

Wildcats compete at solo/ensemble contest

MV musicians competed at the IHSMA solo and ensemble contest held at North Cedar High School last Saturday. Vocalists and instrumentalists performed in front of one judge and received a rating of I-V.

Results include

Instrumental solos:

Kaitlyn Nolan, clarinet, II
Matthew Brehm, alto saxophone, I
McKenna Bush, alto saxophone, II
Michael Van Meter, trombone, I
Noah DeVore, trombone, I
Emma Richter, baritone saxophone, I

Instrumental ensembles:

Clarinet quarter (Amanda Mohr, Kaela Clemen, Joellen Beitz, Kaitlyn Nolan), II
Mixed duet (Kaela Clemen, Logan Clemen), III
Saxophone trio (McKenna Bush, Logan Clemen, Isabella Mensen), II
Saxophone quartet (Matthew Brehm, Jake Gellersen, McKenna Bush, Emma Richter), I

Trombone duet (Michael Van Meter, Noah DeVore), II

Vocal solos:

Keziah Ambundo, I
Julia Ambundo, I
Noah DeVore, I
Jesús Rumbo, I
Brock Trenkamp, I
Chantel Crowley, II
Kaitlyn Nolan, II

Vocal ensembles:

Tenor/bass ensemble (Noah DeVore, Jesús Rumbo, Devin Smith, Sebastian Charles, Domarius Strickland, Noah Ingles, Jackson Hunter, TJ Cook, Mason Jolley, Brock Trenkamp), I

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**Logan Clemen and Kaela Clemen
perform their mixed duet at contest
Saturday.**



The Ultimate Run Down of Prom 2022

by Amaya Hunt

GRAND MARCH:

Location: High school gym
Time: Doors open for the public at 2:30 p.m., and the march starts at 3:00 p.m.
Admission: \$1.00

--Professional photos will be taken by Nancy Lubben. There are order forms in the office that need to be filled out before getting in line for pictures.

DANCE:

Theme: Hollywood Nights
Location: Delhi Legion Hall
Time: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

--All attendees must be checked in by 8:15, or you will not be allowed in.
--If your date is from a different school or has graduated, there are contracts to be filled out in the office. They must be turned in by the end of the day on Apr. 16.

POST PROM:

Theme: Hollywood After Party
Location: Middle school gym

Time 10:30pm - 2:00am
Entertainment: Bags tournament, giant Jenga, card games, and other giant board games, and a hypnotist!
Food: Pizza, wings, Movie Theater Popcorn, subs, slushies, and dessert!
--Doors will open at 10:30 p.m. and close at 10:45 p.m.
--If you are not checked in by 10:50 p.m., parents will be called.
--If you leave early, parents will be called. Also, any prize you win you will not receive.
--Personal bags must be turned in to the office by April 22nd. Please have your belongings labeled.
--Post Prom Contracts have been emailed. They need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday, April 13th.
A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE POST-PROM COMMITTEE:
All in attendance- You get this one night to shine so why not stay in that beautiful

dress and dapper tuxedo or suit. We will have a photo booth set up for you all to take pictures with fun props so take advantage and keep dancing!

We as the parents would like to see you in something other than your usual "comfy clothes" that we always see!

On behalf of the PROM and Post-Prom Committee, we hope you all have a great time!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

****JUNIORS:** All help is very much appreciated. Please reach out to jenniferteymer@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us for more information in regards to helping set up for the dance and the Grand March. Please reach out to Emily Tanner @thompsons31@gmail.com for more information in regards to helping decorate Friday, April 22nd after school and clean up after Prom.

Wrestling program recognizes talents and achievements



Michael Schaul: Captain's Award; Devin Smith, Coaches Award; Aidan Salow: Most Improved; Brady Davis: Heart and Soul Award, State qualifier



Nathan Beitz: Most Escapes; Michael Schaul: Most Match Points/Most Takedowns; Brady Davis: Most Team Points/Most Pins/Most Wins; Brendin Frasher: Fastest Pin

Golfers beat the weather, get first meet in

by Toby Grimm

Monday night, the Girls and Boys Golf Teams traveled to Three Elms Golf Course in Independence to take on the Lynx of North Linn.

Although the girls didn't have enough to field a team, they did set the bar for the rest of the season. For the overall meet, Sydney Smock (61) and Amber West (63) took the top two places. For the Wildcats, Mianna Gosche led the team with a 76, Kaya Knipper shot a 79, and Kaela Clemen shot a 80.

On the boys side, the Wildcats shot a 229 as a team, falling short of the Lynx who shot a 188 total. Henry Schmidt (43) and Cole Rausch (46) took home medalist honors. Jake Gellersen and Parker Ries led the Wildcats both shooting a 53. Brayden Hogan shot a 59, and freshman Tyler Mineart shot a 64.

Both the girls and boys are back at it again on Friday (weather permitting) at Starmont to compete and try to improve their games. Go Cats!



Jetter Awards (created by assistant coach Jett Kuhens): Devin Smith: Scholar Award; Tyreese Crippen: Best Hair; Aidan Salow: I'm OK Award

Rain sends track athletes home early

The spring weather isn't making the track season easy, as the girls team traveled to Jesup Tuesday night but left the meet earlier because of the rain and cold temperatures. The team finished with 67 points for fourth place.

Point earners:

100M dash: Lily Huber, third, 14.58; Izabella Heffernan, sixth, 14.82

400M dash: Emma Doyl, sixth, 1:12.54

100M hurdles: Leah Ries, third, 18.31

3000M run: Allison Hogan, fifth, 16:03.65

Discus: Maddyx Kemp, second, 86-00; Paige Winter, fifth, 84-02

High jump: Jordan Hogan, fourth, 4-02.00

Shot put: Erin Knipper, first, 36-04.50; Maddyx Kemp, fourth, 30-04.50

4x200 relay: Amaya Hunt, Emma Richter, Livia Hermanson, Lili Bauers, fourth, 2:02.67

800 spring medley: Lily Huber, Emma Doyl, Lili Bauers, Amaya Hunt, second, 2:02.90

1600 distance medley: McKenna Thompson, Leah Ries, Saige Hunt, Isabel Imler, third, 5:05.78

The team competes Tuesday at Central City.



Leah Ries hands off to Saige Hunt in the distance medley Tuesday night at Jesup. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

Jazz band competes with the best of the best

The jazz band competed with 14 other 2A bands Tuesday at the Iowa Jazz Championships. The band did not finish in the top eight.

Seniors Matthew Brehm on alto saxophone and Michael Van Meter on bass were recognized as outstanding soloists for the MV ensemble.

Right: Noah DeVore solos at the competition.



Solo/ensemble results, cont.

Soprano/Alto small choir (Zari Ambundo, Chantel Crowley, Alissa Bush, Autumn Nelson, Josie Teymer, Cece Trenkamp, Keziah Ambundo, Lauren Knock, Julia Ambundo, Kayla Otting, Joellen Beitz, Morgan Krumviede, Carlie Lewin, Isabella Mensen, Addie Rudd, Ella Wulfekuhle, Kaitlyn Nolan): II

Tenor/base ensemble (Noah DeVore, Devin Smith, Domarius Strickland, Jackson Hunter, Brock Trenkamp, Michael Van Meter): I

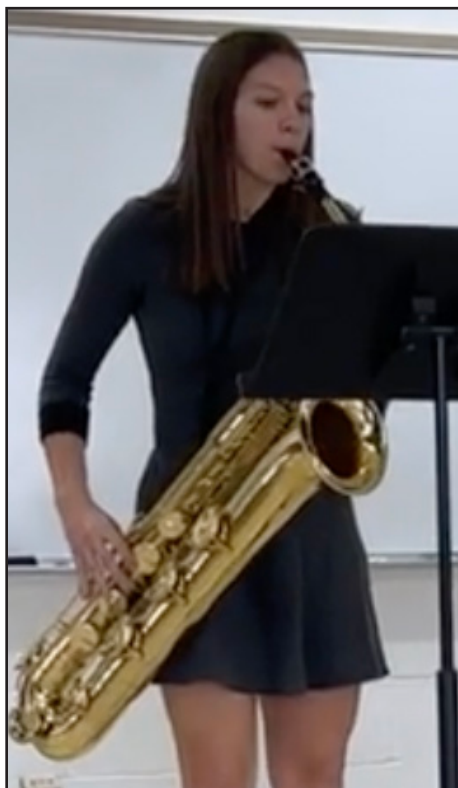
Mixed ensemble (Keziah Ambundo, Carlie Lewin, Kaitlyn Nolan, Brock Trenkamp, Noah DeVore, Michael Van Meter): I

Soprano/alto ensemble (Keziah Ambundo, Kaitlyn Nolan, Zari Ambundo, Chantel Crowley, Lauren Knock), II

Tenor/bass trio (Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp, Michael Van Meter): I

Tenor/bass quarter (Noah DeVore, Brock Trenkamp, Jesús Rumbo, Jackson Hunter): I

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Emma Richter performs her bari sax solo at contest Saturday. She earned a Division I rating.

Athletes of the Week

Name: Lance McShane

What do you enjoy most about track? The fun environment it brings and how much it benefits you as an athlete.

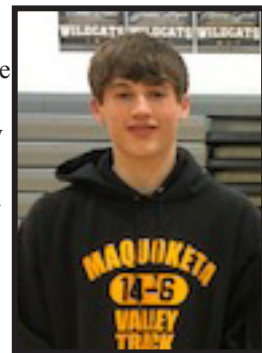
What do you think your best event will be?

Hurdles. I have never done them before and hope to improve throughout the track season.

What life lessons have you learned through track? You will get out of it what you put into it.

What's the hardest part of practice? Running phases of the 400 or running 300's

Who is your track role model? I don't have one specific role model but the seniors on this year's track team are great role models.



Name: Domarius Strickland

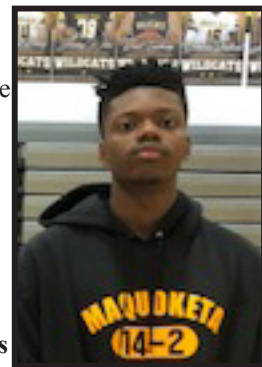
What do you enjoy most about track? The practices

What do you think your best event will be? 200 Meter Dash

What life lessons have you learned through track? One person can make a difference.

What's the hardest part of practice? The Phases of the 400

Who is your track role model? Cy Huber



Cutest Couple



Adrienne Freiburger & Jacob Leytem
by Amaya Hunt

NOTE: Adrienne's boyfriend, Jacob, attends Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. He graduated from MV just last year.

How long have you two been together?

Nine months this past Monday (the 4th of July is our one year).

What drew you to the other in the first place? What caught your attention?

Adrienne: We had worked together for around a year or so and realized that we had a lot of similar interests so we became good friends. I was really drawn to his personality. After hanging out together without mutual friends, we started to get more comfortable with each other and eventually went out on our first date after I asked him to go to the fireworks in Dyersville.

Jacob: I think I was drawn to Adrienne mostly because I liked to talk about books and games that we were reading or playing at the time, and she made it easy to like her.

What do you enjoy most about the other? What gets on your nerves the most?

Adrienne: I definitely love his sense of humor because even on the worst days when it seems like nothing is going well, talking to him or joking around helps a lot. I would have to admit that his indecisiveness is quite annoying, but I don't really have any room to talk because I'm far worse.

Jacob: I love that she is always able to see the good side of things in everyone and anything, but it gets on my nerves that she can't seem to see all the good things about herself.

What does your ideal day with the other look like? What can you commonly be found doing?

Adrienne: Usually we end up at one of the other's houses after going out for a quick lunch and watching movies or playing video games. It normally ends up with me falling asleep while he finishes the movie.

Jacob: I would say hiking through Bailey's or Backbone for a picnic, and then after going home to watch a movie or read a book together.

What's one word that describes the other?

Adrienne: Convivial. (Adviser's note: convivial means cheerful and friendly; jovial)

Jacob: Sunny & Optimistic. I can't pick just one :)

What's your favorite memory created together?

Adrienne: I would have to say that the day we went to Backbone and had a picnic, as well as taking a hike on the trails and looking at the scenery. It's definitely my favorite memory so far.

Jacob: Watching fireworks in the Theisens parking lot on the 4th of July.

Adrienne, what are your plans after graduation? Jacob, what do you hope to do once you graduate from college?

Adrienne: After graduating, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Platteville for a Social Science Comprehensive degree with an emphasis in History.

Jacob: I'm planning on getting an engineering job somewhere close in the area until I decide on where I really want to live.

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Vaping can be harder to quit than smoking traditional cigarettes. For ex-

ample, one Juul pod is the **nicotine equivalent** of smoking a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.

Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

"The meaning of the river flowing is not that all things are changing so that we cannot encounter them twice, but that some things stay the same only by changing."

— Heraclitus.



I stumbled upon this quote as I was revisiting one of my favorite movies, and something about it stuck in my mind. It offers a glimpse of something we know well—or at least think we know well—from a completely different angle.

Of course, the most obvious realization that this quote comes to is that definitionally, a river must have a continuous flow. By this logic, a river is always a river as long as it is flowing. Change is an intrinsic quality in this body of water, not much different from how a triangle must have three sides to be a triangle. However, the quote raises an interesting question: To what extent can change be considered constant?

Comparing the river to other things that share a similar quality can help us understand it. Maybe the river in this quote is time. It's true that history never plays out the exact same way twice; to wish to experience something that happened in the past is a futile desire. It is also true, however, that history continues to be on an ever-changing timeline, never fixed in stone. Each day, we forge a new reality and uncover greater truths about the past.

Perhaps people are also similar in some regard. We are dynamic creatures by nature, prone to the ebbs and flows of our own consciousness. Humanity as it is and as it must always be never ceases to change—it presses forward at all costs.

If we can count on anything, it's that the most constant things are the most predictable. Does that automatically deem them as unchanging? I claim it does, but others may argue the opposite. To expect the future to look the same as the past is, after all, not always the best strategy for determining the state of things.

This subject is complex and packed with many layers, but if I can find something to extract from it, it's that change might be more inevitable—more consistent, even—than stagnation. The best course of action may just be to embrace it.

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This week's cutie is a freshman. She has brown hair and is involved in band, choir, and speech. In the future, she plans to either become a teacher and travel to less fortunate countries to give them a better education or become a psychiatrist/therapist.

Last week's Cutie was Nolan Ries.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by PaigeWinter

Three fish are in a tank. One asks the others, "How do you drive this thing?"

Why don't crabs donate? Because they're shellfish.

What did Blackbeard the pirate say when he turned eighty? "Aye, matey."

How does your feline shop? By reading a catalog.

It's hard to teach kleptomaniacs humor. They take things so literally.

Sunny-side up, scrambled, or an omelet? It doesn't matter. They're all eggcellent.

Don't worry if you miss a gym session. Everything will work out.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

by Mandi Pohlman

"I am not what happened to me. I am what I choose to become"

— Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist

As some of you might know, it is April. This year April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. I know this is a hard topic so I'm just going to give some statistics:

- One out of every 10 rape victims is male.
- Ninety percent of adult rape victims are female.
- Ages 12-34 are at a higher risk of sexual assault.
- Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted.
- Only 25 out of every 1,000 rapists end up charged and in prison.

For more information visit RAINN.

what's up?

What's best: Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner?

by Paige Winter

Erin Knipper: dinner

Amaya Hunt: dinner

Brock Trenkamp: breakfast

Noah DeVore: breakfast

Dallas Paul: dinner

Michael Van Meter: dinner

Kobe Peters: breakfast

Emma Doyle: lunch

Amanda Mohr: dinner

Taylor Jones: dinner

Señorita Ries: breakfast

Brady Hogan: dinner

Bianka Ronnebaum: breakfast

Mr. Huegel: depends on the day, Sunday's breakfast all day

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Emma Doyl



Activities involved in during high school:

Cross Country, Track and Field, Band, Choir, Large Group Speech

Which activity affected you the most?

Cross Country really showed me how hard work does pay off. The sport was very rewarding and very fun to run with my friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Playing Agario in math class.

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

Try in every class. As you go through high school, you are going to not want to do all the work for classes. Do not let yourself slack off. Make sure to stay on top of your classes.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how close we are as students. We are really lucky to know everybody in our class and get along with each other. I also appreciate our staff because they are truly the best.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive the moment when Domarius walked out onto the court during a basketball game in our mascot uniform. That was a core memory for our class.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. DeVore. Mrs. DeVore is very active in our speech and drama department at Maquoketa Valley and is a full time high school teacher. I applaud her for being able to handle the stress of running a classroom and to direct the musicals and plays. Mrs. DeVore is one of my favorite teachers of all time, and our class will miss her dearly.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Dancing Queen" by ABBA

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to attend Iowa State University to major in engineering and minor in Spanish. I want to become an engineer and travel the world.

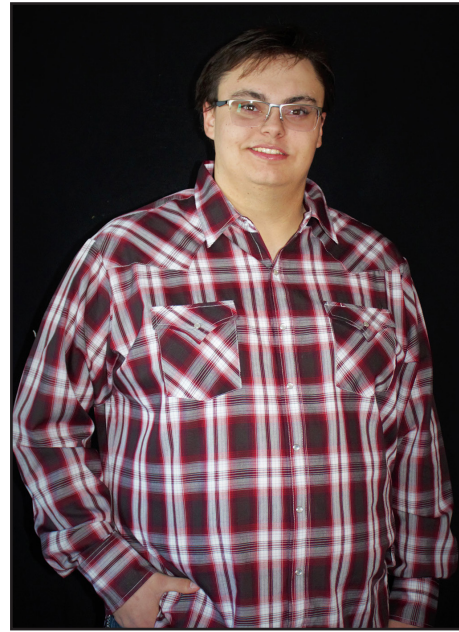
What is your dream job? My dream job would be to work for an international company and be able to travel the world.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I ever had to do was to decide what to do with my future. I have always been torn between careers and what I want to do with my life. I think I finally know what I want in life.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? One event that impacted my life the most was moving to Maquoketa Valley in fifth grade. This school has changed my life, and I have made some amazing friends here.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I still hope our classmates talk about Domarius breaking two laptops.

Jeremy Weber



Activities involved in during high school:

Football for 3 years, and FFA for all 4 years

Which activity affected you the most? How?

FFA, because of the connection between myself and another kid from a different state talking about how they do things we do differently or equal to. Plus being able to speak to someone new

and someone that you don't know.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Free days or movie days because we didn't have to do anything that day.

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

Take a chance at more opportunities because it isn't going to chase you down.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers and how motivated they are to help a student when in time of trouble.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? Coming through the doors as a freshman again.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? My Kirkwood instructor, Lance, because he's taught me things in a real life world applications on cars that I know can say I know how to work on that part.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "How I'll Always Be" by Mr. Tim McGraw.

What does your future look like? Building a trucking business with my family.

What is your dream job? The same thing I'll be doing when I get out of high school

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? This may seem to be a thing where it isn't hard for people to decide, but it's about college. I say that because it's the next biggest thing that we have to go through and decide on. I plan not to attend college and that's all right because what I'm going to do is something that I enjoyed for a long time.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

National Convention in Indianapolis, just seeing all the opportunities that I have within the trucking industry.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Domarius walking out on court in the middle of a basketball game. Even though I didn't see it in person, it's still something to laugh about.

Kennedy Ott



Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball, Track, Speech, and TEL

Which activity affected you the most? Track has affected me the most. It was both mentally and physically challenging for me but our team was definitely like a family. Everyone pushed each other to keep going and was always there at the finish line. Mr. Dunlap is also an amazing coach. He's the type of person that you can go to for everything even if it isn't about track. He pushes you to be your best on the track, in the classroom, and outside of school. He made everyone feel like family to him and like he truly cares about us and our well-being. Dunlap is someone I do and always will look up to.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Mianna Gosche and I thought we were professional gymnasts and vloggers so we posted videos on YouTube. To this day they are still available to the public because I forgot my YouTube account password. If you would like a laugh, click on the video entitled, "gym with mianna".

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

Although they're going to hear this a million times I would say these four years do truly go by really fast and to appreciate every moment. I would also tell them to take it seriously.

Remember to have fun and that you are a teenager and should be making memories with friends but school is still important and does matter. Be respectful to everyone and they'll be respectful back. Don't take the staff for granted, they're here for you.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

MV is like one big family. Being a small school everyone knows everyone, and we are all there for each other. The thing I appreciate most is the teachers since we're a small school you really get one on one time with the teachers if needed. All of them do everything for the students and genuinely want to see you succeed and be the best you can be. All of the staff are so welcoming and always have a smile on their face.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Probably when Caelyn and I got the cops called on us freshman year because of my driving. There's a really funny story behind it besides just my driving but only a few people know because it's really embarrassing.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Downs has always inspired me. I wasn't always the best in school and it wasn't my top priority. Mrs. Downs always believed in me and was there to support me in everything I did. She truly cared about me and I knew it. She was someone I knew I could always count on and talk to and she would give the best advice. She always has gone out of her way to do things for me and my friends and I couldn't thank her enough. Mrs. Downs truly is a one of a kind person and anyone is lucky to know her.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Mr. Rager" by Kid Cudi

What does your future (college and career) look like? After high school, I plan to go to Hawkeye Community College for nursing. Once I get my RN I then want to be a travel nurse for a few years. Once I'm ready to settle down I'll come back and stay at one hospital continuing to be a nurse.

What is your dream job? When I think about my dream job I truthfully think it's what I'm going for. I still remember being in Mr. Besler's class in 6th grade and giving a presentation about travel nurses. I've thought about doing many other things but I've always come back to being a travel nurse, I honestly can't see myself doing anything else.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? At this time I would have to say paying my deposit for my apartment and really realizing that I'm growing up and have to leave my family and friends in three months.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Moving to Earlville in 4th grade and meeting my best friends, Caelyn Sands, Mianna Gosche, and Kaelynn Clark.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I can't think of just one specific event, but I hope it's all the times our class would do things together and really just bond.

Carissa Sabers



Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball - 4, Basketball - 4, Softball - 4, Track - 3, Group Speech - 4, Individual Speech - 3, Musical - 1

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Basketball definitely affected me the most because it forced me to persevere even when you are being doubted and told that you can't achieve your goals.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing Ready-Set-Go at

our recesses was always the highlight of our day.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? My advice would be to only listen to advice from people you know want the best for you, and those you trust with your whole heart. Also, don't take it too seriously. Obviously try hard at school work and extracurricular activities, but also know that it isn't the end of the world if something goes wrong.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? What I appreciate most is how much of a family everybody is. No matter what level or social class you may be on, everybody talks to everybody on a common level.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive going to homecoming week because it is such an adrenaline rush every time.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Temple because she truly wants the best for us, and digs behind the deeper meaning of every subject. You can tell her heart is pure and that she has nothing but good intentions.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Do My Thang" by Miley Cyrus

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to the University of Northern Iowa to major in Interior Design and minor in Business.

What is your dream job? My dream job would be to have my own Interior Design television show on the HGTV channel.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I think the hardest thing I will have to do is leave my dog Fibi at home while I go to college.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Overcoming the feeling of having to please everybody else first before making myself happy.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The event I hope we still talk about is when Domarius walked on the court as our mascot during a basketball game.

Keziah Ambundo



Activities involved in during high school:

Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, All-State Choir, Musical, Play, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Dance Team, TEL

Which activity affected you the most? How?

Vocal jazz definitely had the biggest impact on my high school career because it forced me to become confident with my singing and explore my voice.

What is a favorite elementary/middle

school memory?

Purchasing and wearing ugly bomber jackets with Devin Smith, Emma Richter, Wyatt Steil, Adrienne Freiburger, & Jackson Hunter-Wagner in seventh grade.

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

All the toxicity and drama isn't worth your time. Focus on being nice to one another because the way you treat people is something they will never forget. Also, enjoy your time in high school, and don't spend it regretting what you didn't do!

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers and the fact that there is really an activity or a passion for everyone.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Going to Nashville my freshman year

Who is your most inspirational teacher? This is so difficult to choose. All of the teachers here are genuinely so good at their job, and I appreciate everything they have done for me.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Strangers" - Mt Joy

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Wartburg College and get a degree in Broadcasting Communications and Journalism & minor in music and film studies. I want to move to the East or West coast and pursue a career in radio production in the hopes to work for iHeartRadio (:

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be a head producer at iHeartradio station.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Audition for All-State and not make it until my senior year.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I was about to consider not doing jazz after my freshman year; however, my jazz group decided to stay at a competition to watch a Jazz concert. The singer happened to be one of the clinicians that day, Carmen Bradford (a renowned known jazz musician). After her beautiful concert, I decided that I want to stay in Jazz.

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

The time where Domarius ran out onto the court at a basketball game as the mascot.

Noah DeVore



Activities involved in during high school:

Musical, Play, Band, Choir, Jazz band, Vocal Jazz, TEL, ISTEP, Mentoring, Student Council, Basketball

Which activity affected you the most?

I would say that Play affected me the most because it truly taught me to become

a leader for my peers

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Snitching on Brock Trenkamp after he washed his hands in the water fountain

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

Do everything you can in high school

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

The fact that I've been able to truly live it with my parents.

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

Probably Beauty and the Beast because I don't remember much about what happened during that musical, so going back with a fresh memory would be pretty cool

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Mueller was probably my most inspirational teacher because she implanted the love of music into my head.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Wham Bam Shang-A-Lang"

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to go to Kirkwood Community College to become a radiology technician at Regional Medical Center in Manchester.

What is your dream job? To go on Broadway and become a performer.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Trying to fit expectations in high school was the hardest thing I've had to do.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

Recently finding out about all of the honorable championships I get to be a part of like jazz band, vocal jazz, and speech. It's awesome to keep on leaving a bigger legacy at our school.

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

Domarius dropping and breaking not one, but two computers.

Ashtyn Porter



Activities involved in during high school:

Large Group Speech, IE speech, Band/Marching Band/Pep Band/Jazz band, Play, Backstage crew, and TEL

Which activity affected you the most? Large Group Speech because I learned how to branch out and meet new people. Speech has been my favorite activity, and I can't wait to apply it to the real world.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

My favorite memory was meeting my

best friend. She came to MV during my 5th-grade year. Unfortunately, the office put her in my friend group, and I was forced to talk to her. During lunch, she grabbed two spoons and sat down next to me. She used one to spread her ketchup and the other to eat her fruit with. I thought she was so weird. Somehow after we became the besties (I'm not sure how). Her name is Emma Doyl.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't wait to start something because you're afraid to do it because soon it will be your senior year and you're going to regret not going out for everything.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How much the teachers care about you.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive going to Nashville for the band and choir trip. I had so much fun walking around and exploring all the great places and things that Nashville had to offer. I also had so much fun in the hotel with my girls and waking up on the bus in sweat because the temperature climbed so much.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mr. Dunlap because he encouraged me to take more art classes and helped me to find my dream. I couldn't have survived high school without his help or sarcasm. He truly impacted my life for the better and I can't thank him enough!

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "I'm Not Famous" by AJR

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Iowa State's college of design to major in graphic design and minor in Advertising.

What is your dream job? Art Director/Creative Director/Production Artist

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Go to work after burying my best friend, Fred, because no one would take my shift.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The event that has impacted me the most was losing my best friend. He was my family's foster dog that we adopted because I fell in love with him. We got Fred around May 23, 2016; he died October 11, 2019, and I haven't been the same since.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When Domarius ran out into the court dressed as Willy the Wildcat.