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# Wildcat Echo

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## Final concert will be Tuesday by Chantel Crowley

It's about that time again! On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Senior Awards Concert will take place.

The Senior Awards Concert on May 2nd will take place at 7pm in the middle school multipurpose room. It will feature high school choir members in a Treble Choir, Bass Choir, and Mixed Choir, as well as the high school Concert Band.

Ms. McCrary commented, "This concert is the last home performance of the year for most of the high school students and will serve as a preparatory performance before we head to IHSMA Large Group Contest the following Saturday.

There is no cost to attend but free will donations are always appreciated :) We hope to see everyone there!" Ms. McCrary added.

Both the band and choirs will compete Saturday, May 6 at state large group contest.



## Prom royalty crowned

Kade Freiburger and Ella Mensen were crowned prom king and queen Saturday night.

## Bleacher renovation project begins



It feels as if after the last runner crossed the finish line at this week's track meet the construction crew started their work. The visitor bleachers and part of the home bleachers have been removed already. The remaining home bleachers and press box will also be removed and new ones will be installed.



# Girls track team keeps rockin' it

by Chantel Crowley

Last week on Thursday the MV girls track team traveled to West Delaware to compete. They placed 9th out of 11 teams with 40 points.

Results:

400M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 1:03.55; 2nd

4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Izzy Heffernan, McKenna Thompson; 1:54.62; 6th

4x400M Relay: Lily Huber, McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge; 4:18.65; 5th

800 Sprint Medley: McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge, Lily Huber; 1:56.81; 2nd

Distance Medley: Lili Bauers, Izzy Heffernan, Lanni Beaman, Isabel Imler; 4:49.88; 4th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 38-05.00; 1st // Macee Nolan; 31-05.00; 8th

Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp; 82-06; 8th

Their next meet was on Monday at CPU. The girls placed 6th out of the nine school with 43 points.

Results are as follows:

Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 37' 1"; 1st // Macee Nolan; 29' 9"; 8th

800 Sprint Medley: McKenna Thompson, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:57.04; 4th

3000M Run: Isabel Imler; 12:53.76; 4th

400M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 1:03.09; 3rd // Saige Hunt; 1:10.40; 7th

4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman, McKenna Thompson; 1:53.76; 3rd

800M Run: Isabel Imler; 2:46.96; 7th

200M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 28.35; 5th

4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, McKenna Thompson, Izzy Heffernan, Lanni Beaman; 53.64; 4th

4x400M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Saige Hunt, McKenna Thompson; 4:30.38; 4th

"The girls have had an awesome early part of the season. I haven't had a group that has been off to such a good start since I started coaching here at MV. The success has been really fun to watch but the improvements and personal records are harder to come by. We have still had a fair share of them which impresses me even more about this group. They are talented and hungry, a great combination," comments Coach Dunlap.



**Taryn Burbridge sets the pace in the 4x800 in Anamosa. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple, The Monticello Express)**

The girls' next meet was the following night at Anamosa.

"My biggest surprise on the night was our 4x200m relay team," stated Coach Dunlap. "These girls have been good but just haven't put down a good time. Their improvements up to this meet have been small like tenths of a second. So I was shocked when they dropped more than two seconds. They won the slow heat and then beat everyone in the fast heat."

Results:

800M Run: Isabel Imler; 2:46.41; 7th

4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman; 53.46; 6th

4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Izzy Heffernan, McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman; 1:51.54; 1st

4x400M Relay: Lily Huber, McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge; 4:16.26; 2nd

4x800M Relay: Taryn Burbridge, Lili Bauers, Jordan Hatfield, Isabel Imler; 11:31.00; 9th

800 Sprint Medley: McKenna Thompson, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman, Lily Huber; 1:59.80; 7th

Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 38-00.00; 1st // Macee Nolan; 30-06.00; 8th

Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp; 96-02; 4th

Their next meet was last night at Cascade and will be covered in the next issue.

by Maya Smith

On Monday, the boys track team competed at home. They ended up scoring 129 points, placing 2nd overall out of 7 teams.

Here are the scorers:

Shot Put: Dylan Knipper; 40' ½"; 3rd, Nathan Beitz; 39' 3"; 4th

Discus: Nathan Beitz; 100"; 4th

High Jump: DaShawn Strickland; 5'2"; 3rd

Long Jump: Lance McShane; 18' 8½"; 2nd, Brady Wall; 17' ¼"; 4th

Sprint Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf; 1:48.79; 6th

3200 M Run: Kenyon Baker; 12:29.98; 4th

4x800 M Relay: George Livingston, Arion Rave, Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland; 8:42.66; 1st (season best time)

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:06.35; 2nd

Distance Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Dylan Knipper, Brady Wall, Kenyon Baker; 4:23.43; 3rd

400 M Dash: Lance McShane; 53.07; 1st

4x200 M Relay: Tate Intorf, Colin Smith, Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland; 1:44.96; 5th

110 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 17.31; 2nd, Carter Klaren; 18.74; 3rd

800 M Run: George Livingston; 2:09.17; 2nd

200 M Dash: Lance McShane; 24.49; 2nd, Brady Wall; 25.77; 5th

400 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 1:07.27; 2nd

1600 M Run: Matthew Schaul; 4:42.93; 2nd

4x100 M Relay: Carter Klaren, Brady Wall, Kash Hunt, Tate Intorf; 50.45; 5th

4x100 M Relay: Colin Smith, Preston Salow, Dylan Knipper, Nathan Beitz; 52.20; 1st

4x400 M Relay: George Livingston, DaShawn Strickland, Tate Intorf, Matthew Schaul; 3:49.92; 3rd

Last Thursday the team competed in Monticello. MV finished fourth out of eight teams with 75 points.

"In spite of the fact, the Wildcats competed very well and pulled off a number of personal bests and placed in most of the events," stated Coach Meehan.

Here are the scorers:

Long Jump: Lance McShane; 19'7"; 4th

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## Wildcats earn some wins on the course

by Kaitlyn Nolan

The Maquoketa Valley Golf Team hosted the Alburnett Pirates last Thursday, bringing home a win for the girls' team, 229 to a Pirates team that didn't qualify for a team score, and a close loss for the boys' team, 207-196. Kaela Clemen, the lone senior this year, medaled with a 50, and junior Kaya Knipper took runner-up with a 56. After losing the tie breaker, junior Toby Grimm earned runner-up honors with a 46.

Other scorers for boys' included: Jake Gellersen (50), Zach Leytem (55), Sebastian Charles (56), Tyler Mineart (63), and Logan Beaman (66). Other scores for girls' included: Isabella Mensen (58), Emily Hogan (65), Ella Wulfekuhle (65), and Cece Trenkamp (80).

"[It] was good to get back on track after Tuesday night's meet at Ed-Co," commented Coach Andrews, head coach of the girls' team. "The girls fought tough playing conditions tonight with the cold and the wind. [I was] very happy with how we competed from top to bottom and looking forward to getting some quality practices in."

Coach Besler agreed with Andrews' statements about the weather con-

ditions and, concerning the boys' team, added, "It was nice having a full line-up tonight and looking forward to having another week to improve before conference/sectionals."

The boys' team traveled to the Bellevue Golf Club on Monday to compete against a strong lineup of Marquette, Beckman, and Bellevue where the boys placed third out of the four teams. Team scores, from first down to last, are as follows: Beckman (158), Bellevue (199), Maquoketa Valley (238), and Marquette (283). Grimm placed sixth with a 45.

Other scores include: Leytem (62), Gellersen (63), Charles (68), Mineart (70), and Beaman (75).

Coach Besler said, "It was a nice, calm weather day out at Bellevue Golf Club today. The boys put together a good effort, on an unfamiliar course, for this young group of golfers. Toby Grimm continues to score well, as we approach postseason play next week. Really happy with our progress at this point."

Both teams hosted Easton Valley and East Buchanan on Thursday, and those results will be next week's article.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kaela Clemen

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

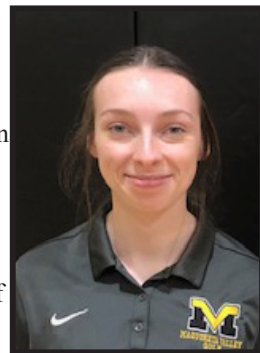
It is always a lot of fun. A bad day on the course is always better than a good day at school.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

The mental game and not letting one bad hole ruin the whole meet.

How long have you played?  
3 years.

Who's your golf role model?  
Rick Shiels for sure haha



## Knipper qualifies for Drake Relays

Congratulations to senior Erin Knipper for qualifying for next week's 113th Drake Relays in Des Moines. She qualified in the shot put with a throw of 38' 05" placing her 21st in the state in all classes. She will throw Friday, April 28th at 9 am.

"She has been locked in and focused," stated Coach Dunlap. "She throws first in the first heat Friday and Erin is the type of kid that handles that pressure well. She is kind of the underdog at Drake so it will be nice to see what she can do with all the pressure on the other throwers."



### Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

Why did the cell phone get glasses? - Because she lost all her contacts.

What's the most popular video game at the bread bakery? - Knead for Speed

What's a firefly's favorite dance? - The glitterbug.

What do bunnies like to do at the mall? - Shop 'til they hop.

## Boys track, continued

Sprint Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, Tate Intorf; 1:49.78; 5th  
3200 M Run: Kenyon Baker; 12:52.24; 6th

4x800 M Relay: George Livingston, Arion Rave, Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland; 9:03.51; 3rd

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:07.78; 2nd

400 M Dash: Lance McShane; 52.81; 1st

4x200 M Relay: Tate Intorf, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, DaShawn Strickland; 1:44.77; 4th

110 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 17.16; 3rd, Carter Klaren; 18.91; 5th

800 M Run: Matthew Schaul; 2:08.40; 3rd

200 M Dash: Lance McShane; 23.38; 1st

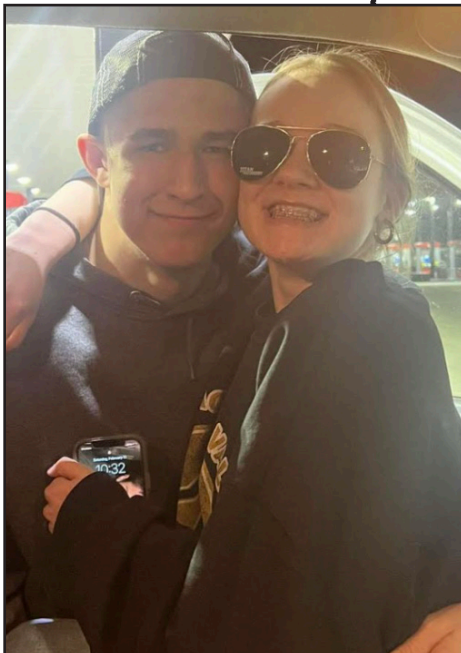
1600 M Run: George Livingston; 4:47.54; 1st (Personal record)

4x100 M Relay: Carter Klaren, Brady Wall, Kash Hunt, Colin Smith; 49.30; 4th  
4x400 M Relay: George Livingston, DaShawn Strickland, Tate Intorf, Matthew Schaul; 3:51.47; 5th

Last night the boys competed in Cascade. Results will be in next week's issue.



# Cutest Couple



**Jordan Hatfield and Nathan Beitz**  
by Grace Richter

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

Jordan- His big muscles in his singlet.

Nathan- She's the coach's daughter.

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

Jordan- He's always gotta check the cows.

Nathan- When she says "No betting."

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

Jordan- Going swimming.

Nathan- Going to DQ.

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

Jordan- Umm.. there's a lot but probably if I had to pick the fact that he's just always down to have a good time with everyone.

Nathan- Everything.

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

Jordan- "Glamorous" by Fergie (it's his fav song whether he admits it or not).

Nathan- "Fancy" by Iggy Azalea

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

Jordan- Tyler's the GOAT.

Nathan- Having good talks in the kitchen.

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

Jordan- He is just so Nathan.

Nathan- Boujee.

## Students of the Week

*Chantel Crowley &  
Alexis Halverson*



**You recently helped make a memory quilt for Mrs. McDermott after Blake passed away. What made you decide to help?**

Chantel: I didn't know there was a quilt in the making for Mrs. McDermott. I had asked Mrs. Downs if she needed anything when I didn't have classes at Kirkwood and stayed at MV, and that was when she showed me and asked if I would/could help. I said yes, not only because it gave me something productive to do, but because sewing is something I like to do, and this project would be memorable for not only me, but someone else. It's always nice to make something for someone else, especially someone as kind as Mrs. McDermott.

Alexis: I love helping Mrs. Downs with any projects she has to help out. I also wanted to see Mrs. McDermott's face when she seen it because it's sentimental.

**What other sewing projects have you worked on?**

Chantel: Some other sewing projects I have worked on would be random pieces here and there. I've made table runners and potholders, two of my own quilts, and currently I'm working on a wall hanging. I've patched so many jeans, but I don't think that counts as a project :)

Alexis: making a quilt

**What's a dream project for you?**

Chantel: I don't know if I have a dream project really in mind, but I would like to make a scrap quilt someday. They seem really fun as you kind of just get to do your own thing, and you can look back at the quilt with the different fabrics and think, "oh, I made this quilt with this one, and that wall hanging with that one!"

Alexis: make a t-shirt quilt

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: George Livingston

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

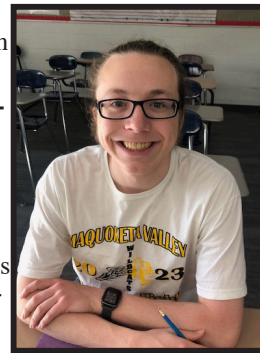
I am playing George Jorgenson Jr.

**What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show?** I really enjoy how much our group is bonding this year and I appreciate the challenge of

playing a character nothing like myself.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?** The audience will love the physical comedy and cast interactions in this piece.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** I would either be a performer or the host of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*



Name: Josie Teymer

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

I play a little girl named Kimberly who is obsessed with being the world's best supermodel.

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

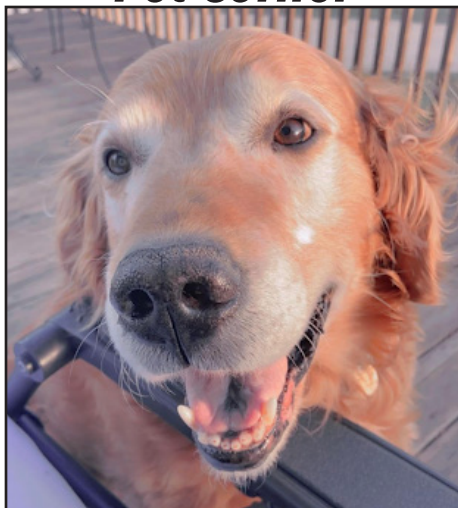
to perform on stage with my friends and see all of our growth. Everyone works super hard and we all have an amazing time. We truly have some of the most talented people on the planet at our school.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?** Adults will enjoy the kid characters because they will think of their own children. I think that kids will like it because there is a lot of kid humor. Overall, it is really funny and will be enjoyable for everyone.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** Definitely *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. It has been my favorite show since I was a kid and Buffy is a character that really got me into fashion. My favorite genre is action-comedy so I think it would be perfect.



## Pet Corner



by Ava Cole

This week's Pet Corner is featuring a Golden Retriever named Buster. He lived in Hopkinton, Iowa with Grace Richter and her family. He was known to be adventurous and friendly, often walking along the road only to be picked up by someone driving and returned to his house. Buster was a dancer as well, which was something he enjoyed doing with family and friends.

**Cuddle-bility - 9/10** - While friendly, I doubt you could keep him from wanting to explore and travel down roads. He may not have wanted to cuddle on days he feels like adventuring.

**Cuteness - 10/10** - I (and many others) absolutely adore Golden Retrievers. And having met him in real life before, I can confidently say that his photos were an accurate reflection of how adorable he is

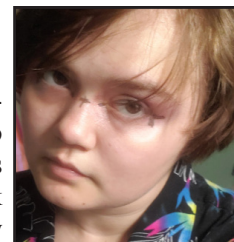
**Friendliness - 10/10** - Being known for his excitable and affectionate demeanor, Buster ranks very highly on our friendliness scale.

**Loyalty - 7/10** - He's loyal for sure, but is known for trailing off in search of something to entertain him on the side of the road.

**Train-ability - 10/10** - He knows how to dance and is always polite to his family. He seems to be very well trained.

**Can I Take Them in a Fight? - 0/10** - Buster is probably out of my weight class and he's too cute for me to fight.

## One at a Time



by Arianna Nolan

I have had connections with some really negative people before. Those people would constantly bring me down, and I would feel awful about myself and the people around me. Those behaviors that they displayed would usually rub off on me and I would end up isolating myself, or being really rude and negative to the people around me. It's a huge mistake I never wish I made, and when I would finally wake up from this rut of negativity, it would already be too late and I had hurt people that I really cared about that were only trying to spread positivity. This made me realize that I need to choose my friends wisely, and to choose friends that are going to bring me up and spread positivity. This is the message that I want to spread to you this week as well, because I don't want you ending up in the same situation that I did.

But, what are the qualities of a negative person? A negative person is usually someone who is complaining all the time, and always finding the negative in things. Instead of focusing on the good things that can come from something, they try to find the things that they don't like, and let everyone know that they don't like it. When they talk like this, it will spread to you, and you will start finding the negatives in the things around you too. It will start with small things like class activities, or something that you eat, but it will soon spread to the people that you talk to. You will find the littlest things that they do annoying, and it will show that you don't like

them. That negative person will also find the little things about you that tick them off, and they will tell you about it. It will make you feel bad about yourself, and you will find yourself trying to change things about yourself for other people. If you find yourself always being negative, don't worry, it doesn't make you a bad person, it's just that you should consider finding a new perspective on things. For example, even though you don't like doing a certain thing, try and think about the good things that could come from it, or even think about the good things that you can do after the thing is done.

Finding someone who brings you up is very important because it will improve your quality of life. You will think positive things about yourselves and others, and your positivity will spread to the other people around you. And then, you will become a person that people want to be around because of the things that you say and do. So, my goal for you all next week is if you find yourself thinking negatively about someone or something, try and think about it in a different way. Even doing it every so often will improve your day, because I have done it and it has really helped me.

I hope you all have a great weekend, and I will see you next week! Love you all!

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith

As school is wrapping up, paying attention in class is getting even harder. This week, I decided to test some students and Mr. Dunlap, on their geography skills.

What country is the biggest in the world?

Mr. Dunlap: China  
Marley Wagnor: Russia  
Brayden Bjorkgren: Gorilla  
Elizabeth Kraft: Russia  
Answer: Russia

Which continent has the most countries?

Mr. Dunlap: Africa  
Marley Wagnor: Iraq  
Brayden: Squirrel

Elizabeth: Europe  
Answer: Africa

Which continent is also an island and a country?

Mr. Dunlap: Australia? Crikeys, mate!  
Marley: China  
Brayden: Road kill  
Elizabeth: Australia  
Answer: Australia

What is the biggest state in the U.S.?

Mr. Dunlap: Alaska  
Marley Wagnor: Texas  
Brayden: Spider monkey  
Elizabeth: Alaska  
Answer: Alaska



# Kayla Otting



**Activities involved in during high school:** I was in Choir, Individual Speech, and Large Group Speech.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Speech affected me the most, for sure. I grew so much while participating, and I'm sad I didn't go out any other years of high school. All of my speech coaches always had my back, and I couldn't be where I am today without them.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Go out for those activities you're scared of! Trust me, I never did any activities until I was a senior, and I regret it. There's nothing wrong with being nervous about new things, but going out there and doing your best is what matters.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I love the atmosphere here. Everyone's willing to help each other, and there's always a positive attitude in the hallways. Of course, some people aren't nice, but I think the positive outweighs the negative.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** I would love to relive going out for Speech, or any moment in Speech, really. I had so much fun doing this activity, and I'm sad I only got to enjoy it for one year instead of four. Younger me

would have absolutely loved it. At least I got to enjoy it before it was too late.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. DeVore. She pushed me so far out of my comfort zone while I was in her classes and during Speech, and I can't thank her enough for it. I've grown so much these last few years, and I've had Mrs. DeVore support me all the way.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** I think my most inspirational elementary teacher is Mrs. George. I remember just having a blast during the time I had with her, and I remember being sad about her leaving this school district. She was quirky and didn't mind showing that side to us. Of course, she was serious with us when she needed to be, but she showed us her true personality without being scared. I think that's why she's so inspirational to me because she wasn't afraid of her personality showing through, and I aspire to be like that someday.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite elementary school memory was when Jena fainted in front of Mrs. Huber for an April Fool's prank when we were in the fourth grade. I still remember us planning it out before class, and it's stuck with me all these years.

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

Personally, I don't think my life is interesting enough for someone to make a movie out of it. I've never really thought about this question before, so I don't really know how to answer it. I think if I were to have anyone play me, it would be Philipa Soo. I think she's one of the very few people I know that looks somewhat like me, and I don't really see anyone else playing me.

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

I plan on going to college at Northeast Iowa Community College for my first two years, then transfer to the University of Northern Iowa. I plan on going to pursue my dream of becoming either an illustrator or writer/author.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?**

Currently, my favorite song is "Lady Madonna" by The Beatles. I don't know why I love this song so much, but I can't stop listening to it. I think it's because it's one of their unique tracks, and doesn't go with their vibe. It's completely different than their aesthetic, and maybe that's why I like it. I'm not sure, but it's my favorite song for now. My favorite movie is *Mulan* by Disney. Personally, I think the movie is underrated. While there isn't a lot of music in this movie, each song is a masterpiece, in my opinion. I love Mushu from the movie, and I wish I could have him as my companion. This movie is wonderful, and I love to watch it all the time.

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

I would love to invite Tom Hiddleston to have lunch with me. I love how much of a gentleman he is, and I think chatting with him would be so much fun.

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

When I'm not in school, I'm most likely doing my homework or I have my nose stuck in a book. Reading is my favorite thing to do, which is why I want to become a writer to make my own stories.

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

I want people to talk about how we all had fun in different ways. I'm sure most of us had some fun, even if school was in the way sometimes. There were so many different opportunities and special moments we had in these four years, but not all of us remember things the same way. Instead, I hope we can look back and remember we all had a little fun, even if it was a stressful time.

# Nia Burnett



**Activities involved during high school:** I managed football for 2 years and did wrestling stats for 1 year. I was also involved in vocal jazz for 2 years  
**Which activity affected you the most? How?** I would definitely say Vocal Jazz because over the years it made me more comfortable to get up and perform in front of people  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Focus on your grades, and don't give up.  
**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The

teachers. They are so supportive and always willing to help.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Temple. She is always so positive and always so helpful. She does everything she can to help students succeed.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Jurgens because she is so supportive and she's seriously like the best teacher.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** - getting the cake from Mrs. Jurgens because it was good.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm going to University of Dubuque first to get my Bachelors of Science in Nursing, and then I'll go to Clarke University to get my Doctor of Nursing Practice. I want to be an Orthopedic Nurse Practitioner

**What's your favorite movie?** Any movie with the Rock is a good movie.

**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?** Our Homecomings and football games and other activities.

# Allison Nefzger



**Activities involved in during high school:** I am in TEL, and I was in Volleyball and Golf.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Volleyball because I learned that I loved being on a team and it also helped me become more goal-orientated and dedicated. It also helped me with my time management.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Just do your best and you will be fine. Also, ask for help the teachers are more than willing to help you.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** That the teachers truly care about your well-being and not just your grades. They will help you when you need it; all you have to do is communicate with them.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** When we made our class float freshman year because it was fun doing something as a class.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Besler because she is someone easy to talk to, understands you and a good role model.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. George because she was always really kind and she taught me to just be myself and I really appreciate her for that.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Jena fainted in fourth grade for April Fools Day as a prank.

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to college in the fall. I am going in undecided but I am very interested in Law and Journalism.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** "If We Have Each Other" by Alec Benjamin and *Mamma Mia*.

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

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



## Grace Rowan



**Activities involved in during high school:** TEL, Volleyball, Softball, Track, 4-H, County Council  
**Which activity affected you the most?**

**How?** 4-H because I made new friends and learned leadership skills

**What advice do you have for freshmen?**

Never be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.

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

I appreciate that all the students are kind and Welcoming of others

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Homecoming because you get to TP, go to the Friday night football game, and attend the homecoming dance.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mr. Dunlap because he was also my Track coach and he taught me to always push through even when you want to give up.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Bonert - Because she always made sure we were having fun learning out lesson while still making sure we took something away from the lesson.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Become an EMT then Paramedic through NICC then get My LPN then RN.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** Song: "Trying" - Jordan Davis; Movie: *Soul Surfer* or *The Miracle Season*.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Working as CNA or at the EMS station or Shopping.

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

## Lucas Orcutt



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, FFA, Basketball

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Football because I never got the success I wanted so it always made me work harder  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Don't stress yourself out. It's all gonna be fine

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The community support

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Any Friday night during football season because nothing compares to being under the lights

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mr. Helle because we always had fun in class and he was really easy to talk to about football.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** 5th and 6th grade football

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Ag Business at Kirkwood

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** "Red" - Hardy and the Fast and Furious series

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

## Kade Freiburger



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football and FFA  
**Which activity affected you the most? How?** FFA, it taught me leadership skills.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?**

High school flies by.

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

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

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Lau, she makes her classes fun and not boring

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Bonert, she was always so full of energy and made class fun

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** That time in 5th grade when it was back to school night and I was opening a package of pencils. They exploded everywhere and Ella thought it was just the funniest thing ever and all she ever talks about from 5th grade.

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Going to Kirkwood for Ag sciences, then either driving truck or being an agronomist somewhere

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** "Old School" by John Conlee, Favorite movie: *War Dogs*

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** Some of my friends now.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Rippin' my dirtbike or boating on the lake with friends

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Either one of our proms