

The Wildcat Echo

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MV sees lots of recognition at convention

by Ella Reicher, FFA reporter

The Maquoketa Valley FFA had an amazing time at the 2025 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

The first night in Ames consisted of members packaging Meals for the Heartland. The groups always enjoy a little friendly competition to see who can package the most bags the fastest!

Later that night Nathan Beitz was recognized by the Iowa Cattlemen for being state proficiency runner up in the area of Beef Entrepreneurship.

The first day of the two-day convention was very busy. Ag Impact competed and received a GOLD rating. Leah Reicher also signed her Teach Ag letter of Intent. There were also several members competing in Marketing Plan, Team Ag Sales, Ag Biotechnology, and day one of Ag Communications. The FFA also had four members recognized on stage for their proficiencies including Nathan Beitz in Beef Production Entrepreneurship (Runner Up), Ford Domeyer in Dairy Production Entrepreneurship (Runner Up), Kelsey Hoeger in Dairy Production Placement (State Champion), and Lacy Reth in Equine Science Entrepreneurship (State Champion). The members ended the night with Cal's BBQ. The second day of the State Convention didn't slow down one bit! Contest results came rolling in:

Poultry Evaluation CDE (Mason Domeyer, Teagan Langel, Aidin Frasher and Kael Engelken) - BRONZE

Farm Business Management CDE (Braden Ronnebaum, Nathan Beitz, Tyler Hoeger and Bryce Vaske) - Silver

Discovery Test: Kourtney Hatfield - SILVER, Anna Feldmann - SILVER

Greenhand Test: Morgan Hoeger - GOLD, Alison Schulte - GOLD

Chapter Test: Tracy Reth - SILVER

Ag Biotechnology CDE (Ella Reicher, Addison Bonert, Kyle Engelken and Alexis Halverson) - SILVER

Ag Communications CDE (Natalie Ries, Kayla Hoeger, Ava Knipper and Breanna McShane) - SILVER

Marketing Plan (Leah Reicher, Jordan Hatfield and Jada Knipper) - GOLD, 4th place overall!



The marketing plan team of Jada Knipper, Leah Reicher and Jordan Hatfield earned fourth place.

Congratulations to the members who participated in these contests! It takes a lot of hard work to do well!

Later in the 3rd session, Brendin Frasher got recognized on stage for receiving State Runner-Up in the Grain Production Placement proficiency category. In the longest session of the day, our chapter had 13 members were awarded their Iowa FFA Degree. Congratulations to the following members: Nathan Beitz, Ford Domeyer, Brendin Frasher, Kelsey Hoeger, Karly Kerch, Ashton Klaren, Tyler Mineart, Leah Reicher, Lacy Reth, Alexa Ries, Caden Ries, Bianka Ronnebaum, and McKayla Weber. Our Dairy Cattle Evaluation team was recognized on stage as the 2024 State Champion Team. The Dairy Cattle Evaluation team consists of Ford Domeyer, Tyler Hoeger, Caden Kremer and Bianka Ronnebaum.

We would also like to thank our members who dedicated some of their time at the State Convention to experience serving the Iowa FFA Association through the Courtesy Corp. Program: Kyle Engelken, Bryce Vaske, Lukas Chesnut, Olivia Ronnebaum, McKenna Mineart, Khloe Glew, and Abigail Niemen. Overall, the Iowa FFA State Leadership Convention was a great experience with much success. Congratulations to all of the members on a wonderful trip to Ames!

Who Killed J. Leslie Arlington? Find out in MV's Spring Comedy Mystery!

by Taylor Saunders

On Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m., the Maquoketa Valley Drama Department will present *The Alibis*, written by Jonathan Dorf, Patrick Greene, Tyler Dwiggin, Ian McWethy, Kathryn Funkhouser and Carrie McCrossen. Right from the start, two questions arise: Who killed J. Leslie Arlington? And why are the six possible suspects hesitant to share their alibis?

This play stands out since various playwrights were brought together by Playscripts to "find the comedy in crime." *The Alibis* was written as a build-your-own mystery, allowing schools to choose which scenes to include to form this mystery. At MV, the audience will experience six scenes, bookended by a prologue and epilogue, with interludes in between.

Moments before eccentric billionaire J. Leslie Arlington's (Jeanie Teymer) 75th birthday party is to begin, Detective Casey Neptune (Taylor Saunders) receives the call to investigate the murder. With the help of Warwick (Joellen Beitz), Casey interrogates six of J. Leslie's family members and friends: Clyde Bartlett (Sellah Ambundo), Davina Arlington (Olivia Hunter), Quinn (McKenna Bush), Titus Arlington-Texas (Arianna Nolan), Sparky Randall (Emily Rudd), and Edmund Ridinghorn III (Lylah Billmeyer). Each one spins an alibi that's not only suspicious but also a crime of its own. Along the way, a multitude of quirky characters (played by Abby Nieman, Jeanie Teymer, Addie Wilson, Alaina Leytem, Sam Howes, Willow Fuller, Carly Dirks, Maya Smith, Rylee Reed, Lucy Hucker, Tommie Cole, Cheyenne Eike, Ryleigh Moriarity and Morgan Howes) add to the chaos and hilarity.

Will Detective Casey Neptune solve this mystery? What embarrassing secrets are the suspects hiding? Join the cast on a hilarious journey of laughs, twists, and totally unexpected confessions. Don't miss MV's spring play! Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the high school office beginning April 24.

Construction students put skills to use for school project

by Maya Smith

This quarter, the advanced construction students finished their year-long project, their new ticket booth. The students started on it right at the beginning of school this year. They started with designing a metal base that would support the building so it could be transported from place to place. Some of those students then took the metal and welded up a base. They then started building walls, sheathing, built rafters, set windows, house wrap, flashed the windows, set door and air conditioner, shingled the roof and soffit and fascia. They then worked on part of the inside next with putting in all the electrical, insulating the walls, covering the walls, extension jacks, case and base trim and a new flooring.

When asked about what he enjoyed seeing, Mr. Palmer said, "It was a great process for the students to build a mini house in a way. It was great to see them from the bottom all the way to the top. A lot of new skills were taught to mostly newer students in the construction trade. I'm proud of them for understanding that they needed to be patient in this building process. It was a lot of students for the size of the project but I had them trade off a lot to allow all the students a chance in all areas. They all did great with such new skills. I think they learned a lot from some mistakes that they had to go back and fix and hopefully they will remember those down the road for when they do it again. The design came partially from the students, the school's needs, myself and previous ticket booths we have done in the past for others."

Derrick Mohr, a junior in advanced construction said, "I most enjoyed doing the electrical component with Dylan.



Builders of the booth were Ty Hoeger, Dexter Dietiker, Kash Hunt, Jackson Schnittjer, Ford Domeyer, Caden Kramer, Derrick Mohr, Logan Clemen and Dylan Knipper.



We reminisced about the good times of electricity class. The hardest part was getting the trim lined up. You have to cut it at the right angle, and it could get a little diffi-

cult to get perfect."

The new ticket booth made its debut Monday night for the home track meet.

Saving lives: One pint at a time

Last Wednesday the student council hosted a blood drive in the middle school multi-purpose room. That afternoon, 19 units were collected, and 17 of the donors were first-time donors. The donations contributed to up to 57 lives sustained or saved.

Lili Bauers donates blood with a smile.
(photo by Leah Reicher)



Raising mental health awareness, one bucket at a time

by Maya Smith

Starting March 31st, the #SpeakYourMIND ice bucket challenge has taken over social media overnight. A decade earlier, the ice bucket challenge had been a sensation in the summer of 2014. Then, it was to raise money and spread awareness for ALS. 17 million people dumped buckets of ice water over their heads, and over 115 million dollars was raised. This time, the ice bucket challenge has a new meaning attached to it. The goal is to raise awareness and money for mental health issues. The challenge was created at the University of South Carolina, by the Mental Illness Needs Discussion (MIND) club after a student on campus committed suicide.

Some think that the challenge is pointless. However, there's much more to it. By posting yourself, you spread awareness as others will get nominated and people who see the posts will look up the challenge. If they don't want to get ice water dumped on their head, a nominee can instead donate to a mental health non-profit. Others will also donate as the awareness spreads and the videos multiply. Virality is the key to spreading awareness and raising money. Nonprofits that have been popular throughout this challenge is the



Above: Kayla Hoeger and her younger sister get a bucket-load of water dumped on them. Below: Ella Wulfekuhle does her part to fulfill the challenge.

Active Minds organization or the Speak Your Mind Foundation. As of this Wednesday, April 23rd, nearly \$300,000 dollars has been raised.

Many students at MV have now taken part in this challenge. Grace Richter, who was nominated by Josie Teymer all the way at the University of Texas comments: "Leading up to it, I didn't really want to do it, to get ice cold water dunked on my head. That freezing feeling was shocking, but afterward it was worth it. However, it's not just a trend. A lot of people want to do it because they get to post themselves, but we need to remember the real message: That it's ok to not be ok."

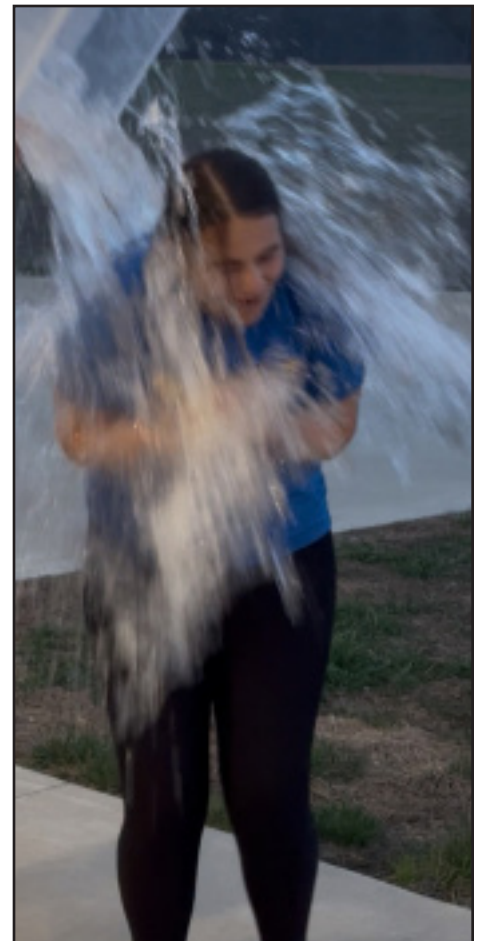
The challenge is simple:

- Get a bucket of ice water and a family member or friend
- Record yourself
- Nominate three others to now dump water over their heads
- And then hold your breath while the bucket gets dumped over your head.

The stigma of mental illness has prevented many from seeking help, even those in our own backyard. It's time that stigma gets washed away, even if it's with a bucket of freezing cold ice water.



Joellen Beitz get doused as part of the challenge. Many people used Snapchat and Instagram to share their nominations.



Sports Connection

Boys track team excels in all facets

by Lanni Beaman

Whether it's sprints, distances, or field events, the boys team keeps racking up the points. A highlight of recent competition is Matthew Schaul breaking his own school record in the 3200.

The boys track and field time have been busy with competing in two meets in the past week. They competed well at both the Independence and Jesup meet, and hopefully these Wildcats will be able to keep improving and having fun into the next meets ahead!

Here are the results for the Independence Meet (Top 8):

Shot Put: Preston Salow, 44'3, third

Discus: Dylan Knipper, 129'7, fourth

High Jump: Eli Dougherty, 5'6, fourth

800 SMR: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 1:38.50, first

4x800: Matthew Schaul, Brady Eike, Kenyon Baker, DaShawn Strickland, 8:41.64, first

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Colin Smith, Eli Dougherty, Shane Lambert, Rogan Heidt, 1:15.02, second

100m Dash: Brady Wall, 11.71, seventh

1600 DMR: Dylan Knipper, Eli Dougherty, Carter LeClere, Owen Smith, 4:05.05, fifth

400m Dash: DaShawn Strickland, 55.33, fourth

4x200m Relay: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 1:36.35, fourth

400m Hurdles: DaShawn Strickland, 1:02.64, fifth

1600m: Kenyon Baker, 4:53.26, fourth; Brady Eike, 5:10.47, sixth

4x100m Relay: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 45.57, second

Here are the final results for the Jesup Meet (Top 8):

Shot Put: Preston Salow, 40'11, eighth

Discus: Dylan Knipper, 126'8, seventh; Preston Salow, 121'4, eighth

800 SMR: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 1:40.47

3200m: Brady Eike, 11:25.07, fifth

4x800: Kenyon Baker, Owen Smith, Mat-

thew Schaul, DaShawn Strickland, 8:53.36, second

100m Dash: Rogan Heidt, 11.80, eighth

1600 DMR: Preston Salow, Shane Lambert, Keegan Rahe, Carter LeClere, 4:30.56, eighth

400m Dash: DaShawn Strickland, 56.99, sixth

4x200m Relay: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 1:36.92, second

800m: Kenyon Baker, 2:12.64, sixth

200m Dash: Brady Wall, 23.92, seventh; Macoy Stone, 23.95, eighth

1600m: Matthew Schaul, 4:38.46, second; Brady Eike, 5:23.79, eighth

4x100m Relay: Rogan Heidt, Colin Smith, Brady Wall, Macoy Stone, 45.89, sixth

4x100m/ Four Ton Fun Run: Preston Salow, Vinny Schollmeyer, Noah Whalen, Dylan Knipper, 54.43, third

4x400m Relay: Keegan Rahe, Carter LeClere, Owen Smith, Kenyon Baker, 3:59.17, eighth

The Boys track and field team headed over to West Delaware for their meet last Thursday. Here are their results:

800 SMR: 1:41.01, third

1600 DMR: 3:49.17, second

4x800m Relay: 9:59.08, third

4x200m Relay: 1:35.02, third

4x100m Relay: 44.47, third

4x400m Relay: 3:46.14, third; JV, 4:05.14, seventh

400m Dash: DaShawn Strickland, 54.87, third

800m Run: Kenyon Baker, 2:11.40, fifth

1600m Run: Matthew Schaul, 4:38.49, first

110m Hurdles: Shane Lambert, 17.51, fourth

3200m Run: Matthew Schaul, 9:54.14, first

Shot Put: Preston Salow, 45-2, third

Discus: Dylan Knipper, 121-11, seventh; Preston Salow, 119-08, eighth

This week, the boys traveled with the girls' track and field team to Alburnett Tuesday night. They placed third overall for team scores. Here are the results:

800 SMR: 1:40.94, sixth



Brady Eike works his way around a curve in the 4x800. (photo by Grace Richter)

1600 DMR: 3:38.83, first

4x800m Relay: 9:27.25, sixth

4x200m Relay: 1:34.00, second

4x100m Relay: 45.21, first

4x400m Relay: 3:39.67, third

400m Dash: DaShawn Strickland, 53.13, fourth

800m Run: Kenyon Baker, 2:10.91, fifth

1600m Run: Matthew Schaul, 4:33.30, first; Brady Eike, 5:11.01, fifth

110m Hurdles: Shane Lambert, 18.09, fifth

Last night, the team competed at Monticello. Results will be in next week's issue. Monday night, you can support the team right here in Delhi.

Golf teams continue to bring home medalist honors

by Maya Smith

Apr. 11, the girls competed against Springville at home. The girls won 199 - 225. Meet medalist for the night was Maya Smith. Here are the meet scores:

1st - Maya Smith: 45
3rd - Ever Botos: 49
5th - Ella Wulfekuhle: 52
6th - Isabella Mensen: 53
7th - Eva Mensen: 56
8th - Alissa Bush - 62

Apr. 12, the girls golf team traveled to Lone Pine in Colesburg to compete in their golf tournament. After 18 holes, the girls team placed 4th with a score of 451.

Here meet scores:

7th - Maya Smith: 107
11th - Ever Botos: 109
17th - Alissa Bush: 116
18th - Ella Wulfekuhle: 119
21st (T) - Isabella Mensen: 127
21st (T) - Morgan Clemen: 127

On Apr. 14, the girls traveled to Independence for a triangular against North Linn and Dunkerton. The girls won with a score of 213. Ever Botos was the meet medalist, winning the tie on a cardback. Coach Zietlow comments "Conditions were horrible. The course wasn't in the best of shape, the wind was blowing 25+ and was cold = Spring golf in Iowa. It would have been easy for the girls just to give up but they hung in there and showed their toughness. As a team we shot 213 with Ever Botos getting her first medalist. I am extremely happy for Ever. She has put in the hard work and it's starting to pay off."

Here are the meet scores:

1st - Ever Botos: 51
3rd - Ella Wulfekuhle: 52
4th - Maya Smith: 54
5th - Morgan Clemen: 56
6th - Isabella Mensen: 59
7th - Alissa Bush: 66

Apr. 15, the girls competed against Alburnett. The girls won, 204 - 220. Ella Wulfekuhle was meet medalist with a 49. Meet runner-up was Maya Smith. Coach Zietlow comments: "Again conditions weren't great for scoring. The wind was strong. We still managed to shoot a 204 with Ella Wulfekuhle earning medalist with a 49. So far this season I'm getting consistent play from Maya Smith and Ever Botos. The biggest issue I see right now is keeping the ball in play. We are wasting too many strokes to out of bounds and lost balls. If we can cut back on that we should be shoot-

ing under 200 as a team consistently. I was happy to see 2 of our freshmen, Olivia Begle and Eva Mensen, both shoot under 55 for JV." Here are the meet scores:

1st - Ella Wulfekuhle: 49
2nd - Maya Smith: 50
4th - Ever Botos: 52
5th - Alissa Bush: 53
6th - Morgan Clemen: 55
10th - Isabella Mensen: 62

April 11th, the boys took on Springville at home. The boys won, 172 to 198. Meet medalist for the night was Trevor Grimm. Zach Leytem was medalist runner up. Here are the meet scores:

1st - Trevor Grimm: 38
2nd - Zach Leytem: 44
3rd (T) - Eli Dougherty: 45
3rd (T) - Tate Intorf: 45
7th - Anderson Holtz: 49
8th - Lukas Chesnut: 50

Last Monday, the boys traveled to Independence to compete in a triangular against North Linn and Dunkerton. The boys placed 2nd in the meet, scoring 176. North Linn placed first with a 166, and Dunkerton 3rd with a 202. Meet medalist was Trevor Grimm with a 39. Here are the meet scores:

1st - Trevor Grimm: 39
4th - Eli Dougherty: 41
9th (T) - Anderson Holtz: 48
9th (T) - Zach Leytem: 48
11th - Tate Intorf: 52
12th - Dalton Africa: 71

Last Tuesday, the Alburnett Pirates traveled to Hartridge to compete against the Wildcats. The boys won easily, 169 - 196. Medalist was a three way tie for 42, Zach Leytem, Eli Dougherty, and Anderson Holtz. Meet runner-up was Trevor Grimm.

1st (T) - Eli Dougherty: 42
1st (T) - Anderson Holtz: 42
1st (T) - Zach Leytem: 42
4th - Trevor Grimm: 43
5th - Tate Intorf: 44
6th - Dalton Africa: 47

This Tuesday, the girls and boys competed against Starmont, with the boys returning home with a close loss, 173-161 and the girls winning 227-238. Here are the meet scores:

2nd - Maya Smith: 53
3rd - Ever Botos: 56
4th - Isabella Mensen: 57
6th - Morgan Clemen: 61
7th - Eva Mensen: 63



Trevor Grimm, Anderson Holtz, Zachary Leytem and Eli Dougherty show off their hardware.

8th - Ella Wulfekuhle: 64
Scoring for the boys:
5th - Anderson Holtz: 42
7th - Trevor Grimm: 43
8th - Zach Leytem: 44
9th - Eli Dougherty: 44
11th - Lukas Chesnut: 49
12th - Tate Intorf: 51

When asked about the past few days of competition, Coach Conner said, "We have gone 2-1 in our past three meets as a team, playing in some very tough conditions. I have been very pleased with how our guys have been playing. Like I said last week, I still feel like we are not playing to our full potential at times, but we are getting there. I think Trevor Grimm has played really well lately, putting together two rounds in the 30's. I have thought Eli Dougherty and Zach Leytem have both played well at times, but I know both of them are not satisfied with how they have scored and both have potential of shooting in the 30's as well. Anderson Holtz had a great round in our meet against Alburnett after struggling in the first couple of meets, so I am hoping that he can gain some confidence from that and use it as we move forward. As a whole, I think we are struggling most with our shots from 100 yards and in and putting around the green. We haven't gotten much of a chance to do extensive work with these yardages in practice, so I am confident that with some work we will be scoring better in the near future."

Tonight the golf teams host Ed-Co at Hartridge.

Distances are increased, times are dropped, record is broken

by Alaina Mead

Apr. 10, the girls track team traveled to Independence for a co-ed meet.

Coach Dunlap said he was quite impressed by how the girls have been competing for themselves but also for the team. "These girls are starting to realize they have an opportunity to be really good as a team. We placed third overall with 66 points with only West Delaware and Marion, much larger schools placing better."

He also stated, "Our relays performed well at this meet rising to the challenge of some great competition. Our Sprint Med (Senior Lili Bauers, Sophomore Camryn Paris, Junior Taryn Burbridge and Junior Lanni Beaman) PRd again dropping a half second on what is already a great time running 1:52.87. They are less than a second from the top 24 teams (all classes) in the state and a Drake qualification. This time currently puts this team number two in the state at 1A."

Coach Dunlap also noted, "Our 4x200 relay (Senior Lili Bauers, Sophomore Lilly Kraft, Freshman Audra Burbridge and Sophomore Camryn Paris) ran another PR on the night of 1:50.88. They placed third behind some of the state's best 4x200m teams including 2A Sumner-Fredericksburg and 1A ED-CO.

He also said how the 4x100m relay team (Senior Lili Bauers, Sophomore Lilly Kraft, Sophomore Camryn Paris and Junior Lanni Beaman) has been very consistent this season. "Although they did not PR they are running very fast and placed first at this



Senior Jordan Hatfield competes at the home meet.



Izzy Heffernan gets the handoff from Khloe Glew in the distance medley at the home meet Monday. (photos courtesy of Pete Temple)

meet. This is one of four relays that are currently top five in the state 1A. These girls are dedicated and inspired and continue to improve each week.

Coach Dunlap also mentioned that the field events have been a big improvement for us this year, "Coach Helle has our throwers doing great in the shot and disc. Junior Macee Nolan and Sophomore Sellah Ambundo went fourth and fifth in the shot, and Sophomore Sellah Amubundo, Sophomore Jeanie teymer and Junior Macee Nolan went fourth, fifth and sixth in the discus. We have ten throwers and these three are good leaders for the group. We also had Freshman Khloe Glew jump 14-1 in the long placing eighth and Freshman Taylor Salow placing third in the high jump at 4-8. Sophomore Haydin Flannagan also jumped 4-8 and placed fifth.

Junior Lanni Beaman placed first in the 400m open. She is a great leader for our runners and absolutely driven to improve this season. She's a great athlete also for our underclassmen to look up to."

The team earned points in the following events at Independence:

4x800: Breanna McShane, McKenna Mineart, Jordan Hatfeild, Breanna Bush; 12:26.56; sixth

4x200: Lilly Kraft, Lilli Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris; 1:50.88; third

4x100: Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 52.78; first

Shuttle hurdle: Haydin Flannagan, Ruby Recker, Addie Wilson, Alaina Mead; 1:20.89; eighth

3000M Run: Sadie Boeckenstedt, 16:03.39, sixth

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 1:00.00, first
Sprint Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Camryn Paris, Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:52.87; first

Distance Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Khloe Glew, Izzy Heffernan, Taryn Burbridge; 4:43.45; fourth

4x400: Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 4:22.28; fourth

Shot Put: Macee Nolan, 32-9, fourth; Sellah Ambundo, 32-6, fifth

Discus: Sellah Ambundo, 89-1, fourth; Jeanie Teymer, 88-0, fifth; Macee Nolan, 86-8 sixth

Long Jump: Khloe Glew, 14-1, eighth

High Jump: Taylor Salow, 4-8, third; Haydin Flannagan, 4-8, fifth

The girls track team also competed at the Central City track meet this week Tuesday.

The following events scored points for the team:

4x200: Lilly Kraft, Lilli Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris; 1:54.29; first

4x100: Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 52.44; first

Shuttle hurdle: Haydin Flannagan, Ruby Recker, Addie Wilson, Alaina Mead; 1:22.11; third

100M Hurdles: Haydin Flannagan, 18:60, third; Addie Wilson, 19:64, seventh

1500M Run: Sadie Boeckenstedt, 6:43.26, seventh

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Girls track, cont.

100M Dash: Rylee Reed, 14:48, third
200M Dash: Camryn Paris, 27:75, second;
Audra Burbridge, 28:49, fourth; Rylee Reed, 31:33, eighth

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 1:00.33, first
800M Run: Breanna Bush, 3:00.99, fifth;
McKenna Bush, 3:06.22, sixth

Sprint Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft,
Taryn Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:54.69;
first

Distance Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Camryn Paris, Izzi Heffernan, Audra Burbridge; 4:34.95; first

4x400: Taryn Burbridge, Izzi Heffernan, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 4:16.32; first

Shot Put: Sellah Ambundo, 33-09, first;
Jade Hillers, 27-11, fourth; Aaliyah Peterson, 25-07, sixth

Discus: Jeanie Teymer, 88-0, second; Addie Vorwald; 71-02, third; Aaliyah Peterson, 65-03, fifth; Trish Dietker, 58-02, seventh
Long Jump: Rylee Reed, 14-00.10, fourth
High Jump: Taylor Salow, 4-10, second; Haydin Flannagan, 4-4, fifth

Last week, the girls track team competed at MFL on Thursday the 17th.

Coach Dunlap has noted how proud he is of the MV girls who have been tough and committed the past weeks. "The last two meets have been difficult with high winds and cooler weather. We had a few girls that had something on the line with the possibility of the 4x100m relay being on the bubble for Drake qualification. So I was very happy with our girls all coming to compete and support their teammates."

Coach Dunlap also said, "Our 4x100m relay just missed qualification for Drake by less than ten positions at the registration deadline.

The team effort has been great having placed first at both the Central City Meet on Tuesday and first at MFL Mar-Mac on Thursday. In particular our field event athletes keep getting better even in the tough weather. It is awesome to be able to count on all four events. shot, disc, high jump and long jump athletes to get us big points. In particular Junior Macee Nolan threw the shot and disc well and Freshman Taylor Salow has been consistent in the high jump. Freshman Khloe Glew also had a huge jump at MFL in the long jump going over 15 feet."

He also noted that the relays have not had a PR this past week but were very close and with the conditions he felt like

it was a win for the team. "We have had a couple excellent runners this week Sophomore Camryn Paris and Senior Izzy Heffernan. They have been inspired and I am impressed with their motivation. We are doing well as a team and I am excited to see what they can do at conference and district meets."

The girls also had the opportunity to host a home meet on Monday this week as well! Lots of excitement went down that night with our Sprint Medley Relay team as they broke our school record set back in 2009 by .07 milliseconds! Congratulations to Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft, Camryn Paris and Lanni Beaman! As a team the Wildcats placed second!

Here are the events that scored points:

4x200: Lilly Kraft, Lilli Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris; 1:53.06; second

4x100: Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 51.95; second

4x100 Throwers: Jeanie Teymer, Jade Hillers, Morgan Hoeger, Sellah Ambundo; 1:06.30

Shuttle hurdle: Haydin Flannagan, Ruby Recker, Addie Wilson, Alaina Mead; 1:19.03; fifth

1500M Run: Breanna Bush, 6:08.10, eighth
100M Dash: Lily Kraft, 13.77, fourth; Rylee Reed, 14.43, seventh

200M Dash: Camryn Paris, 27.62, third; Audra Burbridge, 28.08, fifth

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 59.75, first; Audra Burbridge, 1:00.87, second

800M Run: Breanna Mcshane, 2:58.40, eighth

Sprint Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Lily Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 1:51.42; first

Distance Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Khloe Glew, Izzi Heffernan, Taryn Burbridge; 4:37.38; first

4x400: Taryn Burbridge, Izzi Heffernan, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 4:10.92; first

4x800: Breanna Mcshane, McKenna Mineart, McKenna Bush, Breanna Bush; 12:50.34; fifth

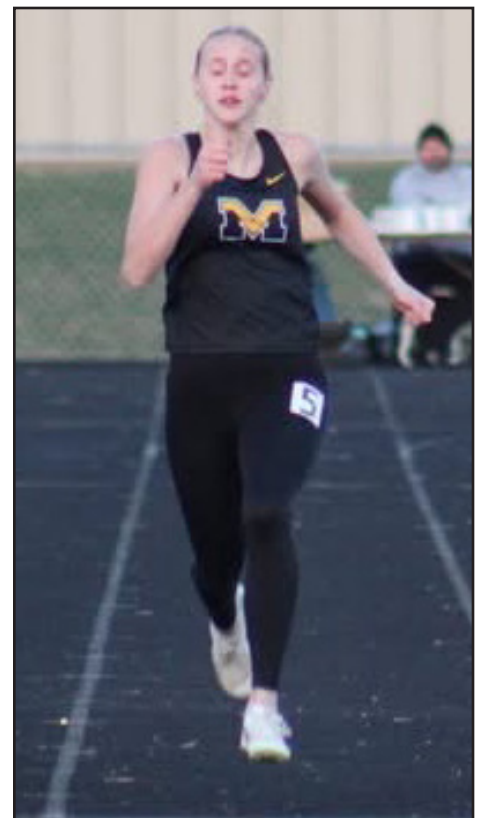
Shot Put: Sellah Ambundo, 33-6, third; Jade Hillers, 30-9, sixth

Discus: Jeanie Teymer, 93-9, second; Macee Nolan; 89-4, sixth

Long Jump: Khloe Glew, 15-11, second; Rylee Reed, 14-8, third

High Jump: Taylor Salow, 4-11, third; Haydin Flannagan, 4-9, fourth

Tuesday night the Wildcats earned a second place finish at Alburnett. Between the sprints and field events, MV earned six first-place finishes.



Sophomore Camryn Paris sprints down the straightaway. (photo by Grace Richter)

Results: 100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, 13.40, second

200M Dash: Audra Burbridge, 28.11, fifth

4x100 Relay: 52.64, first

400M Dash: Audra Burbridge, 1:00.45, first

4x200M Relay: 1:50.94, first

4x400M Relay: 4:10.06, first

1500M Run: Breanna Bush, 6:08.08, fifth;

McKenna Bush, 6:32.82, seventh

4x800 Relay: 13:12.78, fourth

800M Medley Relay: 1:53.00, first

100M Hurdles: Haydin Flannagan, 19.18, eighth

1600M Medley Relay: 5:06.68, fifth

400M Hurdles: McKenna Mineart, 1:27.87, sixth

3000M Run: Sadie Boeckenedt, 16:12.04, fifth

Long Jump: Khloe Glew, 14-07.75, fourth; Rylee Reed, 14-00, sixth

High Jump: Taylor Salow, 4-10, second; Alaina Mead, 4-04, fifth

Shot Put: Macee Nolan, 31-01.25, first; Morgan Hoeger, 27-02.25, sixth; Addie Vorwald, 27-00.50, seventh

Discus: Sellah Ambundo, 99-02, first; Addie Vorwald, 79-00, seventh

Last night, the team competed at West Delaware. Results will be in next week's issue.

MV 2025 Prom Preview

by Taylor Saunders

Get tangled up in MV's 2025 Prom! This year's theme is based on the popular 2010 Disney movie, *Tangled*.

Prom is set to take place on Saturday April 26.

We'll first begin with Grand March at 3:00pm in the high school gym. The doors open at 2:30 for those who would like to come. General admission to Grand March is \$1. There will also be a free will donation available to help support Grand March and Prom.

The dance will be at 8:00pm at the Delhi Legion Hall, students are required to be there by 8:15, the doors for the dance will open at 7:30pm. Just a reminder, students are required to attend the dance until 10:30pm in order to go to post prom which is located in the middle school gym and commons from 10:45 pm-2:15 am. Also be sure to drop off any bags for post-prom by Friday, April 25 at noon or just before Grand March on Saturday, April 26.

Let's get ready to have the best day ever!



what's up?

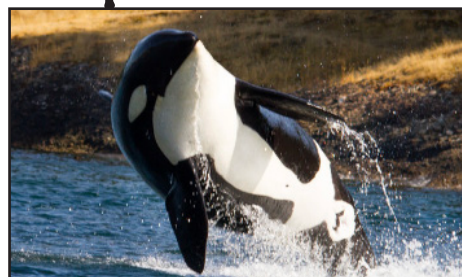
by Grace Richter

What's your prom dress color?

Arianna Taylor - Turquoise
Kallie Freiburger - Purple
Haylee Jones - Purplish Blue
Joellen Beitz - Baby Blue/ iridenst
McKenna Bush - Purple
Mrs. Montz- 1979 Junior-White, 1980- Senior-black
Trish Dietiker - Dark Purple
Lanni Beaman- Light Blue, with rhinestones
Taryn Burbridge-Black
Alissa Bush-Magenta

Deep Dive

by Arianna Nolan



Welcome back, Divers, to the ocean of Deep Dive! Today, we will examine a sea creature known for its murderous name. The killer whale, also known as an orca, is not as 'killer' as you think it may be. Each subtype of killer whales has one thing in common: their iconic black and white bodies. These amazing creatures can be up to 32 feet long and weigh up to 11 tons, which is over 24,000 pounds!

Common belief is that these creatures have a murderous nature and are not sociable or friendly; however, orcas are social creatures and rely on groups to catch their prey. They generally stick in pods, but will go to bigger groups for social interactions and mating. The killer whale communicates through different patterns of noises such as clicks, pulsed calls, and whistles. Depending on the pod, the patterns they use to communicate will vary.

Right now, there are about 50,000 killer whales in the ocean, and they are endangered according to the conservation status. To protect this species, make sure to limit the amount of garbage you use and recycle as much as you can. If you want to learn more about this species, please check out the NOAA website, which is where all of the information for this edition was provided. I hope you have a fantastic weekend and I will see you all later!

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Rylee Reed
What is your role in the spring play?

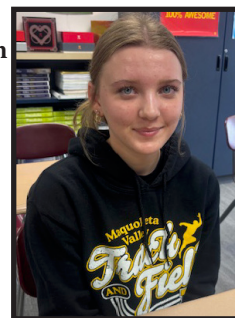
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What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show?

The environment and how much fun we have at practice

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? The funny lines and unpredicted outcomes

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



Name: Willow Fuller

What is your role in the spring play?

I played two roles in the play this year. I play a woman named Estelle and a man named Mickey.

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

Getting to know people I would have never met otherwise. It's so fun to learn more about the people around me.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? It's honestly a very hilarious play, and I think just about anybody can appreciate the humor.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? The one show I want to star in is called "Bones". It was one of my favorite shows when I was younger.



Jaelyn's Journeys



photo by Jaelyn Butikofer

Where in the school can you find this object? Be the first one to correctly name the place to Mrs. Temple face-to-face to win something from the prize box!

Cutie

by Alaina Mead

Just a boy and his dog! This cutie is a freshman and lives in Delhi. He is an only child and is involved in football and FFA. In his free time he likes to work, golf and ride dirt bikes.

The last Cutie was Lena Lewin.



You Are Not Alone

by Abby Nieman

Grief

There are 5 stages
Denial
Anger
Bargaining
Depression
Acceptance

Denial
Can't expect they're gone
Gone for good
Gone forever
Gone
You think it is a dream
I did
I really thought it was
I hoped it was

Anger
Being mad
Why her
Why him
Why me,
Mad at God
Mad at the doctors
Mad at yourself
I was
I was mad
I was angry

Bargaining
"You take this and I get them back."
Trading
Trying so hard
Never works

Depression
Sad
No motivation
No positive thoughts
No will to live
I want to go
I was ready
I never tried

Acceptance
You're okay
You survived
You are living
Things may be different
But you are okay
Not great
Just okay
Grief is weird
It comes
It goes
Some experience all
Others only some
And even other more

The last "forgotten" stage
Anxiety

Anxiety
Constant worry
Constant what-ifs
Constant bad thoughts
It never goes away
Eating at your brain
Trying to win
It does sometimes

But you are stronger
I was stronger
You get help
Maybe needing meds
That's okay
I needed meds

It's okay, you are okay
Not great
Not the same
But okay

You may think it is over
When it strikes its ugly head
It's okay
You will make it, though
Heal,
Breathe,

Grief is how you,
Heal.

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

It's Prom time! Let's get ready for the big dance with some jokes!

What is the worst month to ask someone to the Prom? NOVember

What did the Biology student wear to the Prom? Designer genes

Why didn't the prune go to the prom? Couldn't find a date

I took my prom pictures with a cornfield as the backdrop. It was a-maize-ing!

Athletes of the Week

Name: Taryn Burbridge

What do you enjoy most about track?

I enjoy the competitive atmosphere and spending time with the girls on the team.

What do you think your best event will be?

My best event will be the 4x4.

What life lessons have you learned through track?

Track has taught me always to try my best and work hard.

What's the hardest part of practice?

The hardest part of practice is pace work.

Who is your track role model? This year my track role models are the seniors. They are great leaders and create a positive environment for everyone.



Name: Ever Botos

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part about playing golf is how when you get out to the golf course how relaxing it can be when you are out there. You are able to hit the ball and get all your frustration out. Otherwise, my favorite part of golf is when the team has certain moments when we all joke with Coach Zietlow and talk in our southern voices.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

The most frustrating part of golf is when you can not make solid connections with the ball or when you constantly just top the ball so it doesn't go very far.

How long have you played? I have been around golf my whole life but never really started playing golf until freshman year.

Who's your golf role model? My golf role model would have to be my dad. He is always there when I need him and will always give me advice it just depends if I listen to him or not.



Name: Ella Wulfekuhle

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

With golf, I like meeting new people and getting to know them while we golf. During practices, I like golfing with my teammates and laughing about fun moments from golf or other moments in our lives.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport?

Golf is a hit-or-miss sport.

If you don't do good on one hole, you have to just move on and play better on the next hole.

How long have you played? I have been playing golf since my freshman year. I was inspired by my family members to go out for golf so that one day I could go play in tournaments with them.

Who's your golf role model? I have many golf role models.

My dad and my great-grandmother are my role models close to home, while on Instagram, I watch many golf pros such as Rory McIlroy, Gabriella DeGasperi, and Nelly Korda.



Jordan Hatfield



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball - 3 years, Cross Country - 1 year, FFA - 4 years, Speech - 2 years, Softball 4 years, Wrestling manager - 4 years, Track - 3 years.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Though I wasn't a wrestler, I would say being a manager for wrestling impacted me the most. Wrestling has always been a part of my life growing up, and my dad being a coach at MV had only made my love for the sport grow stronger. Over the years of watching many wrestlers learn and grow, wrestling taught me that if you work hard you can reach your goals – even if they seem far-fetched. I also just love the wrestling atmosphere and families; everyone is so kind and ready for a good time. So

wrestling has affected me the most over my four years in high school.

What advice do you have for freshmen? My advice to freshmen is to be involved in what you're interested in whether or not your friends are doing it. High school (especially MV) has a lot to offer and don't regret not doing something you have the opportunity to do.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Everyone says it every year but that just shows how true it is: the teachers. Every teacher here at MV cares so much and is willing to go the extra mile just to help you.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Every football game. During all four years of high school, the best part of the year was the months of August through October because every week, I had something to look forward to on Friday. From planning my outfit to deciding how we were going to get to the game, most of my favorite high school memories are associated with the Friday Night Lights.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? All agriculture classes with Ms. Lau. One thing I never thought I would be doing in high school is FFA. But Ms. Lau makes it fun and exciting. I've learned many life lessons in her classes either through simple conversation or her teaching.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore and Ms. Droeszler. They both care so much about their students. In all the classes I have had with them, they always show so much passion for what they do leading me to want to learn from them. They are also just always there to talk to if you need them. They have left such a great impact on my life just by simply doing what they love.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? I would say Mrs. George was my favorite elementary teacher. From what I remember, she taught with lots of spunk which made it easy and fun to learn with her.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I think if I had to choose the bus rides in elementary and middle school were pretty fun. They consisted of cramped seats and lots of laughs.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm planning on attending UNI for elementary education.

What's your favorite school lunch? The macaroni and cheese.

What song will always remind you of high school? "One Last Breath" by Creed will always instantly make me think of high school.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? I'm either at work at the Good Neighbor Home in Manchester or with my friends.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When some of the school went down to watch the girl's state basketball game.

Arianna Taylor



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, Cross country
Which activity affected you the most? How?

Basketball got to meet some pretty cool people.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Surround yourself with the right people

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Lunch group Junior year

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Drawing 2

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Dunlap has always looked out for his students and always been there for them when they needed someone to talk to. He's always making everyone's day and making sure they have a smile on their face.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Ms. Hall when she told me my projects were good when in reality they looked bad.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? We did a slip in slide in the hallway

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to the workforce.

What's your favorite school lunch? Potatoes and gravy

What song will always remind you of high school? "For the Last Time" by \$uicide Boy\$

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working and babysitting

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I'm not showing up.

Tierra Morgan



Activities involved during high school: Dance Team, Cheer, Group Speech, and Track

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Dance has affected me the most because, to me, it has meant not only fun and laughter but also responsibility and lifelong skills. From community service to kids camps, I have learned to be patient and kind to others and to have a sense of respect for dance and the people involved. I have also made lifelong friendships, and I will forever be grateful for dance and coach Teymer.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Don't be afraid to try new things and prepare yourself for sophomore year.

What do you appreciate most about Ma-

quoketa Valley? I appreciate how kind and considerate the staff is at Maquoketa Valley. They do everything they can to make sure every single one of us gets to walk the stage. I also appreciate how close everyone is with each other, knowing everything about everyone has its ups and downs, but I couldn't imagine it any other way.

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

I could relive any moment in high school, it would be homecoming week of any year. Nothing beats the dress-up days and the Friday and Saturday of homecoming week. Dressing in Black and Gold, being in the parade, and making sure we beat whoever we play that night, then getting to dress up the next day and dance all night. It still hasn't fully hit me that I will never have a homecoming week at Maquoketa Valley again.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? The class I have enjoyed most in high school would be my junior year American lit class. I remember having the most fun with my class and with Mrs DeVore.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? I could never pick just one inspirational high school teacher, so I'm going to pick two. The first one would be Mrs DeVore. She has always gone out of her way to make sure I know that she is always there to help, and I feel like she understands things that other people don't. The second most inspirational high school teacher for me would be Mr. Dunlap. I couldn't count the number of laughs we have shared throughout the years, along with deep talks and fights about what song we should play during class. He has listened to many of my issues and has seen me cry more than once. I don't know if I could ever explain how grateful I am to have these two in my life.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why?

I would say Mrs. Huber is my most inspirational elementary school teacher. For some reason, fourth grade is what I remember the most out of all elementary classes. I remember coming back into the classroom after lunch and having her read to us; they were always the best books. I also remember gifting Mrs. Huber a princess wand; she was definitely more of a queen.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Definitely all the TikTok videos that were made during the end of our PE classes. (sorry, Mr. Conner!)

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attending NICC for their 11-month program of dental assisting

What's your favorite school lunch? Baked Potato

What song will always remind you of high school? "Ribs" by Lorde

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Playing Sudoku in my bed.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Anything from our class group chat.

Brayden Bjorkgren



Activities involved in during high school:

Wrestling, Baseball, Track, Golf

Which activity affected you the most?

Baseball showed

me the importance of a team that backs you no matter what it's like for another family.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Do what you want, not what others want you to do. Be your own person; don't let anyone change you.

What do you appreciate most about MV? The small student body makes it easier to know everyone, and this is nice because you can talk to anyone without it being weird.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? State wrestling, it was a really good time hanging out with everyone in the hotel and making those memories.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Small gas engines

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Mrs. Downs, because she was always so nice and caring to everyone she had class with. She was laid back, but not too much to the point you didn't get stuff done if you had an assignment due. She made sure you finished it.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Kirkwood for either something with being a mechanic or welding

What's your favorite school lunch? Pizza dippers

What song will always remind you of high school? "Diamonds in the Rough"

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working or hanging out with my friends

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When I lit my hair on fire in Mrs. Down's cooking class.

Elijah Maples



Activities involved in during high school: Freshman year I played football and golf
Which activity affected you the most?
How? Football, put me in shape in a short span of time and gave me some discipline
What advice do you have for freshmen? Get things in order now instead of later
What do you appreciate most about MV? The nice teachers
If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Rather not to be honest
What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Not gonna lie but 60's America was nice especially bringing in vets. That was something to look up to.
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Cassutt, mostly because of the choice of classes, like I said with 60's America
Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mr. Helle, hadn't talked to him in a minute but now that I look back he had that sort of serious attitude that to me now was massive amounts of discipline
What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Only thing from memory was the fun times of flag football
What song will always remind you of high school? Iowa fight song=Wildcat fight song
When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Going on with my military career, possibly moving to a different state
What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All the accidents that everyone had

Mason Jolley



Activities involved in during high school: baseball, wrestling, musical, choir
Which activity affected you the most?
How? Wrestling. It taught me how to work hard.
What advice do you have for freshmen? Try everything. Go out for as much as you can. Experience everything while you can.
If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? The normal day. To go through all the classes talk to all the people saying good morning, afternoon and see you tomorrow
What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Physical science
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Mrs. Moenck. She is the realist and the nicest and treats you how you treat her. She teaches you about respect, and you can always count on a good laugh with her.
Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Mrs. Hess to this day is the greatest. I don't have much memory of her as a teacher but seeing her in the community, it's great to talk to her and catch up.
What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Getting a golf ball-sized black eye and getting 6 stitches in the other
What does your future (college and career) look like? Army
What's your favorite school lunch? Orange chicken as a main as a side cheesy potatoes
What song will always remind you of high school? Any John Mellencamp song
When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working out my trap

Levi Steil



Activities involved in during high school: Baseball my freshman and sophomore year
Which activity affected you the most? Baseball, by getting to hang out with new people and teamwork
What advice do you have for freshmen? Get all homework done on time.
What do you appreciate most about MV? The teachers are very helpful and want to help you succeed.
If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Hanging out with friends before school in the gravel lot
What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Any shop class
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Palmer, he teaches life skills that I can use in my future.
What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing on the playground during recess
What does your future look like? Just going to work
What's your favorite school lunch? Pizza
What song will always remind you of high school? Our school fight song
When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working or hanging out with friends
What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The games that were played during pep rallies and teachers getting pied in the face

Jada Knipper



Activities involved during high school: Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, FFA, and mentoring program
Which activity affected you the most? How? Basketball it has taught me many life skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

What advice do you have for freshmen? These four years go by faster than you think; don't take the time you have here for granted.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how small of a school Maquoketa Valley is because everyone knows everyone

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? If I could relive any moment in high school, I would probably say junior year prom for senior year homecoming. It was some of the last couple times everyone was together, and no one had any cares, so we all had a good time.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Throughout my high school years, I have enjoyed physical science with Mrs. Besler. We have some kids from the year above us that made the class really enjoyable.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Señorita Ries, because she has always taught me many life lessons and is super easy to talk to.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Besler because we always had fun in her class and she pushed me to do my best

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Getting a 6 month summer because of COVID-19

What does your future (college and career) look like? Next year, I am attending the University of Iowa to get my BSN and then become a Nurse Practitioner.

What's your favorite school lunch? Orange chicken

What song will always remind you of high school? "The Good Times Go by Too Fast" by Dylan Scott

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

When I am not at school, I am usually hang out with my friends

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Homecoming, prom, and all the little stupid stuff we did

Claira Gray



Activities involved in during high school: Dance Team, Cheer Team, Track & Field, Individual Speech, FFA

Which activity affected you the most? How? I would say that the Dance Team affected me the most because it was the most challenging at times yet I made the best relationships from being on this team. The biggest lesson is how important it is to give back to the community, as we spend a lot of time volunteering as a team.

What advice do you have for freshmen? To enjoy every second

of high school because it really does fly by faster than you could ever imagine.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How supportive the community is and how close-knit we all are. I also appreciate how great the teachers are and how willing they always are to help us succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Probably Senior year homecoming, something about it being the last one made it so special and are my favorite memories from high school so far.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? The class I enjoyed most in high school was Child Development. I thought it was really fun to take the mechanical babies home as well as other projects that we did in that class.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Downs. I am lucky enough to also have her as my aunt, but she has inspired me in many different ways, from life lessons to cooking, floral arrangements, baking pies, and everything else in between.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Hess, I still have the most vivid memories of her class all the way back in kindergarten. She still to this day always has the biggest smile on her face whenever I see her and she taught me the importance of kindness at a very young age.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Always passing notes to each other in the middle of class and occasionally getting caught by the teacher and then having our notes read out loud to the class.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Going to Kirkwood for business management and then transferring to a university.

What's your favorite school lunch? the salad bar

What song will always remind you of high school? "Where The Wild Things Are" by Luke Combs

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? When I am not in school, I am more than likely going to hot yoga, walking with my dog, or working.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope we are still talking about the lot parties we would have after football games and all of our homecomings and proms throughout the years.

Caden Ronnebaum



Activities involved in during high school: Football 1 year FFA 3 years
What advice do you have for freshmen? Don't procrastinate.
What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How helpful the teachers are.
If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? TPing was the most fun homecoming event.
What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Work experience
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Dunlap, he's the most fun teacher
What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? recess
What does your future (college and career) look like? Attend Kirkwood for beef science and farm after
What's your favorite school lunch? Orange chicken
What song will always remind you of high school? "Out Where the Wild Things Are" by Luke Combs
When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? farming

Robert Brown



Activities involved in during high school: Golf, marching band

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Study hall

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Mr. Cassutt

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Mr. Helle

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

What's your favorite school lunch? Orange chicken

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Playing a game

Daniel Glass



Kain Krogmann

