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Wildcat Echo

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Meet Addison

by Grace Richter

MV has gained another Wildcat. Take a minute to learn something about our newest student, Addison Withey. **Where are you from?**

I am from Chicago, Illinois and moved here five years ago.

What grade are you in?

I'm in 9th grade.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are reading books and volunteering.

What activities do you plan to do?

I would like to go out for some sports next year.

What makes you most excited about coming to Maquoketa Valley?

I'm excited to make new friends!



Freshmen learn about options, tour NICC



MV alumnus and NICC student Nicholas Chen speaks with a group of MV freshmen Thursday during an NICC visit. He spoke to the group about the student center and iMPACT student body organization. The students toured various parts of NICC. (photo by Maya Smith)



From the top!

Members of the cast of "Miss Nelson is Missing" rehearse a scene of the show.

Performances will be May 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5.00.

Sports Connection

Good spring weather brings good performances

by Maya Smith

Last Thursday, the boys track team competed at West Delaware. They ended up placing 3rd overall out of 7 teams, with 75 points .

The scorers are as follows:

200 Meter Dash: Lance McShane; 24.11; 5th

400 Meter Dash: Lance McShane; 53.47; 1st

800 Meter Run: Matthew Schaul; 2:10.64; 2nd, DaShawn Strickland; 2:19.12; 4th

1600 Meter Run: George Livingston; 5:02.26; 3rd

3200 Meter Run: Matthew Schaul; 10:34.14; 2nd

110 Meter Hurdles: Arion Rave; 17.29; 6th

400 Meter Hurdles: Arion Rave; 1:00.94; 6th

4x100 Meter Relay: Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Kash Hunt; 47.96; 4th

4x400 Meter Relay: Matthew Schaul, George Livingston, DaShawn Strickland, Arion Rave; 3:48.05; 4th

4x100 Meter Relay: Colin Smith, Preston Salow, Dylan Knipper, Nathan Beitz; 50.64; 2nd

Sprint Medley: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall; 1:53.77; 7th

Distance Medley: Brady Wall, DaShawn Strickland, Tate Intorf, George Livingston; 3:58.23; 3rd

4x110 Shuttle Hurdle: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:07; 2nd

High Jump: DaShawn Strickland; 5-02.00; 6th

Long Jump: Lance McShane; 18-01.50; 7th

Shot Put: Dylan Knipper; 39-03.50; 6th

This week Tuesday, the boys ran at Alburnett, placing 5th out of 8 teams with 58 points.

Here are the scorers:

400 Meter Dash: George Livingston; 57.15; 4th

800 Meter Dash: DaShawn Strickland; 2:17.05; 4th



Matthew Schaul runs his leg of a relay at the West Delaware meet. (photo by Dannie Burkle)

1600 Meter Run: Matthew Schaul; 4:51.64; 1st

3200 Meter Run: George Livingston; 10:51.83; 1st

110 Meter Hurdles: Arion Rave; 17.94; 5th

400 Meter Hurdles: Arion Rave; 1:01.25; 3rd

4x100 Meter Relay: Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Kash Hunt; 50.18; 7th

4x400 Meter Relay: George Livingston, DaShawn Strickland, Matthew Schaul, Arion Rave; 3:48.86; 3rd

Sprint Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall; 1:48.79; 7th

Distance Medley Relay: Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, DaShawn Strickland, Matthew Schaul; 3:54.62; 3rd

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Colin Smith; 1:12.06; 3rd

Shot Put: Dylan Knipper; 39-06.00; 6th

Golf teams thrive

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The golf team has been busy the past two weeks with multiple meets in varying weather conditions. Last Thursday, the team hosted Springville at Hart Ridge with success for the girls against a small Springville team who did not qualify for a team score (222) and a loss for the boys (207-188). Kaela Clemen medaled once again with a 45 while Isabella Mensen got runner-up with a 53.

Other MV scores were Jake Gellersen, 49; Toby Grimm, 50, Zach Leyttem, 52; Sebastian Charles, 56; Tyler Mineart, 60; Logan Beaman, 68; Robert Brown, 84; Kaya Knipper, 55; Emily Hogan, 69; Ella Wulfekuhle, 74; Alissa Bush, 73; Cece Trenkamp, 70.

Coach Andrews commented, "Overall I'm satisfied with the progress our girls are making as our team score continues to get lower each time the girls compete." Coach Besler added, "Facing a quality team like Springville will only help us as we move further along into the season."

For their first away meet of the season at Meadowview in Central City last Friday, the team took both dubs. Kaya Knipper earned runner-up medalist honors with a 49 in the girls' 221-237 victory over the opposing Wildcats. Toby Grimm also took home runner-up honors with a 42 in the boys' close 203-205 victory.

Other scores included: Gellersen, 50; Leytem, 53; Charles, 57; Mineart, 68; Clemen, 50; Mensen, 56; Hogan, 66; Trenkamp, 72.

For their meet against the Ed-Co Vikings, the boys' team traveled to Woods Edge in Edgewood while the girls' team traveled to Lone Pine Country Club in Colesburg. With a heartbreakingly close loss of 205-200, the boys team had one golfer, Grimm, earn top medalist honors with a 44. The girls came away with a loss as well with a score of 290-218, but Clemen got runner-up with a 53.

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Athletes of the Week

Name: Lily Huber

What do you enjoy most about track?

What I enjoy most about track is the lighthearted atmosphere, while still working diligently for personal goals/against competition. I know it sounds crazy, but I love going to practices every-day and meets;

solely because I know that my teammates, coaches and I will find ways to have fun with each other while still getting work done... most of the time lol. At meets, I enjoy talking with people from other schools before races. Lastly, I love the aspect of competing individually and/or as a team. Track is the best sport for that because you'll find you're going against the same athletes/teams multiple times throughout meets and the season.

What do you think your best event will be?

Although I've stuck to 100's and 200's in relays and opens the previous years, I think that my part in the 4x400 will be my strongest event. Previously, I never thought that I'd be cut out for a 400; but as I've grown accustomed to the event and the techniques on how to run it, I've learned to really enjoy it and run it well. As I'm cutting time off of my split, I can see that the 4x400 is making my other events stronger as well.

What life lessons have you learned through track? The biggest life lesson I've learned from track is that you must hold yourself accountable. You're responsible for the amount of effort you put in, and cutting corners and not putting in your best effort in practice will negatively affect your performances. Another one is to accept failure. No one wants to experience it, but it happens. Use it as motivation.

What's the hardest part of practice? I'd say that pyramids or the mental aspect of getting through a workout is the worst for me. But... RPR or dynamic warmups are pretty tough too.)

Who is your track role model? I have too many! One person that has had the most impact on me though is my brother, Cy. Watching his success and being in track with him was the best.



Name: Lannie Beaman

What do you enjoy most about track?

I enjoy having fun with the team and winning events at meets.

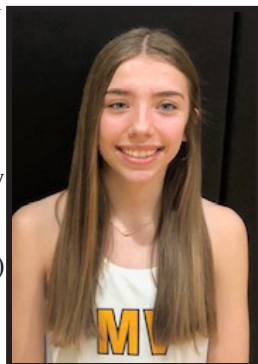
What do you think your best event will be? My best event will be the 4x400m relay. (or the sprint med)
What life lessons have you learned through track?

I have learned to work hard to get where I want to be as an athlete.

What's the hardest part of practice?

Whenever we do partner 300m's.

Who is your track role model? My track role model is my sister, Payton.



Girls track team continues to improve

by Chantel Crowley

Last week on Thursday, the MV girls track team traveled to MFL where they placed second as a team.

Coach Dunlap commented, "It was a very gusty meet at the MFL meet and I was a little worried we might not have a lot of improvements on our times. Our goal throughout the season is to keep improving and shoot for a PR every time we compete."

The results are as follows:

100M Dash: McKenna Thompson; 14.34; 4th
200M Dash: Lily Huber; 28.56; 3rd
400M Dash: McKenna Thompson; 1:06.49; 2nd // Saige Hunt; 1:12.06; 4th
800M Run: Taryn Burbridge; 2:35.56; 2nd
1500M Run: Isabel Imler; 6:02.57; 5th
4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Izzy Heffernan, Lanni Beaman; 54.20; 3rd
4x200M Relay: Elizabeth Kraft, Tierra Morgan, Zari Ambundo, Emily Rudd; 2:11.30; 6th
4x400M Relay: Lily Huber, Lanni Beaman, Saige Hunt, Taryn Burbridge; 4:17.65; 1st
4x800M Relay: Jordan Hatfield, Emily Rudd, Zari Ambundo, Allison Hogan; 13:55.27; 4th
800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge; 1:58.50; 2nd
Distance Medley: Lili Bauers, Izzy Heffernan, Lanni Beaman, Isabel Imber; 4:49.18; 2nd
High Jump: Julia Ambundo; 4-01.00; 6th
Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 37-02.00; 1st // Macee Nolan; 30-02.00; 3rd

Golf, continued

Other MV scores included: Gellersen, 49; Leytem, 50; Charles, 62; Mensen, 72; Trenkamp, 79; Ella Wulfekuhle, 86; Alissa Bush, 92.

Coach Besler is happy with the progress that both teams are making and is excited to see continued growth and improvement during practices and meets. Concerning the girls' score at Lone Pine, Andrews stated, "Tonight was a good learning experience for our girls. Most of the girls golfing tonight have never golfed Lone Pine before and found out the hard way on the importance of teeing it off in the fairway. We got into a lot of trouble with the trees and it costed us a lot of strokes."

The golf team hosted Alburnett on Thursday, and those results will be in next week's article.

Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp; 86-08; 4th

Their next meet was at Tipton on Tuesday. They placed 8th out of the 12 competing schools with 48 points.

Here are the scores:

800M Run: Burbridge; 2:28.92; 2nd
1500M Run: Imler; 5:51.89; 6th
Discus Throw: Kemp; 93-11; 8th
Shot Put: Knipper; 38-04.00; 2nd // Nolan; 30-10.00; 6th
800 Sprint Medley: Huber, Bauers, Beaman, Burbridge; 1:56.30; 3rd
4x100M Relay: Huber, Thompson, Heffernan, Beaman; 53.40; 5th
4x200M Relay: Huber, Bauers, Heffernan, Thompson; 1:53.88; 6th
4x400M Relay: Huber, Thompson, Beaman, Burbridge; 4:17.30; 3rd
Distance Medley: Thompson, Heffernan, Beaman, Imler; 4:47.74; 3rd

"Senior Erin Knipper had a very big moment at this meet in Tipton. We are only a couple of days away from the deadline for the Drake Relays and Erin has been on the bubble for the shot put for much of the season. She knew going into this meet that she needed to get a PR to stay on the bubble. Erin didn't get first place at this one but did manage to throw a nice PR throwing 38-4. This throw has her currently 21st in the state for all classes. I am proud of how Erin handled the pressure and am happy with her performance. We should know this weekend if Erin will make the cutoff for Drake," Coach Dunlap commented.

The girls' next meet was last night and will be covered in next week's issue.

Best Buds



**Emily Rudd and McKayla Weber
by Grace Richter**

How did the two of you meet?

Emily: 7th grade social studies after we got put in like seven projects together.
McKayla: We met in 5th grade when she came from Hennessy but actually became friends in her mom's class in 7th grade when I came back from online school and that night we Facetimed and ever since we've been friends.

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Emily: Working out at summer camp.
McKayla: We spend a lot of time together so there's a lot but one that always kind of sticks out is the family of mice we had at camp last year and collecting them in a Gatorade bottle.

What song best describes your best friend?

Both: "Best Friend" by Saweetie or "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift is definitely it.

What celebrity do you think your best friend looks like?

Emily: Dwayne the Rock Johnson
McKayla: Chris Hemsworth

What does a typical hangout look like for you?

Emily: Hanging out at her farm and chasing cats.
McKayla: Always doing something stupid.

Where do you see your best friend in the future?

Emily: Hopefully thriving doing what she loves.
McKayla: Doing something she loves, maybe in Japan?

FFA members find success at state conference



Select FFA members joined thousands of other FFA members from Iowa at the state leadership conference in Ames earlier this week.

"The 2023 Iowa FFA Convention left us with many memories, new ideas, and new friends!" stated Ms. Lau.

In addition to attending meetings, large group sessions, and competitions, the students also helped package meals at Meals from the Heartland as part of a service project.

2023 State Convention Results are below:

- Nathan Beitz & Caden Ries served as Delegates
- Ag Biotechnology 8th Place Team GOLD
- Lainey Knipper, Kelsey Hoeger, Lexi Halverson, Harold Mohr
- Ag Communications 10th Place Team SILVER
- Dylan Sands, Jordan Hatfield, Jada Knipper, Addison Vorwald
- Farm Business Management- SILVER
- Alia Domeyer, Lucas Knipper, Tate

- Monk, Lance McShane
- Poultry Evaluation- BRONZE
- Ford Domeyer, Tyler Mineart, Brendin Frasher, Parker Ries
- Team Ag Sales- GOLD
- Ethen Brockhohn, Bianka Ronnebaum, Haley Ronnebaum, Lucas Orcutt
- Greenhand Test
- Tyler Hoeger- GOLD
- McKayla Weber- GOLD
- Chapter Exhibit- GOLD
- Kaya Knipper, Leah Reicher, Karly Kerch
- TWO 2nd Place Proficiency Applicants received their plaques on stage
- Haley Ronnebaum
- Kody Hoeger
- SIX members received their Iowa FFA Degree during 4th session
- Dannielle Burkle
- Alia Domeyer
- Landin Frasher
- Kade Freiburger
- Allison Hogan
- Brooke Hogan



Brooke Hogan, Allison Hogan, Alia Domeyer, Dannielle Burkle, Kade Freiburger and Landin Frasher each earned their Iowa FFA Degree at the conference.

Students of the Week

Cadence Freiburger, Josie Teymer & Kaitlyn Nolan

You've been nominated because of your dedication to helping with prom. What made you decide to help?

Cadence: I knew that if I didn't help someone else would have to, and I had no control over whether others stepped up. I did have control over me stepping up to get it done, so I did.

Josie: I believe that prom is a very important night for students. I want my classmates to look back at their junior prom and remember it being an amazing night. To me it is really important to be involved in as much as you can at school so I felt like it was important to help.

Kaitlyn: Well, I view it more as a requirement because I'm a junior, but at the same time, I don't want the senior's last prom to not go well because people decided not to contribute to helping. Also, decorating and planning it has actually been fun.

What have you enjoyed most about the prom planning and prepping process?

Cadence: I like the organization and preparation of it all, and getting everything prepared in a way that it's not as stressful for people later on.

Josie: I really enjoyed thinking of the decorations we could include at Grand March. It has been a lot of fun working with the rest of the committee as well. Decorating the Legion was also super fun and everyone did a really good job.

Kaitlyn: My favorite part has definitely been seeing everything come together into the idea we had earlier in the year. Also, I loved decorating the Legion and making it look better than we had originally planned.

What song are you most excited about dancing to?

Cadence: I'm most excited to dance to any Taylor Swift songs that are played at prom.

Josie: I am excited to dance to "Year 3000" by Busted or The Jonas Brothers. Either version is fine.

Kaitlyn: I don't know really. I guess it depends on what the DJ plays.

"Prom would not have happened if it wasn't for them. They have spent hours planning & executing a really cool concept. I have really appreciated all their hard work." —Mrs. Teymer, prom sponsor

Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith



Even though we just got delayed due to snow on Monday, warmer weather is right around the corner! (Hopefully) Besides the late snow and bad storms, one other thing spring is known for is new birth. This week, I decided to ask some students questions about baby animal names.

What do you call a baby goat?

Alia Domeyer: A kid

Ava Cole: A baby goat

Olivia Hunter: A kid

Answer: A kid

What do you call a baby goose?

Alia: A baby goose

Ava: A geeseling

Olivia Hunter: A kit

Answer: A gosling

What do you call a baby bunny?

Alia: A baby bunny

Ava: A little guy

Olivia Hunter: A kit

Answer: A kit/kitten

What do you call a baby platypus?

Alia: A baby platypus

Ava: A Platypus

Olivia Hunter: A platypup I think?

Answer: A puggle

JO-JO'S CLOSET

by Josie Teymer

In fashion there are items that will never grow out of their popularity. Today I want to discuss items that will never go out of style and ones that definitely will. The iconic white tennis shoe will never go out of style, and why would it? They match everything. The infamous "little black dress" will never leave because of its inclusivity. Lastly, Aviator sunglasses will always be in.

Now for the cases that will go out of style. Prints never stay in style for longer

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

More than 7 million people suffer from illicit drug use disorder and one in four deaths can be attributed to alcohol, tobacco, and illicit or prescription drug use.

Cutie



by Lily Huber

Nice shades, Cutie! This Cutie is a freshman and is involved in track, cross country, and Spanish Club. A fun fact about her is that she reads wayyy too much. *Last's week Cutie was Derrick Mohr.*



than a couple of years in my opinion. I think slim fitted blazers will be out soon and the oversized ones will rise in popularity. We have all seen the rise of the belt bag which means the traditional hand-bag is out.

Erin Knipper



Activities involved in during high school: I am involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, large group, and individual speech, TEL, Spanish Club, mentoring and student council.

Which activity affected you the most? How? The activity that has affected me the most is track. Track is an individual and a team sport. With throwing, I have realized that you can't let the little things in life get in the way of the bigger picture.

What advice do you have for freshmen? My advice to upcoming freshmen is to do things that are out of your comfort zone, even if your friends aren't doing them.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Maquoketa Valley feels like a second home. If you ever need anything, there is always someone willing to help you.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? A moment that I want to relive from high school would be junior prom and when Zach faked being hypnotized.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Señorita is my most inspirational high school teacher. She has always been a teacher whom I could go for help. She is a person that listens and gives me advice from her own experiences.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher in elementary school was Mrs. Huber. Her class was always interesting and it made school more enjoyable.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory in elementary was when it was April Fool's and Jena pretended to pass out after the Pledge of Allegiance.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College next year. However, as of right now, I'm still undecided.

What's your favorite movie? My favorite movie is *The Longest Ride*.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? If I'm not in school, I'm usually sleeping, working, or working out.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope five years from now, we are able to talk about our new stories and what our lives consist of then.

Zach Mineart



Activities involved in during high school: Musical, Play, Large Group Speech, Golf, TEL

Which activity affected you the most? How? I would have to say Play because it forced me to get out of my comfort zone and I met a lot of great people throughout my years involved in the play.

What advice do you have for freshmen? College classes are great and very beneficial to get done in high school but don't overdo it. Take as many as you

can handle but remember this is a time to make memories and you can take college classes when you're in college.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The amount of effort that the teachers put in for their students.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? I would want to relive the moment when the name of my Readers Theatre group got read off for the Critics Choice Award at the IHSSA All-State Festival.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Ms. Droeszler because she inspired me to do my best and be kind to others. Señorita because she helped me find my love for Spanish.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Jurgens because she inspired me to try my best in everything I do.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Getting the cake from Mrs. Jurgens in 6th grade.

If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you? Dylan Sprouse

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be going to the University of Northern Iowa and majoring in graphic technology. After college, I hope to become a UX/UI designer at a marketing firm.

What's your favorite song? "Pareja Del Año" - song

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working or doing homework.

Kennedy Rausch



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, TEL, Spanish Club

Which activity affected you the most? How? I would say that basketball has affected me the most because Coach Moenck taught us a lot of life lessons throughout the course of my four years in the sport and I will always remember them.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Try new things and do as many activities as you can

to figure out what you like.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? All of the teachers here are very nice, supportive, and helpful. I also like the wide variety of activities that you can be involved in.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Going to state basketball my sophomore year because it was so much fun to experience and I loved sharing that with all of my teammates at the time

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?

Mrs. DeVore because I could relate to her a lot and she was always super helpful and kind to me.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Scherrman because I could also relate to her. I have been around her for all of middle school and high school because of basketball and she is really nice and will help you out with anything that you need.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? We always would put on plays for our families and I remember one Christmas play one year Ella Mensen and I were elves, Winky and Blinky. We came up with a handshake as Winky and Blinky and would do that handshake all the time. That play is the only play I actually remember performing.

If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you? Lily James

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending UNI and majoring in Biology to hopefully go to graduate school and become a physical therapist

What's your favorite song? Movie? My favorite song would probably be "Sign of the Times" by Harry Styles and my favorite movie is both of the *Mamma Mia* movies

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? Young Elvis Presley

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? I am usually working, sleeping, doing homework or hanging out with my friends

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

Brooke Hogan



Activities involved in during high school: FFA, Basketball manager, Football manager, and Golf

Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA, it has taught me lots of leadership and responsibility

What advice do you have for freshmen? Try activities and organizations that may not be something you would do. If you try it, you might actually like it.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The

family-friendly environment and how everyone is willing to help.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? National FFA Convention because it gives you many learning opportunities and helps with lots of networking.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher in high school is Ms. Lau as she has taught me so many of the life skills I need to succeed in life.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Rissler, she always had candy for us.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? All the field trips

If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you? Background person

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Hawkeye Community College for Agriculture Business Management and will be working in the ag field after that

What's your favorite song? Movie? I don't have a favorite song and movie because it always changes.

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? My grandma Hogan

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working or in the barn with my cattle

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

Marley Wagner



Activities involved in during high school: FFA, band
Which activity affected you the most?

How? Band I think affected me the most because I learned a lot, it made me get out of my shell a little bit and it's always relaxing to play music.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Be respectful even when people don't

treat you the same and always have fun.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The opportunities you get with college credits because you can save money.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Probably my freshman year when I first started marching band. I liked the songs we played dancing through the decades.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? I would have to say Mrs. McDermott because I've known her ever since I started at Maquoketa Valley in 3rd grade and she's helped me a lot throughout high school.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? I would have to say my 5th grade teacher Mrs. Goldsmith because she helped me through one of my hardest moments in life.

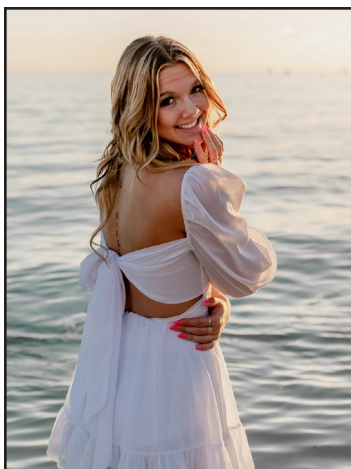
What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite one would have to be the projects we made in Mrs. Jurgens' social studies class. I always had fun making them.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am setting up my life by being a custom applicator with IAS

What's your favorite song? Anything 80's rock.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Riding my horses.

Jeorgia Harmon



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball freshman and sophomore year; Wrestling stats freshman-senior year; TEL Freshman and sophomore year

Which activity affected you the most? How? I would say doing wrestling stats. I grew up around wrestling and doing stats just made my love for it grow stronger. I think that it had a huge impact in making my relationship with my brother stronger since he was in high school for my first two years of high school.

What advice do you have for freshmen? When people say that the next four years fly by, they really do. You will become friends with people you never would have even thought about and lose friends you never thought you would lose. Just let life take its course.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate that the teachers are so helpful. It is easier to have one on one help since our classes are smaller and they are always willing to help.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? I would probably pick freshman year Covid summer because although it was a bad scenario it was such a fun summer and a unique experience.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Personally I would have to choose Mrs. DeVore. She has always been extremely helpful whether it was with her class or another class and she always pushed us to be our best.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Jurgens because she has always been there to help with anything in or out of school and of course because she made us treats often.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Probably when our class made our lip sync video. It was and still is so funny.

If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you? I would want Megan Moroney to play the role of me.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending Kirkwood Community College for Nursing and then working as either a psychiatric nurse or an oncology nurse.

What's your favorite song? Movie? My favorite song is "Tennessee Orange" by Megan Moroney and my favorite movie is *The Miracle Season*.

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? I would invite my great grandpa. He was truly the sweetest and funniest person.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Sleeping, doing something on the lake, or working at the Pizza Place.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Any funny little moments that have happened in school.

Avery Holtz



Activities involved in during high school: TEL, Basketball, Football, Baseball
Which activity affected you the most? Basketball
What advice

vice do you have for freshmen? Don't start procrastinating. It is a brutal habit to have.
What do you appreciate most about MV? I like how it is a small school. It makes it a lot easier for students.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be? Scoring my 1000th point. It felt good having my family there watching and knowing my dad was at home watching too. Pretty special.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? I really liked Mrs. Palmer. A lot of it is because she taught my favorite subject.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? I obviously liked Mrs. Rissler as a teacher. She would always take me home from school so I didn't have to ride the bus. (She's my grandma)

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When we played Shark's and Lifeguards with the big parachute in P.E in 5th grade. (I'm sure Macy remembers)

What does your future look like? I'm not sure where, but I plan on getting a degree in Business Finance.

What's your favorite song? Movie? "Billionaire" and *Project Almanac*

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? Realistically my dad, but if I got to choose anyone then probably like Michael Jordan.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Playing video games or hanging out with my 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 can talk about the things that have happened in college instead of in high school.

Trista Elgin



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball (1 yr), Softball (3 yrs), and Spanish

Club (2 yrs)

What advice do you have for freshmen? Advice I have is don't procrastinate and have fun

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers because they're always willing to do whatever it takes to help us succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? When Ella got taken out by Taryn during Powder Puff Football

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Mrs. Downs because she's always willing to help me out with anything and has made me a better person.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? My first grade teacher, Mrs. George, because she made class fun every day and was a very bubbly and kind teacher.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? The Christmas School Play

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

What does your future look like? I will be attending Hawkeye Community College for Dental Assisting

What's your favorite song? Movie? Any song from Morgan Wallen's new Album; *Top Gun: Maverick*

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working at a daycare or sleeping

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When Zach faked being hypnotized at Prom and everyone believed him.

Taylor Jones



What advice do you have for freshmen? Nobody cares that much to notice everything about you so

just do what you want

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers and how much they really care about their students
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mrs. Lewin because she's always so honest and always helpful.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Robertson my kindergarten teacher because she is the reason I want to be a teacher.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I was in recess with McKenna and Lexi and McKenna got her foot stuck in a tree

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? I'm going to UNI to become a first or second grade teacher

What's your favorite song? Movie? Favorite movie is *Mamma Mia* and my song is "You're Gonna Miss This."

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? The little elementary kids

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Hanging out with friends or family or reading my books or on the lake

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

Jenavieve LeGassick



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Musical, Play, TEL, large group speech, individual speech, yearbook
Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech has affected me the most because it taught me how

to get out of my comfort zone. I was able to push myself farther than I thought was possible.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Don't be afraid to quit something. If the sport, club, or job is negatively impacting you, then drop it because your mental health is more important.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I love how much the teachers care about the students. They want everyone to succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Clue on Stage. Noah improved the end and made it really fun. Taylor and I did the lights so it was always a party back there.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore because she pushed me in speech and in school work.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. George because she made school fun

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When I pretended to pass out on April Fool's Day and Mrs. Huber freaked out.

If your life was made into a movie, who would you want to play the role of you? Florence Pugh

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to BYU and majoring in media arts or business

What's your favorite song? Movie? "Water Fountain" by Alec Benjamin, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? I would invite my grandma. She passed when I was eight so I would love to see what she thinks about the world now and if she would be proud of me.

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

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope that we still talk about all of the class competitions.

Saige Hunt



Activities involved in during high school: 4 years of track; 1 year of volleyball; 4 years of Large Group Speech, 2 years of Individual Speech, TEL, 4 years of Spanish

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Being on the track team has affected me the most because it has taught me that the good things never come easily. It has taught me that no matter how hard the work gets to never give up on yourself; the end reward is always worth the blood, sweat, and tears. Lastly, throughout the four years, the team and coaches begin to feel like a second family and the bonds created are like no other.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Just show up. Half the work is already done

if you just show up to class and try your best. You don't have to spend hours on end working on homework or stressing out over that big assignment. As long as you put in your best effort, you will be just fine.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The thing I appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley is how much the teachers genuinely care about the success of their students. Not only that, but they care about the well being of their students, too.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? I would love to relive any sporting event (football, basketball, etc.). The energy that is created in the student section during those games is unmatched to anything else I have ever experienced. It's so much fun to come together as a whole high school and show our peers how much we support them.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? My most inspirational high school teacher is all of them. There isn't one teacher who hasn't inspired me in some way or another. I am grateful for each and every one of them.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?

My most inspirational elementary teacher probably has to be Mrs. Rissler, my first grade teacher. She made school very fun and enjoyable and had us laughing every day. She was also the one who taught me how to tie my own shoes ;)

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary memory comes from when we were in first grade. We were putting on a small play about the pilgrims, and we made the Mayflower out of cardboard. In the middle of the play, we ripped the boat in half and had to continue on like nothing happened.

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 would want Scarlett Johansson to play the role of me.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to Kirkwood for their Surgical Technology program. After graduating from college, I hope to become a traveling Surgical Technologist.

What's your favorite song? Movie? My favorite song is "Trip Around the Sun" by Kenny Chesney. My favorite movie is really any Marvel movie.

If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be? If I could go back in time, I would invite my whole family to eat lunch with me at school.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? When I'm not in school, I am most likely on Lake Delhi with my family and friends boating, skiing, swimming, or just hanging out. You might also catch me taking a nap on my front porch or reading a book.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? There isn't one specific event, but I hope that we reminisce about all the good times we had with each other throughout all the years we spent together in school. I also hope that we talk about what is going on in our lives at that time and how we are all doing.