

The Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

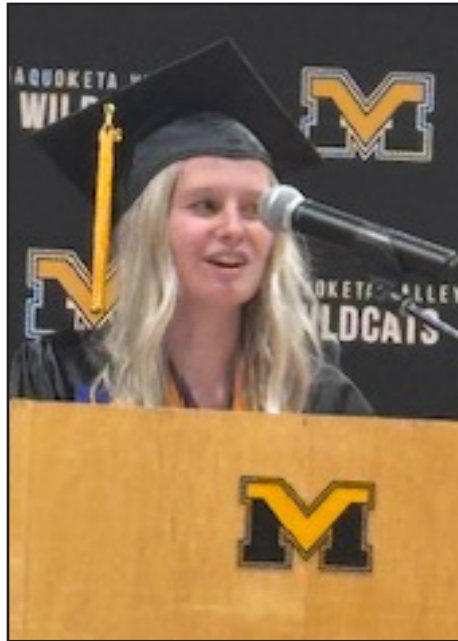
MV graduates 43 seniors

The class of 2025 joined the ranks of MV alumni Wednesday night.

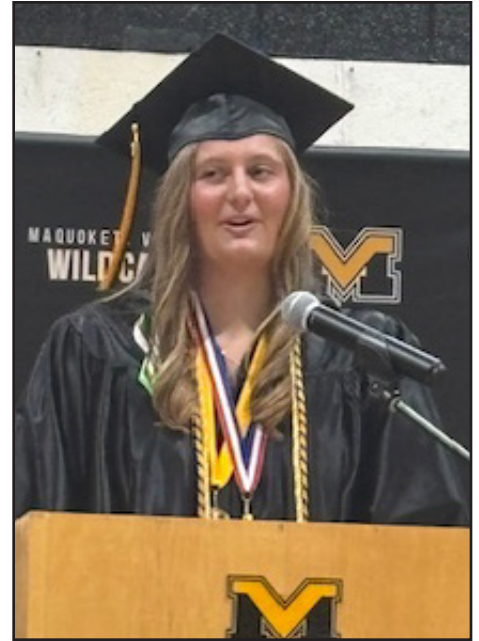
Speakers for the evening included Leah Reicher, senior class president, and Kayla Flanagan, valedictorian.

MV's Five Star Award was presented by school board president Donna Kunde to MV's football chain gang. Several members of the chain gang have working the sidelines on Friday nights in the fall for over 20 years.

In interim superintendent Kim Huckstadt's address, he reminded students to "breathe in, breathe out and move on."



Kayla Flanagan, valedictorian



Leah Reicher, senior class president

Spanish students earn biliteracy seal

The Iowa State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to Spanish 4 students who took the AAPPL exam and received an I2- or Intermediate Mid or higher in all areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening- in Spanish. By doing this, these students proved they are not just bilingual but bliterate (students must also show English proficiency from their ISASP scores). These students will get the seal on their diploma. They're bilingual, and they will be able to add this to resumes for the workforce and the opportunity for higher pay. Many college accept the seal as college language placements as well, possibly earning the students free college credits.

Maquoketa Valley had 12 recipients this year from the class of 2025. They are:

McKenna Bush
Kayla Flanagan
Sebastian Charles
Tate Intorf
Matthew Schaul
Jada Knipper
Joellen Beitz

Alissa Bush
Isabella Mensen
Leah Reicher
Lili Bauers
Ella Wulfekuhle

Class of 2026 Iowa Seal recipients:

Morgan Clemen
Jocelyn Kelchen
Emily Rudd
Maya Smith

The GLOBAL Seal of Biliteracy has 2 levels of proficiency- they both are serial-numbered documents that can be included on resumes, applications, and professional profiles. The Global Seal can make students more competitive for scholarships, college admissions, and future employment.

The GLOBAL Seal of Biliteracy-functional fluency is awarded to Spanish 4 students who took the AAPPL exam and received a proficiency score of I-4 or higher for an Intermediate HIGH in all areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening in Spanish. An individual at this level can handle daily routines and predictable situa-

tions.

We had six achievers from the class of 2025 earn this seal:

McKenna Bush
Sebastian Charles
Kayla Flanagan
Tate Intorf
Isabella Mensen
Joellen Beitz

One student from the class of 2026 has earned this seal:

Maya Smith

The GLOBAL Seal of Biliteracy-working fluency- is awarded to Spanish 4 students who took the AAPPL exam and received a proficiency score of A-1 ADVANCED in all areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening in Spanish. Working fluency is a significant level of proficiency. An individual at this level can handle both routine and unfamiliar situations in formal and informal contexts.

We had one achiever of this seal this year: Kayla Flanagan.

Class of 2025 Scholarships & Award Recipients

Lili Bauers: Dollars for Scholars, Hartwick Husky's Water Ski Team Scholarship, BiLiteracy Seal

Logan Beaman: Dollars for Scholars

Joellen Beitz: Dollars for Scholars, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal, Wildcat Service Award

Nathan Beitz: Dollars for Scholars, Allen F. and Ruth Remling Family Scholarship, MV Athletic Participation Award, Delaware County Cattle-men's Scholarship

Brayden Bjorkgren: Dollars for Scholars, JREC Medallion

Alissa Bush: Dollars for Scholars, BiLiteracy Seal

McKenna Bush: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Academic Honors, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal, Des Moines Register Academic All State, Dordt University Scholarships, Wildcat Service Award

Sebastian Charles: Dollars for Scholars, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal, JREC Medallion, Kirkwood Top Credit Earner

Logan Clemen: Dollars for Scholars

Brady Eike: Dollars for Scholars

Kayla Flanagan: Dollars for Scholars, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal, Working Fluency BiLiteracy Seal, JREC Medallion, Governor's Scholar, KWWL Best of Class



Brendin Frasher: Dollars for Scholars, Delaware County Pheasants Forever, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Wildcat Service Award

Daniel Glass: Dollars for Scholars

Ava Goldsmith: Dollars for Scholars

Claire Gray: Dollars for Scholars, Wildcat Service Award

Alexis Halverson: Dollars for Scholars, NICC Top Credit Earner

Jordan Hatfield: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, Wildcat Service Award

Izabella Heffernan: Dollars for Scholars, JREC Medallion

Kelsey Hoeger: Dollars for Scholars, Three Rivers FS Scholarship, Masons of Manchester Scholarship, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, River Valley Cooperative Scholarship, Delaware County Dairy Promoters, Keep Iowa Beautiful, Delaware County Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Wildcat Service Award, Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Scholarship

Savannah Hoffmann: Dollars for Scholars

Emily Hogan: Dollars for Scholars

Taten Intorf: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal

Jada Knipper: Dollars for Scholars, NICC Top Credit Earner, MV Athletic Participation Award, Delaware County Farm Bureau, BiLiteracy Seal, Wildcat Service Award

Isabella Mensen: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, BiLiteracy Seal, Global BiLiteracy Seal

Tyler Mineart: Dollars for Scholars, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

Tierra Morgan: Dollars for Scholars

Nicholas Otting: Dollars for Scholars

Arion Rave: JREC Medallion, Kirkwood Top Credit Earner

Leah Reicher: Dollars for Scholars, Three Rivers FS Scholarship, NICC Top Credit Earner, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, BiLiteracy Seal, Wildcat Service Award



Caden Ries: Dollars for Scholars, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, Alliant Energy Scholarship Delaware County Dairy Promoters

Bianka Ronnebaum: Dollars for Scholars, NICC Top Credit Earner, MV FFA Alumni Scholarship, David Kunde Scholarship, Delaware County Dairy Promoters, Delaware County Farm Bureau, Delaware County Pork Producers Scholarship

Caden Ronnebaum: Dollars for Scholars, Delaware County Dairy Promoters

Matthew Schaul: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award, Bernie Saggau Award, BiLiteracy Seal

Levi Steil: Dollars for Scholars, Wildcat Service Award

Arianna Taylor: Dollars for Scholars

Addison Vorwald: Dollars for Scholars, MV Athletic Participation Award

Ella Wulfekuhle: Dollars for Scholars, NICC Top Credit Earner, BiLiteracy Seal



School board minutes: May meeting

Regular Board Meeting – May 19, 2025 – 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 May 19, 2025 in the High School Library in Delhi. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Board Members Present – Dabroski, Feldmann, Kunde, Overman, Zietlow
Board Members Absent – None
Staff Present – Supt. Kim Huckstadt, Troy Osterhaus, Tiersa Frasher, Brenda Becker, Jackie Moorman and Erika Vanderloop
Visitors Present – Mike Putz

Motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Dabroski to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Zietlow, second by Overman the consent items were approved. All ayes. Carried.

One open enrollment request in was approved in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Overman. All ayes. Carried.

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

Joseph McAreavy – resignation as Bus Driver
Aaron Seugling – employed as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
Lily Huber – employed as Assistant High School Softball Coach
Anderson Holtz – employed as Summer Custodial
Pam Overman – resignation as Delhi Cook
All ayes. Carried.

Student fees and prices for the 2025-2026 school year were reviewed. The following fees were adjusted: increase technology fee from \$35.00 to \$40.00, increase student athletic 10-punch pass from \$40.00 to \$50.00 and increase senior citizen pass from \$50.00 to \$60.00. All other fees will remain the same for the 2025-2026 school year. The following student fees were set for the 2025-2026 year: Student Materials Fee (PS) \$20.00
Student Materials Fee (JK-5) \$60.00
Student Materials Fee (6-12) \$75.00
Technology Fee (9-12) \$40.00
Musical Instrument Rent \$50.00
Second Musical Instrument Rent \$25.00
Music Uniform Cleaning \$25.00
Instrument Music Lesson Book Our Cost
Student Athletic 10-Punch Pass \$50.00
Senior Citizen Pass \$60.00
2025-2026 fees and prices were approved

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

In a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Feldmann the Board approved the transfer of Activity Funds into the following accounts:

\$1778 from Wildcat Golf Classic to Golf
\$1778 from Wildcat Golf Classic to Boys Basketball
\$1778 from Wildcat Golf Classic to Girls Basketball
All ayes. Carried.

Troy Osterhaus was appointed to serve as the district's representative on Greater Delaware County Community Foundation in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Zietlow. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Overman, seconded by Feldmann the following Operational Sharing Agreements were approved for the 2025-2026 school year with Edge-wood-Colesburg:
Superintendent and Maquoketa Valley will hold the contract
School Business Official and Maquoketa Valley will hold the contract
Operations and Maintenance and Edge-wood-Colesburg will hold the contract. All ayes.

The following Teacher Leadership Compensation positions were approved in a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Overman:

Tech Lead – Alison Scherrman
6-12 Intervention Coach – Jackie Moorman
Early Childhood District Teacher Leader – Courtney Freeze
PK-K District Teacher Leader – Beth Zietlow
1-2 District Teacher Leader – Jessica Wessels
3-5 District Teacher Leader – Hannah Jahn
6-8 District Teacher Leader – Christina Rudd
6-8 District Teacher Leader– Audrey Moenck
9-12 District Teacher Leader– Jennifer Ries
9-12 District Teacher Leader – Steve Heugel
PK-12 Special Education District Teacher Leader – Brianna Kluesner
Mentor – Kurt Palmer
Mentor – Heidi Putz
Mentor – Jason Helle
All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Zietlow the 2025-2026 Certified and Clas-

sified Handbooks were approved. All ayes. Carried.

Language changes to Board Policy Series 400 were reviewed. In a motion by Overman, seconded by Zietlow Board Policy Series 400 were reviewed and approved on the first official reading. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Feldmann the Board approved post prom's request to hold a can drive and be part of the stage set-up/teardown crew at the Delaware County fair for additional fundraisers for the 2026 post prom. All ayes. Carried.

The Board approved the 2025-2026 Therapist Support Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with Tanger Place in a motion by Overman, seconded by Feldmann. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Dabroski, seconded by Zietlow the Board approved the 2025-2026 Upper Iowa University Agreement for School District Clinical Placement. All ayes. Carried.

The district currently utilizes Total Access as the platform to manage all food service accounts. As of December 31, 2025, Total Access will no longer be in operation. In a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Overman the Board approved the 2025-2026 Meal Magic Food Service Contract. The district will begin the conversion from Total Access to Meal Magic this summer and Meal Magic will be utilized beginning in August 2025. All ayes. Carried.

Supt. Huckstadt shared some information regarding a potential Human Resource sharing opportunity with Edge-wood-Colesburg.

Pam Overman and Doug Dabroski will serve on the May audit committee.

Graduation will be held at 7:30 on May 21st.

The Board will hold the Superintendent evaluation for the 2024-2025 school year at the June board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Dabroski. All ayes. Carried.

what's up?

by Grace Richter

What are you excited about for summer?

Morgan Clemen- Working at the pool and getting tan

Lexi Ries- Living at the lake

Kallie Freiburger- No school

Macoy Stone- Football, like 7 on 7

Macee Nolan- Spending time with friends!

Lanni Beaman- Tanning and seeing my friends

Lainey Deutmeyer- Hanging out with friends and not being in school

Braden Garden- Making new memories with friends

Ty Hoeger- Not coming to school

Mrs. DeVore- Getting to sleep in

Zach Leytem- Golfing with the bros

Mrs. Montz- Hanging out with Kallie on the pontoon and waking up whenever I want

Trish Dietiker- Not having any homework and time to myself

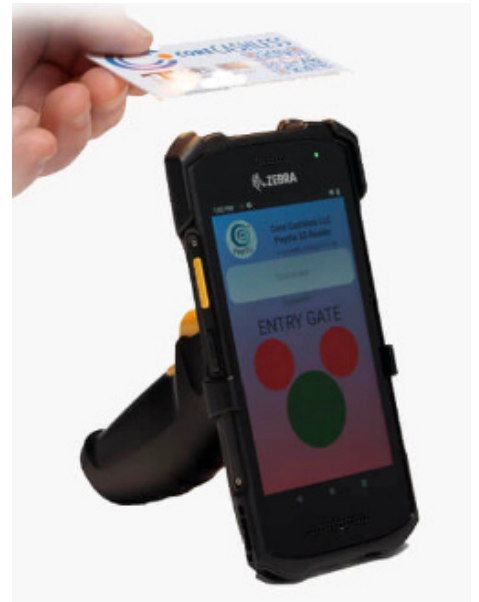
MV moving to cashless gate

Like many other schools in the state, MV will transition to a cashless gate for school activities in the 2025-26 school year. Additionally, the ticket cost will increase to \$7.00.

Summer activities will essentially stay the same as they have this past school year: Admission is \$5.00, and fans can pay in cash or use a credit/debit card.

Starting in the fall of 2025, cash will no longer be accepted at the gate. Payments must be made using a credit/debit card or mobile payment such as Apple Pay or Google Pay or tickets may be purchased from the Bound website (www.gobound.com/ia/schools/maquoketavalley/tickets). This is similar to what is currently done for post-season games.

Why the change? According to a letter posted by Mr. Moenck, activities director, going to a cashless game will help "increase efficiency and speed: Streamlining entry and transaction times; enhance security by reducing cash handling; provide a more convenient and secure experience for our families; and reduce operational costs."



Passes will be available for purchases this fall. A Student Athletic 10-Punch Pass will cost \$50.00, and a Senior Citizen Pass will cost \$60.00.

Not all schools in the Tri-Rivers Conference will move to a cashless gate this fall.



Girls track team wins district title

by Alaina Mead

The final meet for the Maquoketa Valley girls track team was just what they needed to finish off their regular season before heading to state!

Coach Dunlap commented, "The MV girls finished the season with a great team effort. The team also had big points from multiple events that helped to ensure a win at the district meet. We have had a bunch of kids contribute to this team's success. What I love about this group is that even though many on the team did not get to compete at the district meet they all showed up to support their teammates. They are a competitive group of girls but they also love each other. I was so proud of all these girls bringing their best for the team. We have such a great culture here at MV. It always takes a special group to win a district championship. This group is fantastic and Coach Helle and I are extremely blessed to get to coach them!"

The following events helped score points at districts:

Shuttle hurdle: Haydin Flannagan, Ruby Recker, Addie Wilson, Alaina Mead; 1:17.07; fifth

100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, 13.20, third; Rylee Reed, 13.45, fifth

Golf seasons come to an end

by Maya Smith

Last Friday, the girls traveled to Calamus-Wheatland for their final meet of the season. The girls placed 5th with a 457. Coach Zietlow comments: "When the pairings came out we knew it was going to be difficult with Easton Valley, Durant and Bellevue all being there. Much like at conference we got off to a slow start and just weren't able to recover as a team. Mya Smith led us with Ever Botos right behind her. Both were able to bounce back after a couple of rough holes right away. We had three seniors on the team, Alissa Bush, Isabella Mensen, and Ella Wulfekuhle all played important roles in our success throughout the season and we wish them luck with their future endeavors. I look forward to coaching our players we have returning next year."

Here's the meet scores:

17th - Mya Smith: 107

18th - Ever Botos: 109

25th - Ella Wulfekuhle: 117

30th - Eva Mensen: 124

33rd - Isabella Mensen: 127

34th - Macee Nolan: 133

200M Dash: Camryn Paris, 27.18, second; Khloe Glew, 28.62, fifth

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 59.34, first; Audra Burbridge, 1:00.06, third

800M Run: Audra Burbridge, 2:23.57, first
Sprint Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:51.29; second

Distance Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Camryn Paris, Izzy Heffernan, Taryn Burbridge; 4:40.95; third

4x400: Taryn Burbridge, Izzy Heffernan, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 4:11.15; first

4x800: McKenna Mineart, Breanna McShane, Ryleigh Moriarity, Breanna Bush; 12:36.40; sixth

4x200: Lilly Kraft, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris; 1:52.21; third

4x100: Lili Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 51.47; third

Shot Put: Sellah Ambundo, 36-05, fourth
Discus: Sellah Ambundo, 109, second; Jeanie Teymer, 97-01, seventh

Long Jump: Khloe Glew, 15-08, fifth; Rylee Reed, 14-10, seventh

High Jump: Taylor Salow, 4-8, third; Haydin Flannagan, 4-08, fifth

On Monday, the boys played Districts at Dike New-Hartford. They scored a 360, placing 9th.

Coach Conner comments: "We had very tough conditions yesterday at South Hills for our District Meet. I was a little disappointed in the playing conditions, only because I would have liked to see how we could have scored in better conditions. We put together some good individual practice rounds at South Hills and I felt really good about where we were at going into the meet. That is spring golf in Iowa though, and I couldn't be more proud of how our guys handled themselves on the course yesterday, even when things didn't go their way. For the most part, I thought all of our guys struck the ball well and put themselves in position to score. The greens seemed to give our guys fits the entire day. I think the wind played a big factor in that, whether it was actually affecting the ball or was making our guys not commit to shots because of worrying about the wind.

"This group was a very fun group to coach this season. The best part about

Nine events

make it to state

by Lanni Beaman

With the track and field season coming to an end, the boys' track team traveled to Ed-Co to compete at the State Qualifying Meet last Thursday! The boys' track and field team ended up qualifying for nine events.

Here are the results of the State Qualifying Meet:

Sprint Med: 1:37.26, Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone; 3rd

3200m Run: Matthew Schaul, 10:06.31, first; Jayden Schwandt, 12:14.00, eighth
4x800m Run: Kenyon Baker, Brady Eike, DaShawn Strickland, and Matthew Schaul, 8:40.78, second

Distance Med. - Brady Wall, Kash Hunt, Macoy Stone, and Matthew Schaul, 3:43.45, second

400m Dash - DaShawn Strickland, 54.10, fourth

4x200m Relay - Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone, 1:32.52, second

110m Hurdles: Shane Lambert, 17.07, fourth

800m Run: Kenyon Baker, 2:05.39, second

200m Dash: Colin Smith, 24.17, fifth;

Rogan Heidt, 24.22, seventh

400m Hurdles: DaShawn Strickland, 58.54, first

1600m Run: Matthew Schaul, 4:35.81, third; Brady Eike, 4:57.85, seventh

4x100m Relay - Rogan Heidt, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone, 44.37, second

4x400m Relay- Carter LeClere, Dustin Damico, Kenyon Baker, and DaShawn Strickland, 3:42.96, fifth

them is that they are young and eager to get better. We have a number of them that are signed up to play in some Junior PGA tournaments this summer and I think that is going to pay off for them next season."

Here are your meet scores:

26th - Eli Dougherty: 85

38th - Anderson Holtz: 90

40th - Trevor Grimm: 91

43rd - Zach Leytem: 92

48th - Tate Intorf: 94

60th - Dalton Africa: 106

State track: new school records, lots of 'bests'



State champions Lili Bauer, Lilly Kraft, Audra Burbridge and Lanni Beaman

The state co-ed track meet in Des Moines last week was filled with lots of excitement for the Wildcats. A particular highlight was the spring medley team of Lili Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Audra Burbridge and Lanni Beaman winning the state title.

The girls team tied for fifth place overall with 31 points. The boys team tied for 21st place with 12 points.

Results:

Girls

100M Dash: Lilly Kraft, 13.02, 16th (PR)

200M Dash: Camryn Paris, 26.54, 11th (PR)

400M Dash: Lanni Beaman, 58.09 (PR and new school record), third; Audra Burbridge, 59.62, sixth (PR)

800M Run: Audra Burbridge, 2:19.87, ninth
Sprint Medley Relay: Lili Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 1:50.02, first (new school record)

4x400: Taryn Burbridge, Khloe Glew, Audra Burbridge, Lanni Beaman; 4:06.83, sixth

4x200: Lilly Kraft, Lili Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Camryn Paris; 1:47.14, third (new school record)

4x100: Lili Bauers, Lilly Kraft, Camryn Paris, Lanni Beaman; 51.19, sixth (season best time, new school record)

Shot Put: Sellah Ambundo, 34-11, 15th

Discus: Sellah Ambundo, 111-03, ninth (PR)

Boys

Sprint Med: Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone; 1:36.78, 19th (season best time)

3200m Run: Matthew Schaul, 9:44.22, sixth

4x800m Run: Kenyon Baker, Brady Eike, DaShawn Strickland, and Matthew Schaul,



DaShawn Strickland crosses the finish line in the 4x800, helping the team earn a seventh place finish with their season best time.

8:22.72, seventh (season best time)

Distance Med. - Brady Wall, Kash Hunt, Macoy Stone, and Matthew Schaul;

3:37.74, 11th (season best time)

4x200m Relay - Colin Smith, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone; 1:31.78, 11th (season best time)

800m Run: Kenyon Baker, 2:04.82, 22nd (PR)

400m Hurdles: DaShawn Strickland, 59.30, 21st

1600m Run: Matthew Schaul, 4:27.13, sixth (PR and new school record)

4x100m Relay - Rogan Heidt, Kash Hunt, Brady Wall, and Macoy Stone; 44:05, fifth (season best time)

Athletes of the Week

Name: Zach Leytem

What is your favorite part of playing golf? My favorite part of playing golf is being able to play with my friends.

What's the most frustrating part of the sport? Getting a quadruple bogey on the first hole.

How long have you played? I have played for two years.

Who's your golf role model? My golf role model is Toby Grimm because he was new to golf in high school, and he just shows how good you can be if you work hard enough.



Name: Lilly Kraft

What do you enjoy most about track?

The team atmosphere and spending time with the girls

What do you think your best event will be? My best event this season would have to be the sprint medley or the open 100

What life lessons have you learned through track?

I have learned to push through the things that seem hard at the time because they are worth it in the end

What's the hardest part of practice?

The days we do harder workouts are the hardest days

Who is your track role model? My track role model is Lili Bauers because she's is such a hard worker and is always positive even when we have a hard practice or an event goes wrong.



You Are Not Alone: Fiction

by Abby Nieman

The feeling of rain

The feeling
Like rain
Like cold rain
Almost like ice
That melts on my skin

The feeling
Like rain
Like warm rain
Almost boiling rain
But cools the second it touches my skin

The feeling
Of fire in my veins
Of heat coursing through my body
Of a warm, hot, in my body

The feeling
Of ice in my veins
Of cold is slowly sinking in
Of cool, coolness in my body

You are fire
You are ice
We can't be together

The feeling
Of heat
Of throbbing
Of hurt
The feeling?

The feeling
Of cooling
Of cold
Of hurt
This feeling?

The feeling
Of cooler rain than before
Of still warm rain
Of fire still coursing through my veins

The feeling
Of warmer rain
Of cold rain
Of ice still in my veins but cooler

"What have we done?"
"How are you still alive?"
"Where am I?"

The feeling
Like rain
Like normal rain
Almost cold
Almost hot

The feeling
Of blood at nutrale temps
Of water calling my name

Of equal

The feeling
Like rain
Like cold rain
Frozen rain
That turns into snow when it touches my skin

The feeling
Of ice in my veins
Of cold sinking in
Of my normal powers within

The feeling
Like rain
Like hot burning rain
Boiling rain

The feeling
Of fire in my veins
Of heat coursing through my body
Of my normal powers within

The feeling
Like rain
Like normal rain
Almost cold
Almost hot

The feeling
Water
Flowing
My power is water.

Jaelyn's Journeys



photo by Jaelyn Butikofer

Where in the school can you find this object? *The last photo was from the sewing room and was first identified by Kien Leppert.*

Deep Dive by Arianna Nolan



Welcome, Divers, to the last exhibit of the school year for Deep Dive! For our last issue, we will be looking at the frogfish. Despite the name, these fish are not related to frogs and are in the anglerfish family. These fish are small compared to other creatures in the sea, and the largest one reported is about 12 inches long. Despite their small size, they have huge mouths and are known for their lumpy bodies.

To catch their prey, the frog fish uses its "fishing pole"-like antenna to attract their food. These fish are carnivores and eat small crustaceans and fish. A fun fact about the frogfish is that they are sometimes able to camouflage on the floor. They don't move very often, and when they do, they use their fins, which work like legs. There isn't much data about the frogfish, so scientists don't know much about the lifespan or even the conservation status of the species.

Although much isn't known about the conservation status of the frogfish, it is assumed that they are stable. Unfortunately, we can't say the same things about other species due to multiple factors such as climate change, trash, and ocean oil, so please be aware of how much gas you emit and the trash you are throwing away or recycling. Thank you, Divers, for this *fantastic* journey and I will *sea* you all next year!

Comedy Corner

—compiled by Grace Richter

School's out for summer, well, almost, so here are some jokes to send you on vacation with a smile.

Why did the ice cream truck break down?
Because of the rocky road!

Why do bananas use sunscreen? Because they peel.

What's the best day to go to the beach?
SUNDAY!

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day? I'm bacon.