

## Band and choir students aim for the right notes at solo & ensemble contest

by Chantel Crowley

To ring in April, the MV Choir and Band traveled to Cascade on the first, for the Solo and Ensemble contest. The results are as follows:

### Choir Division I Ratings:

Jesús Rumbo - Solo (Outstanding Performance & Best of Center)

Kaitlyn Nolan - Solo

Bass Ensemble

Junior Triple Trio (Cadence Freiburger, Lauren Knock, Kaitlyn Nolan, Zari Ambundo, Addie Rudd, Brianna Hines, Lacey Barry, Josie Teymer, Chantel Crowley)

### Choir Division II Ratings:

Chantel Crowley - Solo

George Livingston - Solo

Julia Ambundo - Solo

Carly Dirks - Solo

Kaitlyn Nolan & Chantel Crowley - Duet

Underclassman Group (Taryn Burbridge, Jocelyn Kelchen, Carly Dirks, Willow Fuller, Joellen Beitz)

Freshman Group (Taryn Burbridge, Jocelyn Kelchen, Carly Dirks, Willow Fuller, Aubrey Hofland, Ollie Hunter, Aubrey Knock, Emily Rudd)

### Choir Division III Ratings:

Carly Dirks & Trish Dietiker- Duet  
Small Choir

### Band Division I Ratings:

Kaitlyn Nolan - Clarinet Solo

McKenna Bush - Alto Saxophone Solo

Maya Smith - Trombone Solo

Saxophone Trio (McKenna Bush, Logan Clemen, Isabella Mensen)

Saxophone Quartet (McKenna Bush, Jake Gellersen, Isabella Mensen, Josie Teymer)

Woodwind Choir (Morgan Clemen, Aubrey Hofland, Willow Fuller, Sebastian Charles, Kaela Clemen, Kaitlyn Nolan, Ella Wulfekuhle, Trish Dietiker, Emily Hogan, Joellen Beitz, McKenna Bush, Jake Gellersen, McKayla Weber, Isabella Mensen, Logan Clemen, Josie Teymer)

### Band Division II Ratings:

Brady Eike - Trumpet Solo

Rachael Hoefler - Trumpet Solo

Clarinet Quartet (Kaela Clemen, Kaitlyn Nolan, Ella Wulfekuhle, Joellen Beitz)

Clemen Time Trio (Kaela Clemen, Morgan Clemen, Logan Clemen)

Comments Only:

McKenna Bush & Emily Hogan - Duet

Ms. McCrary commented, "I considered the Solo and Ensemble Festival to be a huge success! It was so exciting to watch these groups and soloists perform and to see the incredible amount of progress they've made over the past two months. I am unbelievably proud of all of these students and what they've accomplished. A special shoutout goes to Jesús Rumbo, who received the Best of Center award- this means the judge thought his performance was the best performance she saw during the entire day- AND had his performance rated as an Outstanding Performance. An

Outstanding Performance is considered to be completely flawless and happens when a performer receives a perfect score. Jesús, along with all of the other Outstanding Performances, will be performing his solos during an Outstanding Performance showcase at Iowa State on Tuesday, May 16th."

Mr. Ford shared similar sentiments about the day: "I was very happy with how the day went! The students put in a lot of hard work and represented MV well. I'm especially proud of all the soloists who put themselves out there. It was a great experience for all of us!"



## Reminders about grand march, prom, post prom

PROM is Saturday, April 22th from 8pm-10:30 pm at the Delhi Legion Hall.

"The Haunting of Delhi Manor".

Everyone must be checked in by 8:15 pm.

Remember, Prom is formal wear, NO JEANS.

Tickets will be available to purchase March 27th - April 14th  
\$20 each ticket in the HS office.

Photo forms may be picked up at that time as well.

NO middle school dates or people over the age of 20 will be admitted.

If you have a date from another school, a form must be completed from that school's principal and returned to our HS office by April 20th.

No bringing of alcoholic drinks, firearms or dangerous weapons.

Grand March will take place in the High School gym at 3pm

The doors will open at 2:30pm to the public. Admission to the Grand March is \$1.00

Professional photography is available at that time.

Post Prom will take place in the Middle School gym following the Prom.

Post Prom Contracts must be turned in by April 10th to the office for all students and guests.

Doors will open at 10:30, Students must arrive no later than 10:45 pm. Parents will be called if anyone arrives after 10:50 pm or leaves prior to 2:00 am. No bags will be allowed to be brought to Post Prom. If students plan to change out of prom attire, they must bring a bag to the office by Friday, April 21st. All bags need to be labeled and will be checked by school staff.

# Grimm, Clemen start off season with top finishes

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The MV Golf team started their season off strong when they hosted North Linn at Hart Ridge last Monday and had two medalists: Toby Grimm with a 43 for the boys and Kaela Clemen with a 52 for the girls. The boys team fell to North Linn with 208-188, but the girls took the win 239-258.

Coach Besler was very pleased with the boys team and commented, "To see Toby medal with a 43 and this being his first year golfing, the future is bright for our



**Kaela Clemen aims for the hole during the first meet of the year. She was the medalist of the meet with a 52.**

boys team. [I'm] looking forward to getting other guys more experience so we can start golfing six and seeing how low we can go with our team score as the year progresses."

"We had two girls making their varsity debuts and was more than pleased with our start to the season," agreed Coach Andrews. "Hopefully we can get some warmer weather and keep improving as we move along further into the season."

The improvement was evident when the team hosted Starmont at Hart Ridge this past Tuesday. All four medalists were from MV: Grimm (44), Zach Leytem (48, won tie-breaker via card back), Clemen (51), and Isabella Mensen (53). The girls once again took the win with a score of 225-276, and unfortunately the boys lost to a tough, low-scoring Starmont 214-192.

Both coaches were very pleased with the results from Tuesday. While Coach Andrews was excited to see how the season continues after the girls cut fourteen strokes off of the team score, Coach Besler stated, "Was very pleased to see Toby and Zach atop the leaderboard tonight and have the hard work they have been putting in come to fruition. Hopefully we can get the



**Toby Grimm contemplates his next shot at the Starmont meet. Grimm was the medalist with a 44.**

other guys going a little bit and have our team score get under 200 and stay there."

The team had a meet on Thursday and Friday against Springville and Central City, respectively, and those results will be in next week's article.

## Boys find success in individual, relay track events

by Chantel Crowley

Last week, on Thursday, April 6th, the boys track team ran at Independence. Overall, they placed 4th out of the 8 schools, with 80 points. Coach Meehan comments, "The team is coming together gradually. There were races run by the boys that rival some of the best I have seen. The team is mainly sophomores and freshmen who are performing more and more like varsity athletes. The three upperclassmen have been rock solid all season. They are Carter Klaren, George Livingston and Lance McShane."

The scorers are as follows:  
Shot Put: Nathan Beitz; 33' 9"; 6th  
Long Jump: Lance McShane; 16' 5.5"; 3rd  
800 Meter SMR: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Matthew Schaul, Tate Intorf; 1:47.82; 6th  
3200 Meter Run: George Livingston; 10:34.14; 3rd  
440 Meter Shuttle Hurdle: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:07.25; 1st

1600 Meter DMR: Colin Smith, Brady Wall, George Livingston, Matthew Schaul; 3:56.64; 1st  
400 Meter Dash: Lance McShane; 52.69; 1st  
4x200 Meter Relay: Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Colin Smith, Preston Salow; 1:44.54; 6th  
110 Meter Hurdle: Carter Klaren; 18.94; 5th  
800 Meter Run: Dashawn Strickland; 2:15.37; 4th  
400 Meter Hurdle: Arion Rave; 1:00.94; 2nd  
1600 Meters Run: Matthew Schaul; 4:54.31; 1st  
4x100 Meter Relay: Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Lance McShane; 47.96; 4th  
4x400 Meter Relay: George Livingston, Arion Rave, Matthew Schaul, Dashawn Strickland; 3:51.46; 3rd

Their next meet was on Tuesday, April 11th in Jesup. "We placed 8th out of 11 teams. We placed in 9 of 19 events. Al-

though it was nice to have warm weather, I feel we were not adjusted for it," Coach Meehan comments. The boys scored 45 points, and the breakdown is as follows:  
200 Meter Dash: Lance McShane; 24.23; 2nd  
800 Meter Run: George Livingston; 2:14.91; 3rd  
1600 Meter Run: Matthew Schaul; 4:48.23; 3rd  
100 Meter Hurdle: Arion Rave; 1:02.37; 6th  
Long Jump: Lance McShane; 18-07.50; 7th  
Shot Put: Nathan Beitz; 38-05.50; 7th  
4x400 Meter Relay: George Livingston, Matthew Schaul, Arion Rave, Lance McShane; 3:47.87; 5th  
4x800 Meter Relay: George Livingston, Arion Rave, Dashawn Strickland, Matthew Schaul; 9:09.33; 2nd  
440 Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:08.14; 3rd

The boys competed in Manchester last night and will be covered in the next issue.



# Field events, sprints, distance — the girls are making their mark

by Chantel Crowley

Unfortunately, due to some storms, the Tuesday, April 4th meet was canceled, but the girls did run on Thursday, April 6th at Independence. Overall, the girls placed 7th out of the 11 schools with 53 points.

Points were earned by the following:

Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 35' 6"; 1st  
Discus: Maddyx Kemp; 84' 3"; 7th  
800 Meter SMR: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:56.47; 1st  
4x800 Meter Relay: Taryn Burbridge, Lili Bauers, Jordan Hatfield, Isabel Imler; 11:33.10; 3rd  
400 Meter Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 1:03.08; 2nd  
4x200 Meter Relay: Lily Huber, Izzy Heffernan, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman; 1:54.18; 2nd  
4x100 Meter Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Izzy Heffernan, Lanni Beaman; 54.09; 4th  
4x400 Meter Relay: Lily Huber, Saige Hunt, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge; 4:30.33; 4th

Their next meet was in Central City on Tuesday, April 11th. "The Maquoketa Valley Girls Track and Field Team had a great night of competition. Junior Maddyx Kemp also placed 3rd in the discus with a nice PR of 87-09. [Knipper and Kemp] have been great all season and

continually make big improvements from meet to meet. Isabel Imler ran very well placing 3rd in the 1500m and winning the 3000m. That's a lot of running to do on the warmest night of the season so far and she really ran well! Taryn Burbridge won both the 400m dash and the 200m dash with times of 1:04.00 and 27.82, respectively. These times will currently put her in the top 24 in the state 1A," Coach Dunlap commented.

The girls scored 138 points, earning them 3rd place. The breakdown is as follows:

100M Dash: Lily Huber; 13.72; 1st // Lanni Beaman; 14.10; 4th  
200M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 27.82; 1st  
400M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 1:04.00; 1st // Saige Hunt; 1:12.47; 2nd  
800M Dash: Jordan Hatfield; 3:03.04; 3rd  
3000M Run: Isabel Imler; 13:10.99; 1st  
Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 35-04.50; 1st // Maddyx Kemp; 28-11.00; 5th  
Discus: Maddyx Kemp; 87-09; 3rd  
4x100M Relay: Team A; 56.67; 3rd // Team B; 59.91; 4th  
4x200M Relay: Team A; 1:53.95; 2nd  
4x400M Relay: Team A; 4:21.93; 1st  
800 Medley Relay: Team A; 1:56.88

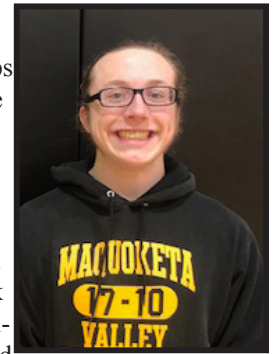
The girls' next meet was last night at MFL MarMac and will be covered in the next issue.

## Athlete of the Week

Name: George Livingston

What do you enjoy most about track?

I love track because it is an activity that keeps me healthy while at the same time allowing me to bond with my peers. Running ensures that I am maintaining peak mental and physical efficiency, and



simultaneously creating friendships that enrich my life both on and off the track.

What gets you hyped up before your event(s)?

I usually contemplate music prior to my events. I think about music because my events usually require me to establish a running rhythm or pace. Thinking about music helps me get into the right headspace and gets my heart rate up. I also enjoy talking to the other runners before the race to get a read on my competition.

What life lessons have you learned through track?

Track has taught me many life lessons. One big lesson I have learned is that toughness can't be taught, you must acquire the trait yourself. As long as you put the effort in and bear the difficulties, then you can become a good athlete and an even better person. Champions are made where trials are found.

What's the hardest part of practice?

The hardest part of practice, for me at least, is whenever we do speed workouts or workouts in hot weather toward the latter end of the season.

Who is your track role model?

My track role models are Cy Huber, Nolan Ries, and Michael Schaul. They have taught me so much and instilled in me a running mentality. I'm the man I am today partly because of them.

## Big Games on the Big Stage

Talk about absolute heartbreak.

The iconic run for the Iowa Hawkeyes came to an upsetting— and very controversial—ending last Monday when they lost the championship game to LSU in Dallas, Texas. Still, despite



by Kaitlyn Nolan

the anger and sadness that the game provided, there's no denying that this season put the Hawkeyes on the map. With help from Caitlin Clark's historic season, winning both the Naismith Player of the Year and Big Ten Player of the Year along with

numerous other awards, the championship game gave high expectations for next season. The University of Iowa had to stop the selling of season tickets due to high demand, and people are already preparing for what could be Caitlin Clark's final season of Iowa. Although, the infamous Law Firm was broken up after super senior Monika Czinano was drafted to the LA Sparks. Exciting news though: with Shateah Wetering entering the transfer portal, the Hawkeyes have one scholarship spot available.

I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to next season. But for now, I'll focus my attention on the softball and baseball teams that have been proving their worth in the Big Ten in comparison to last year.

# MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Did you know that 9 in 10 smokers start before they're 18, 7 out of 10 smokers want to quit, and 1 out of 3 youth who smoke will die from a tobacco related death? This statistic proves that smoking is **never** the right choice.

## Cutie



by Lily Huber

Sitting proper, Cutie! This Cutie is a freshman, lives on the lake, and is involved in basketball. A well-known fact about him is that he owns the world! *Last Echo's Cutie* was Dannie Burkle.

### Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

What concert only costs 45 cents?  
50 cent featuring Nickleback

What shoes does a spy wear?  
Sneakers

I tried to win a suntanning competition.  
But all I got was bronze.

Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized?  
The doctors say it was due to too many strokes

# Dying Words

by Cadence Freiburger

Araminta Ross (Harriet Tubman) is estimated to have been born between 1820 and 1822 in Dorchester County, Maryland, and she had 8 siblings. Most of her formative years were spent doing domestic slavery at plantations neighboring where her parents labored. Harriet showed signs of her anti-slavery ideals as young as twelve when she tried to prevent the beating of another slave who tried to escape. Because she intervened, she was hit over the head with a two-pound weight, and this head trauma led to a life with narcolepsy and severe headaches.

In 1844, Harriet entered a "marriage" with a freedman named John Tubman. Legally, they weren't allowed to marry, but Araminta took his surname and changed her first name to Harriet.

While Harriet may not have been the one to create the Underground Railroad (as that was done by white and black abolitionists before her), she still played a major role in its success. After escaping slavery herself (without her husband, who legally married a free black woman), Harriet returned several times to help other slaves escape. She was so successful that many slave owners had rewards of up to \$40,000 just to have her captured or killed. Harriet never lost a slave when she was helping them escape. Because of her familiarity with the South, Harriet was a spy for the Union army during the Civil War. She'd often go undercover in the South to gain more information from slaves that she eventually helped escape. She was also a nurse for the Union army. Her activism didn't end after the war. She joined the efforts of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony in the fight for women's suffrage.

To provide for herself, she worked on an autobiography with Sarah Bradford. She married a Union soldier who was also born into slavery named Nelson Davis. They lived together in New York where she cared for the elderly. Eventually, the couple adopted a daughter. For her service, Harriet was awarded \$20— which she had to fight for. After her husband died, Harriet received \$8 per month as a pension. Harriet was able to start the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged near her home. She passed away in 1913, and her burial was hosted with military honors.

*When she died, she had requested to sing, so her final words were:*

*"Swing low sweet chariot."*



# Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Zach Mineart

**What is your role in the spring play?**

I play Raymond, one of the kids in Miss Nelson's class.



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

I enjoy being around the other people in the play and how we all work together to produce the best show possible.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?**

The audience members will enjoy the witty and playful humor throughout the play.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** It would most definitely be *New Girl*.

Name: Cadence Freiburger

**What is your role in the spring play?** I am Miss Nelson in Miss Nelson Is Missing.



**What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show?** I love the atmosphere

and the connections I make with the other cast members. But I definitely have to say my favorite part of playing a role in these productions is pushing myself to do my best and seeing all of the hard work (that both the other cast members and I put forth) pay off.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?**

I feel like the younger audience will definitely enjoy seeing characters more like them on stage, and I think the parents will enjoy the adults' humor.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** Definitely *The Office*.



# Cutest Couple

Jocelyn Kelchen & Sebastian Charles  
by Grace Richter

**What was the first thing that caught your attention about the other? What was your first impression?**

Jocelyn-His smile when he tried to eat celery off the floor, I told him not to. Or his humor the night we stayed up till 5:45. I thought he was really funny.  
Sebastian- Her smile, I thought she was cute.

**What's your pet peeve about the other person?**

Jocelyn- I can't think of any.  
Sebastian- My biggest pet peeve is when she lets others bring her down.

**What does your perfect date look like?**

Jocelyn-Alvin and the Chipmunks movie marathon.  
Sebastian- Going to the Kid Laroi concert.

**What do you love/like most about the other?**

Jocelyn-His kindness and passion for the things he enjoys.  
Sebastian- I love her smile and laugh and goofiness, I'm in a good mood for the rest of the day when I see her.



**What song makes you think of them?**

Jocelyn- "Me and My Monkey: by Robbie Williams  
Sebastian- "All of Me"-John Legend

**What do you like most about their family?**

Jocelyn-His family is very supportive and caring of others.  
Sebastian- Her dad is nice and likes to joke around with me.

**If you could describe the other person in one sentence, what would it be?**

Jocelyn- He is one of the most hardworking people I have ever met.  
Sebastian-Someone who can bring you into the light and out of the darkness, flipping your whole world around for the better.

## what's up?

**If you could change your name at this given moment, what would it be?**

by Lily Huber

Kaitlyn Nolan: Gabriella, because that was my other name  
Mrs. Montz: I always wanted my name to be Anna  
Jena LeGassick: Jude because it's a book character  
Karla Chavez: Gabriella because it's my middle name  
Tyreese Crippen: T-Crip  
Saige Hunt: I don't know... but my parents almost named my Marcella!  
Cece Trenkamp: I think just Cece Remus Trenkamp  
Trinity Chadwick: Myra  
Brendin Frasher: Jamian  
Brayden Bjorkgren: Probably like Jaquarius or something cool like that  
Elizabeth Kraft: Ivey  
Lauren Knock: Violet

**Mark your calendars!**

MV Market  
Delhi City Park  
May 10

**Reminder:**

Seniors, your Wildcat Star Service award hours need to be submitted to Mrs. Temple by May 1.  
Underclassmen, make sure Mrs. Temple has them before the end of the school year.

# JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

If you ask anyone who knows me, I'm not a relationship person. However, I think it is important to know what to wear on a first date. I have a few steps to help you along the way.

If you are going to someplace casual, dress casual. A laid-back place would be a café or a local restaurant. I would wear your best pair of jeans and a sweater that best compliments your hair, skin, and eye color. For those who prefer the more masculine look, I would wear a nice flannel unbuttoned with a plain colored shirt.

If you are attending a fancy venue, I would go for dress pants and a collared shirt but do NOT pop the collar. If you want to present more feminine, you could always wear a dress or skirt but in my opinion that's predictable. I would try layers. I would wear a plain colored mini dress with a blazer and platform shoe.

Shoes!

Don't underestimate the power of good footwear. Shoes say a lot about a person so wear ones that fit your personality. Whether it's a set of nice dress shoes, cowboy boots, or even the newest pair of Jordans, just make sure they match your outfit.

Lastly, dress like you and be yourself. Don't pretend to be someone you're not on a first date because if someone gets to know the fake version of you they will switch up on you the moment you start to be yourself.



## Pet Corner



by Ava Cole

After a long break, the Pet Corner is back with a dog named Ziggy. He is a Cockapoo who resides in Delhi, with the Trenkamps. He's a very calm and aloof dog with a bit of separation anxiety. He lives with four other dogs, but tends to ignore them.

Cuddability - 9/10 - Calmer dogs tend to be easier to cuddle with. He is also very fluffy, which may make for a good pillow.

Cuteness - 10/10 - Cockapoo's are one of my favorite species of dogs because of their long, curly hair and loving nature. Ziggy is no different, making him extremely cute.

Friendliness - 5/10 - He isn't a mean dog, but Ziggy isn't entirely friendly, either. He may not welcome you with immediate love and affection, but once you get to know him, he may make a good friend.

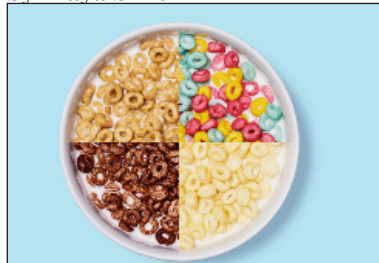
Loyalty - 8/10 - Ziggy deeply cares for the people he lives with and probably wouldn't run away, even if he was given the opportunity.

Trainability - 7/10 - He is very polite with his toys, having kept a moccasin for nearly all six years of his life. I can then assume that he may be very easy to train.

Can I Take Them in a Fight? - 5/10 - The issue would not be the fight itself. I believe I could probably take him, considering his age and my skillset. However, he is old and calm, so we have no reason to fight in the first place. But if worst came to worst, I think I could stand a chance.

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



One of my favorite breakfast foods is cereal, but I've never given it much thought. This week, I decided to ask some students some questions about the breakfast food.

What percentage of Americans eat cereal for breakfast every day?

Michael Schnittjer: 20%

Levi Steil: It's a question for Google, but 50%

Grace Richter: 46%

Answer: 50%

What was the first cereal to offer a prize in their cereal box?

Michael: Cheerios

Levi: Lucky Charms

Grace: Frosted Flakes

Answer: Corn Flakes

What is Cap'n Crunch's full name?

Michael: Stewart Winston

Levi: No clue

Grace: Edwin the Third Crunch

Answer: Horatio Magellan Crunch

What was the first monster themed cereal?

Michael: Lucky Charms

Levi: Boo Berry

Grace: Count Dracula

Answer: Count Dracula

## One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

People are impulsive. I would know. I make tons of decisions without really thinking about them, and some of those decisions have changed my life forever. Some people make these decisions for other people without thinking of themselves or the consequences that would come later. So, my reminder for you this week is to think of your morals before you make big decisions, or even small decisions.

But, what is a moral? And, how does that affect our decision making? Don't worry, in this column I will be covering those, and encourage you to set your morals in place.

A moral by definition is: "a person's standards or behavior or beliefs concerning what is and is not acceptable for them to do" (Oxford). This means that a person will have a certain belief of what is wrong and wrong. An example of this would be stealing money for your own gain, or to leave it there for the person who left it to find it. This moral would be to not steal because that person thinks that is wrong. There are common morals that people share, and there are some morals that people come up with. These morals can help people make decisions, and will define them as a person. I personally have a few morals, like honesty is the best policy, and treating others the way that you want to be treated.

But, how does having morals matter? Let's say that you get a really good college opportunity, but that college is states away from your family and friends. You can either deny the college opportunity, or go. This is a decision that relies on your morals. If you don't have morals set in place, it can be really hard to make decisions like that. In this case, the moral could either be that family is the thing that matters most, or that education is the thing that matters most. This same example applies to job opportunities too. So, it's important to have these morals set in place so making these kinds of decisions is at least a little bit easier. There are a bunch more situations that require you to think about your morals, this was just one.

So, my goal for you next week is to think about your morals. Think about the times where you have to remind yourself of your morals, or think about future things that might come where you have to think about them. If you can't think of your morals, then look some of them up and see if they apply to you. Or, think of your own morals. I hope you all have a great Friday and I am looking forward to writing for you guys next week! Love you all!



# McKenna Thompson



**Activities involved in during high school:** Throughout high school I have had the opportunity to participate in several different activities. These activities include: dance, cheerleading, large group and individual speech, track and field, volleyball, cross country, TEL, Spanish club, musical, play, student council, diversity club, and National Honors Society.

**Which activity affected you the most?** Each of the activities I have been involved in have affected my life in a positive way; however, speech has allowed me to get outside of my comfort zone and push myself.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** My advice for the freshman would be to not worry about the small inconveniences or drama of high school. There are many things that I thought mattered throughout high school, but the reality was there are very few things that will actually change the outcome of our life. The high school relationships, the clothes you wear, and how you do in sports will not matter in 5 days, 5 weeks, or 5 years (99% of the time). Take most things with a grain of salt and move on with your life because in reality, life really isn't that deep.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** Something I really love about Maquoketa Valley is that any student can be involved in anything. At bigger schools there are so many kids that it becomes a struggle to be involved in several activities. But because we have smaller class sizes there

isn't as much competition when it comes to extracurricular activities. I appreciate that I have had the opportunity to try almost all the extracurricular activities here at MV.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** As I look back at the past four years there are so many moments I would love to go back to. State Track, State Dance, and All-State Speech are all at the top of my list, but I think I would rather relive being hypnotized junior year during post-prom. Playing in a Katy Perry concert is something I would like to, but will never be able to forget.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher?** My most inspirational high school teacher is Ms. Droeszler. Ms. D has a work ethic and drive I aspire to have. She is incredibly passionate about teaching and she goes above and beyond for her students everyday. Ms. D truly cares about the well being of every student in her classroom and I couldn't ask for a better role model when it comes to women in STEM.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** I loved all of my elementary school and middle school teachers, however, Mrs. Bonert is one that really stands out in my mind. Mrs. B was not only an outstanding elementary teacher, but she has also kept tabs on my high school years and checked in periodically. She truly cares about her students' successes even outside of her classroom.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Looking back at elementary school it seems so long ago. One memory that has stuck with me though is breaking the Mayflower during our reenactment of the pilgrims voyage.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** If my life was made into a movie I don't think I would want anyone other than myself to play the role. If it's a movie about my life, why wouldn't I be the star of it?

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Florida Gulf Coast in sunny Fort Myers, Florida. While there I will double major in Biology and Forensic Science and minor in Spanish.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite song is "Drops of Jupiter" by Train and my favorite movie would probably be *Captain America* or *My Girl*.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** If I could invite anyone to have lunch with me it would probably be the Zodiac Killer. The Zodiac Killer is the most infamous unsolved case in America. I think it would be fascinating to get to talk to this person about how and why they did what they did.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** If I'm not at school I could potentially be a few places. Most frequently I feel like I'm at a practice, reading somewhere, or on the lake with family and friends.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope we talk of our present lives and college experiences rather than high school memories. We all lived through high school together and we know what happened. I think it would be more interesting to learn where my fellow classmates are in that present moment.



# Taylor Schmuecker



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, speech, TEL, Spanish, yearbook,  
**Which activity affected you the most?**  
**How?** Speech affected me the most because it broke me out of my shell. I was extremely introverted at the beginning of my high school career and I think that speech has allowed me to push my comfort zone and try things I would normally be embarrassed by.  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?** My advice to freshmen would be to take advantage of the many college classes Maquoketa Valley has to offer.  
**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The many opportunities to take college classes and get an in-person feel

for what college will be like at JREC.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Winning critic's choice at All-State speech because it was such a rush of adrenaline and dopamine when I heard Maquoketa Valley's name announced for Readers Theater critic's choice. Sitting in the auditorium with the people I had been performing with for so long and hearing that our hard work paid off was a great feeling.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher?** My most inspirational high school teacher was Mr. DeVore because always encouraged me to push myself out of my comfort zone and I believe I am a changed person for the better because of him.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational middle school teacher was Mrs. Moorman because she was the outline for what I feel is a good teacher. She always related to me in some way and I loved talking to her about *The Office*.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite middle school memory was going to Collins Aerospace in Cedar Rapids for an engineering conference and tour. It was very interesting learning about a new career that I did not know much about. I also had a really good time running around with my friends and doing all of the fun activities they had set up for us.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** I would want Blake Lively to play the role of me because I want to be married to Ryan Reynolds.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall for cinema and Spanish. After that, I hope to move to California and find a job in the film industry. My ultimate goal is to direct for a large movie company like Universal Pictures or Warner Bros. Pictures.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite song is "Dancing in the Moonlight" by King Harvest My favorite movie is *Ten Things I Hate About You*.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** I would invite Chris Evans.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?**

Watching movies

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** The lab in Ms. D's room flooding her first year here

# Anna Deutmeyer



**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball  $\frac{3}{4}$  years basketball and track  $\frac{1}{4}$  individual and large group speech  $\frac{3}{4}$ , TEL  $\frac{1}{4}$   
**Which activity affected you the most?**  
**How?** Volleyball, I absolutely loved the team

and the sport.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Be ready for a lot of new experiences. There will be highs and lows but its only four years so make the most of it.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The amazing teachers, office ladies, school counselors, and staff.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Brock and Noah tried to fake a devious lick and took the sink faucet off in the science room and it flooded.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Besler, she encourage my love for science and asking questions.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs Goldsmith, I found my love for science and learning.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing ready set go at recess and Ben and Peyton fighting over a Sharpie.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** Blake Lively

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Living in Iowa City and going to the Kirkwood campus located there and study environmental science while waitressing.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite music genre is hip hop and movies are horror. I can't chose a favorite.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** Ryan Reynolds

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Working

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Parker Ries throwing up at the homecoming pep rally.



# Kaela Clemen



**Activities involved in during high school:** Golf, TEL, NHS, Musical, Play, Speech, Softball, Volleyball, and Band  
**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Speech has affected me most because it helped me to come out of my shell. I got a lot more comfortable in public speaking and overall more confident in myself and my abilities.  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Don't focus on what others will think about you. Just do the things you want and

make yourself happy.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers care.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** I would relive the moment where I placed at conference golf my first year golfing because I realized that I really could compete with everyone.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mrs. DeVore has been the most inspirational teacher to me. Through speech, play, and in class she always rooted for everyone to do their best. She pushed me to persevere and step out of my comfort zone.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Jurgens because she knew how to make kids excited to learn. I will never forget how we got cakes if we got 100 percent on all of our spelling words.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Mrs. Garheart because she would always let us work ahead if we were done super early in class, and Avery was always at least 2 lessons ahead of everyone else.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** I would want to be Lena in *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* because it would be so fun to travel the world and share the luck of one single pair of pants with my entire friend group.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend UNI and double major in Spanish and Communication and Science Disorders. Then I will attend UNI's masters program for Speech Pathology. I think it would be amazing to do traveling speech pathology for a while, but I would like to end up in a pediatric outpatient center.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite song is "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury and my favorite movie is *The Proposal*.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** Bob Ross

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Golfing or working

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope that everyone is talking about all the amazing things going on in their new lives and giving all the updates.

# Macy Thompson



**Activities involved in during high school:** I was involved in basketball, volleyball, softball, TEL, and speech.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Softball affected me the most because it showed me how to be a good teammate and have good sportsmanship.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** My advice to a freshman is to get involved in activities because that's how you make most of your friends. I

also recommend getting all your homework done on time because it will start to add up and you will have lots to get caught up on.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate the teachers here because they will go the extra mile for you and want you to succeed.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** If I could relive any moment in high school it would be when Zach pretended to be hypnotized during post-prom and everyone thought he was hypnotized.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher would have to be either Mrs. Temple or Mrs. Downs because they both helped me become a better person and they both want me to succeed in high school.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher in elementary school would be Mrs. Rissler, my first-grade teacher because she was super nice and gave us candy when we answered a question right.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** If I could relive any moment in high school it would be when my first-grade class ripped the Mayflower in half during our play in front of all our parents.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** Dora the Explorer

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on attending Hawkeye Community College for dental assisting.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** Any song by Morgan Wallen and my favorite movie is *Top Gun*.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Sleeping or working

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope we still talk about that time Taryn Burbridge tackled Ella Mensen while playing flag football for powderpuff during homecoming.

# Isabel Landas



**Activities involved in during high school:** dance TEL track speech and volleyball

**Which activity affected you the most? How?**

Dance - built friendships and character

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Be conscious of how loud you are, use deodorant, and watch what you post on social media (it's never truly deleted).

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?**

Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. Palmer.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Mianna falling into a trash can and getting stuck.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?**

Mrs. Palmer. She is honest, hardworking, genuinely listens to her students with their best interest at heart, and provides the most influential advice.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. George. I don't specifically remember why, but I remember loving her so much that I bawled on the last day.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Allison Nefzger running into a brick wall after recess.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** Britney Spears.

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

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** "Still Don't Give A —" - Eminem and *Gone Girl*

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** Mrs. Palmer.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Hanging with my cats or working

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Allison Nefzger running into a brick wall after recess.

# Emilee Supple



**Activities involved in during high school:** Large group and Individual speech, volleyball, basketball, play, musical, and 4-H

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Large group speech has affected me the most by helping me get out of my comfort zone.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** I would tell the freshmen to go out of their comfort zone freshman year and try everything. Even if you don't think you will like it you might surprise yourself. I would also tell them not

to be too hard on themselves in regard to extracurricular activities and schoolwork. How well you do in school or sports do not determine your self-worth.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I appreciate the teachers the most. Even though they are all busy they still show they care about you and will make time for you to work with them one on one if that's what you want.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** I would relive Friday night football games and homecoming week. Both are full of adrenaline rushes and it's such a good feeling having all the classes come together and just enjoy one another.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational high school teacher is Mrs. Temple. She is always willing to help her students in any way and she truly wants the best for them.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational elementary teacher was Mrs. Gearheart. She always knew how to keep her classroom the perfect mix of having fun, but also getting things done.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Anna "choked" on her lemonade at the Chinese restaurant and the waiter came to check on her, but she couldn't talk so she just put her thumbs up. The whole restaurant was silent and you could just hear Anna making weird noises.

**If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you?** If someone were to play me in a movie I would want it to be Bethany Joy Lenz. She looks nothing like me but she is a great actress.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending The University of Northern Iowa to major in Criminology and Criminal Justice. After college, I hope to come back to the area to pursue a job as a probation officer.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite song is "Dawns," by Zach Bryan and Maggie Rogers and my favorite movie is *The Hunger Games*. (The first one).

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** You will most likely find me either spending time with my dogs, hanging out with friends or family, or working.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope we still talk about how Zach pretended to be hypnotized at Junior prom.