

Frasher, ag mechanics team bring home honors



FFA members who competed at the Northeast District Ag Mechanics competition were Logan Beaman, Cade Ronnebaum, Dylan Sands, Landin Frasher, Cade Freiburger and Brendin Frasher.

Last Thursday, members of MV's FFA ag mechanics team traveled to Northeast District Ag Mechanics competition at NICC in Calmar.

Results are as follows:

Team: 1 2nd place team
Landin Frasher
Kade Freiburger
Dylan Sands

Landin Frasher also finished second place individually and received a \$250 scholarship to NICC.

Team 2
Logan Beaman
Brendin Frasher
Caden Ronnebaum

Maquoketa Valley earns high ranking

The U.S. News & World Report recently published their ranking of Iowa Public High Schools. Maquoketa Valley High School is ranked #13 out of all public high schools in the State of Iowa.

"I can not say enough about how proud I am of our teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication to providing our students with a high-quality education," stated Mr. Osterhaus. "I am also thankful that we have tremendous students, which is a direct result of the great support from our parents and community. This would not be possible without the tremendous job our elementary and middle school staff is doing to prepare our students for high school."

The ranking is determined by a number of factors including AP testing, standardized testing and graduation rates.

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| Took at Least One AP® Exam | 28% |
| Passed at Least One AP® Exam | 21% |
| Mathematics Proficiency | 86% |
| Reading Proficiency | 89% |
| Science Proficiency | 71% |
| Graduation Rate | 96% |

A musical farewell

The band and choir held their final concert of the year Tuesday night. Seniors were also recognized. Several music awards were also presented:

Brock Trenkamp - Iowa Choral Director's Association Award

Noah DeVore - Quincy Jones Music Award

Matthew Brehm - Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Emma Richter - John Philip Sousa Award



FFA celebrates year of successes at banquet

MV's FFA banquet Sunday night was a night organized by students to celebrate students. From the student-prepared meal to the student-led awards celebration, FFA members showcased their talents.

In addition to chapter awards and recognition for CDE accomplishments, several special awards were presented. In addition to the ones listed by the photos, Lane Domeyer received the 2022 Leadership Award, Courtney Goedken was the Top Salesman and the Academic Achievement winner and Ethen Brockholm received the Community Service Award. An honorary chapter degree was given to Donna Kunde and the late Dave Kunde. Blue and Gold Awards to community members went to Jennifer Zumbach, Kaleb Kruse and Jeff Hammerand



Newly named officers for the 2022-23 school year include Haley Ronnebaum, president; Lucas Orcutt and Alia Domeyer, vice president; Kody Hoeger, secretary; Dannie Burkle, treasurer; Lainey Knipper, reporter; and Landin Frasher, sentinel.



The Star Greenhand Award went to Leah Reicher.



2022 Greenhand Degree recipients were presented to, front row from left: Lacy Reth, Jordan Hatfield, Alexis Halverson, Jada Knipper, Kelsey Hoeger, Leah Reicher and Kaya Knipper; second row: Bianka Ronnebaum, Caden Ronnebaum, Caden Ries, Kain Krogmann, Carter Klaren, Brendin Frasher, Nathan Beitz, Logan Beaman and Lainey Knipper. Not pictured: Kiersten Bush, Addison Vorwald, Jalynn Ross and Haliey Klaren.



The Rising Star Award was presented to Alia Domeyer by Dannie Burkle.



Chapter FFA Degree recipients were, front row from left: Maison Krapfl, Allison Hogan, Kody Hoeger, Landin Frasher and Tyreese Crippen; back row: Dylan Sands, Parker Ries, Tate Monk, Harold Mohr, Lance McShane and Ethen Brockholm. Not pictured: Brady Hogan, Brady Davis, Alia Domeyer, Haley Ronnebaum and Rowan James.

High achieving students honored at Academic Excellence banquet

MV holds its 15th annual Academic Excellence banquet to recognize students who have excelled in the classroom, as evidenced by their GPA, class rank, or standardized test scores.

1999 MV alumna Dr. Billie Cowley, Dean for the Andres School of Education at Upper Iowa University, was the keynote speaker. She reminded students of the importance of knowing who they are and what their purpose is. She asked them, "What's your Why?"

Students, seniors' mentors, and parents also enjoyed a catered meal.



Michael Van Meter entertained the crowd with a trombone solo. Other performers were a sax quartet of Emma Richter, McKenna Bush, Matthew Brehm and Jake Gellersen; vocalists Noah DeVore, Michael Van Meter, Brock Trenkamp, Keziah Ambundo, Kaitlyn Nolan, Carlie Lewin; and speech students Brock Trenkamp and Kendra Hillers.



Jesús Rumbo performed a vocal solo as part of the entertainment.



Seniors recognized included, front left to right: Matthew Brehm, Adrienne Freiburger, Kendra Hillers, Amaya Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, Leah Ries, Cy Huber, Amanda Mohr, Nolan Ries, Avery Krapfl, Caleb Livingston, Liz McDowell, Devin Smith, Paige Winter and Brock Trenkamp. All groups are posed with Dr. Billie Cowley. (group photos by Mr. Dunlap)



Juniors who qualified for Academic Excellence were, front left to right: McKenna Thompson, Kaela Clemen, Saige Hunt, Dylan Schmucker, Zach Mineart, Jenvieve LeGassick, Ella Mensen and Kennedy Rausch.



Sophomores celebrated included, front left to right: Cadence Freiburger, Lily Huber, George Livingston, Kaitlyn Nolan and Haley Ronnebaum.



Freshmen recognized included, front left to right: McKenna Bush, Brady Eike, Kayla Flanagan, Ava Goldsmith and Kelsey Hoeger.

Sports Connection

Boys track and field finish second at Cascade

by Leah Ries

The boys track and field team took on the teams at the Cascade Co-Ed meet last Thursday night. The team's effort allowed them to claim second place as a team.

Results:

Shot Put - Brock Trenkamp, first, 46-4.5

Devin Smith, third, 43-9

Discus - Brock Trenkamp, first, 146-3

200M - Michael Schaul, fourth, 24.11

400M - Cy Huber, first, 51.44

Michael Schaul, second, 52.57

800M - Matthew Schaul, fourth, 2:17.68

1600M - George Livingston, third, 5:04.55

3200M - Michael Van Meter, sixth, 13:04.60

110M Hurdles - Arion Rave, third, 18.86

Tate Intorf, seventh, 21.03

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

4x100 - Preston Roling, Lance McShane, TJ Cook, Domarious Strickland, sixth,

47.28

4x110 SHR - Carter Klaren, Aarion Rave, Cook, McShane, first, 1:08.49

4x200 - Roling, Klaren, Nolan Ries, Strickland, sixth, 1:39.86

800 SMR - Roling, Klaren, Strickland, McShane, second, 1:43.71

4x400 - Huber, Ries, McShane, Michael Schaul, first, 3:34.18

4x800 - Huber, Schaul, Ries, Schaul, first, 8:36.61

1600 DMR - Intorf, Rave, Cook, Livingston, second, 4:01.88

The team took on the challenge of the Tri-Rivers Conference last night and results will be in next week's issue.

Right: Michael Van Meter battles his way through the crowd in the 3200M run at Cascade. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Devin Smith competes in the shot put. He recorded a third place finish.

Golfers move to post-season play

by Toby Grimm

Last Friday, the MV Girls and Boys Golf Team went to Buffalo Creek Golf Course to compete against the East Buchanan Buccaneers and the Central City Wildcats. The Girls team was led by Kaela Clemen who shot a 49 and placed 4th individually, followed by Kaya Knipper (56), Mianna Gosche (72), Isabella Mensen (77) and Alissa Bush (84). The top two places were taken by EB golfers Jaeden Hellentha (46) and Ally Joyce (47) both of East Buchanan.

On the boys' side, first and second place were obtained by Ben Hesner (36) and Hayden Nelson (39) both of East Buchanan. The MV team was led by Parker Ries (53), followed by Rowan James (57), Tate Monk (61) and Braden Hogan (63). Coach Andrews stated, "It was a cold and windy night at Buffalo Creek and our golfers did a good job competing against top notch competition. It was many of our golf-

ers' first time golfing at Buffalo Creek and seeing the course so it created some obstacles. Overall we are proud of the effort that we saw tonight and look forward to the conference meets and post-season play."

On Monday night, the boys golf team traveled to Three Elms Golf Course in Independence to compete in the 18-hole conference meet. Coach Andrews stated "Today was a good experience for our young golf team. Golfing five golfers who are all sophomores and some of them competing in their first ever 18-hole tournament we were very impressed with how they conducted themselves throughout. It was a very cold day but the guys fought until the very end and that's all we can ask for as coaches." The team was led by Jake Gellersen (101) followed by Rowan James (118), Braden Hogan (121), Parker Ries (126) and Tate Monk (137).

The girls' conference meet is scheduled for Monday.

Wildcats earn runner-up finishes in two area meets

by Chantel Crowley

Last Thursday, April 28th, the MV Girls' Track Team traveled to Cascade to compete in the Cascade Co-Ed Invitational. Overall, Maquoketa Valley placed second with 132 points.

Scoring Athletes:

100M Dash: Lily Huber, 13.81, 3rd
 200M Dash: Izzy Heffernan, 29.89, 7th
 400M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 1:03.06, 3rd
 800M Run: Jordan Hatfield, 3:06.13, 8th
 1500M Run: Allison Hogan, 7:00.30, 7th
 3000M Run: Jordan Hatfield, 14:29.80, 4th
 100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17.33, 2nd
 4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompspon, 53.99, 2nd
 4x200M Relay: Izzy Heffernan, Emma Richter, Kylie Chesnut, Lily Huber,

1:57.98, 4th
 4x400M Relay: Saige Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, McKenna Thompspon, Amaya Hunt, 4:26.54, 2nd
 800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, McKenna Thompspon, Amaya Hunt, 1:56.82, 2nd
 Distance Medley: Izzy Heffernan, Emma Richter, Saige Hunt, Isabel Imler, 4:51.60, 2nd
 4x100M Shuttle Hurdle: Caelyn Sands, McKenna Thompson, Kendra Hillers, Leah Ries, 1:14.92, 3rd
 Long Jump: Emma Richter, 13-11.00, 6th
 Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 37-10.25, 1st; Maddyx Kemp, 30-11.50, 7th
 Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp, 101-10, 1st; Paige Winter, 93-11, 4th

Their following meet took place at Ed-Co on Monday, May 2nd, where the girls placed second overall with a score of 100 points.

Scoring Athletes:

100M Dash: Lily Huber, 13.72, 6th
 400M Dash: Amaya Hunt, 1:02.21, 1st; Saige Hunt, 1:07.78, 6th
 100M Hurdles: Leah Ries, 17.22, 4th
 1500M Run: Isabel Imler, 5:52.46, 5th; Emma Doyl, 5:57.74, 6th
 3000M Run: Allison Hogan, 14:53.73, 6th
 Discus: Maddyx Kemp, 101-11, 3rd; Paige Winter, 96-08, 5th
 Shot Put: Erin Knipper, 37-05.00, 3rd
 4x100M Relay: Amaya Hunt, Leah Ries, Emma Richter, Lily Huber, 53.74, 1st



Jordan Hogan hands off to Clairra Gray at last Thursday's Cascade meet.

4x200M Relay: Izabella Heffernan, Emma Richter, Kylie Chesnut, Lily Huber, 1:56.92, 4th
 4x400M Relay: Saige Hunt, Kylie Chesnut, McKenna Thompson, Amaya Hunt, 4:26.47, 1st
 4x800M Relay: Isabel Imler, Emma Doyl, Jordan Hatfield, Kylie Chesnut, 11:11.31, 2nd
 400M Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Caelyn Sands, McKenna Thompspon, Kendra Hillers, Leah Ries, 1:15.18, 4th
 800-Sprint Medley Relay: Lily Huber, Leah Ries, McKenna Thompson, Amaya Hunt, 1:57.56, 1st
 1600-Distance Medley Relay: Izabella Heffernan, Emma Richter, McKenna Thompson, Isabel Imler, 4:52.69, 4th

The team competed in the conference meet last night. Results will be in next week's issue. The team competes next at the state-qualifying meet at Ed-Co Thursday, May 12.



Emma Doyl powers through to the finish in Cascade. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Future Mustang

Michael Schaul has committed to playing baseball at Mt. Mercy University. He's pictured with his brother, Matthew, MV baseball coach Mike Cook, parents Susie and Tom Schaul.

what's up?

Would you rather be vegan or only eat meat and dairy?

by Paige Winter

Keziah: vegan

Ashtyn Porter: vegan

Zach Mineart: meat and dairy

Jenna LeGassick: meat and dairy

Anna Deutmeyer: meat and dairy

Kaela Clemen: vegan

Saige Hunt: meat and dairy

Bianka Ronnebaum: meat and dairy

Taylor Jones: meat and dairy

Emma Richter: meat and dairy

Kylie Chesnut: meat and dairy

Lance McShane: meat and dairy

Mr. Arnold: meat and dairy

Student of the Week

Landin Frasher

You recently had a strong performance at the district ag mechanics contest. What types of skills were assessed? We were tested on many different things. We laid a weld and wired up an outlet along



with a trailer plug in. There were some other tests as well like referring to owners manuals and following building codes.

Where have you learned so much about mechanics? I have learned a lot of these skills at the school with the many shop classes I have taken along with work at home and the different jobs I have had.

How will mechanics play a role in your future? Mechanics will play a role in my future in many ways, one being that I am planning on going into a trade in the future where I will get to use lots of different skills every day with each job.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Brock Trenkamp

What is your role in the spring play?

I am Colonel

Mustard

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

I enjoy the funny lines and the tons of quotable moments.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play?

I think they'll just enjoy the interplay between characters throughout the show and all the funny lines every character has at one point or another.

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

I would love to be a part of *Rick and Morty* or *Big Mouth* and have my own animated character that I get to voice, or even be able to voice a completely unrelated character.



Name: Keziah Ambundo

What is your role in the spring play? the cook

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

I love spending time with the cast during practice

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? The clever puns and remarks that the playwrights chose to include in the script.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? Definitely *Law and Order*



MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Long term use of marijuana can cause: decline in academic or occupational performance, lower intelligence, mental health problems, such as schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, anger, irritability, moodiness, and risk of suicide

Athletes of the Week

Name: Kaela Clemen

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

When the varsity golfers go out and golf holes with each other. Mi-anna, Jake, Brady, and I like to play best shot and it's a really fun time.

But as Coach

Andrews says, a bad day on a golf course is better than a good day in school.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

Bad shots and crappy weather. Especially when the medaling scores are so close to each other.

How long have you played?

This is my 2nd year.

Who's your golf role model?

Jake. I swear he knows how to fix everyone's swing on a bad day and he's a good golf buddy.



Name: Kaya Knipper

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part of golf is going out on the range/course and hitting balls with everyone, also making bets with Jake on who can score lower (I lose almost every time).

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

The most frustrating part is when I have an off day not being able to score well and when I hit inconsistently.

How long have you played?

I have been playing golf for 2 months, Andrews convinced me to play.

Who's your golf role model?

My golf role model is Mianna Gosche because she yells at me to hit better than her.



Sun comes out for MV Market as does entrepreneurship



The MV Market provided a real-life experience in entrepreneurship for CTE students as they sold baked goods, crafts, plants and more Wednesday from 2-6 in the Delhi City Park.

**Cadence Freiburger & Chantel Crowley
by Amaya Hunt**

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

Cadence: We've known each other since preschool, but we really only started closer in kindergarten or first grade.

Chantel: We've known each other since preschool! One of the things I remember most is when we would draw on the chalkboards while we waited for the bus.

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

Cadence: It would probably consist of shopping at bookstores, and a whole lot of bad jokes :)

Chantel: It definitely wouldn't start until close to 11 A.M., only because Cadence doesn't get up until after 10 or so. We'd go to a bookstore or two, grab a bite to eat somewhere, maybe do a little shopping, and then head back to one of our houses to talk. But no matter what the day held, Cadence would end up driving because she hates my driving :)

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

Cadence: We'd go to Paris! We've both always wanted to go there and the views are amazing.

Chantel: I'd love to go to Paris! We find the French accent quite amusing :) Paris

Best Buds



is beautiful, and I've heard there's endless bookstores there, with the city being "the city of love," and such.

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

Cadence: My favorite quality about Chantel is that she is always in a good mood, no matter the situation. But, she can also be really forgetful, which is pretty annoying.

Chantel: Cadence is really smart and witty, and always has time for everyone. It's fun to hang out with her because she makes me laugh and forget about my other problems. But what annoys me the most is that she doesn't give herself enough credit sometimes. She's been through a lot, but she is still going strong and always has time for others.

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

Cadence: I'd say the song "I Want You Back" by Cher Lloyd because it was the song that we used to listen to together on the bus when we were first starting to become friends.

Chantel: "Want You Back" by Cher Lloyd.

What's your favorite memory created together?

Cadence: My favorite memories are made during our long FaceTime calls. We've always found a way to create new, lasting memories each time we hang out, so it's hard for me to cut it down to just one memory.

Chantel: There are too many!... but I love our FaceTime calls. One night, she wrapped a blanket around herself and started talking in a Russian accent--she did indeed look like a Russian grandma.

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

Cadence: I see Chantel staying in a small town and becoming an architect for a company.

Chantel: She's either going to be finishing up her last years of college, or starting her career in a big town far away from Iowa. Maybe she'll have a guy by then and a little family, but she's a "strong, independent woman who doesn't need a man."

No matter what, she'll definitely be rich, though :)

Ashton Goldsmith



Activities involved in during high school: Pep Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Track and field, Cross Country

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Marching Band. It's what got me back into band and music all together.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Tag at recess

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be the reason seniors say, "This school is going downhill"

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?

Covid Summer, lots of money to be made, free time, and good grades for little to no effort

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mr. Cassutt. He was the one who got me into history and for a while made me want to be a history teacher.

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

"All Star" by Smash Mouth

What does your future (college and career) look like? Go to NICC, do the Network Administrator program, get a job, work for 40 years, retire.

Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

As my last day of school creeps ever closer, I'm forced to confront one searing and intimidating fact: I have but two more pieces to write for the Wildcat Echo this year. Edging towards the end, it seems only right that I compose an analysis of this very column.

When I began writing in this space in December of last year, I frankly had one purpose in mind: to bring some much-needed content to the Echo. Upon the release of my first piece, I was shocked at the amount of praise I received from many directions. Simplistic and unrefined as it was, people seemed to appreciate my words.

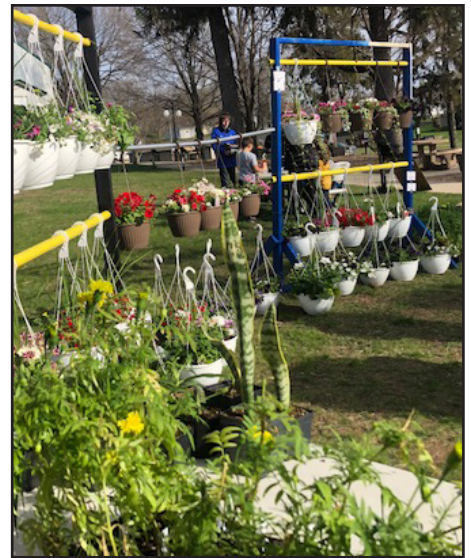
What I didn't realize then was that my column would grow to become much more than just filler content; it would become an extension of my being. Week after week I wrote, finally having an outlet to express the inner workings of my mind and experiment with how to convey them in few words.

My column's theme of analysis, though the subject matter has varied greatly, is one that has given me freedom to search for hidden meanings, words behind words. Week after week, through good and bad, I've spent my Wednesday nights crafting works that have a new goal: to change my readers. If my insights can provide even a glimmer of solace or the spark to a blaze, I feel that I've completed my task.

Through my column-writing journey, I've found that the underlying implications and shrouded messages beneath the surface of quotes or common objects are often the ones that are most important. Perspective is a tool that has shaped our base interpretations, but it is also one that has stopped us from seeing beyond; hunting for new angles is a skill that I feel we must each hone.

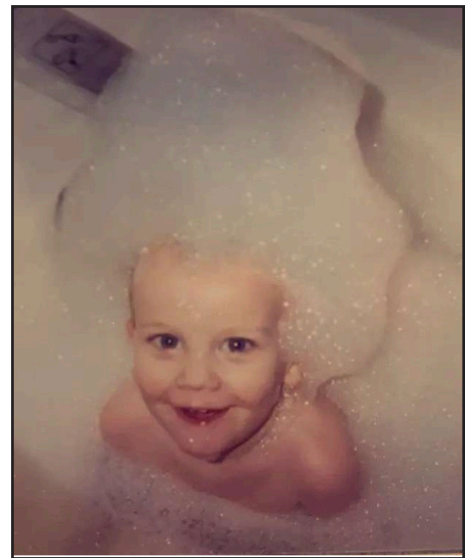
To retire from my moment of vanity, I must, of course, thank all of you as my audience. It has been nothing but the highest pleasure and the greatest honor to write for hungry minds. For putting up with my weekly antics and allowing me a platform to offer my precocious counsel, I am thankful to you.

Though I will have one more piece in next week's issue, I hope that each of you continues to foster your inner analyst after my peace is spoken.



Spring is finally here! Proof is in the greenhouse!

Cutie



by Matthew Brehm

This cutie lives outside of Delhi and has blond hair. He is involved in FFA, 4-H, track, and speech. In his free time, this cutie enjoys showing and fitting cattle as well as hanging out with friends and family. He is a senior. *Last week's Cutie was Brooke Hogan.*

Comedy Corner

—compiled by PaigeWinter

I wrote a song once about a tortilla but it was more of a wrap

The wedding was so beautiful even the cake was in tiers

How do celebrities stay cool? They have a lot of fans