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MV Drama presents: CLUE: ON STAGE

by Chantel Crowley

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well... dead. So whodunnit?

Join the iconic oddballs known as Wadsworth, Yvette, Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board games, *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

You guessed it: this year's play is *Clue: On Stage*, written by Sandy Rustin. Tickets for the play have been on sale since Thursday, April 28th. You can find them in the office for \$5.00 each. The play will be performed on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7 at 7PM.

Here's the cast list so you may have a "clue" about who you're watching!

Wadsworth: Noah DeVore

Yvette: Kaitlyn Nolan

Cook: Keziah Ambundo

Mr. Boddy: Michael Van Meter

Colonel Mustard: Brock Trenkamp

Mrs. White: Carlie Lewin

Mrs. Peacock: Amanda Mohr

Mr. Green: George Livingston

Professor Plum: Zach Mineart

Miss Scarlet: Josie Teymer

Motorist: Jesús Rumbo

Unexpected Cop: Cadence Freiburger

Singing Telegram Girl: McKenna Thompson

Chief of Police: Devin Smith

Backup Cops: Mianna Gosche, Ashtyn Porter, Kaela Clemen, Joellen Beitz



Above, cast members include George Livingston, Amanda Mohr, Carlie Lewin, Noah DeVore, Kaitlyn Nolan, Josie Teymer, Zach Mineart and Brock Trenkamp. Left: Other members of the cast are Jesús Rumbo, McKenna Thompson, Michael Van Meter, Keziah Ambundo and Cadence Freiburger.

Left: Chief of Police Devin Smith poses with backup cops Mianna Gosche, Ashtyn Porter, Kaela Clemen and Joellen Beitz. (photos by Jenn Teymer)

It's all glimmer and glam for prom night



Delhi took on a Hollywood Nights look last Saturday night at prom. Kylie Chesnut and Lane Domeyer were crowned prom queen and king.



MV Market to be held Wednesday

Come out to the Delhi City Park Wednesday and see what our CTE departments have to offer. What a great way to support our students. You'll find items on sale from the Ag Department, Family Consumers Science, Business and Marketing and Industrial Arts.



Girls face tough competition, rise to the occasion

by Chantel Crowley

While the weather has canceled some meets for the girls, they are finding moments to show their improvement with many personal records being set.

Last week, on Thursday, April 21st, the girls traveled to West Delaware for another track meet. Coach Dunlap left us with some positive comments. "The West Delaware Meet is a very large one with a bunch of bigger schools that are loaded with talent. If we just looked at the scoring the Maquoketa Valley Girls would look like they struggled. But if we look at times performed they did very well at this meet. Although we didn't score a lot of team points, we had a lot of PRs.

"Some of the bright spots individually were once again in our field events," stated Coach Dunlap. Both Julia Ambundo and Jordan Hogan had PRs in the high jump both going 4'-4". Erin Knipper also PRd in the shot put throwing 37'. This placed her 5th overall. Maddy Kemp PRd in the discus.

"Lily Huber ran well and had a season PR in the 100m dash placing 5th with a time of 13.69. We had some excellent 1500m runs out of Emma Doyl running a 5:59.37 and Isabel Imler running a 5:52.12, both season PRs.

"In particular, our relays really performed well, giving us some nice times. Our 4x200 (Amaya Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, Emma Richter and Lily Huber) ran a great race dropping more than three second from their previous time with a season PR of 1:54.74. Our 4x400m (Lili Bauers, Saige Hunt, McKenna Thompson and Amaya Hunt) also dropped a bunch of time running a 4:30.91. The Sprint Medley (Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Emma Doyl and Amaya Hunt) placed 6th and also PRd running



Senior Caelyn Sands competes in the shuttle hurdle relay Tuesday in Anamosa. The team finished fifth. (photo by Pete Temple)

a 1:75.24. We also had our first Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Kendra Hillers, McKenna Thompson, Caelyn Sands and Leah Ries) of the season running a 1:19.58. It was a great starting point for them. The race that impressed me the most was the Distance Medley (Izzy Heffernan, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson and Isabel Imler). Placing 6th, these girls all ran really well and had a big PR dropping more than seven seconds."

With that being said, here are the athletes who scored:

100M Dash: Lily Huber, 13.81, 5th
800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Emma Doyl, Amaya Hunt; 2:00.15, 6th
Distance Medley: Izabella Heffernan, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson, Isabel Imler; 4:55.99, 6th
Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 36-05.25, 5th
Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp, 91-03, 5th

Their next meet was at Anamosa on Monday, April 25th. The girls scored 6th overall, with 67 points.

Scoring athletes:

100M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 14.10, 2nd
400M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 1:01.99, 1st
100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 16.87, 2nd
Discus: Maddyx Kemp, 98-08, 4th; Paige Winter, 97-09, 5th
Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 38-05.00, 1st; Maddyx Kemp, 31-0.500, 6th
4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Kylie Chesnut, Izabella Heffernan, McKenna Thompson, 53.89, 3rd
4x200M Relay: Izabella Heffernan, Kylie Chesnut, Emma Richter, Lily Huber, 1:55.35, 5th
4x400M Relay: Emma Doyl, Saige Hunt, Lili Bauers, Amaya Hunt. 4:34.45, 8th
400M Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Kendra Hillers, McKenna Thompson, Caelyn Sands, Leah Ries, 1:17.45, 5th
800-Sprint Medley Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Amaya Hunt, Emma Doyl, 2:03.61, 7th
1600-Distance Medley Relay: Izabella Heffernan, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson, Isabel Imler, 4:58.60, 8th

Golfers hit the links with conference opponents

by Toby Grimm

On the 11th of April, the Boys and Girls Golf Team took on the Wildcats of Central City at Hart Ridge Golf Course. For the overall meet, Brylea Brooks (49) and Bretlyn Decker (49) took the top two places. The MV Girls had a full team and ended with a final score of 275, led by Kaela Clemen who shot a 60, Mianna Gosche had a 64, Cece Trenkamp shot a 75, Alissa Bush scored a 76, and Isabella Mensen shot a 78.

On the boys side, the team shot a combined 222, led by Braden Hogan (51), followed by Jake Gellersen (52), Parker Ries (59), Rowan James (60), and Tyler Mineart (66). The top spots were taken by Braden Hogan and Jake Gellersen as the team triumphed over Central City by a final score of 222-248. Coach Andrews states, "It was a great night to get a lot of our golfers in-meet experience. We had three girls making varsity debuts and several boys competing that don't have a lot of

meet experience. Moving forward we look forward to continued personal records and lower team scores."

On Tuesday, April 19 the golf teams traveled to Hart Ridge Golf Course to take on the Ed-Co Vikings. For the boys, only two golfed. Jake Gellersen shot a 56 and Braden Hogan a 58. The overall, first and second places were Vikings Jack Wiskus (38) and Aaron Kloser (46)

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Field events, open events, relays all contribute

by Leah Ries

A break in the rain provided some opportunities for the Wildcats to shine.

Last Thursday the Maquoketa Valley Boys track and field team traveled to Dean Nelson Field in Monticello to compete. The team placed in the middle of the pack in fourth place out of eight. Coach Meehan commented on the meet, "Our place was not indicative of how we would of performed. We failed to finish the 1600 Medley due to an injury to our lead off man. We had our best entered in the relay and anticipated a first place finish. The 4 X 400 won going away while running a season's best 3:30+ but was disqualified due to interference at the 3-4 exchange. Hopefully bad luck is past us now."

Point Contributors:

Shot Put - Brock Trenkamp, second, 47-11

Discus - Brock Trenkamp, first, 145-11

Devin Smith, sixth, 121-02

100M - Domarius Strickland, fourth, 12.07

800M - Matthew Schaul, fifth, 2:14.38

1600M - George Livingston, third, 5:09.63

110M Hurdles - TJ Cook, fifth, 18.45

400M Hurdles - TJ Cook, fourth, 1:00.57

4x100 - AJ Ambundo, Lance McShane, Preston Roling, Cook, fifth, 46.81

4x200 - Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf, Roling, Strickland, third, 1:40.96

4x800 - Nolan Ries, Matthew Schaul, Livingston, Arion Rave, second, 9:03.89

800 Sprint Medley - Ambundo, McShane, Michael Schaul, Cy Huber, first, 1:36.79

Shuttle Hurdle - Klaren, Intorf, McShane, Cook, fourth, 1:11.69

On Tuesday night the team continued to improve as they placed fifth out of eleven teams with 80 points at Anamosa.

Point Contributors:

Shot Put - Brock Trenkamp, second, 46-08

Devin Smith, fourth, 44-06

Discus - Brock Trenkamp, first, 154-05

100M - Domarius Strickland, seventh, 12.27

200M - Cy Huber, fourth, 23.70

Michael Schaul, 24.00

800M - Nolan Ries, fifth, 2:09.40

1600M - George Livingston, seventh, 5:13.29

3200M - Matthew Schaul, fourth, 10:44.30

George Livingston, fifth,

10:53.40

400M Hurdles - TJ Cook, eighth, 1:01.25

4x100 - Preston Roling, Lance McShane, Cook, Strickland, eighth, 47.16

4x200 - Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf, Arion Rave, Stickland, eighth, 1:41.13

4x400 - Huber, Ries, McShane, Michael Schaul, second, 3:32.16

800 Sprint Medley Relay - Roling, McShane, Michael Schaul, Huber, first, 1:36.85

1600 Distance Medley Relay - Roling, Ries, Michael Schaul, Huber, first, 3:44.65

The team competed at Cascade last night. Results will be in next week's issue.

Sophomore TJ Cook clears a hurdle at the Monticello meet last week.

Golf, continued

On the girls side, Kaela Clemen led the chase with a 58, followed by Kaya Knipper who shot a 60, Mianna Gosche shot a 66, and Alissa Bush and Isabella Mensen both had a 74. The top spots were taken by Vikings Brianna Van Groll (53) and Kenzie Barnhart (54) of Ed-Co. Although the girls lost, they did improve their team score by over 15 from the last meet. Coach Andrews says, "Tonight was a good meet to see where we were at as golf teams. We learned a lot about what we need to work on for both the boys and girls. Hopefully the weather keeps getting better for us so we can continue to put in the work outside."

On Friday April, 22 the Maquoketa Valley Girls and Boys Golf teams went to Hart Ridge once again to take on the Pirates of Alburnett. The girls team was led by Kaela Clemen (51) and Kaya Knipper (56). Isabella Mensen shot a 74 and Alissa Bush with a 77. The podium spots were filled by Sammy Ahrendson (46) and Kaela Clemen (51).

The boys team was led by Jake Gellersen who PR'ed and won it all shooting a 44. Tate Monk shot a 53 followed by Rowan James (54), Braden Hogan (57), and Parker Ries (61). Jake Gellersen took home first with a 44 followed by Aidan McGraw (49).

On Tuesday Night the team trav-



eled all the way to Preston, to compete against very good Easton Valley RiverHawks squads. The girls were led by Kaya Knipper who shot a 54 and Kaela Clemen shot a 57. Mianna Gosche and Isabella Mensen both had a 66 and Alissa Bush scored a 73. RiverHawks Addie Farrell (48) and Kaitlyn Kuhl (50) had the top two places in the meet.

On the boys side, EV students Ethan Farrell (36) came in first and Conor Gruver (42) was second. The MV boys team was led by Tate Monk who shot a 55 and Jake Gellersen (56). Rowan James shot a 58, Braden Hogan (62), and Parker Ries (67). Coach Andrews stated, "Tonight's meet was a tough one for us as it was everyone's first time golfing at it. The wind was brisk and not knowing the hole locations made it difficult. This was a good experience for us as we move toward post-season play and the importance of knowing the course."

The Girls team had a meet last night at the Amana Colonies Golf Course against Clear Creek Amana. The stats for that will be in the next Echo.

Tonight both teams travel to the Buffalo Creek Golf Course to compete against the East Buchanan Buccaneers. The stats for those games will also be in the next article.

Student of the Week

Carissa Sabers & Avery Krapfl



You recently helped behind the scenes with a junior high track meet with the scoring and ribbons and medals. What did you enjoy most about helping with the meet?

Carissa: What I enjoyed most about helping with the meet is seeing how our small community comes together in order to support the youth and future of our high school. The free Mr. Rib and Sprite weren't too bad either.

Avery: I liked learning something new and it always feels good to help the community out.

What skills did it take to do a good job with the scoring and award assembling?

Carissa: You definitely had to be organized and good at communicating. Avery and I triple checked each other to make sure we were doing everything right and keeping up with the scores. Mr. O. was also there for us if we had any questions.

Avery: Teamwork and we had to listen closely to Mr. Arnold and his directions.

You've had a great athletic career at MV. Who are some of the behind-the-scenes people you'd like to give a shout out to?

Carissa: Mr. Arnold is definitely the person who's helped me the most because he is there for all of the athletes no matter what season it is or how good or bad you think you are. Also my mom and family for being my biggest supporters.

Avery: Morgan Nefzger, Trevor Arnold, and my close friends on the team.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Amanda Mohr

What is your role in the spring play?

I am Mrs. Peacock.

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

I enjoy how much fun we are able to have on stage and all of the funny moments that happen in the show and during practice - like when Zach and Josie were dancing together. :)

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

The audience will love the comedic elements that we have been adding to the show, as well as the subtle, sarcastic lines throughout.

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

I would say any Marvel show just because I love them!

Name: Josie Teymer

What is your role in the spring play?

I play Miss Scarlet.

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

Going to play practice is my favorite part of my day. I adore everyone there and we all get along very well. The lines we say never get old and I continue to laugh at the same lines every night.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

The play is self really funny and in my opinion, it is cast perfectly. Everyone has done an amazing job of bringing their character to life and making it their own.

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

Buff the Vampire Slayer



Athletes of the Week

Name: Jake Gellersen

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part of golf is hitting balls on the range with friends.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

I would say that inconsistency while hitting is the most frustrating.

How long have you played?

I have played since the 8th grade.

Who's your golf role model?

Phil Mickelson

Name: Carter Klaren

What do you enjoy most about track?

It's a fun atmosphere. Everyone is cheering for our teammates when they are not competing.

What do you think your best event will be?

Individually, the 400M Hurdles

What life lessons have you learned through track?

You won't always be good at everything. You just have to find what you are good at and try to excel at it.

What's the hardest part of practice?

The last run of a bigger workout.

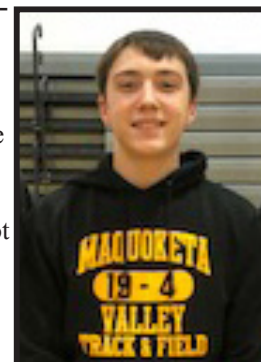
Who is your track role model?

Grant Holloway

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Some reasons that teens use alcohol and other drugs are: **curiosity. to feel good, reduce stress, and relax. to fit in.**



Best Buds



Sami DeMoss & Kaitlyn Nolan
by Amaya Hunt

How long have you two known each other? Were you close when you were younger?

Sami: I moved to MV in seventh grade, but we didn't like each other in middle school. We really became close friends when volleyball season came around, though.

Kaitlyn: She moved to MV from West Delaware in middle school, but we never liked each other until last year when volleyball season started.

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

Sami: Going out to eat, watching our favorite movies like *Scooby Doo* and *The Heat*. Oh, and watching TikToks, of course!

Kaitlyn: It would definitely be spent watching movies (*The Heat*, of course), shopping, and going to Dairy Queen!

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

Sami: Vegas, baby! It just seems like the type of place Kaitlyn and I would go to have the most fun. But of course, what would happen in Vegas would stay in Vegas :)

Kaitlyn: Las Vegas! Sami would be living her best life, and we all know what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

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

Sami: My favorite quality about her is how passionate she is in school, and her humor. It annoys me that she thinks a 96% is a bad grade, though.

Kaitlyn: No matter what, she's always fun to be around and (tries) to be positive about everything. On the other hand, I don't like that she doesn't give herself enough credit when it comes to school.

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

Sami: "Starships" by Nicki Minaj.

Kaitlyn: "T.G.I.F." by Katy Perry.

What's your favorite memory created together?

Sami: Last year, we used to sit in each other's cars for 30 minutes every Wednesday and talk about anything and everything. That's how we got so close, I believe.

Kaitlyn: I loved it when we had a break-fast date at Sunset—it was so funny because Sami literally had Covid. My favorite memory is either that, or when we went shopping in Dubuque with Keira and had a great time messing around with the workers at Chick-Fil-A.

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

Sami: In 10 years, I see Kaitlyn still living in Iowa working as a history teacher. She'll have a dog and a good husband, and she'll travel around the world on vacations because she'll be rich. We'll meet up on weekends to dance and sing somewhere :)

Kaitlyn: I know Sami plans to attend Kirkwood, but I'm not sure for what. In ten years, she'll probably still be a party animal who loves to spend her weekends dancing. Marriage wise... we'll see ;)

Autism in April: Acceptance rather than awareness

by Matthew Brehm

[Preface: Upon further research of this topic, I have discovered that it is preferred that the month of April each year is now referred to as Autism Acceptance Month, rather than the previous title of Autism Awareness Month. This change is brought on in response to the autism community's lack of support in a variety of areas, such as much-needed learning facilities, health-care, accessible housing, and far too many more. The updated terminology has been introduced in hopes of helping to integrate individuals with autism into the larger neurotypical society, and stressing an environment of acceptance rather than awareness will, with any luck, give rise to greater amounts of much-needed support for the community.]

To any who may yet be unaware, April has been Autism Acceptance Month, a month dedicated to visibility, support,

fundraising, and increasing awareness of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. With that in mind, I think it important that light be shed on the subject.

So what, exactly, is autism? This question has many answers, so I will address some of the most important information for understanding this disorder. First, the reason autism is considered to be on a spectrum is that each individual places on a broad scale of 1-3, representing the continuum between high-functioning to low-functioning autism. A high-functioning individual generally has little issue with operating independently in the world, while a low-functioning individual will likely require assistance with daily activities. How-



ever, the criteria for what is considered "high-functioning" and "low-functioning" is not clearly defined. While some may be nonverbal or have trouble making eye contact, they may excel in many other areas of cognitive ability.

It is not uncommon for individuals with autism to be highly sensitive to their environments, have decreased attention spans, be less aware of social nuances, and have a variety of other relative disadvantages. For this reason, it is important that the neurotypical population shows solidarity with these individuals and works to understand their struggles. For more information, you can check out www.autismspeaks.org or www.autismsociety.org, both of which are organizations dedicated to providing assistance for those in the autism community as well as informing the greater neurotypical population. Please give these sites a visit!

what's up?

Would you rather have people be able to see all of your thoughts all day, or see your entire internet search history?

by Paige Winter

Nolan Ries: search history
Kendra Hillers: search history
Leah Ries: search history
Michael Schaul: search history
Lane Domeyer: search history
Kaela Clemen: search history
McKenna Thompson: thoughts
Ella Mensen: search history
Avery Holtz: search history
Brianna Fischer: search history
Emilee Supple: search history
Kobe Peters: thoughts
Zach Mineart: thoughts
Kennedy Rausch: search history

- Remember to turn in your Wildcat Star Service logs to Mrs. Temple. She emailed a new copy to you to start your hours for next year.

Comedy Corner

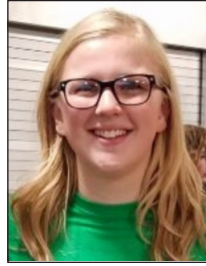
—compiled by Paige Winter

How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.
Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.
Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because he always has a great fall.
Where do hamburgers take their sweethearts on Valentine's Day to dance? The Meat Ball!
What time does a duck wake up? The quack of dawn.
Some people eat snails. They must not like fast food.

Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

With April being Autism Awareness month, I have decided to ask some high schoolers a few trivia questions on the topic.



1. About how many people with autism are also affected by ADHD (percentage-wise)?

AJ Ambundo: 85%
Erin Knipper: 40%
Chantel Crowley: 62%
Jada Knipper: 45%
Answer: 30%-61%

2. Out of every three people with autism, how many have epilepsy?

AJ: 1 out of 3
Erin: 1 out of 3
Chantel: 2 out of 3
Jada: 2 out of 3
Answer: 1 out of 3

3. If someone's older sibling has autism, what are the chances that they also have autism? (percentage)

AJ: 35%
Erin: there's a low chance, but it's still possible
Chantel: 32%
Jada: 35%
Answer: 2%-18%

Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

This cutie lives near Delhi and has blonde hair. At school, she is involved in FFA, and at home, she owns her own cows. This cutie is a junior.

Last week's Cutie was Livia Hermanson.



Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

As I stepped onto the cool stones, I felt the intense glow of an August moon at 22:00. Fully filled, its gaze fixated not only on me, but on the subtle flow of a river rested.



Dark as it was, the moon saw nothing but itself, shimmering among the eddies, rapids, ripples. Crouching down to be closer, it felt in that moment that there were just the three of us.

Something I enjoyed last summer was visiting the Manchester Whitewater Park on warm nights after the sun had set. Upon arrival, I might have spent time reading, offering occasional glances to the water before me, but I eventually walked out to meet it. I saw the stones join the sand, and the sand join the stream. Reflections from all directions bounced off the darkness until I saw my own.

I hope that I am not alone in professing that mirrors are truly fascinating. How interesting it is that they can be found in many things, from the glass of our phone screens to the glossy metal of a spoon. Only when I stop and look around the room I'm in do I realize how many surfaces are reflecting their surroundings.

However, these reflections are not so easily spotted in nature. Neither do the trees nor soil show us who we are. Though there may well be others of which I am unaware, water in its various forms seems to be the only natural substance that acts as a mirror.

Perhaps there is a reason for this. Mirrors have the ability to make us notice ourselves. Suddenly, we've gained access to a third dimension of observation when we can meet our own eyes. Though there are certainly trick mirrors, many times, the reflections we see are accurate. They can be frightening, as we notice things about ourselves that we never before took the time to realize. A true mirror points out the flaws, insecurities, and minor inconsistencies that define us.

Perhaps that is why we have man-made mirrors everywhere: we are consumed with ourselves. Or, maybe it's that we are searching for the truth — to get a grip on reality from outside of our perspectives.

Though it can be tempting to fixate on them, don't be afraid to turn away from the mirrors. Often, it is in nature's absence of reflectors that we discover the rest of the world's beauty.

MacKenzie Hoefer



Activities involved in during high school: speech, track, softball, and TEL

Which activity affected you the most? Track has affected me the most because it taught me how to push myself when I am wanting to give up. Track motivates me still today because of the common skills that you learn and the mindset that you learn.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory from elementary

school is when I was in 4th grade, Mrs. Huber everyday would take a break from schoolwork and do yoga so we could all relax and breathe.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? The advice that I would give the freshman is to make sure that they are organized and you know exactly what you are needing to do and when it needs to be done. I would also say hold yourself accountable and make sure you are asking your teachers for help if you need help because they are more than willing to help you with whatever you need. Other advice I would give to the freshman is don't wish your high school away because it sure flies by.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how Maquoketa Valley has a great staff that is always there for you and that they are willing to help you with whatever you need.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive my senior year back because I have met so many amazing people that I never thought I would ever talk to and I feel like I was willing to talk to teachers and ask teachers for help when I needed it.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Temple is the most inspirational teacher because she is always there for her students if they are struggling or just need someone to talk to. Mrs. Temple always greets her students everyday as they come in and she asks them how they are doing and she just makes sure that they are having a good day or if they aren't she would love to sit down and have a conversation to see what she can do to make it better.

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 (college and career) look like? I am planning on attending Northeast Iowa Community College, I am majoring in Business Administration

What is your dream job? My dream job would be something in marketing or accounting

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I had to do was run 2 miles on a track. I told myself I can't do it and looking back at it I am happy with how it turned out. I shouldn't judge something until I try it.

Preston Roling



Activities involved in during high school: Four years of baseball; Four years of track and field; Three years of speech large/IE; One year of football; Two years of cross country
Which activity affected you the most? How? I would have to say every sport I was a part of affected me; however, if I had to pick I would say baseball because of the positive atmosphere around the team and memories made

over the last four years.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Recess freeze tag

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? The more hot glue the better in Mrs. Belser's

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers and the time they take to help students

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Beating North Linn In baseball my junior year season in the District Championship game.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs because of the real life situations she relates to her class and she is very honest with her class.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Good Riddance" by Green Day

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attending Kirkwood Community College for a year or two then transferring to a 4 year

What is your dream job? Becoming a lawyer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Running Cross Country my first two years of high school

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My father passing

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Demar running on the court during basketball

Cy Huber



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country (4 years) Track and Field (4 years)
Which activity affected you the most? How? Cross country affected me the most. I learned that you couldn't just go out and expect to be good at running longer distances as you needed a base to become better. Becoming independent and learning to train by myself was another lesson that cross country taught me because I wanted to push myself to become better each year which required mileage in the summer-time. Discipline and patience was learned from races as you had to

conserve energy and know when to push the pace to get a better placement/time. By far the most impactful part wasn't the running itself, but the people who were there with me. Doing things together as a team was the best part and I have developed deep relationships with teammates over the years. I feel confident that the future of the cross country team is in good hands and that the underclassmen will pass our teachings and legacy down just as we have with those who came before us.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Winning middle school state cross country

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Explore many different pathways both in the classroom and with extra curricular activities. Finding out what you enjoy and what you dislike will help you determine what you want to do in the future.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The amount of college credit classes that you can take both here at the school and online. Teachers and staff genuinely care about the success of the students.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Sophomore year cross country. Our team that year was very close in terms of times which helped us to bond and push each other during races.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs, she is very real with her students and connects real life experiences to her teaching. Her classes taught me valuable life skills that will help me when I go out into the world on my own.

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attend Buena Vista University for history and continue my track and field career. Possibly serve in the Peace Corps in the future.

What is your dream job? Stay at home astronaut

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Doing a triathlon would be one of the hardest. Having to balance training between biking, swimming, and running took a lot of time and effort. The triathlon itself was very intense and was one of the hardest races of my life.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Covid 19 Pandemic

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The Christmas dance during basketball halftime

Michael Schaul



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Field, Baseball, Speech
Which activity affected you the most? Wrestling has affected me the most. This year it was great for me because we had a young team and as a Senior I had to become the leader and I had to create bonds with my teammates. Wrestling is also an

extremely hard sport and not everyone can do it. You have to be strong not only physically but mentally to get through the season.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Going to state for wrestling in 4th grade and 6th grade. Also winning middle school state cross country in 7th grade.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get involved and try new things.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Everyone knows each other and everyone likes each other; it's almost like a family.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Beating North Linn in baseball my Junior year in the District championship game.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple, she is always positive. During cross country meets she is obviously there for her son, but when we run by her she is the only person we can hear out of the crowds of people.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Whatever It Takes" by Imagine Dragons

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am attending Mount Mercy University and I will be studying exercise science. I plan to either go into athletic training or physical therapy.

What is your dream job? Becoming an athletic trainer for a college or a professional sports team.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Four years of high school wrestling. Having to cut weight and maintain weight throughout the season is tough. Not only that but you have an entire school day to get through as well.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Getting involved in sports.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Domarius walking onto the court during AJ's free throws.

Liz McDowell



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, volleyball, softball, individual & group speech, musical, and play

Which activity affected you the most? Speech made me a much more outgoing and confident person. It forced me to break out of my shell and was overall always a good time.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My best memory would be playing club volleyball with all my friends. It was so fun and carefree. We have so many memories from tournaments and practices.

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

There is so much more to life than high school. What you think is a big deal is actually not that important. There were so many times that I got in trouble, failed tests, and dealt with drama. At the time it seemed like my life was falling apart, but now I just look back and laugh.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the opportunities that you are given like college credit courses and Dollars for Scholars. These are opportunities that a lot of kids do not have so I am extremely thankful for them.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Our last year of summer basketball for sure. The other seniors and I are so close and we never run out of things to talk about. They will always be so important to me and we have such a tight bond. It was bittersweet but we had a lot of fun goofin' around in the hotel room and I would love to relive those nights.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? A tie between Mrs. Temple and Mrs. DeVore. They are not only amazing teachers but also amazing people. Mrs. Temple always keeps it real and is constantly looking out for you even if you are me and forget to turn in your essay by 8am multiple times. Mrs. DeVore is so passionate about everything in her life and her passion is contagious. She inspires me to live a life that I love and to always be a strong, independent woman.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Pursuit of Happiness" - Kid Cudi

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be going to Iowa State in the fall to study business. I am unsure of what my future will look like or what I want to do, so I am giving myself any opportunities to get out there and figure out what I want.

What is your dream job? I don't know specifically what job, but I do know I want to be able to help others improve their life. Whatever that might mean I just want to know that I'll be leaving an impact on people.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I have had to do has been senior year. A lot has changed in my life since junior year and there has been a lot of adjusting for me. On top of that I am taking 19 college credits this semester and it has been a struggle.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Throughout high school I've had to deal with people who always wanted to bring me down and see me fail. But it has taught me that when people are mean to you it says more about them than it does you.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Our fun times in study hall senior year.

Jordan Hogan



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Basketball manager (boys and girls), Track, Speech

Which activity affected you the most? Cross Country mainly for the fact that I hated running when I started summer running before seventh grade.

The reason I went out was because of my brother, Brenden.

After he left, I really didn't want to go back out. After some convincing, I went back out. I finally allowed myself to think about running for myself instead of everyone else. Each season I fell more and more in love with running and I guess the rest is history.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing a certain card game in fifth and sixth grade. It's probably where I got my swearing problem from.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't regret what you didn't do. Also, don't be afraid to do something by yourself.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the respect between the teachers and students. I've heard stories of students being (insert word) to teachers in bigger schools. I think that is also a part of the small class sizes and being able to have more one on one with teachers

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Running my last Cross Country meet. It was just something special after six years of work.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Even though she was never my teacher, but rather my coach, Mrs. Dever. She put up with my resistance to run for years and taught me a lot of life skills I didn't realize I needed to learn.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? Soundtrack of *Fast and Furious*

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to attend South Dakota State University to major in Architecture. I'm hoping that after I graduate college I'll move out of the Midwest and find work somewhere.

What is your dream job? As of right now, an architect.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? It's a tie between putting down my dog, Jack, down or watching my old house burn down.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Building the house my family lives in now

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Demar going onto the basketball court during a game.

Brock Trenkamp



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Football, Musical, Basketball, Large Group and Individual Speech, Track, Play, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, Spanish, Pep Band, Marching Band, TEL

Which activity affected you the most?

Track and basketball have affected me the most because I learned how to commit a lot of time to the things you love to do for both of them and they helped me to become the hard worker I am now.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? One of my favorite memories in middle school was when Landen Deutmeyer somehow managed to run head first into the metal divider between the hallway doors two different times.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Just do as much stuff as you can while you're in high school. You're not going to get the opportunity to do this stuff after high school so now is the best time to try it. Even if you think you aren't going to have enough time to do everything, trust me, if I could make it work anybody can.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the staff the most. The teachers here are really great people and the best part is that they care about how you are doing. The teachers are working just as hard as you are to make sure you are really understanding and doing well in classes. They also just really care about how you are doing in everyday life and they are truly interested in all your activities you do. Even outside of teachers, the rest of the staff is great too. The lunch ladies are extremely nice and are always working hard to make sure everybody is getting a good lunch and breakfast. Also, I really appreciate the custodial staff because they're always cleaning up after us and they really care about the school and students. Also just wanted to give a shout out to Pete for letting me shoot in the gym after basketball games, even when he's trying to clean up.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would love to relive state track last year. It was such a fun time and I really wish I could go back and throw at Drake again.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Ms. Huber hasn't been here a long time, but she really helped me realize that I wanted to go into a career with music. She really inspires me to try and be as good of a choir teacher as she has been this last year and a half.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? I sing so many songs throughout the school day its kind of hard to think of one to be remembered by, but I'll just pick a fun one and say "Mr. Blue Sky"

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm planning to go to UNI next year for music education. Hopefully in the future I can work at a school similar to Maquoketa Valley.

What is your dream job? My dream job would be some type of professional athlete, something like the NBA or an Olympic thrower.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I haven't had a lot of hard things happen to me in my life up to this point, but one of the hardest things for me is going to be saying goodbye to Maquoketa Valley. I've spent an unfathomable amount of my life in the walls of this school and leaving will be like leaving my second home.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? State track impacted my life. It helped me realize that if I work hard I am able to achieve some great things. It has made me hopeful for not just this year's track season but also for my future. I know now that if I put a lot of time and effort into something I can go far with it.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I'm going to hop on the bandwagon and say the time where Domarius walked onto the basketball court during a game as Willy the Wildcat.

Lane Domeyer



Activities involved in during high school: Group Speech, FFA, Track

Which activity affected you the most?

FFA has opened up a list of different opportunities, I have been able to travel nationally competing in FFA and will travel to Europe this summer to compete internationally.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When we went to school in Hopkinton, we rolled a giant snowball down the hill on the new boy's arm. We pushed and pried until the bell rang, and then we had to get the janitor to move the snowball off of him.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Enjoy the little things, go to the games, and support your peers. Have fun with high school; it doesn't have to be super stressful.

What do you appreciate most about MV? I appreciate the teachers and faculty who push us to be our best every day and are always willing to help us.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive sitting in the student section as the girls played Cascade, at Dubuque Senior. The noise and energy in that student section was unmatched!

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore, She has always pushed me to try new things and be the best me possible. She always has people's best interest in mind and wants the best for everyone.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? 'Humble and Kind' by Tim McGraw

What does your future look like? I plan to attend college and get a degree in Ag Business. I then plan to come home and eventually begin a heifer housing/boarding facility, where I can take care of and prepare show heifers for people.

What is your dream job? Being a professional fitter and traveling the country clipping show cattle.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Being on the road away from my family all summer at different shows was the hardest for me, it was tough missing out on everything at home, and I missed getting to see my family and friends.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Coming into high school. I learned that there was more people to be friends with than just your classmates, and there is so many opportunities out there if you just take advantage of them.

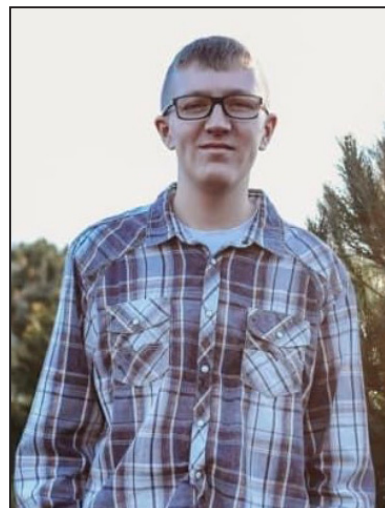
What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When all of my friends told my house freshman year for homecoming, and saw me doing homework in my underwear.



Anthony March



Michael Van Meter



Zach Halvorson



Ryan Endlich



Ben Snyder



Michael Hoeger



Brock Daack



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