

## Drama students present 'Miss Nelson is Missing'

by Kaitlyn Nolan

It's back-to-school for Maquoketa Valley's spring play entitled *Miss Nelson is Missing!*, a show based on the popular children's book written by Harry Allard in 1977. Miss Nelson's class in Room 207 is a handful of personalities ranging from a supermodel-obsessed little girl with dreams to live in Paris to a nerd who actually wants to learn at school. When sweet Miss Nelson goes missing with a big test coming up, substitute teacher Miss Swamp takes the helm and makes the children actually learn. Scared of Miss Swamp and utterly miserable with her teaching methods, the kids devise a plan to search for Miss Nelson. Do they actually find her, or are they stuck with Miss Swamp and the big test they are definitely going to fail?

The drama department is excited to open their doors to the public Friday night at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. With a ticket cost of five dollars, they will experience a nostalgic experience on stage and an intermission with snacks and drinks.

Directed by Mrs. Debbie DeVore and Mrs. Jennifer Teymer, this year's cast list includes: Josie Teymer as Kimberly, George Livingston as George Jorgenson Jr., McKenna Bush as Morris, Arianna Nolan as LaVita, Zach Mineart as Raymond, Carter Klaren as Elvis, Joellen Beitz as Phoebe, Kaitlyn Nolan as Miss Swamp, Cadence Freiburger as Miss Nelson, Ollie Hunter as Principal Humleker, Addie Rudd as Detective McSmogg, Emily Rudd as the secretary, Carly Dirks as the librarian, and Zari Ambundo as the janitor. The



crew consists of two seniors on lights, Jena LeGassick and Taylor Schmuecker, along with Chantel Crowley on sound. Cece Trenkamp and eighth grader Jeanie Teymer work backstage.

When asked why people should go to the show, Josie Teymer answered, "Although we do enjoy putting on the show for ourselves, we also do it for an audience to enjoy. We all have worked so hard to make our characters come to life and this play is a comedy so if you enjoy a good laugh you will love this production."

We are excited to see you in class—I mean, at the show!

**Above: Cadence Freiburger as Miss Swamp has left Kimberly (played by Josie Teymer) a bit frightened.**

## Get the goods at the MV Market

Maquoketa Valley CTE department will be hosting their third annual MV Market on May 10th at the Delhi City Park. The MV Market is sponsored by the MV CTE Department and has a goal of providing students with the opportunity to develop products, market them, and sell to customers in a farmers market setting.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter & Horticulture II class will have hanging baskets and vegetable plants to choose from at the market.

The FCS classes will have various sweets and snacks to choose from, such as mini bundt cakes and cookies as well as hats & T-shirts ready to be pressed.

The business classes have various stickers and window clings that the Introduction to Business class designed.

The Industrial technology students have created indoor home decor, cutting boards, key and coat hooks, and much more! Stop down to the Delhi City Park on Wednesday May 10 from 2:30-6:00 PM!

## MV Market

Maquoketa Valley High School CTE

Delhi City Park  
Wednesday, May 10th, 2023  
2:30 PM - 6:00 PM



**For Sale:**  
Plants  
Baked Goods  
MV Apparel



Woodworking and Metal Work Items  
Stickers, Magnets, and Window Clings

Proceeds go to the MV High School FFA, Industrial Tech, FCS, and Business Departments to help students continue their Career and Technical Education.

# FFA members celebrate a year's worth of success

The school was bustling with activity Sunday as the MV FFA held its annual banquet. Almost 180 FFA students and supporters gathered to recognize the success of the program.

A pulled pork meal was served in the cafeteria, and then members and guests gathered for a live auction in the auditorium. MV alumnus Kaleb Kruse served as the auctioneer. The leadership team then began the meeting where several awards were presented and certificates of accomplishments were handed out.

The meeting concluded with the 2023-24 officers being named:

President: Lainey Knipper

Vice-president: Ethen Brokhohn

Vice-president: Kody Hoeger

Secretary: Leah Reicher

Treasurer: Alia Domeyer

Reporter: Haley Ronnebaum

Reporter: Kaya Knipper

Sentinel: Nathan Beitz



President Haley Ronnebaum presents Tyler Hoeger with the Star Greenhand Award.



President Haley Ronnebaum congratulates Bianca Ronnebaum on her Rising Star Award.



Brooke Hogan earned the Community Service Award.



The 2022-23 leadership team presented Mrs. McDermott with an honorary chapter degree for all of her support of the program.



Lainey Knipper receives the Leadership Award.



The 2023-24 leadership team include Alia Domeyer, Nathan Beitz, Haley Ronnebaum, Kaya Knipper, Leah Reicher, Kody Hoeger, Ethen Brockhohn and Lainey Knipper.



# Artists recognized for talents at TRC art show

MV artists submitted their best work for evaluation in the annual Tri-Rivers art show. The event is held virtually.

MV results:

Anna Deutmeyer: Colored Pencil Honorable Mention

Kayla Otting: Colored Pencil 3rd Place

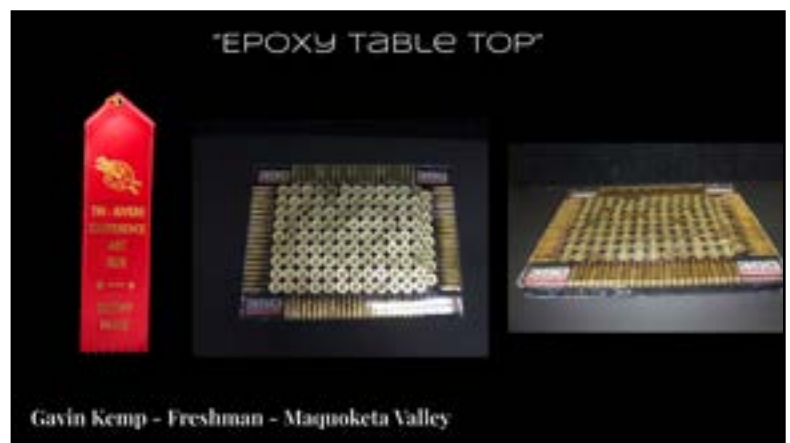
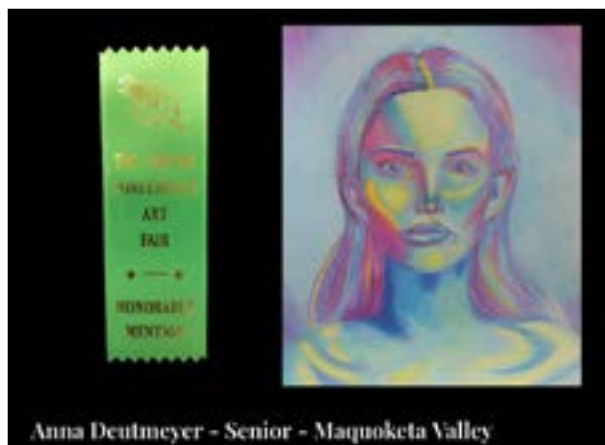
Dannielle Burkle: Digital Photography 3rd Place

Gavin Kemp: Craft 2nd Place

Addie Rudd: Graphic Arts 2nd Place

Cecily Trenkamp: Glass Art 2nd Place

Lainey Knipper: Handbuilt Pottery 1st Place



# Todo en español, por favor



Spanish IV students put their Spanish to the test last Friday as they dined at Rio Blanco in Dyersville. All of the ordering and conversation was in Spanish.

## Music students present final concert



The band and choir performed Tuesday night. Seniors were recognized at this final concert of the year: Kaela Clemen and Marley Wagnor in band and Autumn Nelson and Dylan Schmuecker in choir. Both the band and choir students will participate in the IHSMA state large group contest Saturday.

## Student of the Week

*Leah Reicher*



**What do you enjoy most about FFA and your ag classes?** I enjoy the multiple skills that I learn. This spring I am taking Horticulture 2. In this class, we grow the plant that are sold during the MV market and FFA plant sale. In this class, we had to not only care for and grow the plant, but we also had to make a balance sheet, along with a planting calendar. Every day we go out to the greenhouse and water the plants. There can be snow on the ground, but when you walk into the greenhouse it automatically feels like summer :)

**What got you interested in ag and FFA?** The thing that got me interested in FFA was being in Ms. Lau's room in middle school and finding everything so cool. As I got into high school my friends and I decided that we should try it out because the people who were already involved seemed really fun to be around.

**Why would you recommend being involved in FFA?** It is such a unique organization. They have contests that you can participate in just like speech. When you participate in these contests you are able to travel and go meet new people from other schools. You work on leadership skills no matter what role you play in the chapter. You are able to plan fun events for the student body to participate in just like the student council. FFA also provides you with many volunteer opportunities and ways to give back and meet people in our community.

## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Drugs have short-term and long-term effects. These effects can be physical and psychological. Drugs can impact the way you think, feel and act. Making sure you know the risks can help reduce the potential harms you experience.



# Academic Excellence banquet celebrates students' success

MV celebrated its academic top-performing students Wednesday night at the annual Academic Excellence banquet.

Students earned this honor by qualifying based on their grades, class rank, or standardized test scores.

Following the meal, the students and their families gathered in the auditorium where several of the fine arts groups performed. Guest speaker for the evening was MV alumna Dr. Sarah Kintzle. Dr. Kintzle is an associate research professor at the University of Southern California. Her expertise focuses on risk and protective factors related to successful military transition, challenges to psychological and physical health, suicide prevention, the experience of women service members and veterans, and sexual assault prevention.



**Dr. Kintzle presents senior Kaela Clemen with her certificate.**



**Isabella Mensen, Logan Clemen and McKenna Bush provide some musical entertainment at the awards night.**



**Seniors recognized were, front row: Taylor Schmuecker, McKenna Thompson, Saige Hunt and Ella Mensen; back row: Jena LeGassick, Kaela Clemen, Carter Klaren, Zach Mineart, Kennedy Rausch and Anna Deutmeyer.**



**Kaitlyn Nolan, Haley Ronnebaum, George Livingston, Cadence Freiburger and Chantel Crowley were the honored juniors.**



**Sophomores recognized were McKenna Bush, Kayla Flanagan, Brady Eike, Kelsey Hoeger and Ava Goldsmith.**



**The honored freshmen were, front left to right: Dylan Knipper, Lanni Beaman, Colin Smith, Morgan Clemen, Ty Hoeger, Maya Smith, Derrick Mohr and Kalynn Freiburger.**

# Track teams find their pace

## Boys track

by Maya Smith

Last Thursday, the boys competed at the Cascade Meet. They placed 5th out of 11 teams with 83 points.

Here are the scorers:

400 M Dash: Lance McShane; 51.59; 2nd  
800 M Run: Matthew Schaul; 2:08.74; 1st  
3200 M Run: Kenyon Baker; 11:58.42; 6th  
110 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 17.33; 3rd,  
Carter Klaren; 18.90; 6th  
400 M Hurdles: Lance McShane; 56.43;  
1st, Arion Rave; 1:01.05; 5th  
4x100 M Relay: Carter Klaren, Brady Wall, Kash Hunt, Tate Intorf; 49.52; 8th  
4x200 M Relay: Tate Intorf, Colin Smith, DaShawn Strickland, George Livingston; 1:43.40; 6th  
4x400 M Relay: Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland, Brady Wall, Tate Intorf; 3:43.86; 3rd  
Sprint Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Carter Klaren, Tate Intorf; 1:47.80; 6th  
Distance Medley Relay: Colin Smith, Dylan Knipper, Brady Wall, Kenyon Baker; 4:22.08; 7th  
4x110 M Hurdles: Carter Klaren, Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Lance McShane; 1:04.94; 1st  
High Jump: DaShawn Strickland; 5'"; 7th  
Long Jump: Lance McShane; 19' 5.5"; 2nd, Brady Wall; 17' 9"; 6th  
Shot Put: Dylan Knipper; 39' 11.25"; 8th



**Carter Klaren clears a hurdle in the shuttle hurdle relay at the Cascade meet. (photos by Dannie Burkle)**

## Girls track

by Chantel Crowley

Last week, on Thursday, April 27th, the MV girls track team traveled to Cascade to compete. They placed 3rd out of the 12 schools attending with 85.50 points.

Here are the scorers:

200M Dash: Izzy Heffernan; 29.27; 7th  
400M Dash: Saige Hunt; 1:09.60; 5th  
800M Run: Taryn Burbridge; 2:28.67; 1st  
1500M Run: Isabel Imler; 5:43.60; 7th  
4x100M Relay: Lilly Huber, Lanni Beaman, Izzy Heffernan, McKenna Thompson; 52.77; 2nd  
4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Izzy Heffernan, Lili Bauers, McKenna Thompson; 1:52.09; 1st  
4x400M Relay: Lily Huber, McKenna Thompson, Lanni Beaman, Taryn Burbridge; 4:14.23; 1st  
1600 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Lanni Beaman, McKenna Thompson, Taryn Burbridge; 1:56.82; 1st  
Distance Medley: Izzy Heffernan, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman, Isabel Imler; 4:41.71; 4th

Their next meet was on Monday, May 1st at Ed-Co. Overall, they placed 6th with 59 points out of the 13 schools competing. Here are the scorers:

Discus Throw: Maddyx Kemp; 94-01; 4th  
Shot Put: Erin Knipper; 37-10.50; 1st  
800 Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, McKenna Thompson, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 2:00.58; 2nd  
3000M Run: Isabel Imler; 13:25.02; 2nd  
400M Dash: Lanni Beaman; 1:04.83; 3rd  
// Saige Hunt; 1:10.97, 7th  
4x200M Relay: Lily Huber, Izzy Heffernan, Taryn Burbridge, McKenna Thompson; 1:54.32; 3rd  
200M Dash: Taryn Burbridge; 28.43; 7th  
1500M Run: Isabel Imler; 6:01.55; 4th  
4x100M Relay: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman, McKenna Thompson; 54.12; 3rd

"This was the last of our regular season track meets," Coach Dunlap comments. "We were thinking about putting people in some events that maybe they have not done or have not done much of. The meet conditions were extremely windy and not good for looking at time and splits. The girls did run well though and fought through those conditions. Although they didn't PR in any events I



**Lili Bauers hands off to McKenna Thompson at the Cascade meet.**

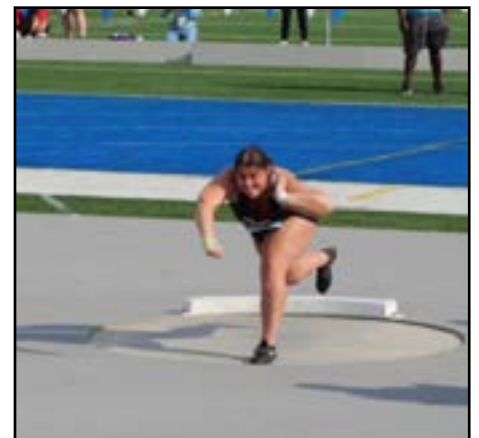
am guessing no one did in any events. The girls did place where they should have based on times coming into the meet. I am proud of how they performed."

The conference meet was last night in Central City and will be covered in the next issue.

## Drake Relays

Erin Knipper threw 35'-3.5" and placed 21st in the state at the Drake Relays last Friday.

"Erin has put a lot of work into being among the best in 1A and the state for that matter," stated coach Helle. "All her hard work paid off Friday with the honor of throwing at the Drake Relays. I am so proud of how she represented MV and the throws program. While she didn't have a PR at this meet, it was a great opportunity and experience. She continues to be a great leader for the younger throwers to learn and grow from."



**Erin Knipper is in mid throw at Drake. (photo by Maddyx Kemp)**



## Golf teams prep for post-season play

by Kaitlyn Nolan

Last Thursday the MV Golf Team hosted Easton Valley and East Buchanan at Hart Ridge in triangular competition. Both boys' and girls' teams fell short to tough players.

"Tonight was a great night for golf against some of the best competition you can ask for," Coach Besler commented. Coach Andrews agreed, saying that it was a great night with some of the best competition in the state of Iowa.

For the boys, with a team score of 224, the results of each individual golfer are as follows: Toby Grimm (41), Zach Leytem (50), Sebastian Charles (62), Tyler Mineart (79), and Logan Beaman (71). For the girls, with a team score of 234, here are the results of each golfer: Kaela Clemen (53), Kaya Knipper (57), Isabella Mensen (55), Emily Hogan (69), Ella Wulfekhule (71), and Cece Trenkamp (71).

It was an all-day event for the boys' team when they competed in the Tri-Rivers West Conference meet at Hart Ridge. Out of the eight teams that competed in an eighteen-hole meet, Maquoketa Valley placed seventh with a score of 412. East Buchanan placed first with a score of 340. The top ten golfers were medaled, and MV's own Toby Grimm placed fourth with an 86.

"Overall I was very encouraged with how the guys competed today," Coach Besler stated. "It was a very windy day out on the course but the guys battled until the end. Very happy to see Toby's hard work paying off and earning him a 4th place finish in a very tough field of competitors."

Other scores of the day included: Jake Gellersen (104), Zach Leytem (106), Sebastian Charles (116), Tyler Mineart (124), and Logan Beaman (164).

Next Monday, the girls will compete in their conference meet once again at Hart Ridge. That Friday, the boys will compete at districts. Those results will be in next week's article.

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name McKenna Bush

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

Mouse, who is one of the defiant kids.

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

I enjoy hanging out with everyone who is a part of the show at practices and set buildings.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?** The audience will enjoy all of the comedy and funny moments throughout the show.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** I have no idea. Honestly, it would be fun to star on any TV show!



Name: Arianna Nolan

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

I play a little spit-fire girl named Lavita.

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

I enjoy everything about being in this show. But, what I enjoy the most is the bonds

that I make with people. I have made so many more friends and I appreciate them all so much. I enjoy seeing them all work so hard to make this show come together.

**What will audience members enjoy most about the play?** I think that audience members will enjoy the physical humor that is in the show. The adults will enjoy some of the adult humor hidden throughout the show, and the kids will definitely enjoy the modern day jokes that we make.

**If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?** I don't watch a lot of TV, but if I had to pick a show I would want to star in *Heartstopper* because of the new season that is coming out in August.



## Athletes of the Week

Name: Zach Leytem

**What is your favorite part of playing golf?**

My favorite part of golf is playing with Toby and friends.

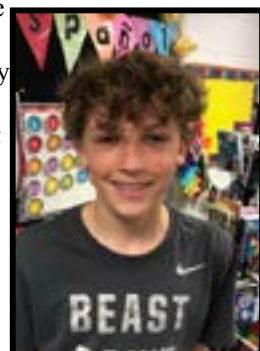
**What's the most frustrating part of the sport?**

When you have a good hit but it goes right and goes out of bounds.

**How long have you played?** This is my first year playing golf.

**Who's your golf role model?** Andrew Holtz

*"Zach is new to golf this year, but he has already risen to the ranks of having the second best 9 Hole average on the boys team. You can tell Zach loves to play the game, when you watch him on the course. He works extremely hard at learning the game and getting better, he doesn't sweat the small stuff, and he is always supportive of his teammates. We all appreciate his efforts...and especially his comedic relief in the van rides to and from meets. Zach has been a great role model for his teammates and I am lucky to have the chance to coach him."* —Coach Besler



Name: DaShawn Strickland

**What do you enjoy most about track?**

The track baddies  
**What do you think your best event will be?**

4x8 or 4x4

**What life lessons have you learned through track?**

Always push yourself and work harder

**What's the hardest part of practice?**

The hardest part of track practice is running in general or running back to back

**Who is your track role model?**

My brothers



# Best Buds



**Julia Ambundo & Aubrie Knock**  
by Grace Richter

**How did the two of you meet?**

Julia & Aubrey- When we were 5, and she moved to town, or at the pool.

**What is your favorite memory you have with each other?**

Julia- Getting in trouble for doing donuts at the park and barking at kids.

Aubrey- When we climbed on top of the abandoned building in Hopkinton.

**What song best describes your best friend?**

Julia- "Thru Your Phone" by Cardi B, or "Evil Twin" by King Von

Aubrey- "Evil Twin" by King Von

**What celebrity do you think your best friend looks like?**

Julia- White Boy Carl (AKA Ethan Cutkossy from Shameless)

Aubrey- Rosa Parks

**What does a typical hangout look like for you?**

Julia- Driving to places we shouldn't be.

Aubrey- Driving around in the dark.

**Where do you see your best friend in the future?**

Julia- Making lots of money! She is going to be something big. If she gets her head in the right place and her goals put in front of her she will do it!

Aubrey- Jail right next to me!

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Erin Knipper

What happens when a strawberry gets run over crossing the street? Traffic jam

What did the left eye say to the right eye?  
Between you and me, something smells.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn?  
Because he had a great fall.

Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired.

# Dying Words

by Cadence  
Freiburger

On May 11, 1918, Richard Feynman was born in Queens, New York. He was very intelligent, mastering differential and integral calculus and experimenting with and recreating topics before he went to college. At Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he earned his bachelor's degree and was named Putnam Fellow. Then, he got his Ph.D. at Princeton University. While in school, Feynman married his wife Arline Greenbaum, who suffered from tuberculosis.

Feynman began working with the Manhattan Project, per Robert R. Wilson's request, and visited his wife on weekends until she passed. Her death led to him throwing himself into his work on the atomic bomb. He was present at the Trinity bomb test, and he became the head of the Theoretical Division where he calculated how stable different parts of an atom bomb were. Then, to prevent an unstable portion causing an accident, he worked with safety engineers on rules and features. Feynman is also known for his work on the investigation into the Space Shuttle Challenger incident, where he pointed out what caused the crash.

Feynman then became a professor at Cornell University then CalTech, where he worked on quantum electrodynamics, the physics of superfluidity in supercooled liquid helium, and developed tools for scientists themselves conducting research. Once remarried with two kids, Feynman shared the 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics with Julian Schwinger and Shinichiro Tomonaga. Feynman's personality was written into books like *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman* and *What Do You Care About What Others Think?*, while his teachings were documented in *The Feynman Lectures*.

Feynman was 69 when he passed away with several rare forms of cancer. On February 15, 1988, Feynman's final words were:

*"This dying is boring."*



# what's up?

**Alright, the ultimate question right now: What is your favorite Taylor Swift album?**

by Lily Huber

Kiersten Bush: Taylor Swift

Brayden Bjorkgren: Taylor Swift simply because of "Our Song"

Addie Withey: *Midnights*

Cadence Freiburger: *folklore*

Anderson Holtz: *Fearless*

Kaitlyn Nolan: 1989

Dannie Burkle: Taylor Swift

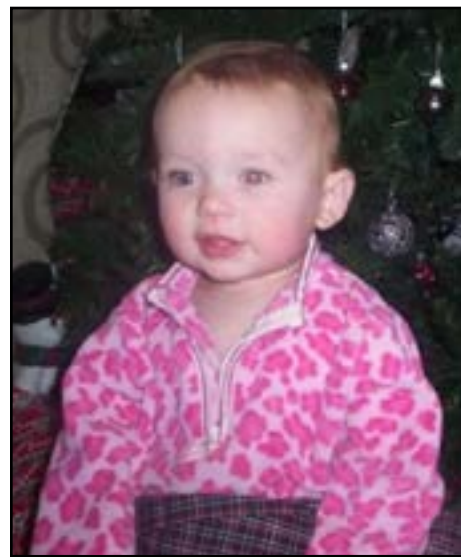
Teagan Monk: 1989

Grace Richter: *Red*

Lance McShane: *Fearless*

Haley Ronnebaum: Taylor Swift

# Cutie



by Lily Huber

This Cutie lives in Hopkinton and is involved in volleyball, basketball and track and field. What you may not know about her is that one of her favorite shows is *Glee*. The last Cutie was Elizabeth Kraft.





## It's going down. I'm yelling Timber



And just like that (well, with the help of some heavy machinery), the pressbox and bleachers have been removed.

## One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan



This week, I have been thinking about how people think of others and ourselves. We tend to define people on what they did in their past, and not on what they are doing now. It's funny how we will still think about the actions that someone did years ago, and now think about the actions that they commit during the present tense. People will tend to hold grudges for the smaller mistakes that people committed. It's normal to be upset and angry for the bigger upsets that they had, but for the smaller mistakes, it's odd. Why do us as people want to be upset with people for the rest of our lives? What do we find so good about it? We have all made mistakes at some point in our lives, and most of them are smaller. We are able to learn from these mistakes and grow, but for the other people around us, most will find that they don't believe that they will grow. They will let those mistakes define that person, even though they happened in the past. So, the lesson that I am trying to bring to you today is that you shouldn't let your past define you.

I still struggle with this concept, so it might seem irrelevant when I try and deliver this message, but as I come to learn and grow more as a person, I find that it's good to share the lessons I find valuable. I have made many mistakes in my past, and I wish I could make up for all of it. But, at

the same time, I understand that these mistakes had to have happened in order for me to grow. People tend to bring themselves down because of the actions that they did in the past, but they don't want to focus on what they can do better today, or in the future.

An example of this would be getting a grade that you deem bad on a test. Say that you thought you studied really well for that test, but you are still disappointed in the grade that you got. Instead of beating yourself up for the grade, instead try and focus on what you could do better next time. Maybe you should try a different study method, or try and change up how you study (where, with who, and what time of the day). Just because you did poorly on one test, it doesn't mean that you are going to do bad on every test. Of course, this is a smaller example of what could happen, but it gives a good foundation of what you could do after something like that happens. You can follow the same process for something bigger, like getting in a fight with your friend, or not getting the job that you wanted.

So, with this in mind, my goal for you all next week is when you find yourself making small slip ups, instead of trying to bring yourself down, try and bring yourself up. Be aware that you made a mistake, and then see how you can reflect on it. I am going to try extra hard next week to do it as well, so we will be working together on this. I hope you all have a wonderful Friday and I will see you all next week! Love you all!

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith

We're going on a trip in our favorite rocket ship! Going through the sky, Little Einsteins! This week, students answered questions about astronauts.

Who was the first astronaut to step on the moon?

McKayla Weber: Abraham Lincoln

Lacy Reth: Niel Armstrong

Shea Burcham: Neil Armstrong

Answer: Neil Armstrong

Who won the space race?

McKayla: Zimbabwe

Lacy: United States

Shea: Russia

Answer: The U.S.

What language do all American astronauts need to know?

McKayla: Hungarian

Shea: Chinese

Lacy: Spanish

Answer: Russian



What happens to astronauts' muscles when they are in space?

McKayla: They get really big and they get really, really strong like a buff duck.

Shea: They relax

Lacy: I don't know, compress?

Answer: They weaken

## Brianna Fischer



**Activities involved in during high school:** softball, basketball, TEL & Spanish Club  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?**

Don't

be afraid to try new things your freshman year- get involved. Also, remember to always respect your teachers. They really do care about you.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers. You can tell they care about you and want you to succeed. I also really love the family atmosphere the school brings.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Any Homecoming or Friday night football game for sure! The energy both events bring is unforgettable and unlike any other high school event.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Honestly, all the teachers at Maquoketa Valley inspired and helped me in many ways and I couldn't thank them enough- I don't think I could pick just one.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Huber, she was always so positive and was sure to make class fun.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Dannie cut her hair in preschool and put it under Shea's desk.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on attending the University of Northern Iowa, hoping to become a pediatric Occupational Therapist.

**What's your favorite song?** Anything by Moran Wallen or Luke Combs.

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

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope in five years we are talking about our proms and homecomings, along with our current life!

## Dylan Schmuecker



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Choir  
**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Choir because it was a lot more fun

than I expected

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Be yourself.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers, how much help is available if you want/need it.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Doing the games at the outside barbecue

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Señora Ries because she's extremely positive all the time and always wants everyone to try their best.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Scherrman because she was a cool teacher; she didn't get really worked up over small things and was always fair.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Lunchtime being loud and stupid.

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I want to study biology and hopefully land a job where I can travel to new places

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** Favorite song right now is "Welcome To Jam-rock"; favorite movie is *Shutter Island*.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** I'd ask Sir Isaac Newton

## Jaxson Kramer



**Activities involved in during high school:** football freshman and sophomore year

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The shop classes  
**What does your future (college and career) look like?** CNC Machinist at John Deere

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** "Back in Chicago" by Juice Wrld and *Inception*

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



# Landin Frasher



**Activities involved in during high school:** Track, Cross Country, FFA, TEL, Speech  
**Which activity affected you the most? How?** FFA Because I was in it for the longest period of time and was more involved in it than the others I listed.  
**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Keep assignments organized and try to meet all homework deadlines.  
**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The family like atmosphere makes for a fun place to be. I like how

everyone here know each other and there are no strangers.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** I would say all the teachers in the high school have been inspirational at many time throughout my high school career as they are all willing to help out whenever I needed it.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** I can't think of one in particular. They were all really great teachers.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Building the war projects in Mr. Cassutt's class because every day we would almost destroy his room with all the little styrofoam pieces.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to Kirkwood for Plumbing and Heating

**What's your favorite song?** "Still Somethin'" by Kid Rock

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** Probably all my friends that I have now

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Working, riding my dirtbike, or boating on Lake Delhi.

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

# Carter Klaren



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, and Speech

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Definitely speech, it has helped come out of my shell throughout the three years I was involved

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Have fun and don't procrastinate

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers truly care about you and will do everything they can

to help you

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Beating North Linn in baseball my sophomore year to become district champs.

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

Mr. DeVore, he has helped me a lot throughout speech and high school

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** I don't think I can pick just one. They were all great.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing baseball during the summer

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on getting a civil engineering degree after two years at Kirkwood and two years at the University of Iowa. And hopefully one day I am designing commercial buildings and bridges.

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

Song - "Take Me Home, Country Roads" - John Denver

Movie - *Remember the Titans*

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Playing a sport or playing video games

## *Dannielle Burkle*



**Activities involved in during high school:** Large Group Speech, FFA, Volleyball, Track, Softball, Yearbook Committee, Choir, Wildcat Echo, TEL, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Delaware County Dairy Promoters, Dairy Judging, and 4-H.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Out of all my activities, Large Group Speech affected me the most as it was something new, plus my sisters had never

done it in high school so it was my own thing.

**What advice do you have for freshmen?** Try as many different activities and clubs as you can. Many of them can be helpful in the future and can help you grow as a person.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The various opportunities that they offer, especially for being a small school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?** Posting my photos for the first time. The support from all of the parents and athletes was great.

**Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?** Mr. Dunlap. He would always agree to go along with my out-of-the-box ideas that were branched off from the assignments he gave us. He has also helped me with my photography since I took his class freshman year.

**Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?** Mrs. Dutra. She was one of the nicest teachers I had. She would always ask to curl my hair before concerts because she liked how long it was.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Jena fake passed out and fell on the floor of the classroom. Our teacher went to help her and when she lifted Jena's head, Jena couldn't contain her smile and everyone laughed.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to pursue a career in veterinary and may do some photography on the side.

**What's your favorite song? Movie?** My favorite song is "Way of the Triune God" by Tyler Childers, and my favorite movie is *She's the Man*.

**If you could go back in time and invite someone to have lunch with you at school, who would it be?** My grandmother Betty (my dad's birth mother). My sisters got to meet her, but I did not have the pleasure to do so.

**When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?** Working on the farm, doing various projects, or taking pictures.

## *Autumn Nelson Ben Weber*



## *Jamie Pitts*



## *Kody Bush*



## *Sheri Mast*

