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A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## 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：Ca－ den Ries demonstrates how to use an ATV helmet．Below left： Kody Hoeger，Parker Ries and Ty Hoeger explain tractor safe－ ty．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



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 7 pm . 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
Death Buddies... various actors \& crew
CREW
Lights... Shane Lambert
Sound... Cece Trenkamp
Backstage... Ella Wulfekuhle, Derrick
Mohr, Sellah Ambundo, Lucy Hucker, \& Alaina Leytem


## 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
Flowers \& Vegetables Woodworking Items MV Apparel
Window Clings
Stickers
Magnets


## 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 Mid-
dle 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 Ser-
vices 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 Publica-
tion 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, 1st

4x200M Relay: Huber, Lilli Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Paris, 1:51.71, 1st 4 x 400 M 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, Haydin 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
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; 2nd
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 Knip-
per, Arion Rave, Brady Wall; 47.19; 8th
4x200 M Relay: Hunt, Wall, Stone,
McShane; 1:34.09; 1st
$4 \times 400$ 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 Golley


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.-compiled by Grace Richter
In honor of May beginning this
week here are some jokes to get you ready
for the month! for the month!

What's May’s favorite type of music? Heavy petal.

How do you know May is happy? It has a spring in its step.
What's May's favorite generation? Bloom ers.

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-andwhite 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.

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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

