZE

Caden Ronnebaum- BRONZE

Bianka Ronnebaum- BRONZE

Individual speech season produces 7 All-Staters



Students nominated for All-State include, front row from left: Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp, George Livingston; back row: Kendra Hillers, Kaitlyn Nolan, McKenna Thompson and Lily Huber.

by Leah Ries

The individual speech team has had a few contests over the past weeks including, districts at Maquoketa Valley and state in Clear Lake which required an overnight stay in Mason City the night before.

The team received seven all-state nominations after the state contest in Clear Lake.

All-State Nominations:

George Livingston in spontaneous speaking, Lily Huber in radio news, Kaitlyn Nolan in solo musical theater, Noah DeVore in expository address, Brock Trenkamp in storytelling, McKenna Thompson in acting, and Kendra Hillers in poetry.

State Results:

Overall I - Amanda Mohr in reviewing and literary program, Matthew Brehm in reviewing, Emily Hogan in poetry, Kendra Hillers in storytelling, McKenna Thompson in radio news, Michael Van Meter in after dinner and prose, Molly Anderegg in solo musical theater and storytelling, Toby Grimm in after dinner, Emilee Supple in public address, Clair Gray in original

oratory, Shea Burcham in public address, George Livingston in after dinner, Jena LeGassick in acting, Adrienne Freiburger in reviewing, Kaela Clemen in expository address and prose, Josie Teymer in expository address, Alissa Bush in prose, Cadence Freiburger in original oratory, Ashtyn Porter in poetry, Kaitlyn Nolan in original oratory, and Carlie Lewin in original oratory. Overall II - Joellen Beitz in Prose, Carter Klaren in acting, and Noah DeVore in improvisation.

District Results:

Students who competed at state earned a division I rating at district contest. Division II - Brock Trenkamp in improvisation, Shea Burcham in spontaneous speaking, Ashtyn Porter in public address, Dannie Burkle in radio news announcing, Mianna Gosche in literary program, Josie Teymer in literary program, and Morgan Krumviede in poetry.

The All-State contest will be held on Monday, March 28 at the University of Northern Iowa. Congratulations to all on a great season!

Athletes commit to collegiate programs

Leah Ries will attend Upper Iowa University and cheer and run track. She's pictured with Coach Teymer and Coach Dunlap.



Cy Huber will run track at Buena Vista University. Included in the photo are Coach Dever and Coach Meehan.



AJ Ambundo will continue his football career at Coe College. Coach Arnold is pictured with him.



Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

Those taking Intro to Lit may recall our viewing earlier this month of the classic Dr. Seuss book, *Oh the Places You'll Go*. As I watched the illustrations from the book fill the screen, a particular sight caught my eye. A collection of hot air balloons filled the screen to display a race of sorts. Each flier tested the difficult terrain, tackling a world most of us are unfamiliar with.



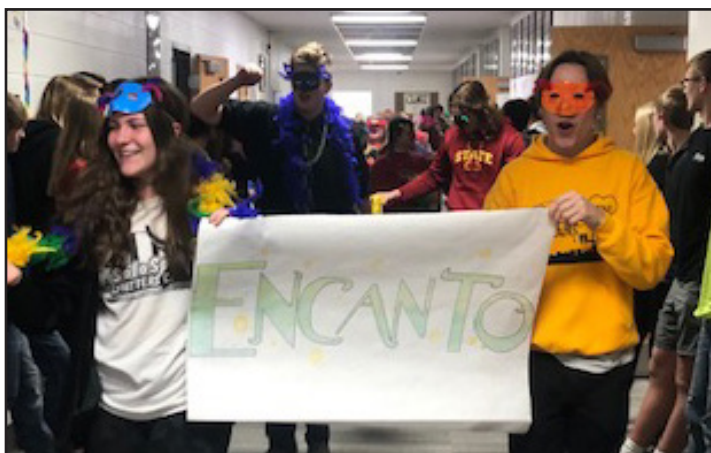
Each year at the start of October, hundreds of thousands gather in central New Mexico to watch the launching of hot air balloons in what is known as the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Over 500 balloons take to the sky, creating an image of grandeur I'm sure cannot be properly encapsulated by photos. Hundreds of people with hundreds of lives aboard massive vessels, lightly gliding at elevations among the thousands of feet. The earth becomes a distant memory to the aeronaut.

Hot air balloons have almost a childlike sense of mystery about them—at least, to me, a person who has never been aboard one. They exist in a part of my mind that struggles to grip the idea altogether. Of course, how could I blame myself; objectively, the idea seems almost ludicrous: people entering a giant basket attached to a huge balloon, in which they are able to drift to the clouds. It really is the makings of a children's book.

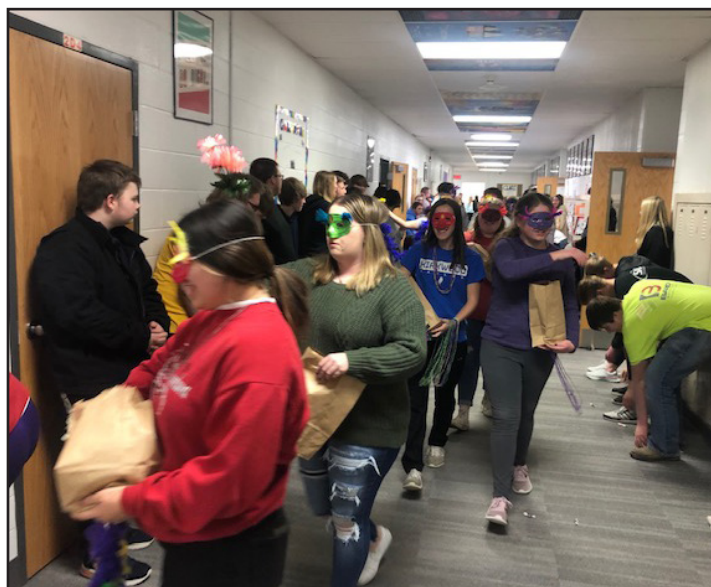
But perhaps that's the beauty of a hot air balloon. What seems impossible, what appears to be wildly far from reality, is simply not. Hot air balloons are because they can be, not because they should or need to be. They simultaneously represent freedom and amusement. They are an escape not only from the ground, but from obligations and worries. Even if just for a short time, hot air balloons are surrounded by an air of peace, serenity, and vigilance. They command patience.

As we enter spring, a time of transformation, consider the ways that you may be embarking on a new journey. Prepare your balloon for flight, as big changes could be coming your way. And to my fellow seniors: I can't wait to see where our balloons will take us.

Recent excitement in various activities at MV



The Spanish IV class, donned in masks and tossing treats and trinkets, hosted a Carnival parade in honor of the start of Lent. Other Spanish classes also studied the holiday and customs.



The choir hosted its annual MV's Got Talent fundraiser Feb. 25. The event featured solo and ensemble performances.

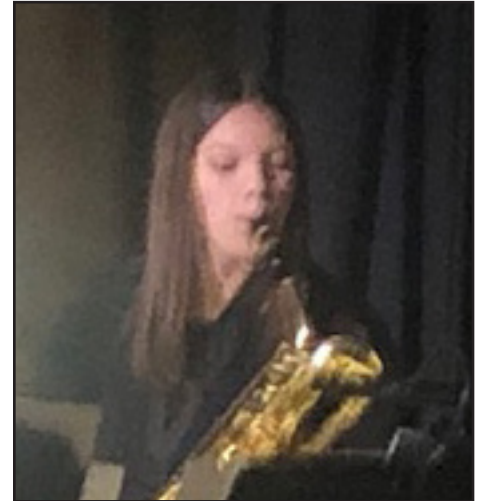


Above: The instrumental department held its annual Parade of Bands concert May 8. Students in the grades 5-12 bands performed as well as the jazz band.

Right: At the end of February, the FFA culminated National FFA Week by hosting the Ag Olympics with fun and games for all. The sophomore class was the overall champion.



Night of Jazz: Let the music sizzle



The jazz band, vocal jazz group Smooth Harmony, and a few ensembles brought some sunshine on a rainy night last Friday night at Night of Jazz. Above: Bari sax player Emma Richter solos. Below: Kaitlyn Nolan takes the lead while Jesús Rumbo sings bass.



On the court one more time for seniors



Seniors Kylie Chesnut and Landen Deutmeyer joined other top senior basketball players from the Tri-Rivers West division to defeat the East division this past Sunday in Springville.

Sports Connection

Senior leadership and experience guide team

Seniors on the boys track team include, front row from left: Preston Roling, Michael Schaul, Cy Huber, Nolan Ries and Michael Van Meter; second row: Domarius Strickland, Lane Domeyer, Brock Trenkamp, Devin Smith and AJ Ambundo.



The 2022 Boys Track and Field team has 20 members made up of 10 seniors, 1 junior, 3 sophomores, and 6 freshmen. Nine letter winners return to make up a solid nucleus. They are seniors AJ Ambundo, Cy Huber, Nolan Ries, Preston Roling, Michael Schaul, Devin Smith, Domarius Strickland and Brock Trenkamp. Sophomore Devin Meeks is the remaining returning letter winner.

The strength of the team lies in the distance events and throwing events. Sprint events will make a major contribution. A hurdle corps is being developed along with an emphasis placed on finding jumpers for the high jump and long jump.

Returning in tact is the 4 x 400 Relay of Huber, Ambundo, Ries and Schaul that placed second at state. Last years 4 x 800 Relay returns three athletes from last year's seventh place state finish. They are Huber, Ries and Schaul. The remaining place will be filled by sophomore George Livingston or freshmen Arion Rave and Matthew Schaul. All three were members of this years State Cross Country team that placed second in Class 1A. Huber, Ries, and Michael Schaul were also members of that team. Huber was a state placewinner in the 400 Meter Dash last year. Ries was

state qualifier in the 3200 Meter Run, along with Huber and Schaul in the 800 Meter Run.

Seniors Michael Van Meter and Lane Domeyer joined the team for the first time this year.

The sprint delegation is headed by AJ Ambundo. Senior Domarius Strickland along with sophomores Devin Meeks and Lance McShane look to make significant contributions. Newcomers Lane Domeyer and Brayden Bjorkgren are working to find a place to contribute. They will add depth to the sprint group. Senior Preston Roling will help in the sprint relays along with putting the shot.

Junior Carter Klaren heads the hurdlers. It is a young group made up of mostly underclassmen. They are freshmen TJ Cook, Logan Clemen and Tate Intorf. Sophomore Lane McShane is also part of this group.

The Wildcats are coached by Pat Meehan, Curt Feldt, and Jason Helle. Favored to win the Tri-Rivers Conference is Lisbon. Last year the Wildcat boys finished second to Lisbon. Spirits run high because the feeling this year is that we are better than last. GO WILDCATS!!!

—Coach Meehan

Golf teams sees new faces

The girls golf team is under the helm of Mr. Andrews, who has been with the golf program for the past eight years. Along with his experience come senior Mianna Gosche and junior Kaela Clemen, who finished ninth at the conference meet last year.



Other newcomers include sophomores Kaya Knipper and Cece Trenkamp and freshmen Ella Wulfekuhle, Emily Hogan, Isabella Mensen and Alissa Bush.

“The main strength of this year's team is having two letter winners coming back to help lead the way with the number of new faces we have in the program,” stated Coach Andrews. “With so many first time golfers it will be fun to see them progress as the year unfolds.”

Coach Andrews added that it will be a fun and interesting year to see how everything plays out. “There were some talented golfers who graduated within the conference last year so it will be fun to see who takes the reins this year. We are very excited to get to work and see how much progress we can make before May.”

The boys team will be led by Mr. Arnold who will make his inaugural golf coaching debut this spring. Sophomores Jake Gellersen and Tate Monk return with some experience on the links.

Other golfers include sophomores Parker Ries and Brady Hogan and freshmen Tyler Mineart, Logan Beaman, Robert Brown, Eli Maples, Nicholas Otting and Sebastian Charles.

Coach Arnold stated that depth and experience will be the biggest hurdle to overcome for this team. “Jake Gellersen has the potential to be a state participant and hopefully the rest of the team will follow in terms of maximizing their abilities and improving throughout the year.”

Girls track team led by experience

The girls track team brings back some experienced athletes as well as coaches. Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Helle are back to direct this crew that has 17 returning letterwinners.

Seniors Amaya Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, Emma Richter and Leah Ries, juniors McKenna Thompson, Erin Knipper and Saige Hunt and sophomore Lily Huber have all competed at the state track meet. Seniors Emma Doyle, Kendra Hillers, Paige Winter and Jordan Hogan bring years of track experience to help top newcomers Grace Rowan, Livia Hermanson, Addie Hucker, Allison Hogan and Isabel Imler. The team also includes several freshmen.

"For the first time in a number of years, we have a good-sized group of young distance athletes who will help us compete in the longer races," stated Coach Dunlap. "We always seem to get a good group of sprinters, and this season will not be any different. We have a lot of experience at the sprints and mid-distance events and should have a lot of success. We have



Seniors on the girls track team are, front row from left: Jordan Hogan, Leah Ries, Amaya Hunt and Emma Doyle; second row: Emma Richter, Paige Winter and Kylie Chesnut.

most if not all the athletes back in a variety of relays so we should start the season with some nice time. We also have some older experienced athletes throwing for us. This is a team that can get a lot of points and maybe even win some meets if they stay healthy and continue to grow and work

hard."

Coach Dunlap noted that the one concern he has for this team is with the jumping and hurdle events. "We have a lot of ground to make up in those events with only a few experienced girls."

Basketball honors presented at recent awards nights



Some of the team awards presented at the boys basketball awards night included:

Brock Trenkamp, Mr. Hustle Award

Tate Intorf: Most Improved

Avery Holtz: Offensive Player of the Year, Leadership Award

Lance McShane: Defensive Player of the Year; JV Player of the Year

Kody Hoeger: Offensive Player of the Year



At the girls basketball honors night, the following accomplishments and awards were presented:

Team award: Distinguished in Academic Achievement Award-3.82 average GPA

Kylie Chesnut: Academic All-District

Paige Winter and Kylie Chesnut: Academic All State

Paige Winter: E. Wayne Cooley "You Can" award--determined athlete with character

Kylie Chesnut: Team First Award--Hard word and being a great teammate

Kennedy Rausch: Digs Award--for someone who works through adversity and still contributes to their team

Carissa Sabers: Heartbeat Award--Team member who goes the extra mile and always plays hard

Name: Ashtyn Porter
What event are you in for speech? I am in Public Address and Poetry

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? The thing I

enjoy most about IE Speech is the contests. There is nothing more exciting than being able to conquer your fears.

What have you learned through this event? I've learned that I'm ready for real life because I won't be able to sit back and hide forever. I was absolutely nervous about memorizing my Public Address speech, but I got through it, and on the day of the contest, I gave it my all, and the judge loved it!

What other event would you like to try and why? I would love to try Literary Program because it combines my favorite categories, poetry and prose.

How will speech help you in the future? As a Freshman, I was terrified of speech, but my dad forced me to go out. He always told me that speech helped him branch out and talk in front of crowds. I hated the idea, but now, as a senior, I'm sad that this will be my last year. I genuinely love IE speech, and my dad was right; speech helped me express myself, and I will never forget all of the great memories I've created.



Fine Artists of the Week

In the future, I hope that speech helps me to expand my comfort zone to be more comfortable with public speaking.

Name: Cadence Freiburger
What event are you in for speech? Original Oratory.

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? I enjoy having a reason to write about a topic that is important to me and being able to share my thoughts with other people.

What have you learned through this event?

I've learned a lot about the topic that I'm writing about-- gender stereotypes-- but I've also learned a lot about social skills. Through being involved with individual speech, I'm learning how to become a more confident speaker, which will help me in the future. Speech is also teaching me to become a more open person where I don't keep everything that I find important closed off.

What other event would you like to try and why? If I could try any other event for individual speech, I would want to try poetry or prose. Many important things are said in all of the events for speech, but I think poetry and prose are the most interesting ways to go about proving a point. It's cool how poetry or prose can explain something without actually going out and saying what they're trying to describe.

How will speech help you in the future? Because I've been pushed out of my comfort zone into individual speech now, in the future I will have strategies to calm myself down in times of stress or worry. Beyond that, though, speech is helping me to become a more confident person, and it will help me convey my points more clearly and persuasively in the future.



Name: Adrienne Freiburger
What event are you in for speech? Reviewing

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? I enjoy having the opportunity to travel to other schools and watch performances of my classmates and others.

What have you learned through this event? I have learned that although public speaking is difficult for me, with practice I can be successful.

What other event would you like to try and why? I think that I would enjoy prose or poetry because it's been something I've been debating trying since Freshman year.

How will speech help you in the future?



Name: Mianna Gosche
What events are you in for speech? I am in acting and literary program.

What do you enjoy most about individual speech? I really love the focus of individual growth, and as a team we cheer each other



on and push each other to do better. I do love to perform, but I enjoy watching the people whom I know perform more. (If you haven't watched Michael Van Meter's prose, Noah DeVore's improv, or George Livingston's spontaneous speaking, you wouldn't understand.)

What have you learned through these events? I learned that as soon as I stand in front of a judge my brain instantly thinks about peeing my pants. I have also learned how to endure stone cold judgment for eight minutes straight, which is terrifying.

What other event would you like to try and why? I really like prose, although my literary program has a prose piece, I'm not really a poem kind of person.

How will speech help you in the future? I think it really allows me to grow and express myself. I learn more about what I like and don't like every time I practice.

Big Games on the Big Stage

by Kaitlyn Nolan

This month has been absolutely crazy with basketball and wrestling beginning to come to a close. Although both Iowa Hawkeye squads are out of the picture, the Cyclones are going strong as the unexpected men's team plays Miami and the strong women's team plays Creighton.

The Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling squad placed third at the NCAA Championships. For gymnastics, both Iowa and Iowa State are preparing for the NCAA Championships.

List of Teams in the Women's Sweet Sixteen as of 3/24:

South Carolina vs. North Carolina
 Iowa State vs. Creighton
 Stanford vs. Maryland
 Ohio State vs. Texas
 Louisville vs. Tennessee
 Michigan vs. South Dakota
 NC State vs. Notre Dame
 Indiana vs. UConn

List of Teams in the Men's Sweet Sixteen as of 3/24:

Iowa State vs. Miami Florida
 Arkansas vs. Gonzaga
 Michigan vs. Villanova
 Texas Tech vs. Duke
 Houston vs. Arizona
 St. Peter's vs. Purdue
 Providence vs. Kansas
 UNC vs. UCLA

Best Buds

Claira Gray & Titi Morgan

By Amaya Hunt

Note: Claira and Titi are cousins.

If you were to spend an entire day together doing your favorite things, what would that look like?

Claira: It would most definitely consist of a Birthday Cake Razzle from The Cone Shoppe, a long drive on gravel roads with our windows down, spending time at the pool or lake, and watching a lot of Netflix.

Tierra: We usually spend our time at The Cone Shoppe in Monticello, but most of the time, we do pretty much anything and everything. Sometimes, it can get a little reckless :)

If you could travel somewhere (anywhere in the world) together, where would you go and why?

Claira: I would, without a doubt, take her to Utah with me. It's my favorite place ever and I would love to be in my favorite place with my favorite person :)

Tierra: I would say Utah because Claira loves it there, but I haven't been yet. I feel



like we could have a lot of fun together there.

What's your favorite quality about the others? And what annoys you the most about them?

Claira: Titi always says what's on her mind and has no filter whatsoever, which always makes me laugh. The thing that annoys me the most about her is that she is too obsessed with Willy Wonka.

Tierra: We both have the same sense of humor, so I would say that's my favorite thing about her. Sometimes, I feel like she's the only person that gets me, too. But on the other hand, something that annoys me about Claira is that she doesn't see how pretty she is. It makes me so mad because she's gorgeous.

If you had to pick one song that reminds you of the others, what would it be?

Claira: The song "You Are My Sunshine" makes me think of Titi automatically because for as long as I can remember, it's been our song. Yet, I will never be able to hear the song "Oompa Loompa" from Willy Wonka without thinking of her, either :)

Tierra: "You Are My Sunshine" because we used to sing this song to each other when we were little and we still do to this day.

What's your favorite memory created together?

Claira: We made a fire TikTok at our 2016 family reunion! You can check it out @clairagray :)

Tierra: I have so many core memories with Claira spending late summer nights in Monticello. We are always there and go for late-night Casey runs to get slushies :)

As always... Where do you see the others in ten years?

Claira: I can see Titi being married with kids that will drive her absolutely insane. She'll probably be brushing people's gross teeth for a living, too.

Tierra: I can see Claira owning about 10 or so dogs and living in Utah. She'll hike tons of mountains and be as reckless as always.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

In 2019, **37%** of US high school students reported lifetime use of marijuana

and **22%** reported use in the past 30 days.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

"Did you know corduroy pillows are in style? They're making headlines."

"Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's okay, he woke up."

"A cheeseburger walks into a bar. The bartender says, 'Sorry, we don't serve food here.'"

"I once got fired from a canned juice company. Apparently I couldn't concentrate."

"I used to play piano by ear. Now I use my hands."

"Have you ever tried to catch a fog? I tried yesterday but I mist."

"I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it."

"Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field."

Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

This cutie lives in Earlville and has blonde hair. As a junior, she is actively involved in volleyball and large group speech. As you may be able to tell from the photo, Halloween is her favorite holiday.



Last week's Cutie was George Livingston.

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

Due to the current weather, I thought that it would be a good idea to talk about something you don't often think about when picking out an outfit: umbrellas.

Umbrellas have been around since 1000 B.C. for Egyptian Emperors. Not only can you use umbrellas for the rain but also for the sun. Just like clothing, different styles of umbrellas come and go like

what's up?

Are there more wheels or doors in the world?

By Paige Winter

Liz McDowell: wheels

Taylor Jones: wheels

Caelyn Sands: doors

Courtney Goedken: doors

Landen Deutmeyer: wheels

Mrs. Palmer: wheels

Jackson Hunter: wheels

Anna Deutmeyer: wheels

Zach Mineart: wheels

Taylor Schmuecker: windows

Kennedy Rausch: wheels 110%

Jena LeGassick: exactly equal

Erin Knipper: wheels

Kaela Clemen: wheels

trends. Personally, my favorite umbrella trend is the clear brolly umbrella. Not only is it protecting me from the rain but it is also super stylish. Not your thing? Don't worry, umbrellas come in almost every color. So the next time the weather rains on your parade don't be upset. Instead, grab your umbrella and open the door.

Carlie Lewin



Activities involved in during high school:

Vocal Jazz, Play, Musical, Solo and Ensemble, Individual Speech, Group Speech, TEL

Which activity affected you the most?

How?

Vocal Jazz has changed the way I view music and hold myself accountable. Mrs. Muller has given me an amazing opportunity to grow as a person.

What is a favorite

elementary/middle school memory? I remember Kaelynn Clark and I would always get in trouble as kids. We were the two amigos.

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

Don't be afraid to try new things. Getting out of your comfort zone will make you grow as a person.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

The academics and the arts. It is truly amazing. I also love that the teachers truly care about the students.

If you could relive any moment in high school what

would it be and why? I would relive playing Princess Fiona for our musical. I absolutely loved my role/music and thrived on the stage. I would also meet Jesús again for the first time. Meeting him was one of the best things to happen to me.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. Mueller because she pushed me to get myself out of my comfort zone and showed me how amazing music can be. I also have to thank the DeVores for pushing me to believe in myself. Without them, I wouldn't have found my passion for acting or my love for speech. Mr. Huegel is another teacher who has been an amazing role model for me. He has taught me critical thinking skills that I will continue to use.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which

one would it be? Any of the songs I sang for Shrek. I worked extremely hard to learn those songs by myself.

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

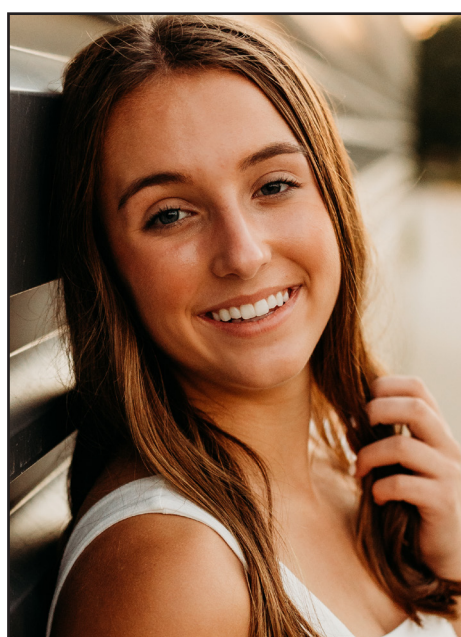
I will be going to Wartburg to sing in their choirs. From there, I will become a high school English teacher and coach musical and speech.

What is your dream job?

An English teacher
What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The right thing to do is not always easy.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Losing all of my friends freshman year has truly shown me how many people care about me. It gave me a chance to grow as a person and be independent. Without that event happening, I wouldn't be the person I am today and I am so grateful for the other people I met at that moment.

Leah Ries



Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball, Dance, Cheer, Track, Softball, T.E.L., Wildcat Echo, Large Group Speech, IGHSAU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, 4-H, and 4-H County Council.

Which activity affected you the most? How? The IGHSAU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Being a part of this committee allows me to use my voice and make a lasting impact on Iowa Girls athletics. I have also met and talked to many incredible people at meetings and state tournaments.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Halloween parties at Earlville. The witch always came on the bus and was around school all day and at the parade. Even though I was fearful of the witch, it's funny looking back now.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? It is important to develop relationships with faculty and other students because you never know where those connections can lead you someday.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the staff here and how caring they are.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive TPing sophomore year. We had so much fun that year running through corn fields and ditches to get away. I would also relive running from the thunderstorm at State Track freshman year even though I thought we were going to get struck by lightning.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? All of the teachers are great here, but Mrs. Temple tops my list. She is so real with her students and always makes sure we are succeeding in and out of the classroom. She makes connections with all of her students and creates a positive environment.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Mood" by 24kGoldn

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Upper Iowa University to major in Life Science with a pre-nursing emphasis and continue my track and cheer careers. After UIU I will transfer to Allen College to get my nursing degree and eventually become a Nurse Practitioner.

What is your dream job? Emergency Room Nurse Practitioner

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I have been fortunate enough to not have to many hardships but I would say leaving my hometown friends for college will be tough.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The Covid-19 Pandemic is the event that has most impacted my life.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope that we talk about when Demar walked onto the court dressed as Willy during the basketball game freshman year.

Tanner DeMoss



Activities involved in during high school:

Football, FFA, wrestling

Which activity affected you the most?

Football. I grew to work as a team and give it your all 100% of the time

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Going to Chestnut Mountain in 7th grade

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Be involved with activities

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers are always willing to help and want to see you succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? My last football game.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mr. Andrews. He was there to help me the whole time I have been at MV.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Humble and Kind."

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am currently undecided with I want to do in the future

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Having to deal with a loved one passing away

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My grandpa had an accident and now has brain damage from it.

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

Jackson Hunter

Activities involved in during high school:

Choir, Golf, Vocal Jazz

Which activity affected you the most?

Choir because it is it's own family. Everyone has the same thing in common and we all build each other up.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Laughing with Wyatt until we cried after looking at a meme.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? First, do not wish your time away. High School comes and goes in the blink of an eye. Second, do not be afraid to open up about questions or concerns you may have. We are grateful to have an amazing staff that cares about the students in every way imaginable. And finally, have a good time. This is the last chance you'll get to be a kid before you start paying your dues to society.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The staff and the community.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive junior year state basketball. I went down to watch multiple teams play and it was the most fun I've had with my friends ever. From trashing a hotel room to awkward experiences at a gas station, it was amazing.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Palmer inspired me the most because she has taught me to think for myself and not fall into a life of conformity. She taught me to question what is being thrown at me. She taught me to be innovative and introduce my ideas to the world. But most importantly, she taught me to be a good person, knowing personality takes you further in life than a degree ever could.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "I'm so Humble" by the Lonely Island

What does your future (college and career) look like? Out of high school, I'm headed to Police Academy to pursue a career in the Iowa State Patrol.

What is your dream job? Iowa State Patrol Officer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Let go of people I didn't want to let go of.

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

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Domarius walking onto the court as Willie with Wildcat and giving AJ a high-five.



Paige Winter



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, Track, TEL, Contest Speech (Group and Individual), Band, Wildcat Echo

Which activity affected you the most? How?

Track because it's something that I always enjoy and look forward to. It's a fun season where I have made a lot of friends and I like going outside after being inside school all winter.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Carving my name and graduation year into the red swirly

slide at the upper playground on my last day of 4th grade at Earlville

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? It's easy to get caught up in the drama of high school. It's easier said than done, but try to stay out of that stuff. It won't matter in the long run and will only make your life more stressful. Try to make good friends and good memories and don't take it too seriously.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I like how MV is small, it's easy to be friends with everyone and have great relationships with the teachers too.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive the Cascade track meet my freshman year. It was terrible weather, super rainy and cold but I had just PRed in discus and it was the first time I ever made finals. I remember feeling super happy and celebrating with Lydia and Mr. Helle.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Dunlap, he's always there to answer my questions and talk me through things, or just talk about anything during study hall. He's a positive person almost all of the time and I think he's a great role model for all the students to look up to. Art classes are my favorite part of the day because it really is a break from the regular school day and a place where I always feel comfortable.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "It's All Good" by Will Smith

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am undecided on where I am going to college and what I am majoring in

What is your dream job? astronaut

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

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Deciding to go out for sports in middle school impacted my life the most because these are places where I have made a ton of close friends and memories. I don't think I would be the same if I had never joined basketball or track.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? At the 5-year reunion we will still talk about the green slide

Kobe Peters



Activities involved in during high school: Wrestling, and speech

Which activity affected you the most? How? Wrestling has taught me grit, perseverance and you only get what you put in since it's an individual sport.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Becoming a starter in football.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Live your life and don't be such a try-hard.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Dollars for Scholars.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Winning the state championship in wrestling as a team at West Delaware.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mr. Carper is a West Delaware teacher who devotes his time to help kids who don't feel included get in groups and clubs with other kids.

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? I want to major in business and hopefully become a pharmaceutical representative.

What is your dream job? To eventually become a pharmaceutical representative.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Committing to lifting every single morning for 6 days a week.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Covid from its impact in life all together

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Winning state at West Delaware.