

## MV class of 2024 become alumni Ag students compete



Senior choir members

Wednesday night, 54 Wildcats were awarded their high school diplomas in the high school gym. Haley Ronnebaum was recognized as valedictorian. Lily Huber, student body president, was one of the speakers. The Five Star Award was presented to officer Matt Menard, right, who protected the Hopkinton community last fall in response to a fatal shooting in Monticello. He has also been a guest speaker and D.A.R.E. leader at MV. Per tradition, the choir and band also played.



Superintendent Dave Hoeger thanks Matt Menard for his service to MV. (photos by Dannie Burkle)



The Food Science team of Lexi Ries, Leah Reicher, Jada Knipper and Kelsey Hoeger earned ninth place.

Just because it's the end of the school year doesn't mean that life slows down for the FFA chapter. Monday, MV's Floriculture, Food Science, and Agronomy teams all completed at Hawkeye Community College in the Northeast Iowa District contest. Overall, the Food Science team of Lexi Ries, Leah Reicher, Jada Knipper and Kelsey Hoeger placed ninth.

## For the greater good

Each year, Maquoketa Valley recognizes students who have fulfilled the requirements of the Wildcat Star Service Award. Seniors in the class of 2024 who documented at least 225 hours of volunteer work since their sophomore year earned this distinguished award. Students recognized, from left to right, include Lainey Knipper, Maddyx Rieniets, George Livingston, Kaitlyn Nolan, Ethen Brockhohn, Cadence Freiburger, Haley Ronnebaum, Josie Teymer and Alia Domeyer.



# Class of 2024 Scholarships & Award Recipients

Zari Ambundo: Dollars for Scholars  
 Ethen Brockhohn: Dollars for Scholars, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Karson Bush: Dollars for Scholars  
 Kiersten Bush: Dollars for Scholars  
 Karla Chavez: Dollars for Scholars  
 Tyreese Crippen: Dollars for Scholars, Western Welding Academy Scholarship  
 Chantel Crowley: Dollars for Scholars, JREC Medallions, NICC highest credit earner  
 Brady Davis: Dollars for Scholars  
 Samantha DeMoss: Dollars for Scholars  
 Alia Domeyer: Dollars for Scholars, Delaware County Dairy Promoters Scholarship, Delaware County GOP Scholarship for Outstanding Student, David Kunde Memorial Scholarship, NICC highest credit earner, PEO Star Scholarship Award, Victory Ford Fueling Your Future Scholarship, Delaware County Farm Bureau, Combat Vets Memorial Scholarship, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Cadence Freiburger: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Academic Honors, Delaware County 4-H Foundation Scholarship, Delaware County 4-H Food Stand Scholarship, Biliiteracy Seal, Global Biliiteracy Seal, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Jake Gellersen: Dollars for Scholars  
 Toby Grimm: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, NICC credit earner  
 Livia Hermanson: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, NICC credit earner  
 Brianna Hines: Dollars for Scholars  
 Kody Hoeger: MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, School to Work Incentive Scholarship  
 Allison Hogan: Dollars for Scholars  
 Lily Huber: Dollars for Scholars, E. Wayne Cooley Award, Biliiteracy Seal  
 Addison Hucker: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award  
 Isabel Imler: Dollars for Scholars  
 Kaya Knipper: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Delaware County 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
 Lainey Knipper: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Delaware County 4-H Foundation Scholarship, NICC credit earner, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Lucas Knipper: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Robert Wendt



**Senior Award Night was held last Wednesday night. Through the Dollars for Scholars program, a total of 218 scholarships were awarded to 41 students from the Class of 2024. Scholarships this year totaled \$125,250.**

4-H Scholarship, Delaware County Farm Bureau  
 Lauren Knock: Dollars for Scholars  
 Maison Krapfl: Dollars for Scholars  
 Morgan Krumviende: Dollars for Scholars, JREC Medallion  
 Keira Leytem: Dollars for Scholars  
 George Livingston: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Academic Honors, Governor's Scholar Recognition Program, KWWL Best of the Class, Biliiteracy Seal, Northwestern College Presidential Scholarship, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Lance McShane: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, Bernie Saggau Award  
 Devin Meeks: Dollars for Scholars  
 Harold Mohr: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship  
 Tate Monk: Dollars for Scholars  
 Kaitlyn Nolan: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Academic Honors, MV Athletic Participation Award, Wildcat Star Service Award, Biliiteracy Seal  
 Maddyx Rieniets: Dollars for Scholars, MV

Senior Athletic Participation Award, NICC credit earner, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Parker Ries: Dollars for Scholars  
 Haley Ronnebaum: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Delaware County Dairy Promoters Scholarship, Des Moines Register Academic All-State, David Knipper Alumni Memorial Scholarship, Tinker Family Memorial 4-H Scholarship, NICC credit earner, Three Rivers FS Scholarship, Delaware County Farm Bureau, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Adeline Rudd: Dollars for Scholars, Biliiteracy Seal  
 Jesús Rumbo: Dollars for Scholars, Biliiteracy Seal  
 Aidan Salow: Dollars for Scholars  
 Michael Schnittjer: Dollars for Scholars  
 Josie Teymer: Dollars for Scholars, Wildcat Star Service Award  
 Cecily Trenkamp: Dollars for Scholars, NICC credit earner

Class Colors: Capri Blue and Lavender  
 Class Flower: Yellow Begonia  
 Class Song: "Don't You Worry Child" - Swedish House Mafia  
 Class Motto: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."  
 Class Officers: Class President: Lily Huber Vice President: Kaitlyn Nolan  
 Secretary/Treasurer: George Livingston

# State track filled with PRs and new school records

The sun was shining and records were falling at the state track meet this past weekend.

The girls team tallied 19 points, good for 13th place. The boys team tied for 27th place with eight points.

Results (new school records --which are also personal bests--are bolded and personal bests are in italics).

**Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman, 1:51.65, second**

*3200M Run: Matthew Schaul, 9:43.35, sixth*

*4x800 Relay: George Livingston, Kenyon Baker, Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland, 8:21.71, tenth*

*Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Eli Dougherty, Lance McShane, 1:04.09, tenth*

*Distance Medley: Bauers, Camryn Paris, Izzy Heffernan, Burbridge, 4:22.63, eighth; Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, Strickland, Schaul, 3:43.01, 16th*

*400M Dash: Beaman, 59.07, sixth*

*4x200 Relay: Huber, Kraft, Bauers, Burbridge, 1:51.16, 21st; **Hunt, Wall, Stone, McShane, 1:31.60, fifth***

*110M Hurdles: Rave, 16.70, 22nd*

*200M Dash: Paris, 27.45, 22nd*

*400M Hurdles: Lance McShane, 56.76, 11th*

*1600M Run: **Schaul, 4:29.43, eighth; Livingston, 4:39.00, 18th***

**4x100 Relay: Huber, Kraft, Beaman, Paris, 51.21, eighth**

*4x400 Relay: Huber, Paris, Burbridge, Beaman, 4:07.29, third*

*High Jump: Dougherty, no height*

**State-qualifying meet**

The Wildcats competed in the state qualifying track meet at Ed-Co May 9 where the boys finished third as a team with 119 points. Wapsie Valley won with 169.5 points. The girls tied with Ed-Co for second with 105 points. Wapsie Valley was

also the girls team champion.

State qualifiers are in bold.

Point earners:

**Sprint Medley: Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman, first, 1:52.57;** Kash Hunt, Tate Intorf, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, fourth, 1:40.03

**3000M Run: Sadie Boeckenstedt, sixth, 14:49.13; Allison Hogan, eighth, 15:13.26**  
**3200M Run: Matthew Schaul, third, 9:48.07**

**4x800 Relay: George Livingston, Kenyon Baker, Matthew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland, second, 8:27.59**

**Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Emma Brockhohn, Ruby Recker, Haydin Flannagan, Natalie Ries, fifth, 1:16.96; Arion Rave, Kash Hunt, Eli Dougherty, Lance McShane, first, 1:04.85**

**100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, fifth, 13.81; Colin Smith, fifth, 12.23**

**Distance Medley: Bauers, Camryn Paris, Izzy Heffernan, Burbridge, first, 4:28.34; Wall, Stone, Strickland, Schaul, fourth, 3:43.84**

**400M Dash: Beaman, first, 1:00.49;** Breanna McShane, sixth, 1:07.74; Intorf, sixth, 56.97

**4x200 Relay: Huber, Kraft, Bauers, Burbridge, first, 1:50.55; Hunt, Wall, Stone, McShane, first, 1:33.01**

**100M Hurdles: Brockhohn, seventh, 18.10**  
**110M Hurdles: Rave, first, 16.35;** Shane Lambert, fifth, 19.31

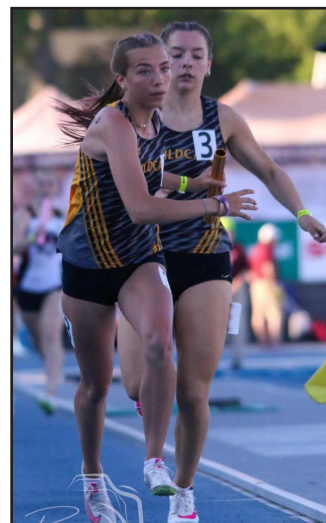
**800M Run: Isabel Imler, fifth, 2:48.01**

**200M Dash: Paris, second, 27.60;** Kraft, sixth, 29.28; Smith, seventh, 25.09

**400M Hurdles: McKenna Mineart, eighth, 1:24.61; Lance McShane, first, 55.72;** Rave, sixth, 1:00.50

**1600M Run: Schaul, fourth, 4:38.79; Livingston, sixth, 4:42.42**

**4x100 Relay: Huber, Kraft, Beaman, Paris, second, 51.91;** Intorf, Dylan Knipper, Rave, Hunt, sixth, 47.35



Lanni Beaman gets the handoff from Taryn Burbridge. (photo by Dannielle Burkle Photography)

**4x400 Relay: Huber, Paris, Burbridge, Beaman, first, 4:15.57;** Stone, McShane, Strickland, Wall, third, 3:36.46

**High Jump: Flannagan, second, 4-08; Dougherty, first, 5-08**

**Long Jump: Brockhohn, seventh, 14-09.50**

**Discus: Knipper, fifth, 114-02**

**Shot Put: Jade Hillers, sixth, 30-10.75;**

**Macee Nolan, eighth, 30-09.25**

**Shot Put: Preston Salow, fourth, 43011.75;**

**Knipper, sixth, 41009.75**

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

School's out for summer! Here are some jokes to get you ready for summer break!

What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? What a re-leaf.

Why do bananas wear sunscreen? Because they peel.

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When is a pool safe for diving? It deep ends.

Why didn't the sun go to college? It already had a million degrees.

# Golf seasons culminate just short of state

The golf teams ended their seasons last week, just short of the state meet.

The boys competed at districts in Mason City Tuesday.

"It was a bit of a disappointing day for us," stated Coach Conner. "We had hoped that our score would be better, but that was not the case. Toby missed advancing as an individual by two strokes. A lot of people don't know that Toby has only been golfing for a little under two years. His growth as a player in that short period of time is really, really impressive. He played solid gold throughout the day, but just came up short of advancing. Eli had a great round as well, shooting 82 and placing 14th over-

all. That was a great round for Eli to build some positive momentum heading into the off-season. All of our returning players had a great experience in the last two weeks, playing in the Sectional Meet and District Meet. We will be able to use that experience next season to better us and hopefully be able to be in the same position."

Results:

Toby Grimm, 81; Trevor Grimm, 95; Eli Dougherty, 82; Zach Leytem, 93; Anderson Holtz, 98; Lukas Chesnut, 94.

The girls wrapped up their season at Monticello Wednesday. The team finished seventh.

"I was so incredibly proud of the

girls golf team this season," stated Coach Zietlow. "I would have never predicted we'd place third at conference, third at regionals and advance to regional finals. Then at regional finals we shoot under our team average.

"All nine worked very hard this year and all improved tremendously. Hopefully we have great momentum heading into next season and get more girls to come out that want to be part of something special that is brewing."

Results: Kaya Knipper, 101; Livia Hermanson, 109; Maya Smith, 111; Isabella Mensen, 111; Ella Wulfekuhle, 122; Ever Botos, 123

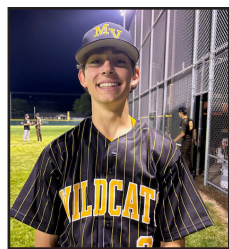
# Baseball, softball teams prep for summer play

The Wildcats are ready to take the field as summer seasons commence.

John Grimm, for his second year as head coach, returns many baseball players from last year's 9-13 overall and 7-7 conference season.

The team is led by senior Toby Grimm who earned first-team all conference honors last year. Other all-conference players include Matthew Schaul, Brady Wall, Dylan Knipper and Trevor Grimm.

Returning starters (and stats from last year) include Toby Grimm (sr., SS/P, .413, 31-for-75, 3 doubles, 1 triple, 9 RBIs. 2-2, 6.79 ERA, 19 strikeouts, 22 2/3 innings), Matthew



**Toby Grimm is the lone senior on the baseball team.**

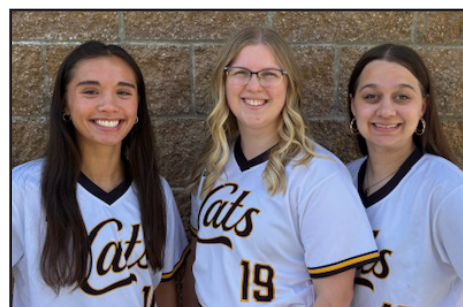
Schaul (jr., CF/P, .307, 23-for-75, 5 doubles, 14 RBIs. 1-4, 8.91 ERA, 22 innings), Brady

Wall (jr., P/UTIL, .311, 23-for-74, 7 doubles, 20 RBIs. 4-4, 3.37 ERA, 46 strikeouts, 43 2/3 innings), Dylan Knipper (soph., 3B, .281, 18-for-64, 8 doubles, 15 RBIs), Trevor Grimm (fr., INF/P, .246, 17-for-69, 3 doubles, 9 RBIs).

Other returning letterwinners include sophomores Kenyon Baker and Dexter Dietiker, juniors Brayden Bjorkgren, Daniel Glass, Mason Jolley and freshman Bryce Vaske.

The baseball team opened its season with a doubleheader against Springville May 13. The Wildcat swept the Orioles 4-2 and 10-0.

In the first game, Dalton Africa went 2-2 at bat with a single and a double. Dexter Dietiker had a double and RBI. Brady Wall had a single and RBI. Wall handled four innings of pitching and had eight strikeouts. Toby Grimm (one inning) and Trevor Grimm (two innings) each had two



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strikeouts.

In the second game, Bryce Vaske got the pitching win, giving up only one hit. Trevor Grimm had a double and three RBIs. Schaul and Baker each had a single and RBI. Africa had two singles and an RBI.

The softball team opens its season May 28 tonight by hosting Ed-Co.

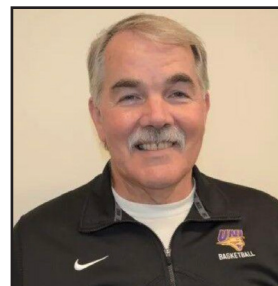
## Changes in superintendent appointments coming

Edgewood-Colesburg and Maquoketa Valley School Communities,

The Superintendent of Maquoketa Valley and Edgewood-Colesburg, Dave Hoeger, has resigned his position at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. After receiving notification of Hoeger's intent to resign, discussions immediately began between the two districts to find his replacement. During these discussions it was agreed that sharing the superintendent position has been a positive experience for both districts, and the decision was made to continue that agreement and work together to find a replacement. Maquoketa Valley and Ed-Co share similar values and expectations in our staff and administration and strive to provide the best educational experience possible for our students, as well as a positive environment for our staff and administration.

During these discussions, Maquoketa Valley's Board shared that their current Jr/Sr High Principal, Troy Osterhaus, was interested in the superintendent position. After more review and meeting with Troy, both districts recognized that he would be a great candidate for the job. It is the intent of the Maquoketa Valley and Edgewood-Colesburg School Boards to hire Troy as our shared superintendent for the 2025/2026 school year. Troy is not available for that position until the 2025/2026 school year, so a search was started for an interim superintendent for the 2024/2025 school year.

When considering interim superintendent candidates, a unique opportunity presented itself. Kim Huckstadt is currently serving as the Superintendent Certification Program Coordinator for Educational Leadership at UNI and planned to retire from that position in June 2024. Kim has had an impressive and extensive career in Education, and after several conversations and meetings has agreed to serve in the interim position. Kim will start as the interim shared superintendent for Edgewood-Colesburg and Maquoketa Valley on July 1, 2024.



Thank you to the administration and school board members of Maquoketa Valley and Ed-Co schools for their dedication and time spent to make this possible in a relatively short amount of time. We all are looking forward to this next chapter and continuing to be partners and leaders in public education.

Matt Elliott, Edgewood-Colesburg School Board President  
Donna Kunde, Maquoketa Valley School Board President

## Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith

Summer vacation is so close we can almost taste it, Wildcats! Keeping with the summertime theme, I asked three students about some summer trivia. Enjoy your break!

How much did the largest ice cream scoop weigh?

McKenna Bush: 50 pounds

Arianna Nolan: 5 pounds

Lena Lewin: 28 pounds

Answer: Around 3,000 pounds

What year did the first modern summer Olympics take place?

McKenna: 1957

Arianna: 1870

Lena: 1874

Answer: 1896

How many pounds of watermelon does the average American eat each year?

McKenna: 20 pounds

Arianna: 100 pounds

Lena: 5 pounds

Answer: 15 pounds

When is the first official day of summer?

McKenna: June 21st

Arianna: June 21st

Lena: June 22nd

Answer: June 21st

Best wishes,  
Class of 2024!

