Ag classes host Farm Safety Day





Ag students hosted their annual Farm Safety Day last Friday. Above: Kyle Engelken, Nathan Beitz, Jordan Hatfield and Ella Reicher answer questions about safety on the farm. Left: Caden Ries demonstrates how to use an ATV helmet. Below left: Kody Hoeger, Parker Ries and Ty Hoeger explain tractor safety. Below: Lainey Knipper introduces a goat to the students.





One final concert for MV seniors



The high school band and choir hosted its spring senior concert Tuesday night. They shared their large group contest music. Seniors were also recognized, and outstanding senior awards were presented. Leonard Bernstein Award (band and choir): Kaitlyn Nolan; ICDA choir award: Jesús Rumbo and Chantel Crowley; Louis Armstrong Award (Jazz): Jake Gellersen; John Philip Sousa Award: Josie Teymer



High-achieving students recognized at annual Academic Excellence banquet

Top-performing students were honored Wednesday night at the annual Academic Excellence banquet. Students qualified by meeting certain academic requirements involving GPA, standardized test scores or class rank.

The guest speaker was Dr. Michael Sibel, MV class of 2004. After earning a degree from Wartburg, Dr. Sibel joined the United States Air Force and later specialized in emergency medicine. Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Sibel, after being deployed four times, now teaches for the Air Force's Continuous Sustainment of Trauma Readiness Skills and at the emergency department at the University of Maryland.



Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Michael Sibel



The fine arts department provided some entertainment at the event. Above: Adeline Rudd, Morgan Krumviede, Cadence Freiburger and Kaitlyn Nolan perform with a treble choir.



Seniors: Cadence Freiburger, Haley Ronnebaum, George Livingston, Kody Hoeger, Kaitlynn Nolan and Chantel Crowley.



Juniors: Ava Goldsmith, Lacy Reth, McKenna Bush, Sebastian Charles, Brady Eike, Kelsey Hoeger and Kayla Flanagan.





Sophomores: Arianna Nolan, Maya Smith, Ty Hoeger, Rachel Hoefer, Preston Salow, Morgan Clemen, Dylan Knipper, Lanni Beaman and Taryn Burbridge. Not pictured: Anderson Holtz. Freshmen: Tracy Reth, Haydin Flannagan, Alaina Mead and Kyle Engelken.

Quinceañera time

The Spanish I students hosted a quinceñera last Friday as part of a cultural lesson.





Tell me you're from rural Iowa without telling me you're from rural Iowa



Think spring



The student council members added some spring color to the halls last Friday.

Left: Several ag students, including Caden Kremer (pictured left) drove their tractors to school last Friday as part of Farm Safety Day.

Math in the NFL



Aaron Dzaboff, a 2014 Maquoketa Valley graduate, spoke with Algebra I students last week about his job as a data scientist with the Kansas City Chiefs. He discussed his pathway to get where he is today, as well as the importance of math in his career.





FFA chapter holds its annual banquet, recognizes a year of success

Last Sunday night the MV FFA chapter gave thanks to its out-going officers and welcomed its new leadership board. Students were also recognized for their various contest and SAE achievements. Community members were also honored for their commitment to the program. MV FFA Alumni & Supporters scholarships were also presented.



2024 Leadership Award: Haley Ronnebaum



2024 Rising Star: Tyler Hoeger



2024 Star Greenhand: Natalie Ries



2024-2025 MV FFA Officer Team: Sentinel: Kyle Engelken; Reporter: Ella Reicher and Natalie Ries; Treasurer: Bianka Ronnebaum; Secretary: Kelsey Hoeger; Vice President: Nathan Beitz and Tyler Hoeger; and President: Leah Reicher



2023-24 officers presented Mr. Palmer with an honorary FFA chapter degree.





2024 Top Salesman: McKayla Weber



Community Service Award: Leah Reicher

Do you have your tickets? Gear up for 'Puffs'!

This weekend you can catch the spring play, *Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.* Performances are this Friday and Saturday at 7pm. The cost for a ticket is \$5

CAST

Wayne Hopkins... Jesus Rumbo Oliver Rivers... George Livingston Megan Jones... Kaitlyn Nolan Narrator... Taylor Saunders Ernie Mac, Fat Friar, & Sal... Joellen Beitz Hannah, Runes Teacher, & Ms. Babble... Emily Rudd

J. Finch Fletchley & Clumsy Longbottom... Arianna Nolan

Leanne & Frenchy... Cadence Freiburger Sally Perks & Myrtle... McKenna Bush Susie Bones & Professor McG... Carly Dirks

Cedric & Mr. Voldy... Josie Teymer Prof Turban, Ghost History Teacher, & Viktor... Morgan Howes

Professor Sproutty, 2nd Headmaster, & Helga... Olivia Hunter

Uncle Dave, Professor Lanny, & Rowena... Willow Fuller

1st Headmaster, Professor Locky, & Bippy... Maya Smith

Real Mr. Moody, Mr. Bagman, & Xavia Jones... Brianna Hines

Tall Man, Goyle, Certain Potions Teacher, & DJ... Zari Ambundo

Potter, Ric Griff, & Colin... Sam Howes Ginny & Rita Scooter... Jeanie Teymer



Blondo... Alaina Leytem three Hermeeones... Lucy Hucker, Sellah Ambundo, & Ella Wulfekuhle Zach Smith... Travis Ford Anthony Goldstein & Scorpius... Lucy Hucker Seamus Goldstein... Sellah Ambundo Dragon & Owl... Derrick Mohr Bathroom... various actors & crew

CREW Lights... Shane Lambert Sound... Cece Trenkamp Backstage... Ella Wulfekuhle, Derrick

Mohr, Sellah Ambundo, Lucy Hucker, &

Alaina Leytem

Death Buddies... various actors & crew



Thank you, school board members



The Maquoketa Valley Board of Directors is made up of Pam Overman, Mike Feldmann, Doug Dabrowski, John Zietlow and Donna Kunde.

MV Market

Maquoketa Valley High School CTE

Delhi City Park Wednesday May 8th, 2024 2:30 - 6:30 PM

Items For Sale:

Baked Goods Sewn Items
Flowers & Vegetables Woodworking Items
MV Apparel Stickers
Window Clings Magnets

All proceeds go to the MVHS Industrial Arts, FCS, Business and FFA Chapter to help provide more opportunities and help students continue their Career and Technical Education paths.





School board minutes from Apr. 24

Regular Board Meeting – April 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. – High School Library, Delhi, Iowa

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President Donna Kunde at 5:30 p.m. on April 24, 2024 in the High School Library in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Board Members Present – Dabroski, Feldmann, Kunde, Overman, Zietlow

Board Members Absent - None

Staff Present – Supt. Dave Hoeger, Troy Osterhaus, Brenda Becker, Tiersa Frasher, Jackie Moorman, Erika Vanderloop, Jill Hoeger and Mike Hucker

Visitors Present – Mark Smith, Andrea Hucker, Cydney Smith, David Smith, Jim Beitz and Susan Hucker

In a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Zietlow the meeting agenda was approved as presented. All ayes. Carried.

At 5:31 p.m., President Donna Kunde declared this to be the time and place to hold the hearing on the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The proposed tax rate is \$9.84 which is a reduction of \$0.10 from FY24. It was noted that the District published at 3.0% SSA due to the fact that the State had not yet set the FY25 SSA rate. The Department of Management will make the required adjustments to reflect the 2.5% SSA set by the State. The documents were reviewed and there being no comments, the Board President declared the hearing closed at 5:33 p.m. in a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Feldmann. Motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman to approve the budget estimate as presented. A roll call vote was answered as follows: Dabroski, Feldmann, Kunde, Overman, Zietlow; all ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Overman, seconded by Feldmann the consent items were approved. All ayes. Carried.

Andrea Hucker addressed the Board with an administrative concern.

One open enrollment in and five open enrollment requests out were approved in

a motion by Overman, seconded by Feldmann. All ayes. Carried.

The following personnel recommendations were approved in a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Dabroski:

Madison Imler – employed as Assistant High School Volleyball Coach

Curt Feldt – employed as Assistant High School Boys Track (.5 FTE)

Pat Meehan – employed as Assistant High School Boys Track (.5 FTE)

Elise Bonert – employed as Delhi School Nurse

Allison Knipper – employed as Title I Teacher

Monica Bunn – resignation as Custodian

Shane Kirchoff – resignation as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Shane Kirchoff – employed as Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach

Dave Hoeger – resignation as Superintendent

Jane Hoeger – resignation as Part-Time Custodian

Mary Maurer – resignation as Paraprofessional

Dan Cassutt – employed as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Andrew Christensen – employed as Paraprofessional, Head High School Football Coach & Strength & Conditioning

All ayes. Carried.

At 6:15 p.m., President Donna Kunde declared this the time and place to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Overman. The documents were reviewed and there being no comments, the Board President declared the hearing closed at 6:16 p.m. in a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Feldmann. Motion by Zietlow, seconded by Feldmann to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Overman, seconded by Dabroski the Board approved updates on the following board polices on the first official reading:

405.02 - Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection 411.02 - Classified Employee – Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection 504.05 - Student Fundraising – Rescind Policy

504.5R1 - Student Fundraising – Regulation – Rescind Policy

507.08R1 - Special Health Services Regulation

704.1 Local – State – Federal – Miscellaneous Revenue

704.6 – Fundraising Within the District

706.1 - Payroll Periods

706.2 – Payroll Deductions

706.3 – Reduction in Employee

Pay

707.1 – Presentation and Publication of Financial Information

707.2 - Treasurer's Annual Re-

port - Rescind Policy

707.3 – Publication of Financial

Reports – Rescind Policy

707.4 – Audit

All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Overman the 2024-2025 Morningside Student Teacher Agreement was approved. All ayes, Carried.

In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Feldmann the Board approved the SIAC meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 10, 2024. All Ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Overman the Board approved the FY22 District Audit. All ayes. Carried.

Jackie Moorman presented the Board with information regarding Portrait of a Graduate and the Board selected the top qualities and characteristics they feel Maquoketa Valley graduates should possess.

The Board discussed nominees for the 2024 Five Star award. The selected recipient will be presented with an award during the graduation ceremony.

The Academic Excellence Banquet will be held on May 1st at 6:30 p.m. Senior Awards and Dollars for Scholars will be held on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. and graduation will be held on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for May 22rd at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Dabroski. All ayes. Carried.

Toby Grimm, Hermanson earn medalist honors

Girls

by Kaya Knipper

On Tuesday the Wildcat golf had a makeup meet against the North Linn Lynx. It was a gorgeous day with a few sprinkles in between. Only three of the MV golfers were able to travel to the meet. Ever Botos, Kaya Knipper and Livia Hermanson took on the course.

Even though there weren't enough scores to contribute to the team score, NL didn't have a team score either so it inevitably ended in a 0-0 tie. On the other hand individually the girls placed very well considering that there were only three. Senior Livia Hermanson took the gold with a score of 50. Blaire Finger also scored a 50, but Hermanson took the win on a hole back. Kaya Knipper came next with a 54. Ever Botos took 5th with a 67. This was the last meet of the season for the Wildcats.

Next week starts the post season of conference on Monday and Regionals on Friday.

Boys

by Kaitlyn Nolan

As quickly as it started only a month ago, post-season play has already begun for the boys' golf team at Maquoketa Valley. On Monday of this week, the boys traveled to Backbone to compete in the Tri-Rivers Conference Meet where they were met with some success. Senior Toby Grimm earned the honor of being the meet medalist for scoring a 76. The team placed 3rd out of the eight teams competing with a 336 behind East Buchanan and Starmont.

"Our goal as a team heading into the Conference Meet was to win it," stated Head Coach Eric Conner. "The conditions for playing were not that great again, but that is spring golf in Iowa. I was very pleased with how our guys handled themselves on the course. We posted a respectable team score, but I feel like we are capable of posting an even better score yet. We will get a chance to prove that at our



Sectional Meet next Wednesday. The most exciting part of the day came when Toby won a three-hole playoff to be crowned Meet Medalist. I am really proud of Toby. His growth as a player in the past year and a half has been really cool to see. It was a really cool moment to see him make the putt and to see the huge smile on his face when he saw the putt go in."

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Track teams finish up regular season, conference to be Monday

Girls

by Ella Reicher

With some of the most important meets coming up our girls had to show the other teams what they are made of. On Thursday April 25, the girls traveled to Cascade where they placed 1st with 89 points!

Top finishers of the night:

100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, 14.21, 7th 200M Dash: Taryn Burbridge,

28.35, 4th

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 1:00.95, 1st

800M Run: Breanna McShane, 2:45.69, 8th

400M Hurdles: McKenna Mineart, 1:27.94

4x100m Relay: Lily Huber, Lilly Kraft, Lanni Beaman, Camryn Paris, 51.80,

4x200M Relay: Huber, Lilli Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Paris, 1:51.71, 1st
4x400M Relay: Huber, Paris,
Burbridge, Beaman, 4:12.19, 1st
Sprint Medley: Huber, Bauers,
Burbridge, Beaman, 1:53.83, 1st
Distance Medley: Bauers, Paris,
Izzi Heffernan, Burbridge, 4:32.90, 2nd
Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Emma

Brockhohn, Haydin Flannagan, Ruby

Recker, Natalie Ries, 1:22.22, 6th

High Jump: Haydin Flannagan, J4-02.00, 4th

Long Jump: Emma Brockhohn, 14-06.50, 4th; Lilly Kraft, 14-02.00, 8th Shot Put: Macee Nolan, 30-02.00,

6th

Discus: Macee Nolan, 86-09, 6th; Jeanie Teymer, 80-00, 8th

Monday April 29, the girls team was at Ed-Co where they placed 4th with 83.5 points. The top finishers are as followed:

High Jump: Natalie Ries, 4-04.00, 5th; Haydin Flannagan, 4-04.00, 7th Sprint Medley: Huber, Bauers, Burbridge, Beaman, 1:54.80, 2nd 4x100M Hurdles: Emma Brockhohn, Hay-

din Flannagan, Ruby Recker, Natalie Ries, 1:18.66, 3rd

Distance Medley: Bauers, Paris, Heffernan, Burbridge, 4:37.26, 1st

100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, 13.80, 5th 4x200M Relay: Huber, Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Paris, 1:53.65, 3rd

400M Dash: Beaman, 1:02.46,1st

200M Dash: Burbridge, 28.44, 3rd; Heffernan, 29.92, 7th

000M Date: Inclan

800M Run: Imler, 2:52.19, 8th 4x100M Relay: Huber, Lilly Kraft, Paris,

Beaman, 52.67, 2nd

400M Hurdles: Mineart, 1:23.66, 5th 4x400M Relay: Huber, Paris, Burbridge, Beaman, 4:18.90, 2nd

Boys

by Maya Smith

Last week, the MV boys traveled to Cascade, taking home 2nd overall out of 12 teams with 117.5 points.

Here are your scorers:

200 M Dash: Lance McShane; 23.01; 1st, Eli Dougherty; 25.97; 8th

400 M Dash: DaShawn Strickland; 53.78;

800 M Run: Matthew Schaul; 2:04.18; 2nd, Strickland; 2:10.28; 5th

1600 M Run: Geroge Livingston; 4:43.15; 2nd, Kenyon Baker; 5:03.78; 8th

110 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 16.93; 3rd 400 M Hurdles: Arion Rave; 1:00.33: 3rd

4x100 M Relay: Kash Hunt, Dylan Knipper, Arion Rave, Brady Wall; 47.19; 8th 4x200 M Relay: Hunt, Wall, Stone,

McShane; 1:34.09; 1st

4x400 M Relay: McShane, tone, Schaul,

Strickland; 3:34.91: 1st

4x800 M Relay: Lviingston, Baker, Schaul, Strickland; 8:26.02; 1st

Sprint Medley Relay: Hunt, Knipper, Wall, Stone; 1:40.67; 2nd

Distance Medley Relay: Wall, Stone, McShane, Schaul; 3:42.93; 1st

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Hunt, Rave, Shane Lambert, Colin Smith; 1:09.91; 2nd High Jump: Dougherty; 5 ft 6 in; 3rd

Shot Put: Preston Salow; 40 ft 6 in; 7th,

Knipper; 40 ft 6 in; 8th



What's your average screen time? (in a day)

by Grace Richter

Macee Nolan- 9 hours and 47 mins Brady Wall- 3 hours and 8 mins Teagan Monk- 7 hours and 30 mins Lukas Chesnut- 3 hours and 30 mins Jada Knipper- 7 hours and 1 min Aubrey Knock- 10 hours and 55 mins Macoy Stone- 12 hours and 32 mins Michael Schnittjer- 7 hours Tyreese Crippen- 8 hours Claira Gray - 5 hours and 8 minutes Mr. Kirchoff- 3 hours and 51 mins Mrs. Montz- 1 hour and 52 mins

Student of the Week

Mason Jolley



You've recently stepped up and helped Mrs. Jurgens as she was subbing. What made you decide to lend a helping hand? She has always treated me with respect so when she asked for help I said yes What are some other ways you like to help others? volunteering As of right now, what are your post-MV plans? Growing my lawn business and going to school for landscaping

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Olivia Hunter

What is your role in the spring play? I

play Professor Sproutty, Helga, The Second master, and a death buddy.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I love the community, everyone in this show are such



amazing people. They show you so much love and support it's the best.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I think they'll enjoy the range of emotions you will have during the show. There are so many funny moments that lead to suspenseful moments that will lead to a few sad moments. It's just a really special show that I think a lot of people will enjoy.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be?

I'd want to star in Supernatural. It may be canceled but it's one of my favorite shows because it's very diverse, it could be sad or happy and has a really amazing cast of people.

Name: Emily Rudd

What is your role in the spring play?

I play Hannah, a hilarious character who can't quite understand the difference between bullying and not.

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



Working with all

of my favorite people and creating those unforgettable memories.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? It's a amazing and versatile show with action, humor, a little sadness, and even some romance- so there's a little bit for everyone.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? If I could star in any show, it would definitely be on The Rookie, which is my favorite TV show!

Conference golf, cont.

They didn't a break. A quick turn-around had the boys traveling to Three Elms Golf Course to compete against North Linn after the first meetup being postponed due to weather conditions. Toby placed 2nd with a 36 behind Mason Bechen. Unfortunately, the team took the loss against the Lynx 168-151.

STATS:

Conference Meet: 1st - Toby Grimm: 76

12th - Eli Dougherty: 85 20th - Zach Leytem: 88

North Linn Meet:

2nd - Toby Grimm: 36 7th - Eli Dougherty: 43

8th - Lukas Chesnut: 44 10th - Trevor Grimm: 45 11th - Zach Leytem: 47

The boys play next Wednesday, May 8 at Buffalo Creek for sectionals. If the athletes advance through, they play Tuesday, May 14 for Districts in Mason City.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors:

Now's a great time to get your service logs filled out. They need to be turned in to Mrs. Temple before the last day of school. Consider taking a photo of it before you turn it in so you can reference it for scholarship applications someday.

Comedy Corner

-compiled by Grace Richter

In honor of May beginning this week here are some jokes to get you ready for the month!

What's May's favorite type of music? Heavy

How do you know May is happy? It has a spring in its step.

What's May's favorite generation? Bloom

Why did May refuse to play cards with April? It was tired of dealing with April's showers.

Which month can never make up its mind? MAYbe.

Echo Exhibition



by Sam Howes

In honor of *Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic* and Magic this weekend, this week's exhibition will be on badgers! The European badger is a part of the mustiledae family, which also includes weasels, otters, and skunks. Badgers are known for their short legs, stout bodies, and bold black-and-white facial markings.

They create dens that are called "sets", and spend most of their lives in them. They live in areas with low-lying vegetation and grass to conceal their dens with open expanses bordering forests and are mostly concentrated in Ireland to Eastern China, as well as the Arctic Circle to Southern China. Badgers are generally nocturnal and use their strong jaws and claws to gather food. Badgers are omnivores and will eat pretty much anything, from fruit, mushrooms, small mammals, and more. However, their favorite food is earthworms.

Badgers will also use designated "bathrooms" outside of their homes to relieve themselves and will use them consistently. Their groups will usually consist of six adult badgers who tolerate each other, but will not work together as a group. Badgers also have scent glands which help to identify individuals within their group. Babies are born inside of their sets, and usually, three badgers are born, but up to six can be born at a time. Badgers weigh less than a pound when they're born, and adults weigh between 22 and 35 pounds with the males being slightly heavier. Females can delay egg implantation in their uteruses, causing their gestation period to be 9 to 12 months.

While Badgers can live up to 15 years in the wild, their biggest threats are human-related. Often badgers are killed by vehicles such as cars or trucks and are also accused of causing damage to property or livestock.





by Lily Huber

Pretty in pink, Cutie! This Cutie is a freshman who is involved in cheer, basketball, track and field, softball, speech, musical, and play. She lives in Hopkinton and has one sister. What you may or may not know is that she has a mini fridge in her room. Do you know who this is?

Last Echo's Cutie was Isabel Imler.

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Hall Smarts

by Maya Smith

With the year wrapping up, I figured I'd ask some students about 1st semester happenings.

Which boys sports team went to state this

year'.

Emma Brockhohn: cross country Tracy Reth: Cross country Gavin Timmerman: track Nicholas Otting: football Answer: Cross Country



Who received homecoming Queen and King this year?

Emma: Lance and Livia Tracey: Lance and Lily Gavin: Lance and Lily Nicholas: Lance and I

don't remember the queen. Answer: Lance and Lily



What was this year's musical production?

Emma: The Addams Family Tracey: The Addams Family Gavin: The Addams Family Nicholas: The Addams Family Answer: The Addams Family



What was your favorite memory from this year?

Emma: Freshman year volleyball

Tracey: When Colin hit Tristen in the back

of the head during band camp

Gavin: the fire alarm accidentally going

off in April

Nicholas: speech contest